

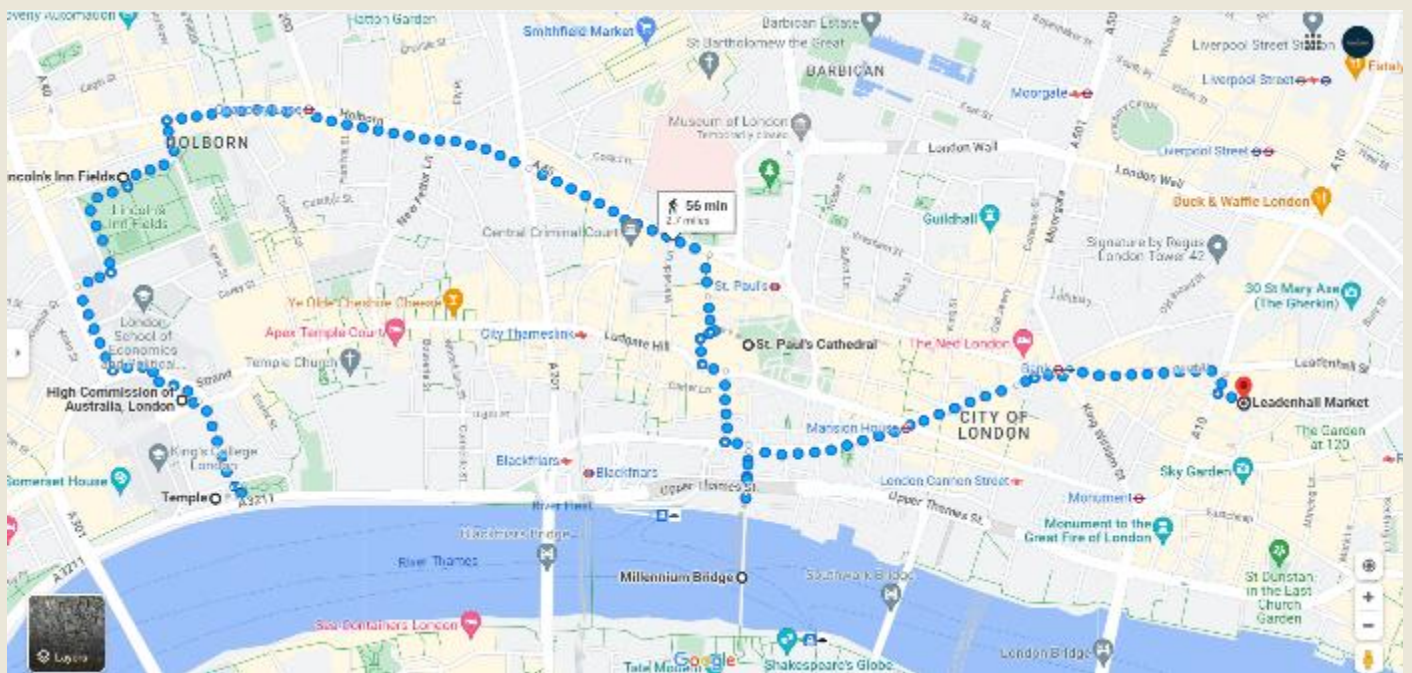
Self-Guided Walk – Harry Potter (walk 2)

The Harry Potter story is famous across the world and a number of locations across the United Kingdom were used as backdrops to scenes in the eight films. Within London there are plenty to look at – some are external places you can view easily, others require a visit inside (with additional cost) and there are others that are linked in another way.

This walk is the second of two that are Harry Potter themed and weaves its way from Australia House to Leadenhall Market. The second walk will pick things up at Australia House and take you to Leadenhall Market, before a linking Underground trip will take you from Claremont Place to King's Cross station.

For any pictures, the named locations are blue circles, the walking routes red arrows. All other colour circles and arrows are to help but aren't part of the walk as such.

The first part of this walk is 2.7 miles/4.4 kms and without any stops should take 56 minutes to walk. There is then a 5 minute Underground ride and the second half is 1.3 miles/2.1 kms that should take 28 minutes to walk.

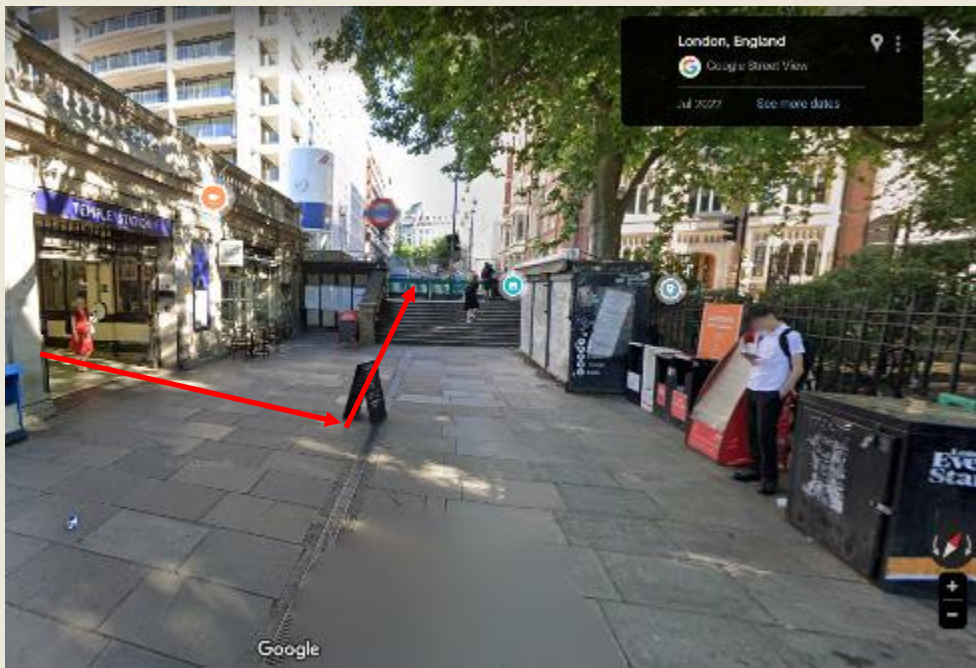


To start the walk head for Temple Underground station – it is easily reached as it is on the Circle and District lines.

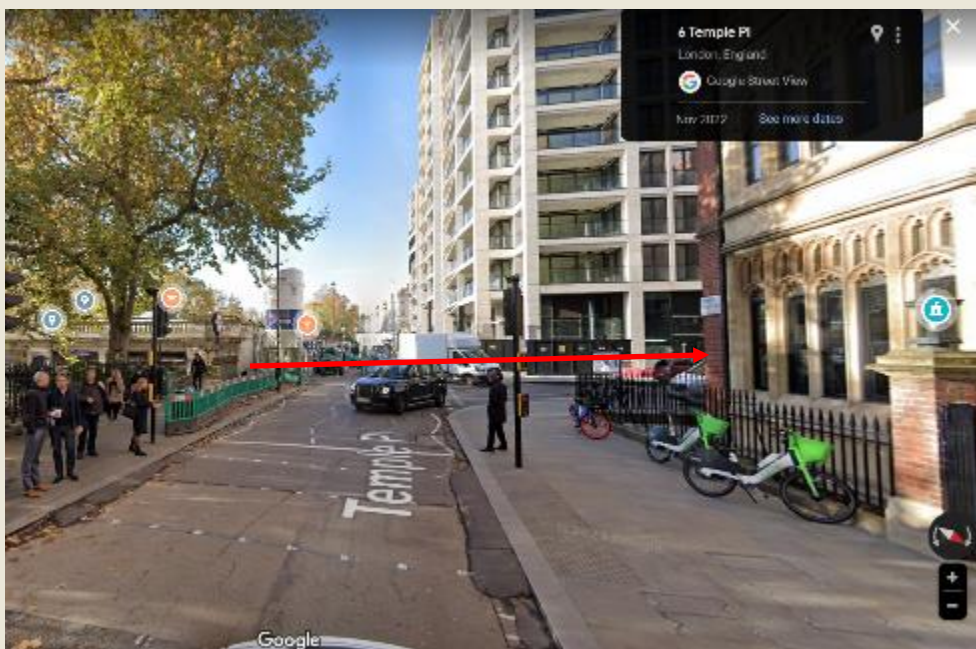
Step 1

Overview – Australia House. Overview – Australia House. Sadly, the best you can really do here is look through the windows – as this is Gringott’s Bank. As a building it is quite interesting – it’s the longest continuously occupied diplomatic mission in the United Kingdom. In addition, the marble used was shipped from Australia!

Directions – From Temple Underground station head for the Temple Place exit.



You then need to cross Temple Place and take the road ahead, Arundel Street.



At the end of Arundel Street you will come to Strand – you need to cross that and head over to the left where you will find the entrance to Australia House.



