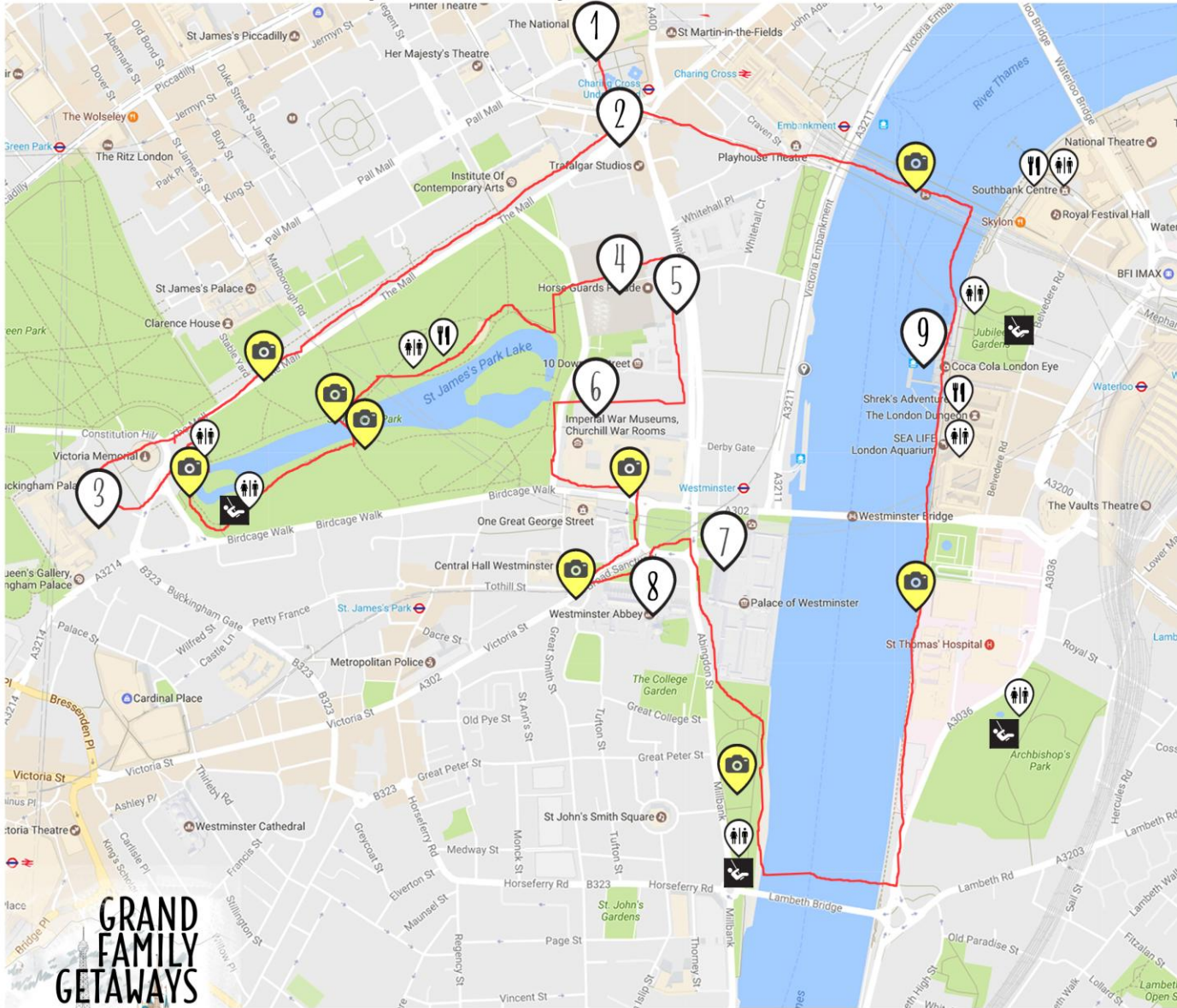


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START at Trafalgar Square ① Walk down Whitehall towards Big Ben. There is a Pret a Manger and a Coffee Republic just on the south side of the square if you need a coffee or bathrooms before beginning your walk. Go past the Ugandan Embassy and under Admiralty Arch. ② You will now be on The Mall and Buckingham Palace ③ will be in front of you. As you walk down in the Mall be sure to stop to get a picture of the palace. I like to stand in the middle of the street (on a pedestrian island) to get a really great shot. St. James Park will be on your left and on your right you will come to Clarence House (where Prince Charles & Camilla live). Past that on the right is Green Park. After you check out the Palace go back up the Mall about 25 yards. You will enter St. James Park. You will walk past a food kiosk and restrooms. Continue on to the lake and when you get there take the path to the right. As you walk along the path there is a great place to take a photo at the end of the lake. After walking a bit further you will come to a small playground with bathrooms for kids and another food kiosk. Then keep walking until you come to the footbridge on your left. The bridge has my favorite photo spots in London. You can get beautiful pictures of Buckingham Palace from one side of the bridge and Whitehall on the other side. Continue across the bridge and take a right. Walk along the lake (you will pass a larger restaurant with more bathrooms) until the end of the park. Here, cross the street and walk across Horse Guards Parade. ④ You will walk through the archway (and hopefully get to see some guards on horses). When you come to the Whitehall (the main street) take a right. Downing Street, ⑤ home of the Prime Minister, will be on your right.

If you are visiting to the Cabinet War Rooms ⑥ you will take the next road on your right (St. Charles St.) to walk back through to Horse Guards Parade (the street) and turn left. The War Rooms will be a few feet ahead. After visiting the War Rooms you will continue down Horse Guards Parade and take your first left on Birdcage Walk. This will lead you to Parliament Square. On your left hand side you will see some red telephone booths. This is a great place to get a photo with Big Ben in the background.

If you are skipping the War Rooms museum you will not turn on Charles Street, but instead continue down Whitehall to Parliament Square. Be sure to take a left at Parliament Square to get a picture with the red phone booths and Big Ben.

At Parliament Square you can walk around and/or visit Westminster Abbey ⑦, Big Ben, ⑧ and the Houses of Parliament. When you are done, walk past the Houses of Parliament towards Abingdon Street. You will come to Parliament Gardens on your right. Go through this little park. You can get some great pictures and there is a nice playground with bathrooms. You will walk up some stairs (if you can't do stairs you can go around on the street) and take a left to cross Lambeth Bridge. Once across the bridge take the stairs down on the left to the Bankside pedestrian path. You will walk towards the London Eye. This pathway offers the best spot to take a photo of the Houses of Parliament.

You will continue on to the London Eye. ⑨ Around the Eye is Jubilee Gardens with a playground and bathrooms. There are also a number of cafes and food stands. Just past the Eye is the Jubilee pedestrian and railroad bridge. If you can take the stairs, go up on this side as it offers better views. Otherwise, go under the bridge and you will find an elevator that will take you up to the bridge. Once across the bridge you can walk straight up Northumberland Avenue, which will take you back to Trafalgar Square. If you have taken the far side of the bridge because you can't do stairs, you will continue walking through the train station. You will come out on the Strand and Trafalgar Square will be on your left.

