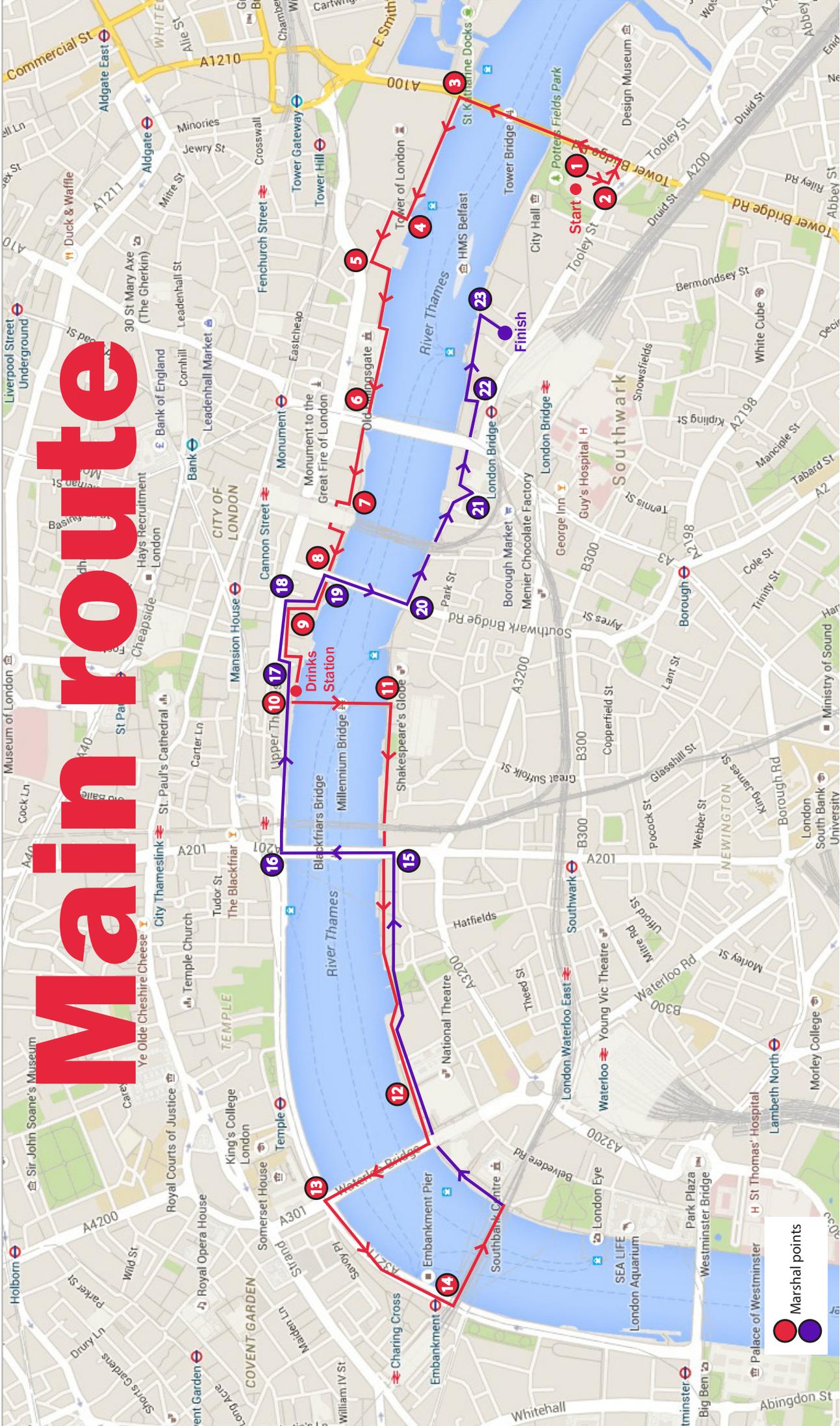


Main route



Marshal points

- Red circle
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Walk Route Directions

Section 1: Potters Fields Park to Millennium Bridge

- Leave Potters Fields Park facing towards Tower Bridge. Turn right onto Duchess Walk. Continue straight and when you reach the end of the road, turn left into Queen Elizabeth Street and walk towards Tower Bridge. Sainsbury's is on your left. Turn left onto Tower Bridge.

