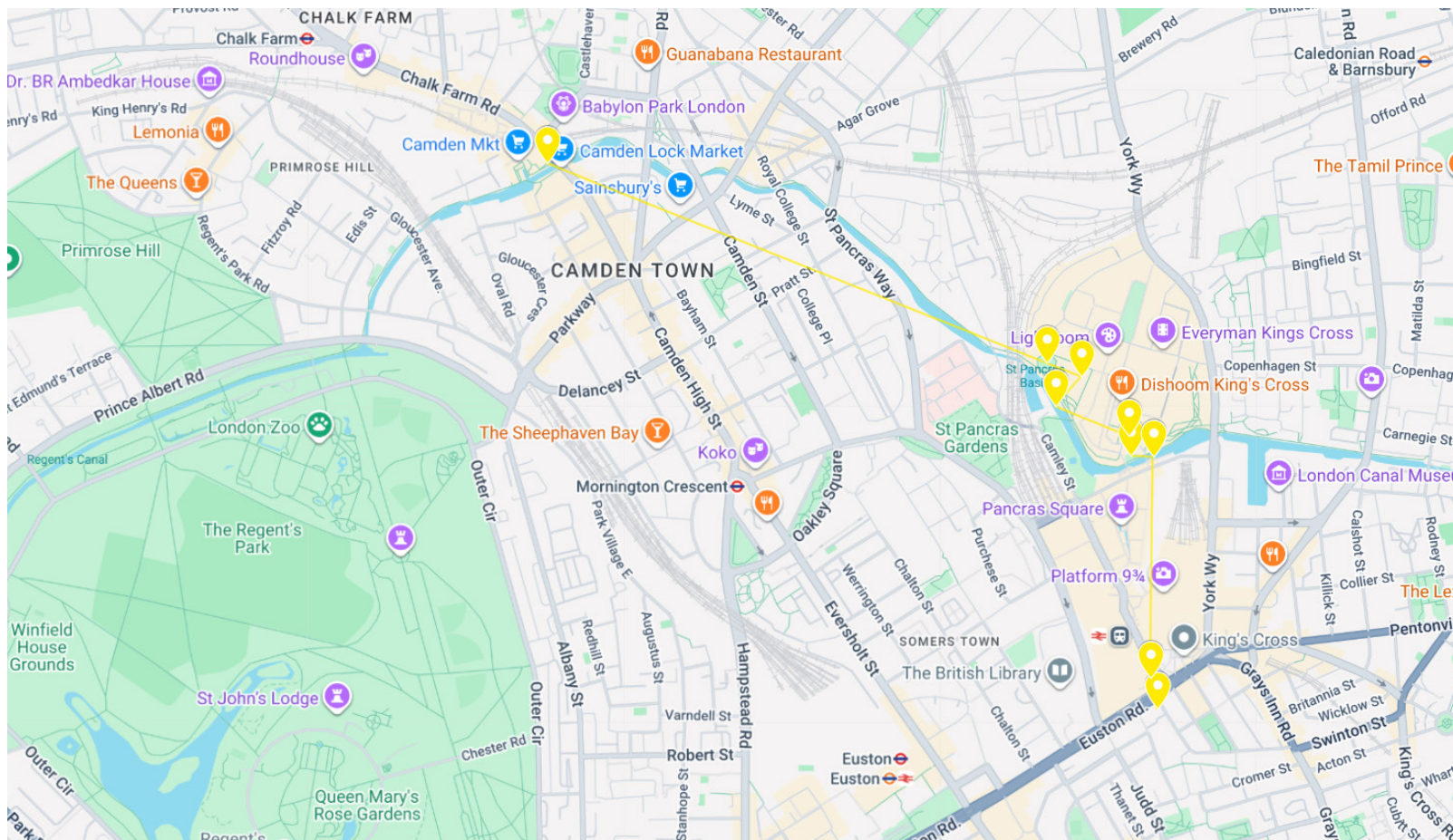


St Pancras to Camden Market



See the **YELLOW** 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 – and in Camden Market! Allow 3-4 hours?