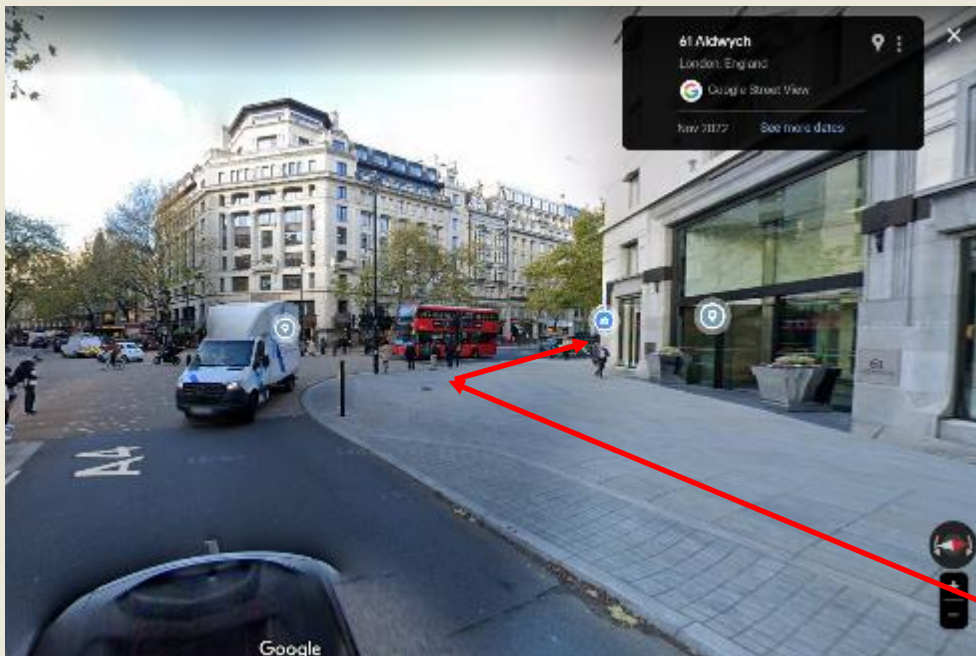
Step 2

Overview – Lincoln Inn’s Fields. Number 12 Grimmauld Place is the home of the famous Black family and is offered to the Order of the Phoenix as a headquarters in *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*. This area is considered an initial inspiration for the house and some filming was done on the streets. It is largely populated by professionals.

Directions – From Australia House you need to head along the gently curving Aldwych – if you had managed to get inside you would be turning left.

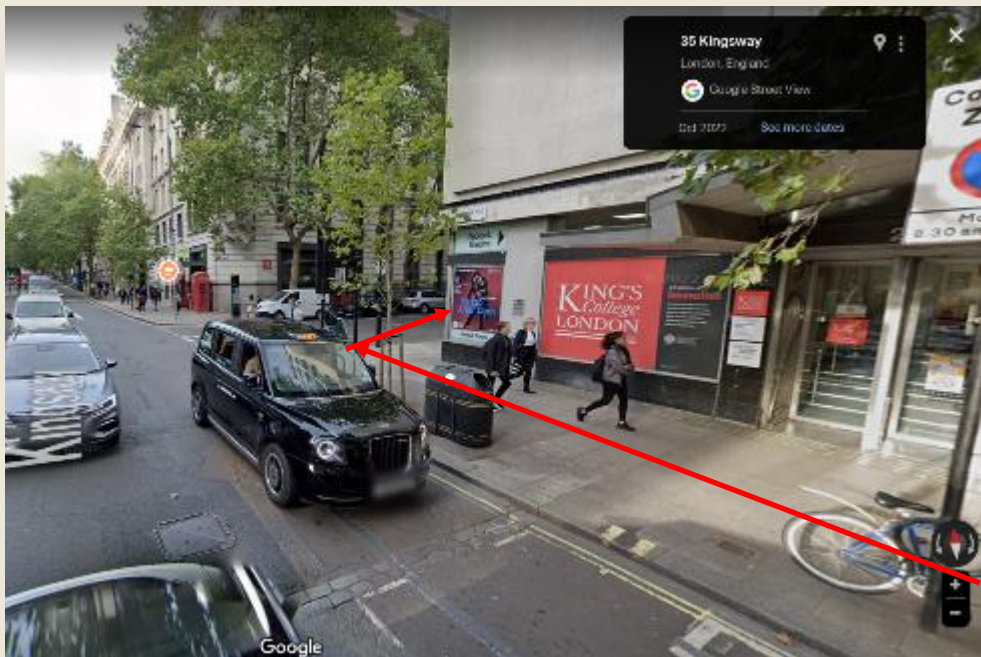


You will pass Melbourne Place on your left and need the next right, Kingsway. It's marked by being opposite Bush House and on the first corner is the Herman Miller showroom.

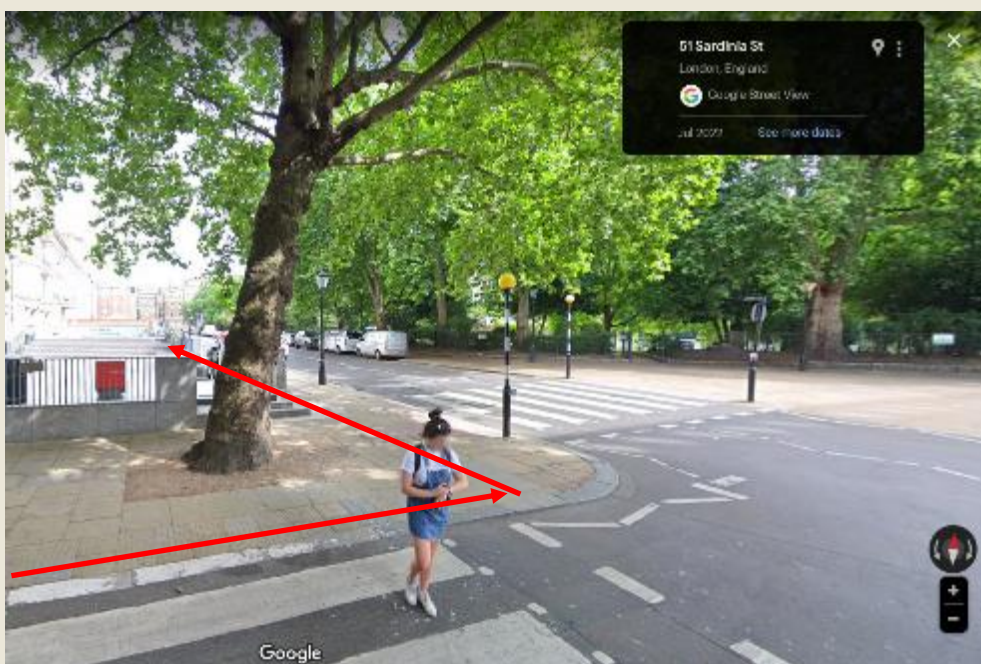


As you walk along you might notice a lower-level road in the middle of the road, running underneath Kingsway. You will pass Portugal Street on your right and need the next right, Sardinia Street.

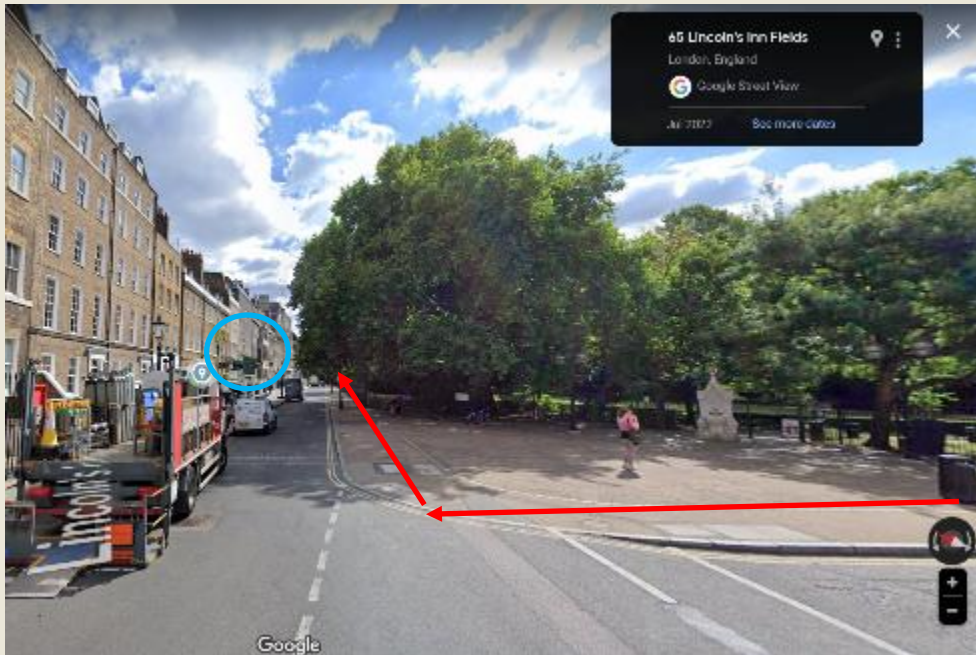
You will find the turn to the right just after King's College and the Peacock theatre.



