



The Thames & Five Bridges



River Thames – Key Facts

215miles/346km long
Starts in Gloucestershire
Ends in Essex
England's longest river

London wouldn't be London without the majestic River Thames. From its source in Gloucestershire to its mouth in Essex, it's England's longest river. But it's in Central London that it really makes its mark, and that's where we'll pick up the trail for our Thames & Five Bridges tour. The Thames is traversed by bridges, each very different in design and all affording fine views, of the river beneath and the feast of history and architecture alongside.

The Tour

Our tour, aboard one of London's classic red Routemaster buses, will take in the five most significant and picturesque Thames bridges, and your Guide will tell you all about the important places you'll pass en route, including:

- **Lambeth Palace**, home to the Archbishop of Canterbury.
- **Palace of Westminster**, where Britain's Parliament meets in the shadow of Big Ben.
- **London Eye*** - offering spectacular views of London, and an icon in its own right.
- **Royal Courts of Justice**, home to the High Court and Court of Appeal since the 19th Century.
- **St Paul's Cathedral***, Sir Christopher Wren's domed masterpiece that miraculously survived the London Blitz.
- **HMS Belfast***, the Royal Navy veteran which fired one of the first shells on D Day.
- **The Tower of London***, the capital's Royal Fortress, with some parts nearly 950 years old.
- **Tower Bridge*** surely one of the finest landmarks of the Thames.

**depending on your time and the rest of your agenda, you may like to consider pre-booking a group visit here. Just let us know if you'd like us to schedule accordingly.*

Tour duration: Approximately 2 hours, depending on traffic conditions and the location of your selected Start and End points.



About Us

We've been entertaining and transporting people around the streets of London since 2005.

As a company, we like to say we're big enough to matter and small enough to care.

We take great pride in our lovingly cared-for fleet of classic red Routemaster buses, and just as much pride in the quality of our Customer Service. From our delightful and friendly office team to our approachable, professional Drivers and Conductors, and the Blue Badge Guides who accompany our tours, we all love what we do and care passionately about delivering a top class service.

Our buses are from the famous Routemaster fleet, designed for London Transport in the 1950s and built between 1954 and 1968.

It was originally envisaged that they would have been replaced by the end of the 1970s, but these dependable vehicles outlasted a number of young upstarts and remained a part of the London public transport network past the year 2000.

The combination of great build quality and smart design means that – with loving care from owners like us – these fine old buses can carry on roaming the streets of London, playing their part in presenting the London experience for new generations of visitors to enjoy.

We can offer the services of Blue Badge Tour Guides in a wide variety of languages, and we're always happy to tailor a tour to accommodate any special requirements or points-of-interest.

Onboard refreshments and snacks can be arranged, and if you'd like one of our tours to tie-in with another activity, such as a Thames River Cruise, a flight on the London Eye or a visit to a historic building, we'll be delighted to help with those arrangements.

We guarantee you won't find a company that cares more about helping you enjoy London By Routemaster.

