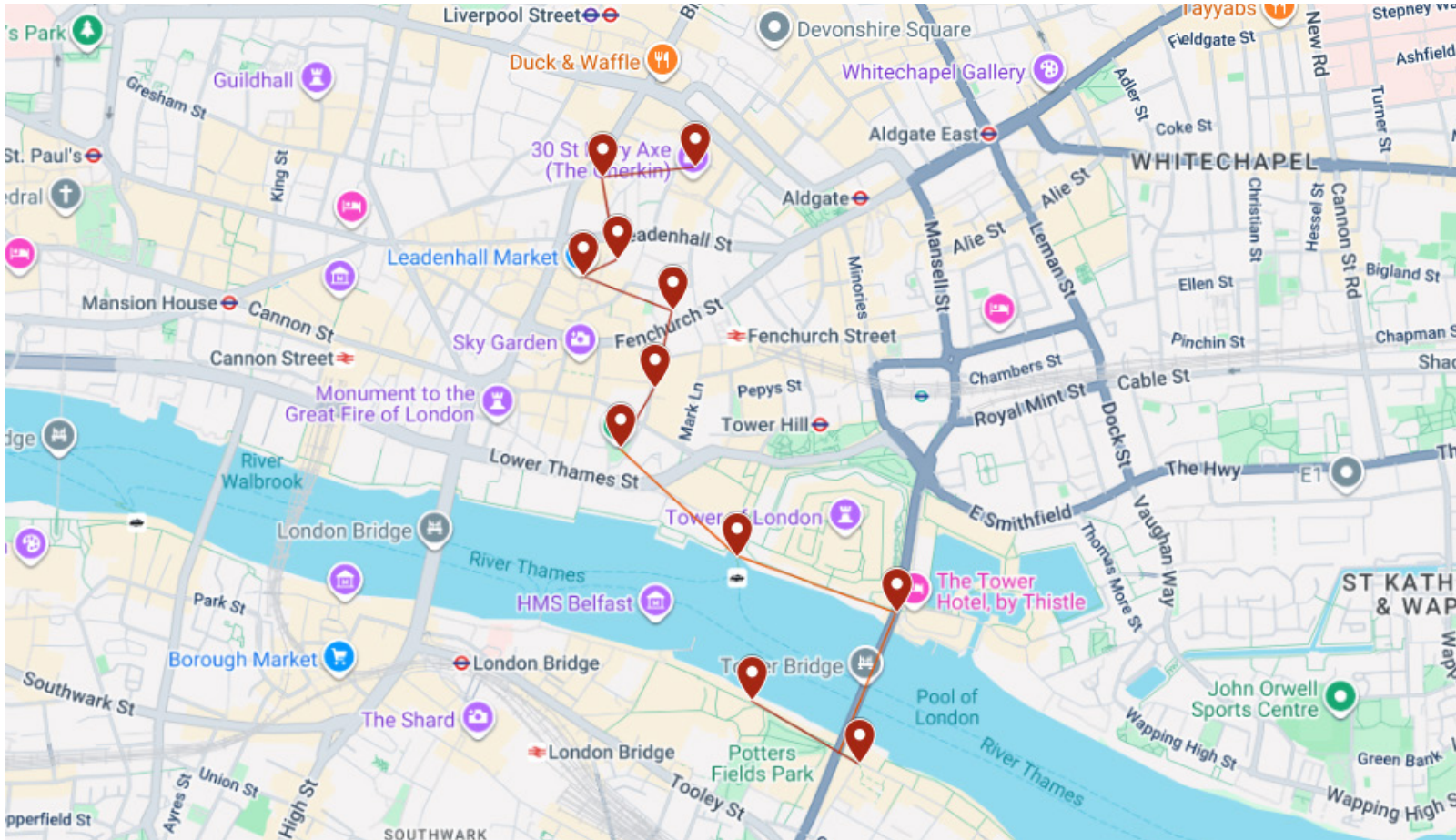


City of London

Suggested photography walk



See the red route in Google Maps (zoom in/out, etc):

[See map](#)

Timings

It all depends on how fast you walk, any detours you take, and how long you spend setting up your shots. If you were just going to walk it without stopping, it would take you 30 to 40 minutes. So allow 2-4 hours?