At the end of Sardinia Street you will come to Lincoln's Inn Fields. You have arrived at the south-west corner and will be leaving via the north-west corner, the diagonal opposite of the square. On arrival turn left.



When you get to the end of the green area (that is to your right), turn right. This stretch is especially familiar for the look of Grimmauld Place (blue circle).



You will now be walking along the north side of Lincoln's Inn Fields. Once you have finished just walk to the end, to the north-east corner of Lincoln's Inn Fields.

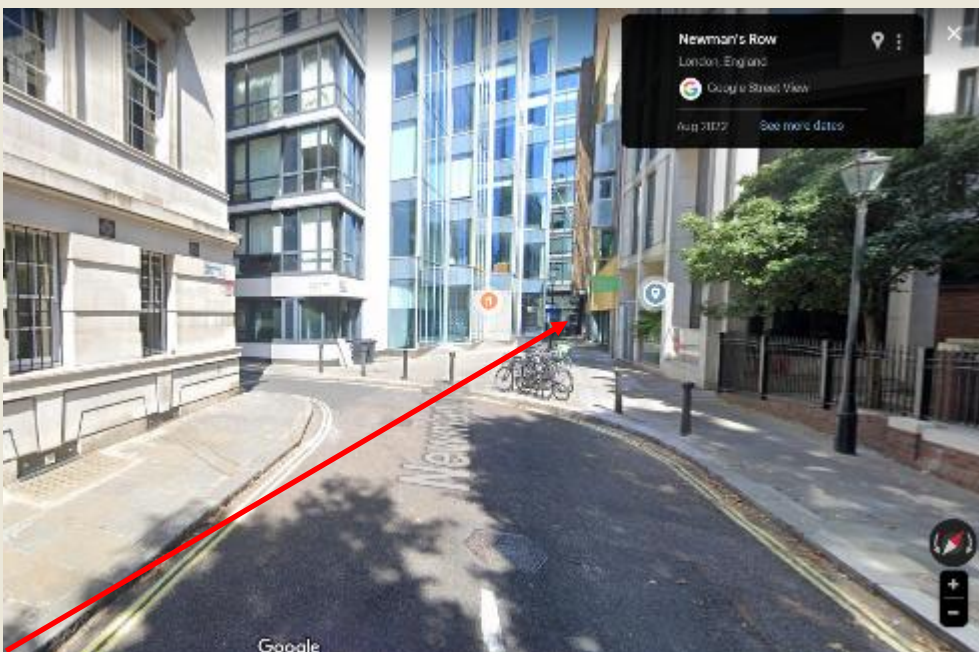
Step 3

Overview – St. Paul’s Cathedral. The geometrical staircase within St. Paul’s is seen in *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* that Harry uses to get to Professor Trelawney’s Divination class. You have to go inside to view it and there is an admission charge.

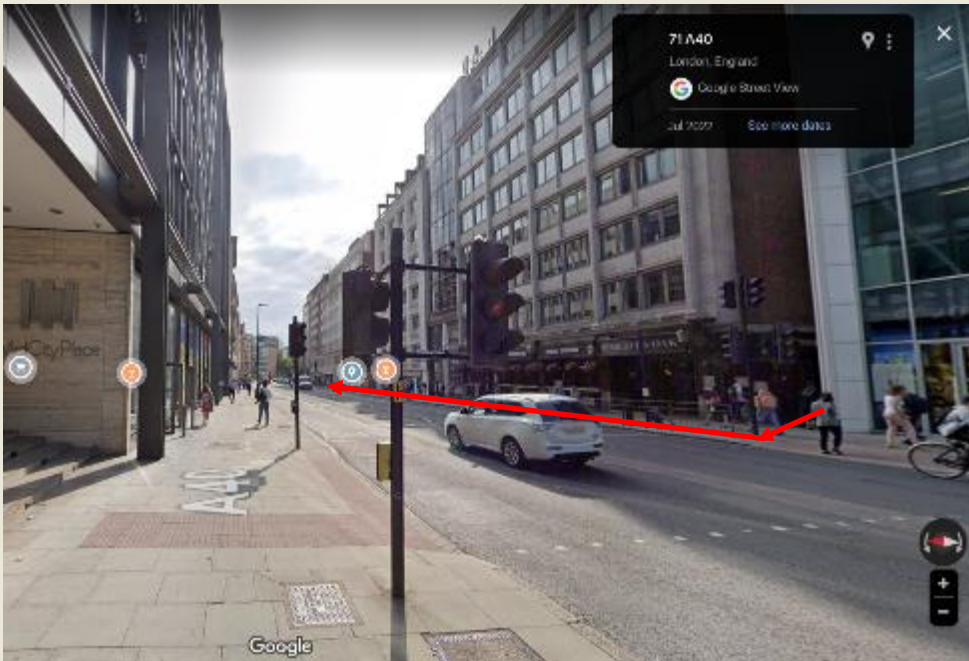
Directions - At the end of the north side of Lincoln’s Inn Fields you need to turn left onto Newman’s Row.



It's a short length of street and the road will bend to the left. Instead you need to go straight into a passage called Great Turnstile.

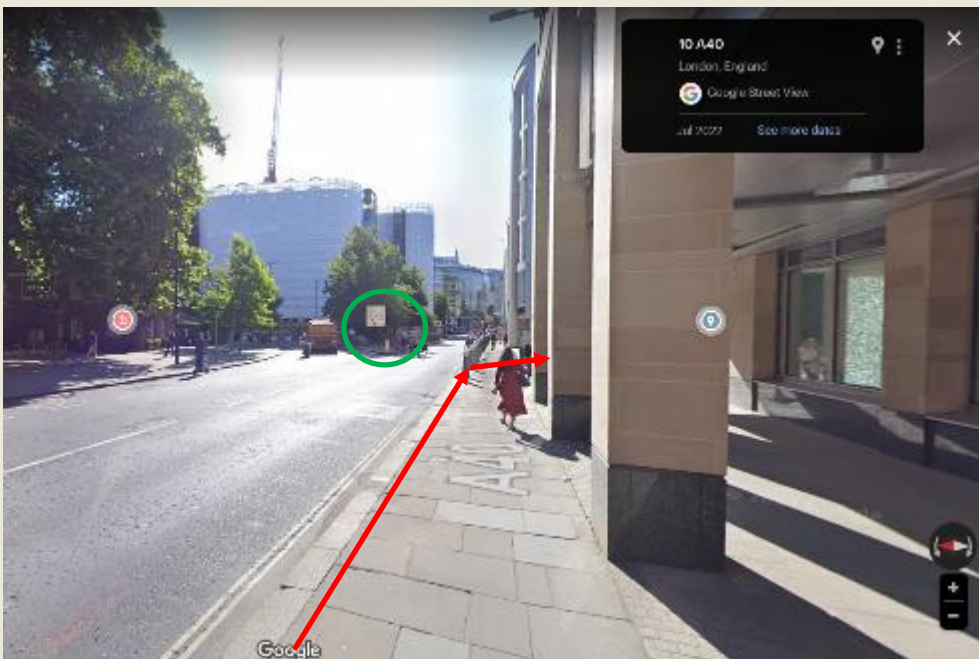


Follow the passage and it will quickly come out onto High Holborn.

