



## Westminster and the West End



### Key Points

See Big Ben, Parliament Square, Famous Shops, Buckingham Palace

A city within a city, Westminster isn't the largest of London's boroughs, but it is the one that houses some of the most significant sights for a visitor to see. The seats of power are here, as are the key shopping areas and most of London's most famous theatres.

### The Tour

Come with us as we tour Westminster and the West End aboard one of London's iconic red Routemaster buses, your Guide filling in the facts and the history as we go. Locations include:

- **Marble Arch**, the 19th Century edifice which started life as the entrance to Buckingham Palace.
- **Hyde Park Corner**, where the largest bronze sculpture in Europe sits atop Wellington Arch.
- **Buckingham Palace**, official residence of Her Majesty The Queen – alight here for a photo opportunity.
- **New Scotland Yard**, home of London's Metropolitan Police.
- **Westminster Abbey\***, where Britain's Kings and Queens have been crowned since 1066.
- **Parliament Square**, Big Ben overlooks the House of Commons and The House of Lords.
- **Whitehall**, passing the Foreign Office – Churchill's Cabinet War Rooms\* are here – and Downing Street, where the Prime Minister is based.
- **London Eye\*** - spectacular views of London from this mighty wheel by the Thames.
- **Trafalgar Square**, with fountains and the famous statue of Admiral Horatio Nelson.
- **Piccadilly Circus**, known the world over for its neon lights and the statue of Eros.
- **Shaftesbury Avenue**, the home of six major London theatres, and bordering London's Chinatown.
- **Oxford Street** and **Regent Street**, Britain's premier shopping streets.

*\*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.

