

King's walks

for students at London's most central university



Waterloo to St Thomas'

1 Franklin-Wilkins Building 1 min

Start at the Franklin-Wilkins Building and turn right, heading along Stamford Street towards the roundabout. FWB is named after notable Alumnus, Maurice Wilkins and Rosalind Franklin, who made great inroads into the discovery of the structure of DNA. The building itself was established as a government office during the turn of the last century but was co-opted as a hospital during the World War One.

2 IMAX 3 min

Situated on the roundabout is the London IMAX cinema, home to Britain's largest cinema screen.

3 James Clerk Maxwell Building 5 min

Cross over the road and bear left towards the pedestrian crossing. On your left is the James Clerk Maxwell building, named after the important physicist and King's Alumnus.

4 Waterloo Station 8 min

In front of you is Waterloo Station. Waterloo is Britain's busiest railway station by passenger usage.

5 Waterloo Bridge 14 min

On your right is Waterloo Bridge, often quoted as providing the best viewpoint in London.

6 London Eye 33 min

Continue under the railway bridge and walk straight ahead until you reach York Road. As you walk down York Road you will see the London Eye beginning to loom over you on the right hand side.

7 County Hall 37 min

Walk to the end of York Road – on your right before you cross over is the County Hall, opened in 1922. It served as the Greater London Council's headquarters for many years. Today, it houses attractions such as the London Aquarium.

8 The Palace of Westminster 47 min

Crossing over Westminster Bridge, looking to your right, is The Palace of Westminster; perhaps London's most iconic building.

9 St Thomas' Hospital 58 min

Once over the bridge, St Thomas' hospital is situated directly in front of you, and it is possible to walk through it in order to access St Thomas' House. This is quite a useful way to go should you require a cash machine, shops or restaurants.

10 Florence Nightingale Museum 59 min

However, walking round the side of the hospital on to Lambeth Palace Road, you pass the Florence Nightingale Museum. The museum houses a vast array of Nightingale's personal effects, including her famous lamp.

11 Lambeth Palace 62 min

On the left hand 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.

12 St Thomas' House 65 min

As you continue to walk along the road you will see a sign for Evelina Children's Hospital – turn right here and St Thomas' House is the first building on your right.