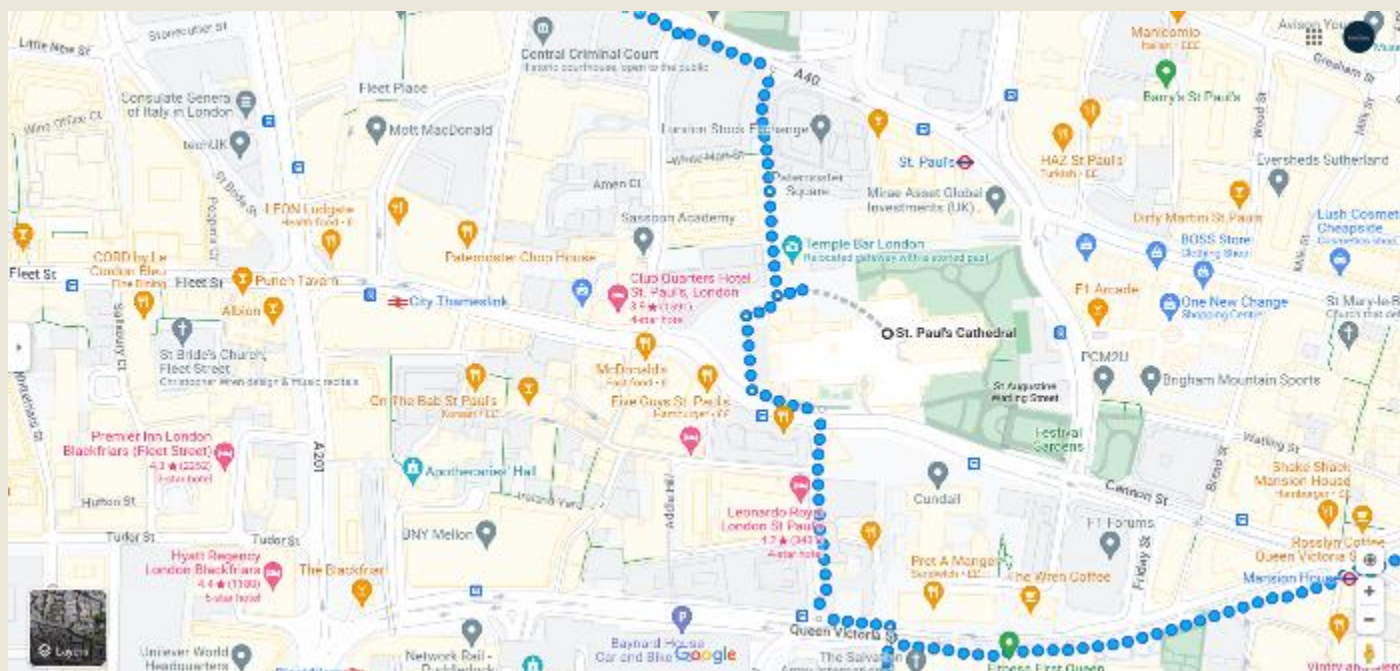


Just follow High Holborn for a while – you will pass Chancery Lane Underground station, cross Hatton Garden/New Fetter Lane. The road will change name to Holborn Viaduct and you will use that to go over Farringdon Street. You will then cross the Old Bailey/Giltspur Street and the road you are on will change name to Newgate Street.

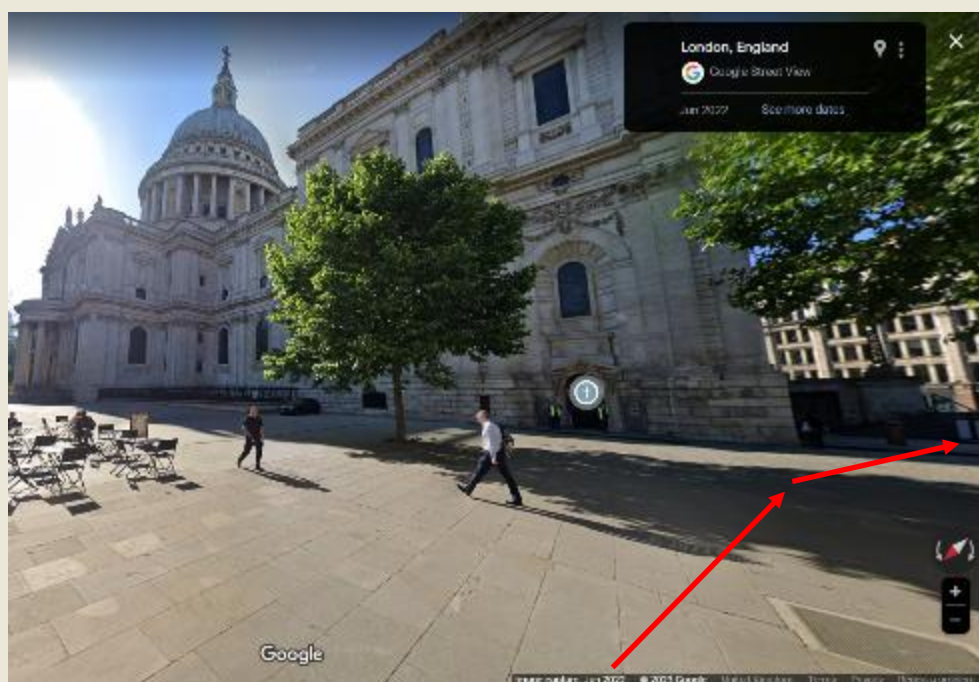
About now you need to move to the right-hand side of the street. You'll pass Warwick Lane on your right and then the road ahead will fork to the left and right. You will take a pedestrian passage to the right, just before that fork, called Rose Street. The fork is marked by a green circle.



Here's a close-up map of this section around St. Paul's. The turn from Newgate Street into Rose Street is at the top of the map.



As you head along Rose Street the Cathedral will become quite apparent ahead of you.

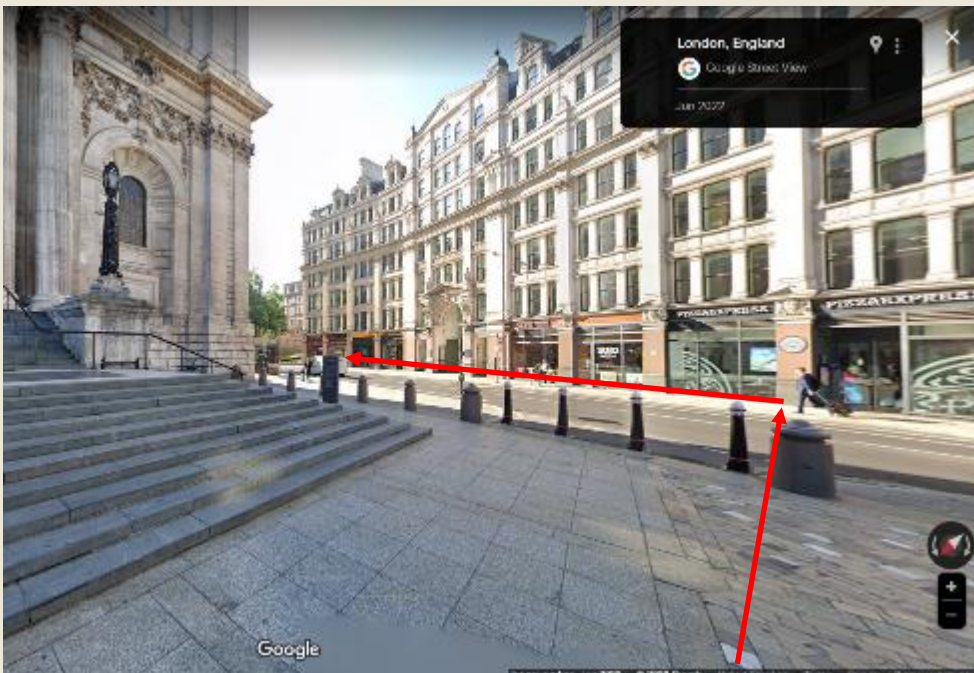


The red arrows above are the route you need to take after the Cathedral, whether going in or not. So, from the way you have come you will pass to the right or western end.

Step 4

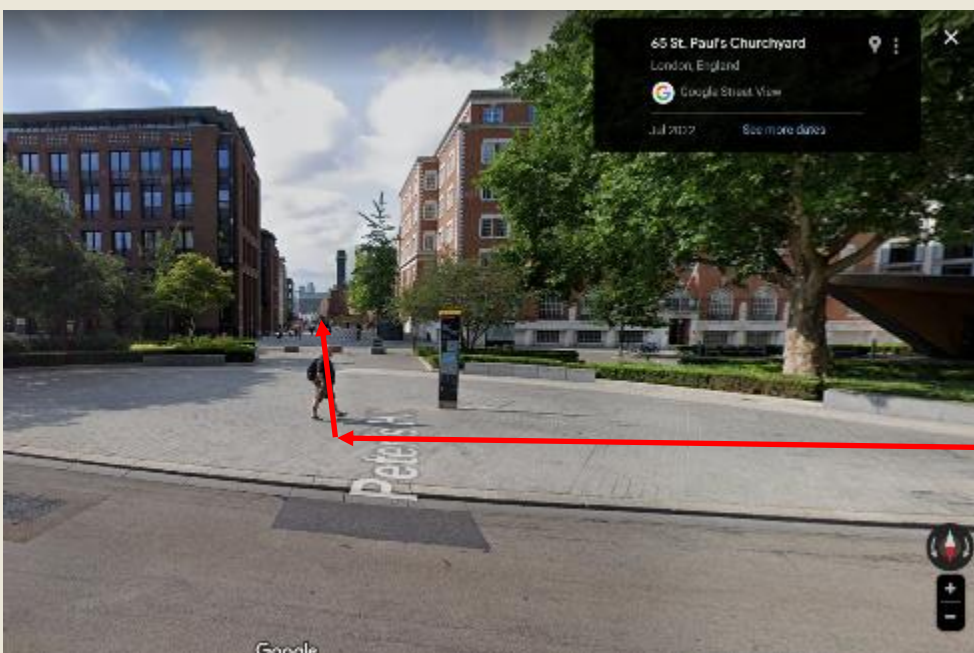
Overview – Millennium Bridge. At the start of *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* there is a dramatic scene as Death Eaters are unleashed on London by Voldemort. He expresses, through them, his dissatisfaction in the Minister for Magic who refuses to resign. It's the first very overt magical attack on the non-magical residents of London. The Millennium Bridge was used in the film (as opposed to the fictional Brockdale Bridge) and has a past of its own – opened in June 2000 it wobbled dramatically and was immediately closed. After a couple more test runs repairs were needed over the next two years.

