

King's walks

for students at London's most central university



Guy's to St Thomas'

1 Guy's Hospital 1 min

Guy's Hospital was established in 1721. Opposite New Hunts House is the Gordon Museum of Pathology, the largest medical museum in the UK.

2 Borough Market 5 min

Start at New Hunts House, turn left out of the building and right on to Newcomen Street. Cross over Borough High Street to Union Street. Incidentally, a short walk to the right brings you to Borough Market, one of London's oldest markets.

3 Cross Bones Graveyard 9 min

Continue down Union Street and you will come to Redcross Way. Turn right and walk a few yards down the road. There is a gate adorned with flowers, ribbons and other strange ephemera: this is the entrance to the Cross Bones Graveyard, one of London's hidden oddities. The graveyard dates back to Medieval times. It is the final resting place for many of London's less fortunate citizens, notably 'single women' – a euphemism for the prostitutes who worked in Bankside's brothels or 'stews'.

4 The Cut 22 min

Proceed straight ahead and cross over Southwark Bridge Road. Continue down Union Street, passing over Blackfriars Road. Once you have walked past

Southwark Tube station you are on The Cut – it is alleged that the modern rules of boxing were devised in a pub on this street.

5 The Old Vic 24 min

The Cut is home to two of London's most important theatres: The Old Vic and the Young Vic. The Young Vic, was established after World War Two, predominantly for younger audiences (hence the name). The Old Vic dates back to the first part of the 19th century.

6 Lower Marsh 27 min

Cross over Waterloo Road and continue down Bayliss Road until you reach Lower Marsh. Lower Marsh is a wonderful hybrid of market stalls, shops, restaurants, pubs, a public library and other useful establishments.

7 Florence Nightingale Museum 35 min

At the end of Lower Marsh turn right and proceed up Westminster Bridge Road. Turn right on to Lambeth Palace Road, cross over to the north side to the Florence Nightingale Museum. The museum houses a vast array of Nightingale's personal effects, including her famous lamp. It is worth noting that Nightingale is one of King's most famous alumna.

8 Lambeth Palace Park 38 min

On the south side of the road is Lambeth Palace Park, which is accessible to the public and adjoins the private gardens of Lambeth Palace, home to the Archbishop of Canterbury since the 13th century.

9 St Thomas' House 40 min

A short distance further down is a sign for Evelina Children's Hospital – turn right here and St Thomas' House is the first building on your right. The hospital has an impressive history – dating back to the 13th century (albeit on a different site).

