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Westminster Bridge

Westminster Bridge is a historic and scenic bridge that crosses the River Thames in London. It connects Westminster, where the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben are located, with Lambeth, where the London Eye and County Hall are situated. The bridge is painted green, the same colour as the leather seats in the House of Commons. It is the oldest road bridge in central London and has a Gothic revival style. It was opened in 1862 by Queen Victoria and has been featured in many works of art and literature, such as Wordsworth's poem "Composed upon Westminster Bridge" and the film "28 Days Later". Westminster Bridge is a popular tourist attraction and offers a stunning view of the London skyline.



The Westminster Bridge heading to The Big Ben

A red and green bridge that connects Lambeth and Westminster. It was opened in 1932 and is the second bridge on the site. It is designed to harmonize with the colors of the House of Lords and the House of Commons. It has distinctive obelisks at each end that are topped with pineapples, a symbol of hospitality.



Lambeth Bridge



The Vauxhall Bridge



Vauxhall Bridge

A purple and green bridge that connects Vauxhall and Pimlico. It is the first bridge in London to incorporate metal sculptures. It has eight bronze statues that represent various arts and sciences, such as architecture, astronomy, pottery, and engineering.

Did you know?

London has more than 40% of green space and it has so many trees that it falls within the UN definition of a forest. In the river Thames there are 120 different species of fish.



Chelsea Bridge

A suspension bridge that links Chelsea and Battersea across the River Thames. It was opened in 1937 to replace an older bridge that was renamed from Victoria Bridge to avoid the royal association with a potential collapse. It was the first bridge in Britain to be floodlit at night and has a Grade II listed status. It was also the inspiration for a jazz standard composed by Billy Strayhorn.



Albert Bridge

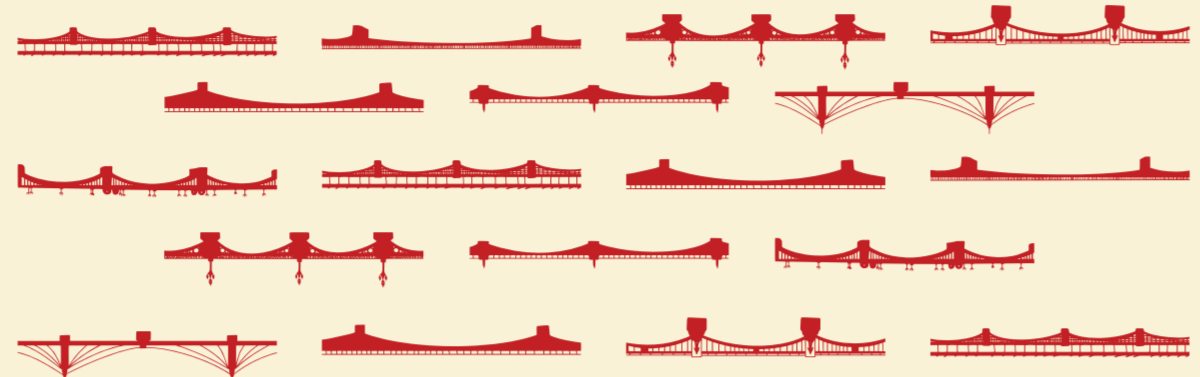
A charming and elegant bridge that connects Chelsea and Battersea. It was opened in 1873 and is one of the most ornate bridges in London. It is decorated with hundreds of lights that make it sparkle at night. It is also known as the "trembling lady" because of its sensitivity to vibrations.

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We hope you find this guide helpful and informative. Enjoy your time exploring the bridges of London!

- The current Tower Bridge is named the Tower of London which is located close to the bridge.
- The first stone London Bridge was built in 1209 and took 33 years to complete.
- The current London Bridge is actually the fifth bridge to be built on the same site.
- The current London Bridge is actually the fifth bridge structure built by the Romans in AD 50.
- The first bridge built over the Thames was a wooden

Want to know some fun facts?



The map provides a detailed view of all the bridges in London, including their locations and the best ways to access them.