Directions – If you come round the western end of the Cathedral you will arrive at St. Paul's Churchyard. Cross over and turn left. If you need more than the Cathedral to orientate yourself, you will see a Pizza Express on the other side of the road.



About where the second red arrow above ends you will pass a road to the right (Godliman Street) and then need a wide pedestrian area a little after it, also on the right. At the top of it you will find the Firefighters' Memorial.

At its start it is called Sermon Lane before becoming Peter's Hill. On the way you will cross Queen Victoria Street.



This route is heading to the river and then will go onto Millennium Bridge.



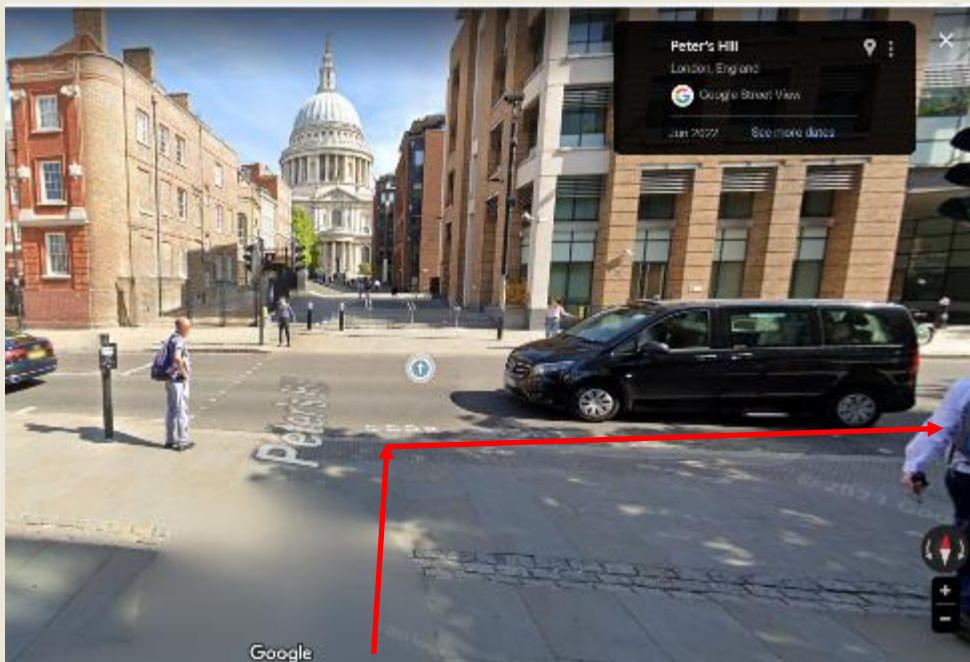
Go as far as you want to, but you will be coming back to St. Paul's Cathedral to continue the route. When you turn around you will get excellent views of the Cathedral.

Step 5

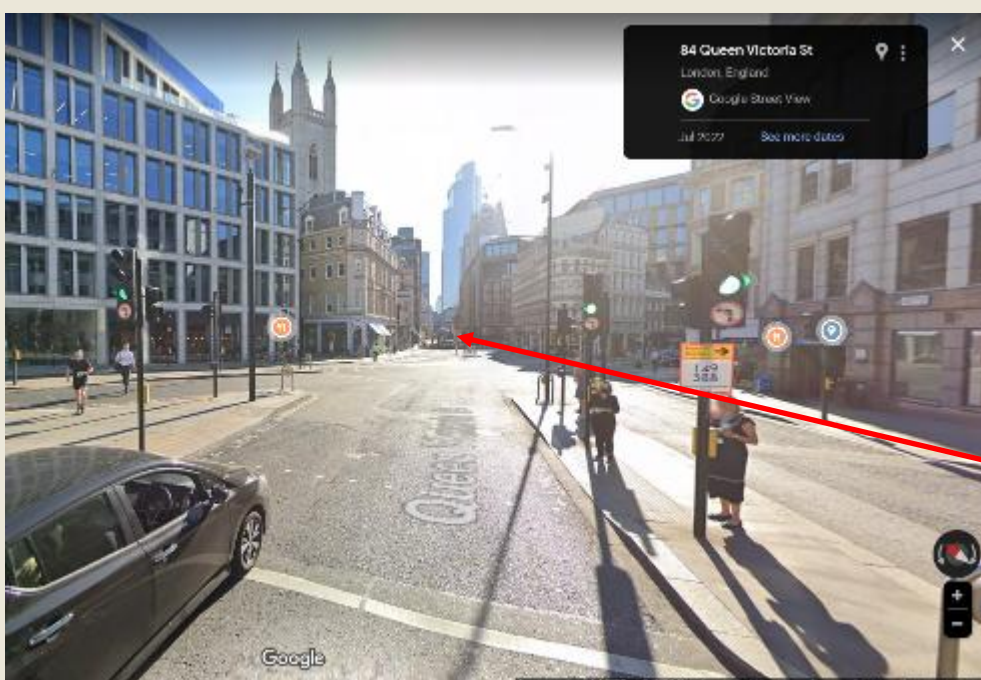
Overview – Leadenhall Market. This ornate partly roofed market area played two roles – Diagon Alley and the Leaky Cauldron. It's not the only place to do either but is worth visiting even if Potter isn't your thing. But looking at the films, the market was used in various areas as Diagon Alley in *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*. In addition, there is one shop that was used as the entrance to the Leaky Cauldron in the same film. If you head to 42 Bull's Head Passage, you will find an opticians and that is the entrance. It's opposite Loch Fyne Seafood.

The market was created in the fourteenth century and the buildings on the site today are mostly late Victorian, so from the late nineteenth century. There is a rule in place that limits company signage and logos, giving the area an older traditional feel.

Directions – Once you have finished at the Millennium Bridge head back towards St. Paul's Cathedral using Peter's Hill. You are now going to turn right when you get to the road you crossed before, Queen Victoria Street.



After a while you will come to a large crossroads in the shape of a X, where you will find Mansion House station. You need to go straight on, still on Queen Victoria Street.



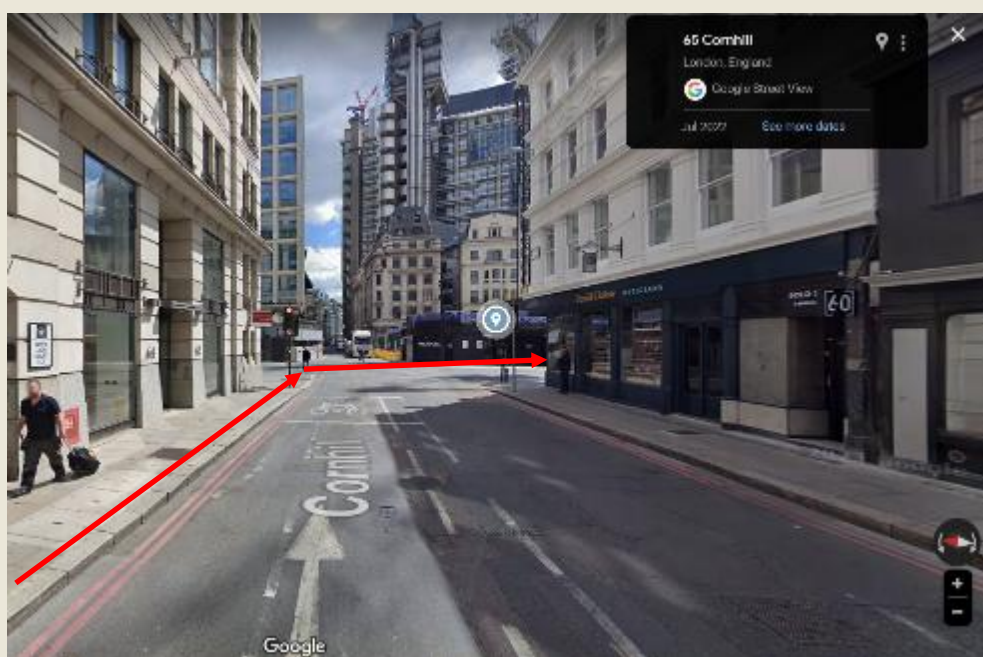
As you leave the crossroads behind you there is a Café Nero on your left and Snappy Snaps on your right.