This route takes in:

- The Gherkin
- 22 Bishopsgate
- Lloyd's building
- Leadenhall Market
- Garden at 120 (rooftop garden)
- Minster Court - horse statues
- St Dunstan in the East
- Tower Millennium Pier
- Tower Bridge & Tower of London area
- Shad Thames
- Buildings at The Scoop

Finishing off with a well-deserved drink at The Vault 1894

You might also want to add slight detours for:

- Monument (you could climb it? 311 steps, great views, costs £6, must [book](#))
- Cannon St tube Station & The Walbrook building opposite
- The other high-level viewing platform at 8 Bishopsgate, if you can't get in at Number 22

The Gherkin

Iconic but now dwarfed by surrounding buildings. Look at other tall buildings around you and at their reflections in the Gherkin's many facets. In the City, always look up for people at their desks, and look for trading floors with stock ticker displays. Follow The Undershaft to 22 Bishopsgate - and look up!



22 Bishopsgate

At 62 floors, the City of London's tallest building (only The Shard is taller). The ground floor has brightly coloured canopies with good reflections. Visit the free viewing platform on the 58th floor - free, but [book 2 weeks ahead](#). If you can't get in, try The Lookout at 8 Bishopsgate (50th floor) - again free, again [book 2 weeks ahead](#).



Lloyd's Building

Another iconic building, Grade-I listed. Walk right around it for all kinds of different views. Notice the exterior lifts with people going up and down. Look for the remaining 1928 neo-classical doorway on Leadenhall Street, and see how the new styling begins immediately inside it.



*Exterior shot: Wikipedia
(Stephen Richards/Lloyd's
of London, Leadenhall
Street)*

Leadenhall Market

Try to go early - not everything will be open, but it's worth it; it's HEAVING by midday. Look out for the shoeshine stand. Whatever you do, don't miss a coffee and French pastry (the best outside France) at Aux Merveilleux. If you're there when it's busy, observe the city boys and girls drinking outside the Brokers Wine Bar.



Garden at 120

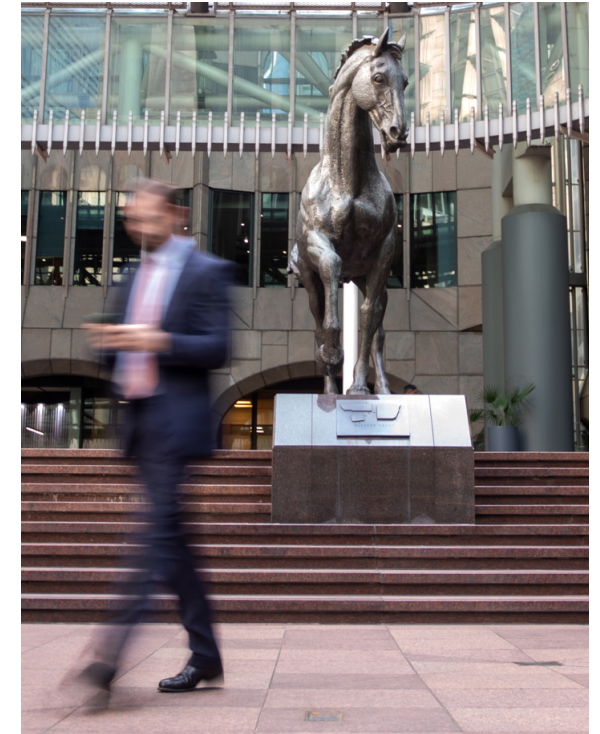
Head to 120 Fenchurch Street for a hidden gem with 360 views of London and no booking required. Just show up at the elevators and there's a quick bag check and then you go up. Views are great, it's not overcrowded, and it's tranquil. Tripods are explicitly permitted. Look for the entrance at Hogarth Court.



