

The LONDON HUFFANPUFF EXPEDITION Itinerary

Visit ALL of London's Harry Potter Places in TWO Days

Bravo! You've selected the most challenging London itinerary. Be forewarned, however; you'll be sorely tempted to spend more time than is allotted in many of these places (especially the London Zoo and the British Museum). But, to truly see ALL the London Harry Potter Places in only 2 days, you must eschew temptation and *keep moving* – even if you find yourself huffing and puffing!

Tasks To Complete Before Your Holiday

1. Purchase Your Tickets (and a London Map) via The Internet:

You'll find Internet purchase information for these items in the **Broomsticks to Portkeys; London Transportation Tips** section. As long as you stay together, one London Map is sufficient for your party.

Each Person in Your London Huffandpuff Expedition Party Will Need:




- An open day **Big Bus Tour** ticket
- A **7-Day TravelCard** pass
- A **London Zoo** ticket (or a *Saver Ticket* for four individuals)
- Optional*: A prearranged **Triforium Tour** booking for St. Paul's Cathedral





2. Prepare Your LONDON HUFFANPUFF PENSIEVE:

Visit <http://www.anovelholiday.com/HarryPotterPlaces.html> and click on the **London Huffandpuff Expedition Updated Travel Directions** link. Record any travel directions that have changed since this guide's publication in order of their itinerary appearance as you load your London Pensieve.

Armed with the address of your London lodgings, use the **Transport for London Journey Planner** (<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/>) to obtain directions for the best route between your lodgings and each day's first and last stops.

Your LONDON HUFFANPUFF PENSIEVE Should Contain These "Threads":



- Day One Start:** Directions for the best route from your London lodgings to the  **King's Cross St. Pancras Underground Station.**
- Personal Notes** (if needed) about any site, in order of the site's itinerary appearance.
- British Museum** special notes: You will only have time to visit *one* of the Museum's gift shops during your Huffandpuff visit. Select the one you most want to shop at *before* setting out on your adventure: <http://www.britishmuseum.org/visiting/shop.aspx>
Since having a quick lunch here is a Huffandpuff option, you also should preview the British Museum's cafés: <http://www.britishmuseum.org/visiting/eat.aspx>
- Day One End:** Directions for the best route back to your London lodgings from the  **Westminster Underground Station.**
- Optional Day One End:* Directions for the best route back to your London lodgings from the  **Surbiton Rail Station.**



- **Day Two Start:** Directions for the best route from your London lodgings to the  **Holborn Underground Station**.
- *Optional Triforium Tour* appointment information.
- **Day Two End:** Directions for the best route back to your London lodgings from the  **Monument Underground Station**.
- *Optional Day Two End #1:* Directions for the best route back to your London lodgings from the  **Marble Arch Underground Station**.
- *Optional Day Two End #2:* Use your Huffandpuff **Day One End** directions for returning to your London lodgings from the  **Westminster Underground Station**.

The London Harry Potter Huffandpuff Expedition; Day One:

The only appointment associated with Day One's itinerary is the Zoo's opening time (10:00 am). Thus, you can embark upon your London Huffandpuff Day One Expedition as early as 7:30 am, but you must leave your lodgings no later than 10:00 am.

[Step #1] Begin Day One by going to the  **King's Cross St. Pancras Underground Station**. Follow the **(Site 1) King's Cross Station** directions, spending no more than 1 ½ hours there.

[Step #2] From the  **King's Cross St. Pancras Station**, take the Northern Line towards Edgware (or towards High Barnet); get off at the  **Camden Town Underground Station** and follow the **(Site 2) London Zoo** directions. You have 1 ½ hours to visit the Reptile House and the Zoo's Gift Shop.

[Step #3] Walk back to the  **Camden Town Station** and take the Northern Line towards Kennington Station via Charing Cross (or towards Morden via Charing Cross); get off at the  **Tottenham Court Road Underground Station**, which is located just Southwest of St. Giles Circus (the North end of Charing Cross Road). Consult the **(Site 11) Charing Cross Road** directions for places to enjoy in this area.




You have 1 ½ Huffandpuff hours to visit this site *and* eat some lunch. Alternatively, you could spend only 1 hour here and eat at one of the British Museum's cafés, instead.

While strolling through shops and looking for lunch, be careful how far South you wander down Charing Cross Road. Manage your visit so that you've returned North to St. Giles Circus when it's time to move on.

[Step #4] Walk Northwest from St. Giles Circus along the East side of Tottenham Court Road; turn right at Great Russell Street and walk East until you've passed Bloomsbury Street; then look to your left – there it is. Follow the **(Site 3) British Museum** directions for places to enjoy at this site. You have 1 ½ hours to view the Lewis Chessmen and shop. (Add 30 minutes to this site's schedule if you spent only 1 hour on Charing Cross Road and plan to eat lunch in the museum.)