The map includes a QR code that you can scan with your mobile phone to access a navigation and walking tour.



QR for mobile navigation and walking tour

Let's explore the river Thames from above!

- Detailed map of the London bridges
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London Bridge Guide

Cross the Thames from the Roman Empire to the Modern Metropolis



Welcome to the London Bridge Guide! This city map is designed to help you explore the best of what London's bridges have to offer. The map features beautiful illustrations of the bridges alongside interesting information about them. What else you can find in this guide?

Detailed map with illustrations of the London bridges

The map provides a detailed view of all the bridges in London, including their locations and the best ways to access them.

Stamps for you to collect

To make your map more personalized you can also collect stamps on each of the bridges and place them below the map. To get the stamps, you need to visit each of the bridges and look for the stamp station. Once you find the station, you can stamp your map and add a personal touch to it.

The back side of the map comes as a unique poster that features beautiful illustrations of the bridges. When you come back home from your trip, you can decorate the wall of your living room with this map.

Unique poster as a cool souvenir

Tired of walking or in need for a place to sit and eat some snacks? You can find various parks on the river Thames that are marked as green spots on the map.

List of places to relax during your tour

- Kings' Stairs Gardens
- Thames Barrier Park
- Battersea Park
- Victoria Tower Gardens
- Jubilee Gardens

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Tower Bridge



The Tower Bridge is a magnificent structure that spans the River Thames in London, connecting the two banks of the river near the historic fortress of the Tower of London.

Construction complications

The bridge was built in the late 19th century, when the population and commerce of London increased rapidly, and there was a need for a new crossing downstream of London Bridge. However, the bridge had to allow the passage of large ships that sailed up and down the river, so a conventional fixed bridge was not feasible. Therefore, a design competition was held, and the winning proposal was a combined bascule and suspension bridge, which could be raised and lowered to let the ships through. The bridge was designed by the city architect Horace Jones, who died before its completion, and engineered by John Wolfe Barry, who also worked on the construction of the London Underground. The bridge consists of two Gothic-style towers that are linked by two horizontal walkways at

the upper level, and a central span that can be lifted by hydraulic power. The bridge is 240 m long and 65 m high at the highest point. The central span is 61 m long and can be raised to an angle of 86 degrees. It is one of the most iconic bridges in the world, and a symbol of the city's engineering, history and architectural prowess.

The bridge in a modern era

The bridge is a Grade I listed building, which means it is of exceptional historic and cultural significance. It is also a popular tourist attraction, as visitors can walk across the bridge, enjoy the views of the river and the city, and visit the Tower Bridge Exhibition, which showcases the history and mechanics of the bridge. The bridge is also a venue for various events and exhibitions, such as the Olympic rings display in 2012, and the glass floor installation in 2014. The bridge is illuminated at night, creating a stunning sight for the eyes. The Tower Bridge is a remarkable feat of engineering and design, and a proud landmark of London.



Tower Bridge Construction

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London Bridge

The oldest bridge in London, dating back to Roman times. The current bridge was opened in 1973 and replaced several previous versions that were destroyed or decayed over the centuries. It is a simple and functional bridge, but it has a rich history and a famous nursery rhyme.

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Southwark Bridge

An arch bridge connecting the district of Southwark and the City of London across the River Thames. It was built in 1921 to replace an earlier cast-iron bridge that was the first railway bridge in central London. It is the least busy of the Thames bridges and offers scenic views of the river and the city skyline.

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Blackfriars Bridge

A red and white bridge that connects Blackfriars and the South Bank. It was opened in 1869 and is the widest bridge in London. It has distinctive pillars that are decorated with the symbols of London and the cities that the bridge connects. It also has solar panels that provide half of the energy for the nearby Blackfriars station.

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Waterloo Bridge

A graceful and minimalist bridge that connects Waterloo and the Strand. It was opened in 1945 and is the only bridge in London that was built entirely by women during World War II. It offers a panoramic view of the city and the river, and is often featured in films and songs.

The Bridges of London