You will come to another large junction, this time a crossroads with some extra arms. It's also where you will find Bank station. Here you still need to go straight ahead and enter Cornhill.

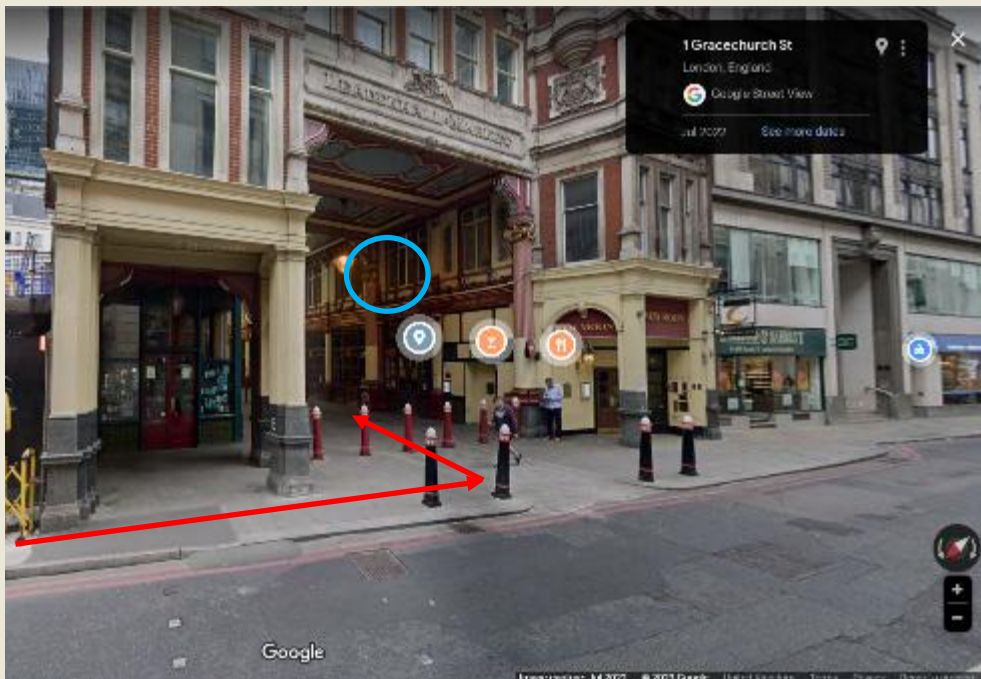


That road runs to the right of the building with the columns, and in front of that building is a statue of the Duke of Wellington. So, keep that to your left as you enter Cornhill. And you'll also find a statue in the middle of the road as you head down Cornhill, of Sir James Henry Greathead.

Follow Cornhill to the next junction and turn right onto Gracechurch Street.



You'll find one of the many entrances to Leadenhall Market very soon on the left.

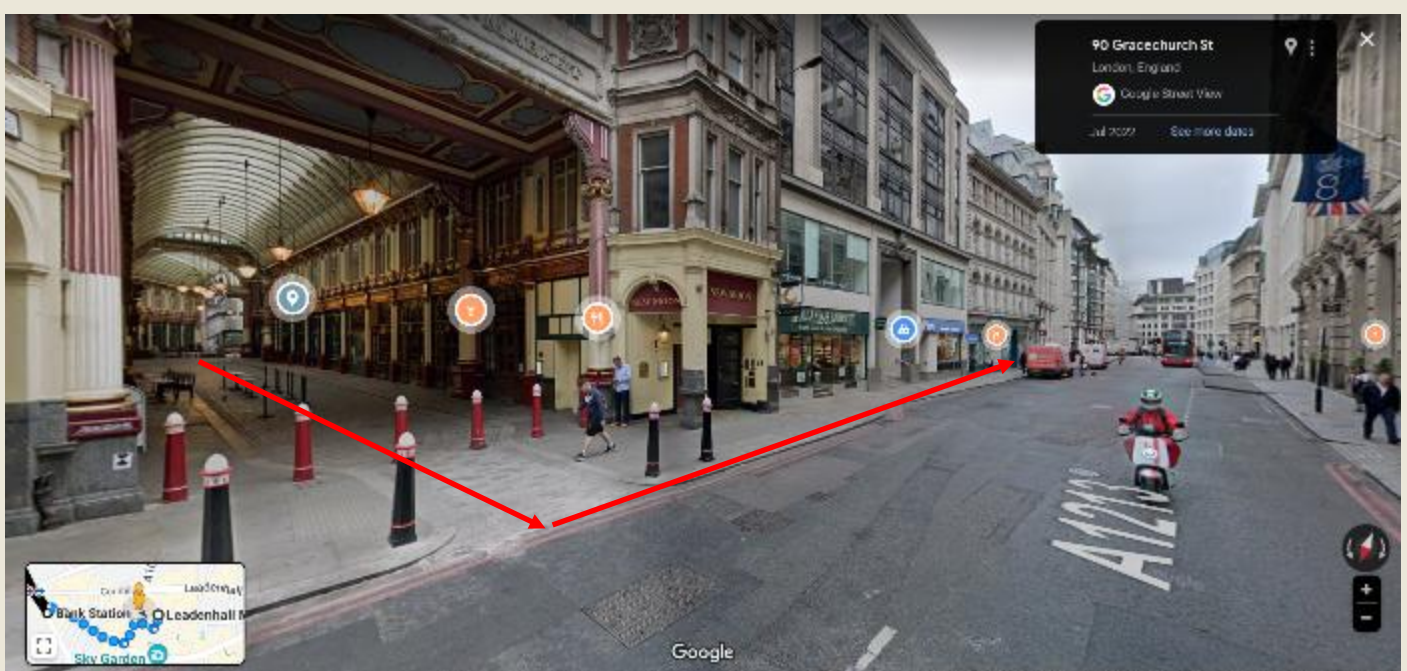


This first passage is called Central Avenue. If you want to explore, just explore. But if you want to find Bull's Head Passage, when you arrive at the centre of the market you then need to turn right onto Lime Street Passage (with Pizza Express on the corner of the right turn). Then Bull's Head Passage will be the second on your right (with Bibimbap on the corner of the right turn).

Once you have finished at Leadenhall Market you will need to take the Underground to Angel station. The easiest route to take is the Northern line from Bank station. You did pass one of the many entrances to the station earlier, but we are going to head for a different one.

You might decide it's easier to head out of Leadenhall Market the same way you came in – if so, turn left onto Gracechurch Street. And if you went to Bull's Head Passage last and are now ready to go you can also use that to get out to Gracechurch Street – again, you would turn left.

Here's the view of coming out of the entrance you used earlier.



Here is the view along Bull's Head Passage from the opticians – it's on the right, Loch Fyne Seafood on the left.



You are then looking for the next proper road on the right, Lombard Street. On the corners are New Look and TK Maxx.