If your Lewis Chessmen visit is brief, you can succumb to the temptation of visiting one or two of the other magically marvelous British Museum exhibits. Just be sure to reserve *at least*

45 minutes to shop. Each museum store is chock-full of charming gifts and mementos that can only be found at the British Museum.





[Step #5] From the British Museum, walk back to St. Giles Circus and return to the  **Tottenham Court Road Station**. Take the Northern Line towards Kennington Station (or towards Morden), and get off at the  **Embankment Underground Station**. There, take the Circle Line towards Victoria, or the District Line towards Ealing Broadway (or towards Wimbledon, or towards Richmond) – whichever train arrives first; get off at the  **Westminster Underground Station**.

Upon your arrival, check the time and evaluate your state of *HuffandPuffedness!* If you're still brimming with vim and vigor, and confident you can tour for another 4 hours, consider spending only 1 ½ hours in this area before going to the **Surbiton Train Station** (see the **Day One Step #6** option).

However, if you're tired or the kids are getting cranky, make this is your *last* London Huffandpuff Day One stop. Take as much time as you have energy to spend following the **(Site 10) Westminster Underground Station** directions. After that, you can visit nearby Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, or Westminster Abbey, if you like. (Keep your eyes open for a place that looks good to have dinner in this area.)

Once finished in the  **Westminster Station** area, take the Underground back to your London lodgings. Alternatively, if you're thoroughly huffed-and-puffed, your tired feet may appreciate the door-to-door service offered by taking a *taxi*. If a Taxi Stand isn't in sight, ask for directions to the nearest one.

[Step #6] OPTIONAL Trip to Surbiton Train Station: Located outside of central London, this Southwestern suburb site is at least a 35 minute train trip from Westminster Station, and is the first site listed in the **Snitch-Seeking In England** section. If you have at least 2 hours of energy left after visiting the Westminster area, trek to this Half-Blood Prince filming location.

Return to the  **Westminster Underground Station** and take the Jubilee Line towards Stratford (or towards North Greenwich). Get off at the  **Waterloo Underground Rail Station**. There you will be leaving the London Underground network by taking one of the  **South West Trains** towards Woking Rail Station (or towards Guildford Rail Station). Get off at the  **Surbiton Rail Station**.

Upon your arrival, check the posted schedules to learn how much longer trains will be running from this station. Then, follow the **(Site 12) Surrey, Surbiton Train Station** directions for enjoying this Half-Blood Prince filming location.


Once back at your London lodgings, be sure to get a good night's sleep.

You have *miles to go before you rest*
on Day Two of your London Huffandpuff Expedition!

The London Harry Potter Huffandpuff Expedition; DAY TWO:

Day two's itinerary varies, depending upon whether St. Paul Cathedral's geometric staircase is included. If you pre-booked an 11:30 am **Triforium Tour**, you must get started no later than 8:15 am. You must get started no later than 8:45 am if you pre-booked a 2:00 pm tour.

If you're *skipping* the geometric staircase, you can begin Day Two as late 9:00 am. However, an earlier start will relax the pace of the day's adventure, and vastly improve your ability to enjoy optional **Day Two Step #8**.

[Step #1] Begin Day Two by going to the  **Holborn Underground Station**. Follow the **(Site 4) Lincoln's Inn Fields** directions for walking to the location where Number 12 Grimmauld Place exterior scenes were filmed. Spend no more than 1 hour here.

[Step #2] After enjoying the Order of the Phoenix headquarters' secret location, go back West to Kingsway and walk South to Aldwych. Cross Aldwych and turn left, looking for the Australia House. Follow the **(Site 5) Australia House** directions to visit "Gringotts Bank."

If you pre-booked an 11:30 am Triforium Tour at St. Paul's Cathedral, you must leave Gringotts Bank no later than 10:45 am. Otherwise, you can take up to 1 hour for this visit.

[Step #3] Leave the Australia House and cross back over Aldwych to find the Big Bus Red16/Blue44 stop. Here is where you'll first board **The Big Bus Tour** and begin using your 24-hour Big Bus transportation pass.

[Step #4] If you pre-booked an 11:30 am Triforium Tour, get off the Big Bus at the *next* stop (Red17/Blue45). Follow the **(Site 6) St. Paul's Cathedral** directions for joining this tour and visiting the unique geometric staircase featured in Prisoner of Azkaban. After the 1-hour Triforium Tour, dash back to the same Big Bus stop to catch the next bus.

If you *don't* have an 11:30 am Triforium Tour appointment, stay on the Big Bus and skip to Step #5.