Entrance at Hogarth Court (Image: Google Maps)

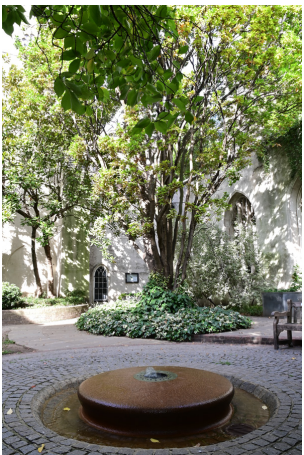
Minster Court

An unusual-looking modern Gothic building, like something from Ghostbusters. Look for the three bronze horse statues at the front, on Mincing Lane. Nicknamed 'Sterling', 'Dollar' and 'Yen', they're the work of Althea Wynne.



St Dunstan in the East church garden

The church - dating back to 1100 - was largely destroyed in the Blitz and the ruins are now a public garden. It's a surprisingly tranquil spot - look out for birds. Grade-I listed.



Above: Entrance
Left: Interior

Tower Millennium Pier (& Sugar Quay Jetty)

Sugar Quay Jetty offers views over the river to the Shard, plus HMS Belfast in the foreground and Tower Bridge to your left. Millennium Pier (where you can catch a riverboat taxi, but they're enclosed), and the area of land behind it, offer views of the Tower of London and Tower Bridge (if you're lucky, it'll open to let tall ships through).



Tower Bridge & Tower of London

You might want to walk right around the Tower of London - heading left/clockwise from the open plaza. This will bring you out on the approach to Tower Bridge. As you head south over the bridge, stay on the right-hand side and you'll get amazing views looking back over the City of London's tall buildings, with the Tower of London seemingly adjacent.



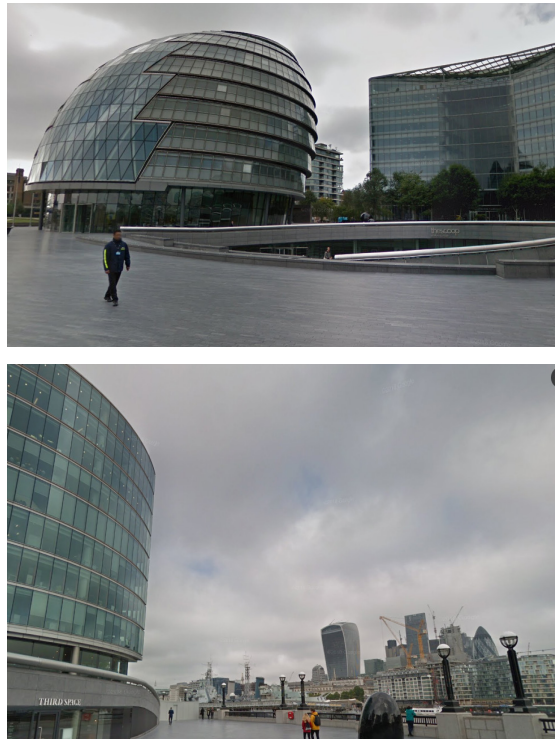
Shad Thames

This narrow cobbled street just south of the river is notable for its overhead walkways between former tea and spice warehouses. It now houses apartments, restaurants, shops and art galleries.



Buildings at The Scoop

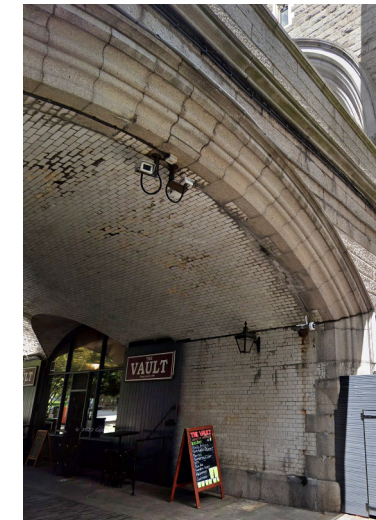
Heading back under Tower Bridge, still on Queen's Walk on the South Bank, you'll find a sort of oval glass building called No2, adjacent to The Scoop - an amphitheatre. There are quite a few interesting glass buildings at this spot.



(Images: Google Maps)

The Vault 1894

Finish your walk with a drink in a pub right under the southern pillar of Tower Bridge. Great views over the river and the Tower of London, so try to get a window table. The burgers are pretty good.



(Image: Google Maps)