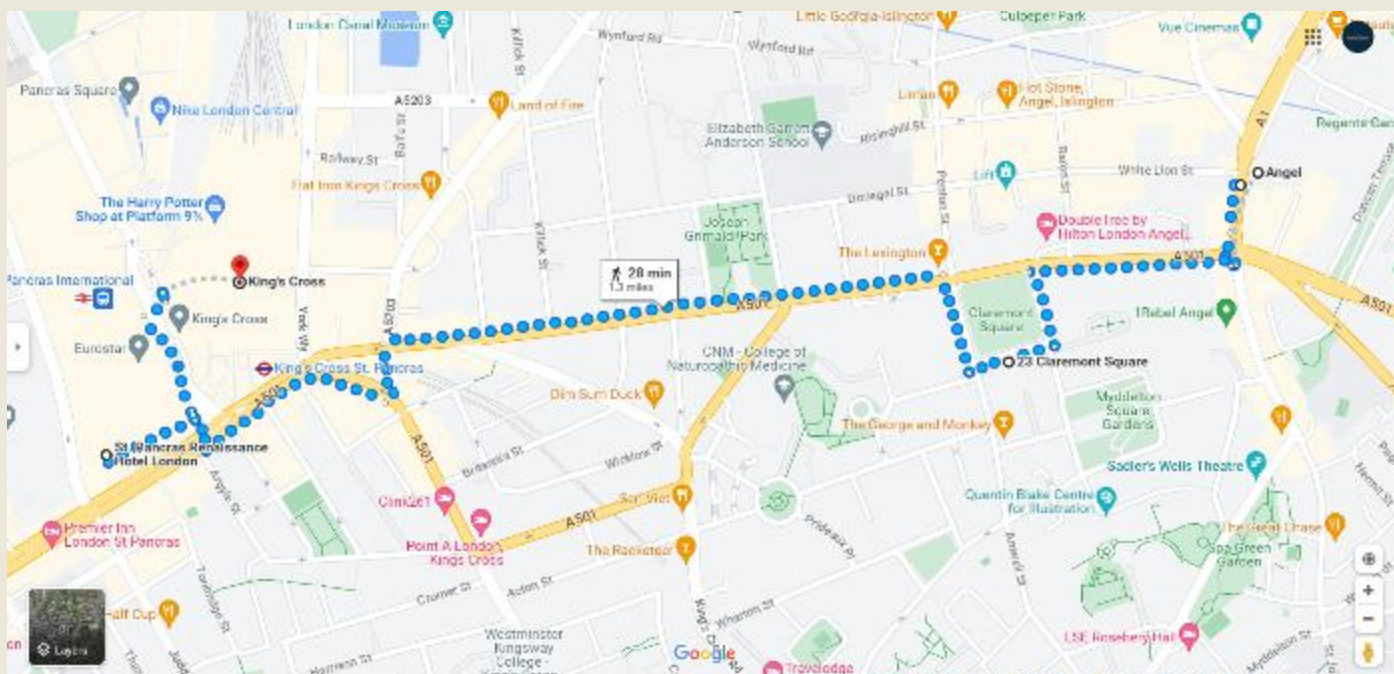
You will pass a couple of streets to the left and right but just need to keep on Lombard Street until comes to the following point and you can see the Underground (red circle). This is just after you pass Pope's Head Passage on the right.



Within Bank Underground station you need to head for the Northern line. Take that 3 stops to Angel, taking about 5 minutes.

On arrival at Angel head for the Islington High Street exit.

Here is a new map for the second section of this walk.



Step 6

Overview – Claremont Square. We've already mentioned 12 Grimmauld Place, the Black home and then base for the Order of the Phoenix. And at 23-29 Claremont Square you can stand in front of the buildings and just keep hoping that it will appear in front of you. And interestingly you'll find that 11 Claremont Square is next to 13.

Directions – Starting at Angel Underground station you need to turn left onto Islington High Street.



You will quickly come to a large junction where it meets Pentonville Road and need to turn right.



Just head along there and then take the next left, Claremont Square.



You will have the Square itself to your right so will turn right along the southern side and it is here you will find numbers 23-29.



Just keep going along the south side of the Square once you have done.

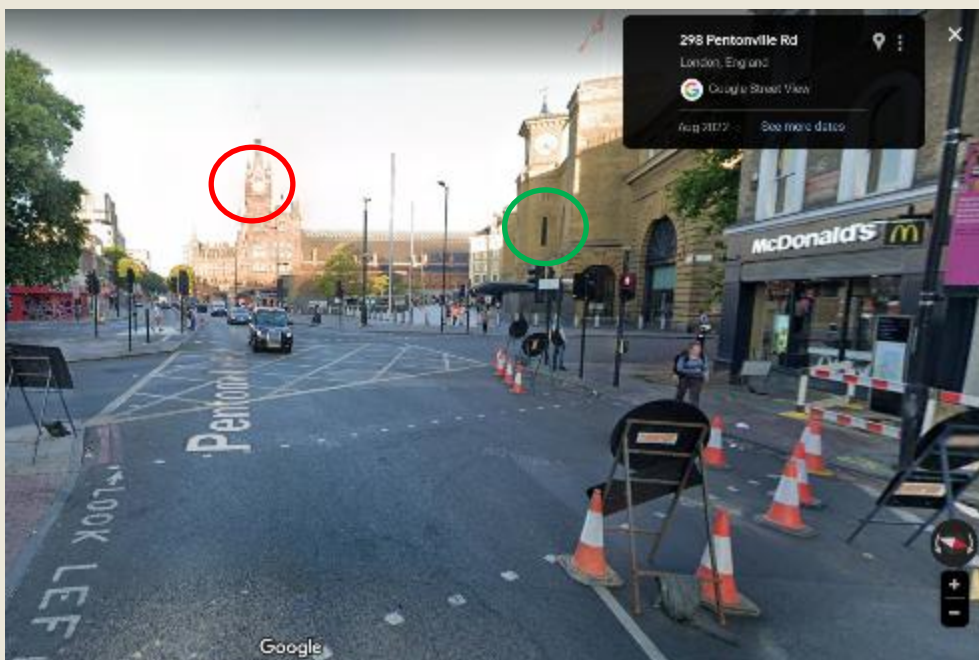
Step 7

Overview – St. Pancras. In *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* Harry finds he can't get through the portal in the brick wall to make his way to platform 9 and $\frac{3}{4}$ s. Ron comes up with a plan to use the family magical Ford Anglia and he picks Harry up outside of St. Pancras station.

Directions – From the south side of Claremont Square keep going and then, at the end of the greenery of the Square to your right, turn right along the west side of Claremont Square. You will then come back to Pentonville Road. You will find a Safe Store on the left corner. Turn left there.

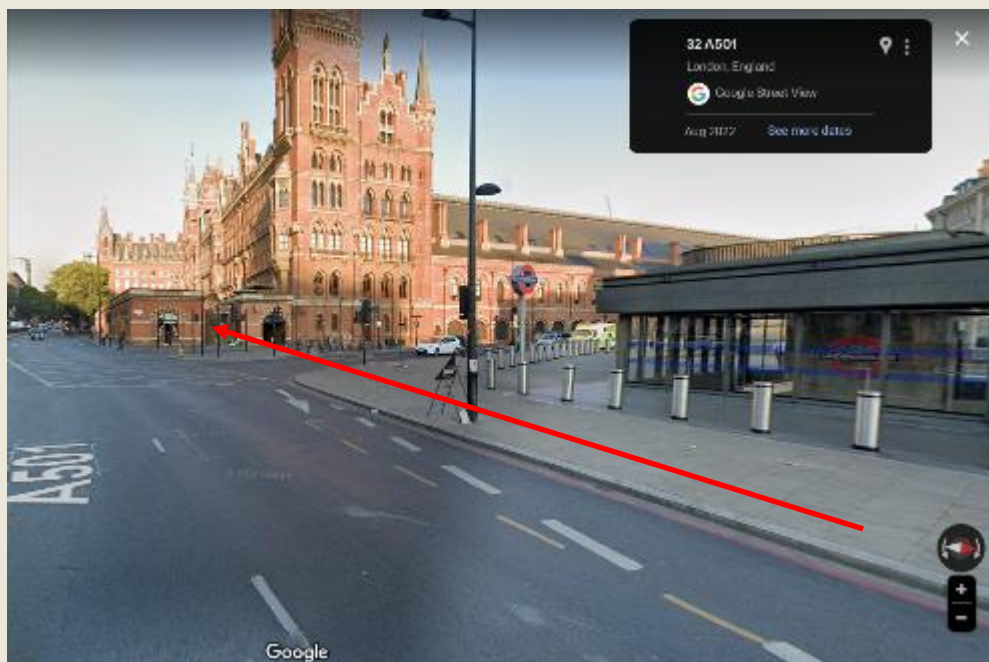


Just keep going along Pentonville Road for a while until it meets a large junction, passing different roads to the left and right as you go along. When you get to the large junction you need to continue straight, although in doing so the straight-ahead road does take a slight deviation to the left, as it also changes its name to Euston Road. The grand building (red circle) is where you are heading for.

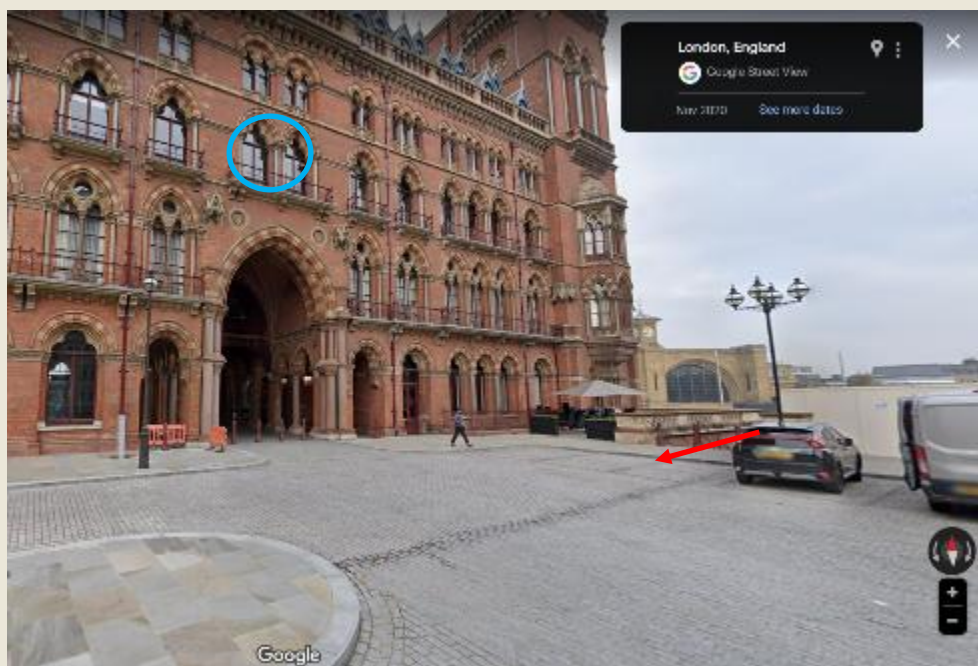


Just after entering Euston Road you will have the broad entrance of King's Cross station to the right (green circle above). Do get over to that side of the road when you can. You are still heading for St. Pancras (red circle above).