[Step #5] After leaving the St. Paul's Cathedral bus stop, your Big Bus will travel East along Cannon, Queen Victoria, and King William streets. At **The Monument's** intersection, it will turn South and travel over London Bridge.

Consult the **(Site 7) London Bridge** entry to learn about the Harry Potter connection to each of the bridges you'll see to the East and West as you travel across London Bridge.

[Step #6] Get off at the next Big Bus stop (Red18/Blue46). Follow **(Site 8) Borough Market** directions for walking to Leaky Cauldron & Diagon Alley film sites in that area. The Borough Market is loaded with places to lunch.

If you pre-booked a 2:00 pm Triforium Tour, leave Borough Market no later than 1:15 pm. Walk back East to Borough High Street; turn left and walk North along the West side of Borough High Street, crossing over London Bridge and continuing to The Monument's intersection; turn left and walk West along Cannon Street (cross to the North side of Cannon Street when convenient) until you reach St. Paul's Cathedral.

If you *didn't* pre-book a 2:00 pm Triforium Tour, spend up to 2 hours enjoying the Borough Market.

[Step #7] Visit **Leadenhall Market**; another Leaky Cauldron & Diagon Alley film site.


From St. Paul's Cathedral: Walk East along the North side of Cannon Street to The Monument's intersection; turn left and cross the mouth of King William Street; continuing North and East to reach Grace Church Street; turn left and walk North on Grace Church Street; turn right at Leadenhall Market Place.

From Borough Market: Walk back East to Borough High Street; turn left and walk North along the West side of Borough High Street, crossing over London Bridge and continuing North to The Monument's intersection; cross the mouth of Cannon Street and the mouth of King William street; continuing North and East to reach Grace Church Street; turn left and walk North on Grace Church Street; turn right at Leadenhall Market Place.

Once you arrive at Leadenhall Market, check the time and evaluate your state of *HuffandPuffedness!* If you're confident you can continue touring for another 3 hours, review the **Day Two Step #8** option, paying close attention to the last Big Bus departure times.

If the Big Bus stops running in less than 2 hours, devote yourself to Leadenhall Market. You'll be better off using your Big Bus pass *tomorrow morning* to enjoy Step #8.

If 2 hours remain before the last Big Bus run, consider spending only 1 hour in Leadenhall Market and finishing Day Two with a London Landmark bus tour.

If Leadenhall Market is your *last* London Huffandpuff Day Two stop, spend all the time you wish following **(Site 9) Leadenhall Market** directions for enjoying this Harry Potter Place. Consider having dinner at one of the many restaurants there. When you're ready to return to your London lodgings, walk back South on Grace Church Street toward The Monument's intersection, and find the  **Monument Underground Station**.

OR, if your feet cry out for door-to-door service, ask for directions to the Taxi Stand nearest your last Leadenhall Market stop.

[Step #8] OPTIONAL Relaxing London Landmark Big Bus Tour:

If time permits, you can rejoin **The Big Bus Tour** after you've explored Leadenhall Market, and enjoy a leisurely ride to glimpse the rest of London's most historic non-Potter landmarks.

Big Bus schedules vary throughout the year. The last Big Bus usually leaves at 16:30 (4:30 pm) in January, February, November and December; at 17:00 (5:00 pm) in March and October; and at 18:00 (6:00 pm) from April to September.


If at least 1 hour remains *before* the last Big Bus departure time when you're done at Leadenhall Market, scurry back South on Grace Church Street to The Monument's intersection; continue South and walk along the East side of London Bridge; turn left at Duke Street Hill and go back to the Red18/Blue46 Big Bus stop.

Tell the Big Bus personnel that you've traveled on the Big Bus to this point from Aldwych and would like a bus that will take you to **Buckingham Palace** and the **Marble Arch** without retracing that route. They'll help you board a specific RED route Big Bus.

Climb to its upper deck, sit back, relax, and have your camera handy.

If you don't mind skipping the drive through **Piccadilly Circus** and **Trafalgar Square**, get off the Big Bus just after going around the **Marble Arch**, at the Red5/Blue61 Big Bus stop.

Walk a few paces North from there and cross Oxford Street to reach the  **Marble Arch Underground Station**, and return to your London lodgings.

OR, stay on the Big Bus until you've been through **Piccadilly Circus** and **Trafalgar Square**, and have *almost* reached Big Ben again. Get off at the Big Bus Red12/Blue40 stop. Walk a few steps South to Bridge Street, turn left and walk a few steps East to the  **Westminster Underground Station**, and return to your London lodgings from there.

Wherever you get off the Big Bus, you always have the option of taking a taxi.

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