Landmark 1: Tower Bridge. The bridge has a total length of 244m or 801ft. Opened in 1894, now restored. Previous restorations have included the Queen's Jubilee in 1977. Over 40,000 people use Tower Bridge every day.

- Cross the bridge south to north. At the end of the bridge, go down the steps. When you reach the bottom, turn left towards the Tower of London. Walk past the barrier at the Tower of London, keeping the river on your left, and continue past Cradle Tower.
- The entrance to the Tower of London and St Thomas' Tower is on your right. Across the river, you can see the Shard, HMS Belfast and Hay's Galleria.

Landmark 2: HMS Belfast. Commissioned shortly before the start of the World War II, the cruiser is now a floating museum. She saw action during that conflict and during the Korean War. HMS Belfast was retired from service in 1963. Now she is the last remaining vessel of her type – one of the largest and most powerful light cruisers ever built.

Landmark 3: The Shard. Western Europe's tallest building is situated near London Bridge. The building is 306m tall, has 11,000 glass panels, 44 lifts and viewing platforms on floors 68, 69 and 72. It is open to the public and has three Restaurants.

- Continue until you reach the Currency Exchange and Tower of London Shops. Bear right and go through the iron gates.

Landmark 4: Tower of London. The Tower is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It has primarily been a fortress, a royal palace and a prison but it has also been put to use as a place of execution and torture, an armoury, a treasury, a zoo and the Royal Mint. There are sculptures of the animals that once lived in the Tower. In 2014, 888,246 ceramic poppies filled the Tower's famous moat, each poppy representing a Commonwealth soldier killed in World War 1.

- Turn left after the gates and take the road between Prêt a Manger and Starbucks. Continue along Lower Thames Street. Take care when walking along the pavement as this can get quite crowded. You will see a multi storey car park on your right. Turn Left into Water Lane. Go to the end, and then turn right keeping the river on your left. Walk through Custom House Walkway. London Bridge is seen ahead.
- Continue straight past Fitness First and the Oyster Shed, continue keeping the river on your left. Turn right at Allhallows Lane and continue through the walk way. Bear left on to Walbrook Wharf when you reach the Bankers Pub. Follow the path round turning right under Fruiterers Passage, this will bring you out to Queenhithe Mosaic. Follow the path up to the road and turn left onto High Timber Street. You will walk past Globe View on your left. Turn left after Broken Wharf and then turn right following the pathway until you reach Millennium Bridge. Go up the stairs to the drinks station.

You have now reached the CRY Drinks Station.

Landmark 5: Millennium Bridge. The bridge opened on June 10, 2000 and was nicknamed the "Wobbly Bridge" because of the unexpected swaying motion. It was swiftly closed and reopened in 2002. The Millennium Bridge has starred in many a film including Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince.

Landmark 6: St Paul's Cathedral. The present cathedral was built between 1675 and 1710 by Sir Christopher Wren to replace the cathedral destroyed by the Great Fire of London in 1666. St Paul's has also been shown in several films, including Mary Poppins, Sherlock Holmes and one of the Harry Potter films.

- Cross Millennium Bridge north to south towards the Tate Modern.

When you reach the end of Millennium Bridge, take the slope down until you are facing the river then turn left. Take care after you come down this slope as there are some steps running alongside the left of the path. Walk along South Bank keeping the river to your right. You will pass the Tate Modern on your left.

Landmark 7: Tate Modern. Tate Modern is housed in the former Bankside Power Station. It is the most visited modern art gallery in the world, with around 4.7 million visitors per year. It is Britain's national museum of modern art, with collections dating from 1900. A new 10 storey building has been created behind the original power station and will open on 17 June 2016.

