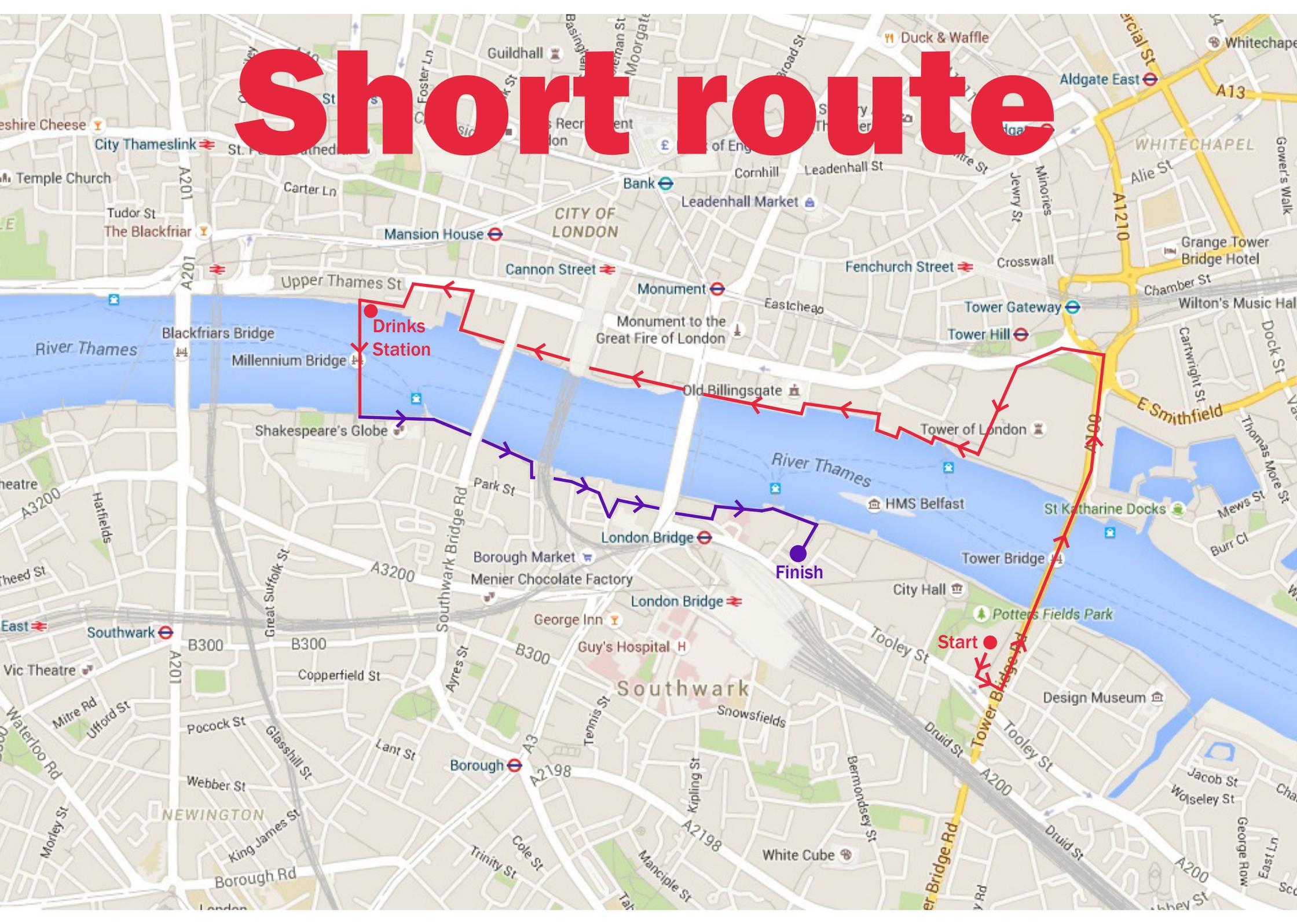


Short route



Drinks Station

Finish

Start

Short Route Walk 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. Continue to the end of the bridge, (**Do not go down the stairs**). When you reach the end of the bridge, follow the moat of the Tower. Turn left onto Tower Hill and continue past the underground station towards the Tower of London. Turn left into the Tower of London cobbled area before Eat.

Landmark 2: 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.

- Continue straight and then turn right at Prêt à Manger. Continue straight 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.
- **Landmark 3: London Bridge.** Several historical bridges named London Bridge have spanned the River Thames between the City of London and Southwark, in central London. The current crossing, which opened to traffic in 1974, is a box girder bridge built from concrete and steel.
- Bear left at the end then turn right at Old Billingsgate Walk which becomes Dark House Walk and follow the path. You will see HMS Belfast and the Shard across the river. Continue until you see the sign for Thames Path West on the low wall to your right, take this turning and follow the pathway. Continue straight past the spiral staircase. Fitness First is on your right.

Landmark 4: 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 5: 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.

- The Oyster Shed will be on your right, 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. **There is a lift for buggies and wheelchairs. You have now reached just over halfway.**
- Take the lift or stairs up to Millennium Bridge. At the top of the bridge, you will see the CRY Drinks Station. Cross Millennium Bridge north to south towards the Tate Modern.

Landmark 6: 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 7: 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.

Section 2: Millennium Bridge to Hay's Galleria

Landmark 8: 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.

When you reach the end of Millennium Bridge, take the slope down until you are facing the river then turn right towards the Globe Theatre. Take care after you come down this slope as there are some steps running alongside the left of the path. Keep left, away from traffic.

Landmark 9: Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. A reconstruction of the Globe Theatre, an Elizabethan playhouse, officially opened in 1997. The theatre was the brainchild of US actor and director, Sam Wanamaker, who set up the Shakespeare Globe Trust in 1970. The Sam Wanamaker Playhouse opened in January 2014.

- Follow the path alongside the river. You will pass the Globe Centre and Theatre, incorporating the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse; Pizza Express; the Real Greek; Zizi and EAT restaurants. There are several construction works along this stretch of the walk, which may be completed by the time of the walk, so please take care. Proceed until you reach Southwark Bridge.
- Continue along the path, past the steps leading up to the Bridge, and walk under Southwark Bridge. **Do not cross this bridge.**
- Turn left after you have walked under the bridge and then turn right. 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.

Landmark 10: The Clink Prison Museum. The Clink Prison Museum is built upon the original site of The Clink Prison, which dating back to 1144 was one of England's oldest and most notorious prisons.

Landmark 11: The Golden Hinde Ship. This is a full-scale reconstruction of Sir Francis Drake's world-famous sailing galleon. The ship is open 7 days a week for self-guided tours. The ship is a registered wedding venue and is available for private and corporate hire.

- 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.