Go past King's Cross station and you will come to a road called St. Pancras Road. Cross it and head for the steps up as shown below.



At the top of those stairs, you will be right outside St. Pancras so look out for Ford Anglias.



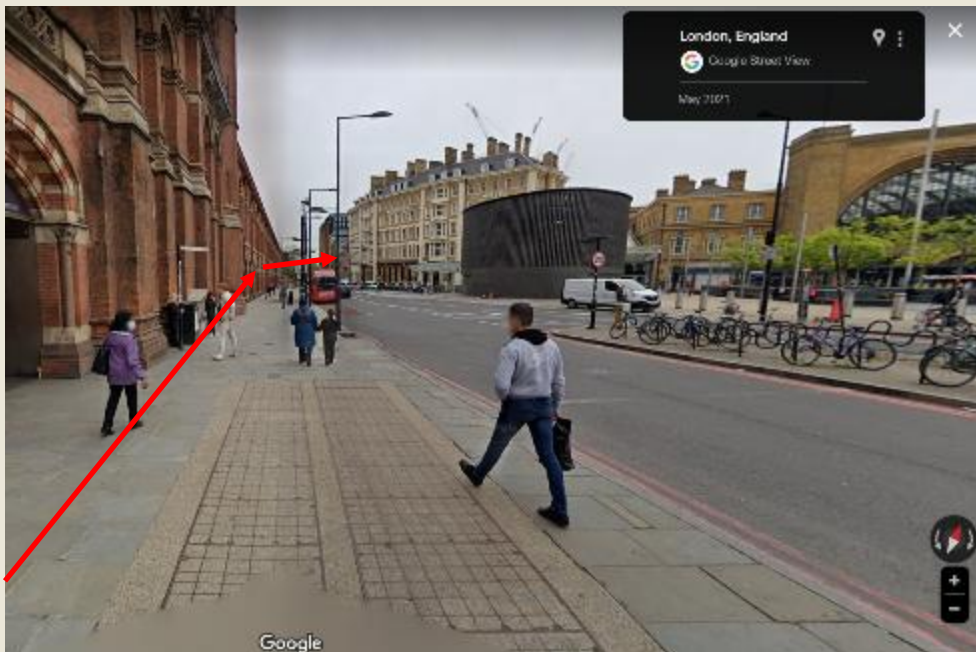
Once you have finished you will be heading back down the steps you just used.

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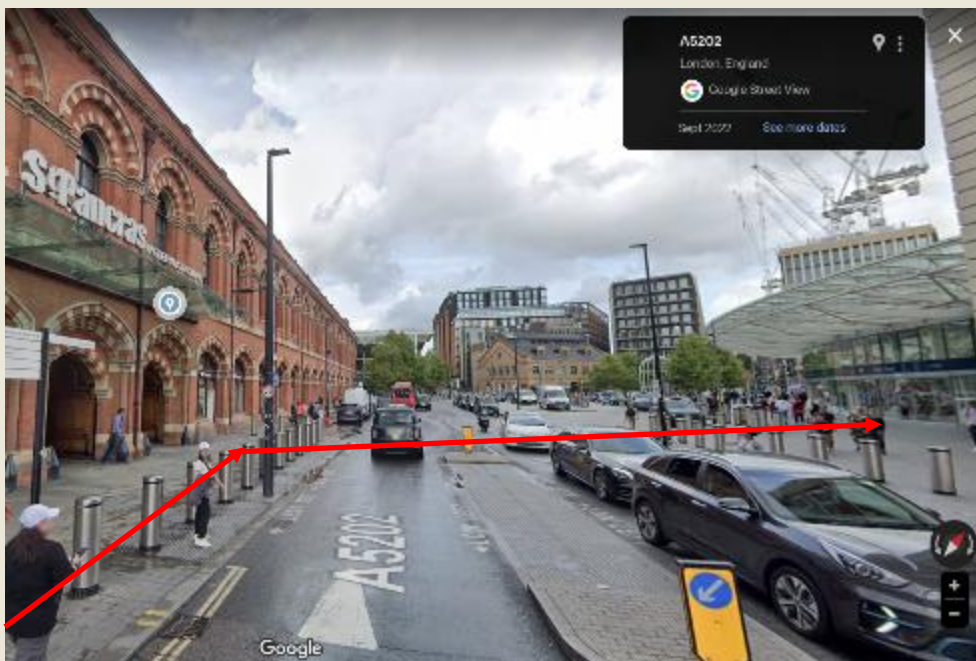
Overview – Platform 9 and $\frac{3}{4}$ s. All trips to Hogwarts are meant to start from King's Cross station after accessing the magical platform. And now you have your own chance to re-enact the process. With the station you will find a queue that is waiting to get a photo opportunity of pushing a luggage trolley through the wall.

Do note there can be quite a queue to get your own picture – at busy times it is outside the station entrance.

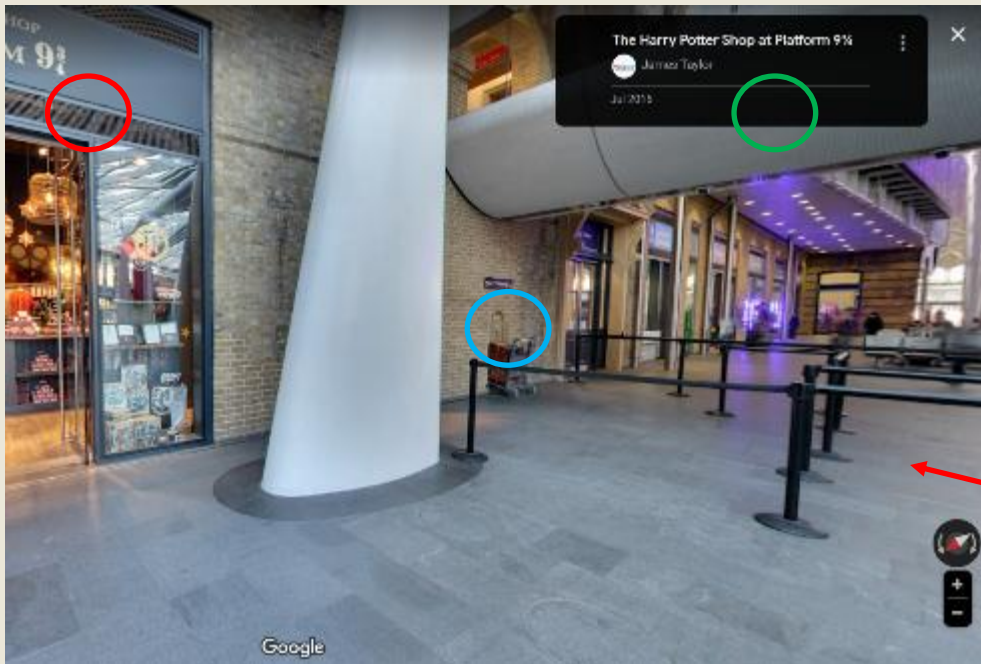
Directions – From St. Pancras head back down the steps. At the bottom this will be the view and you need to turn left along St. Pancras Road and then cross to the right.



The point to cross is just after the buildings you can see above – and on your left side you will see the entrance to St. Pancras International. Here's a close-up of the crossing.



After going into the entrance drift off to the left and you will find the snaking queue for the photo opportunity. The following is a rare example of the location without any people. To the left is the shop mentioned (red circle) and a further way to find it is to follow the first level walkway that you can see (green circle).



And that is the end of the walk.

You have finished in King's Cross station and that gives easy access to King's Cross St. Pancras Underground station where you will find Circle, Hammersmith and City, Metropolitan, Northern, Piccadilly and Victoria lines.

You might need tickets for the Warner brothers/Harry Potter Studios or may prefer to do a guided tour of Harry Potter sights in London. For either, there are some links below.

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