This route takes in:

- The Standard Hotel (exterior lift)
- St Pancras exterior - architecture
- St Pancras interior & motion blur
- Kings Cross Station
- Granary Square
- Coal Drops Yard
- St Pancras Lock
- Gasholder Park
- Regents Canal Towpath
- Camden Market
- Camden High Street

You might also want to add slight detours for Regent's Park, containing:

- London Zoo (where there may or may not be polar bears!)
- Queen Mary's Gardens, with waterfalls and Japanese garden
- The boating lake

and also Primrose Hill, just north of Regent's Park, offering panoramic views of London.

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Let's get started!

The Red Pill Lift, Standard Hotel

The Brutalist facade of this concrete-clad edifice, built in the 1970s, features an iconic exterior lift. The hotel is on Euston Road, just opposite St Pancras.



Les Forrester

St Pancras London Hotel

The architecture of this Victorian Gothic station hotel always wows, with its a red brick and terracotta exterior. Look for the bright-pink McLaren 570S which has been parked outside for years!



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St Pancras station & station mall

Inside St Pancras station, look for:

- The mezzanine on the way to the Tube, where you can look over the railing and take motion-blur photos of travellers in various stages of running, walking and standing
- The lower ground level area of the station features a permanent piano just outside the M&S. Great for capturing people sitting down to have a play - a moment of stillness with opportunities for motion blur of the people flowing by around them.



Kings Cross Station

“The half-cylinder of the new concourse and its roof, which has a span of 52 metres... a great steel stalk in the centre and then spreads into a tree-like canopy of intersecting branches... Beneath the canopy, a sinuous pavilion in glass and tile takes care of the retail. ‘It is the greatest station building, ever,’ declares architect John McAslan.”

[The Guardian](#)



[Gwyn Midgeley, RCPS](#)

Granary Square

Come out of Kings Cross and turn right, past the semi-circular glass structure, and between the station and St Pancras. Head north along Kings Boulevard (pedestrian). Cross the road and go over Regent’s Canal - look out for water traffic including narrowboats and paddleboarders.

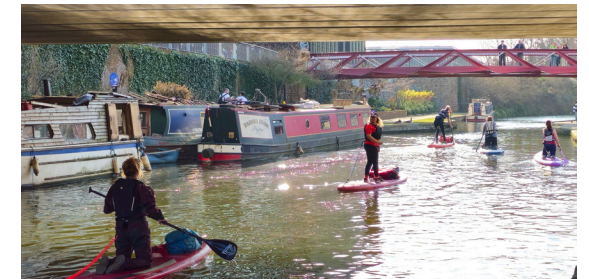
Previously, a canal basin, and about the same size as Trafalgar Square, Granary Square is “where barges once unloaded their goods... animated with over 1,000 choreographed fountains – each individually controlled and lit. The fountains are spectacular – especially by night... Arrive at daybreak, and the mood is serene with mist and fog setting the scene.”

[\(Kings Cross/Coal Drops Yard website\)](#)



Regents Canal & Gasholder Park

At the canal edge, follow the towpath right (west); look for canal boats passing through St Pancras Lock, or moored in St Pancras Basin. Look out for light reflected onto the tunnel ceiling. Opposite the lock are 3 tall circular gasholders, converted to apartments. The exterior of a 4th gasholder has been converted to a small outdoor park, Gasholder Park – where a series of vertical and ceiling mirrors offer endless photographic possibilities.



Camden Market

Continue along the towpath for 20 minutes to the back entrance of Camden Market – with over 1,000 stalls (selling vintage clothing, handmade jewellery and original art) and hundreds of international street food stalls. Discover different areas like The Stables, a labyrinth of subcultures housed in former horse stables, and North Yard, a quieter area with independent restaurants and bars. Like a Middle Eastern bazaar, there are narrow streets within the market - look for the passageway with the colourful umbrellas overhead. The lively atmosphere includes everything from futuristic rave-style shops like Cyberdog to public art installations. Fantastic for street photography (and even a little shopping and something to eat).



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Camden High Street

Come out of the front of the market, at Camden Lock, and head back over the canal, down Camden High Street. The atmosphere is vibrant, with lots of small shops, great pubs and interesting eateries. Look up at the multicoloured facades of the shops, many featuring eclectic public art and commissioned graffiti. After a couple of blocks, you'll come to Camden Town Tube Station.