There are free toilets in the Tate Modern that you can use.

- Continue along the pathway and go under Blackfriars Bridge. Continue past Gourmet Pizza, ITV This Morning Studios, The OXO Tower and the National Theatre. Turn left after the National Theatre and go up the stairs of Waterloo Bridge. Cross the Bridge South to North.
- Continue over the bridge until you reach the stairs. Go down the stairs. You will see Somerset House. Turn right at the bottom of the stairs and continue under the bridge. Cross the road. Take care when crossing the road. Continue along past Victoria Embankment Gardens. You will also see Embankment station on your right. You will now arrive at Golden Jubilee Bridge. Go up the stairs and cross Golden Jubilee Bridge North to South. The London Eye can be seen across.

Landmark 8: Somerset House. The building, originally the site of a Tudor palace, was designed by Sir William Chambers in 1776, and further extended with Victorian wings to the east and west. The East Wing forms part of the adjacent Strand campus of King's College London.

Landmark 9: The London Eye. It's the world's tallest cantilevered observation wheel. The 32 capsules on the London Eye are representative of the 32 London boroughs, and each one weighs as much as 1,052,631 pound coins

Landmark 10: The Royal Festival Hall is a 2,500-seat concert, dance and talks venue within Southbank Centre in London.

- Take the 1st set of stairs down to Southbank. Walk along the south bank of the river, keeping the river to your left. Continue along the path past Wagamamas; Strada; Eat; Yo Sushi and Giraffe Restaurants. Continue past the National Film Theatre. Continue walking, going under Waterloo Bridge past the book market on your left and riverfront restaurant on your right. Pass the National Theatre and continue past the National Theatre Bookshop; The Wharf and Gourmet Pizza Company and walk alongside the Oxo Tower. Follow the path keeping the river to your left.

Landmark 11: South Bank Centre. The history of the centre begins with the Festival of Britain, held in 1951 and described by a government minister as a "tonic for the nation". Only the Royal Festival Hall survives from that time.

- Go up the stairs to Blackfriars Bridge. Doggetts pub is on the right. Cross Blackfriars Bridge South to North. Just before you reach the end of the bridge, cross the road to the other side of the bridge and go down the stairs, continuing through the walkway. Continue along St Paul's walk until you reach Broken Wharf House.
- Turn Left at Broken Wharf and turn Right at High Timber Street. Continue a short way then turn right at the sign for Thames Path. Turn left at the end and follow Thames Path East until you reach some stairs. Go up the stairs. At the top turn right onto Southwark Bridge. Cross bridge north to south.
- At the end of the bridge, go down the stairs just before Riverside House. Go through the tunnel under the Bridge. Follow the path and continue towards London Bridge, keeping the river on your left. Pass the Anchor Pub and then bear right. Continue past Nandos then turn left into the road between Wagamama's and Vinopolis. You will pass Clink Prison Museum, Bill's Restaurant and Prêt à Manger on the right and Pickfords Wharf on the left, until you reach the Golden Hinde Ship.
- Turn right at Caffè Nero, which is facing the ship then turn sharp left, keeping Southwark Cathedral on your right. This area is cobbled. Continue towards London Bridge, taking care of traffic towards the approach to London Bridge.

Landmark 12: Southwark Cathedral. The Cathedral and Collegiate Church of St Saviour and St Mary Overie founded in 1106. The site has been a place of Christian worship for more than 1,000 years but has only been a cathedral since 1905.

- Cross to the left side of the road. You will pass the London Bridge Experience which is to your right. Turn left before St Olaf House which will lead you to the Queens Walk. Turn right keeping the river to your left. Continue along towards Hay's Galleria.
- Turn right into Hay's Galleria. We will be situated in Hay's Galleria close to Next and Shackleton House.

Congratulations, well done and thank you

You have now reached the end of the CRY Heart of London Bridges Walk. CRY staff and volunteers will welcome you back and hand you a medal and a drink. There will also be CRY stands with literature and merchandise.