

King's walks

for students at London's most central university



North Loop

1 Old Aldwych Tube Station 1 min

Start at the Strand entrance to King's. Head in the direction of the King's shop. By the shop you'll find the old Aldwych tube station, which was used as an air raid shelter in World War Two.

2 Peacock Theatre 7 min

Cross the road at the traffic lights. Head up Melbourne Place and turn left at the top onto the Aldwych. Cross onto the right side of Kingsway and take the first right at Portugal Street. As part of the Virginia Woolf Building you'll find the Peacock Theatre, which plays host to dance performances, conferences, ballet, concerts and award ceremonies.

3 Old Curiosity Shop 9 min

Turn right towards the Old Curiosity Shop on Portsmouth Street. This 16th century shop is reportedly the oldest in central London, and may have been the inspiration for the Charles Dickens novel of the same name.

4 Lincoln's Inn Fields 13 min

Cross over Sardinia Street and you can take a stroll through leafy Lincoln's Inn Fields. This is the largest public square in London and was laid out in the 1630s. Today, it's a great spot for a picnic or a quick game of tennis!

5 Sir John Soane's Museum 14 min

On the north side of Lincoln's Inn Fields you can visit Sir John Soane's Museum. This was the home of the neo-classical architect, and contains many drawings and models of his projects as well as a collection of paintings and antiquities.

6 Seven Stars Pub 19 min

Leave the square via Serle Street and you can stop off for a pint at the 400 year old Seven Stars pub on Carey St! It's a quaint, ancient place, packed full of character and it's also a survivor of the 1666 Great Fire of London.

7 Maughan Library 21 min

Head along Carey Street going east and you'll come to Chancery Lane. Turn right here and a few paces to the left you'll see the Maughan Library. This is the main research library at King's and a useful place to become familiar with! You can't miss this impressive 19th century, neo-Gothic Grade II listed building.

8 Royal Courts of Justice 24 min

Continuing along Chancery Lane you will come to Fleet Street. Turn right here to find the Royal Courts of Justice, comprising the High Court and the Court of Appeal, where high profile cases are often heard. The courts are open to the public but there may sometimes be restrictions.

9 St Clement Danes Church 25 min

Opposite the courts, and your final stop on this North Loop tour, is St Clement Danes church on the Strand. The church was built in 1682 by Sir Christopher Wren and is currently the church of the Royal

Air Force. It is claimed to be the church featured in the nursery rhyme *Oranges and Lemons* and at certain times of day you can hear the bells playing the tune!

