

The Stereoscopic Society -London Meetings September 2026 outing.

A relaxed walk along London's South Bank, taking in modern architecture, riverside and panoramic views, Shakespearean history, and vibrant cultural spots. There are readily available bathrooms and food opportunities. The walk does not include any ticketed entries to venues listed, and although no hard-and-fast rules, timings allow for around 10 minutes on average at points of interest. People are free to make their own arrangements to enter any ticketed venues whilst the rest of the group continues on the walk.

Opportunities for wide angle and hyper-stereos photography, so consider carrying wide angle and telephoto lenses.

NOTE: 'Fall-back' option *If inclement weather*, is a visit to Sir John Soane Museum – see details below.

Route Overview

- The Graffiti Tunnel →London Eye →Royal Festival Hall →National Theatre →
- Gabriel's Wharf →OXO Tower - Level 8 riverside viewing terrace →Tate Morden →
- Bankside →Shakespeare's Globe →Original Globe site →
- The Golden Hind → Southwark Cathedral →Borough Market →
- The Shard → Hay's Galleria → HMS Belfast →More London →Tower Bridge

As a **"Fall-back"** (only in case the weather is truly horrible) we will meet at Holborn Underground Station and walk round the corner into Lincoln's Inn Fields (one of the "Inns of Court") where at number 13 we will find **the Sir John Soane Museum** (free entry). Postcode WC2A 3BP

This is one of London's smaller museums, but it contains the collection of Sir John Soane – a prominent architect, who designed the Bank of England.

Still photography is allowed inside, but its spaces are quite small, so the Beam Pro is probably the camera of choice, in the, hopefully unlikely, case that we have to go with this option.

South Bank to Tower Bridge Walk, with iconic views and photography opportunities.

Saturday 12th September 2026

Distance: Approximately 3.5 miles **Pace:** Gentle relaxed stroll. **Duration:** approximately 4 and 1/2 hours.

• **Meet at 10:15 AM for 10:30 AM start** • **Location: The National Windrush Monument.** Waterloo Station, London, SE1 8SW. It is located on the Upper Concourse, near Platform 18

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Route with brief outline of some points of interest.

1. The Graffiti Tunnel – Leake St. With Banksy origins this approx. 180 meters of ever-changing range of art works under Waterloo station is a feast. Every conceivable surface under here is a canvas.

2. London Eye: Lifts passengers 135 metres above the Thames for sweeping skyline views. Its gentle rotation gives a full half hour panorama from Westminster to St Paul's.

3. Southbank Centre & Royal Festival Hall: The Southbank Centre buzzes with music, literature, and performance. The Royal Festival Hall offers world class acoustics and a vibrant riverside foyer. And **National Theatre:** Stages

everything from Shakespeare to bold contemporary drama. Its Brutalist design hides three dynamic auditoriums and lively public spaces.

4. Gabriel's Wharf: A colourful cluster of independent shops and cafés. Its artistic vibe makes it perfect for relaxed browsing.

5. OXO Tower Wharf: This blends design studios, galleries, and dining inside an Art Deco landmark. A free public access terrace on Level 8 (via lifts) offers superb riverside views – which we plan to visit.

6. Tate Modern: A world leading contemporary art museum inside a former power station.

7. Bankside: Very low tides occasionally reveal accessible riverbank. It's a rare chance to stand on the Thames foreshore and see London from water level. **Tides** (12th Sept) Low: 09:45 (0.82 m); High: 15:32 (7.18 m)

8. Shakespeare's Globe: Shakespeare's Globe is a faithful reconstruction of the 1599 playhouse. Its open-air performances recreate the energy of Elizabethan theatre.

9. Site of the Original Globe Theatre (Park Street): The Original Globe site marks where Shakespeare's company first staged classics like *Hamlet*. A simple plaque identifies the footprint of the lost theatre. Nearby is **The Rose Playhouse:** London's first Elizabethan theatre, rediscovered in 1989. [very restricted / ticketed] has preserved foundations of the original playhouse.

10. Drake's The Golden Hind: A full size reconstruction of Drake's 16th-century galleon. Its compact decks reveal how sailors lived during his circumnavigation.

11. Southwark Cathedral (Gothic): A striking Gothic church with over 1,000 years of history. Its calm interior contrasts beautifully with the bustle of the nearby Borough Market.

12. Borough Market: London's oldest food market, famed for artisan produce and global street food. Its Victorian ironwork and lively atmosphere make it a sensory feast.

13. The Shard: Rises 310 metres above London, the tallest building in the UK. Its viewing platforms offer sweeping panoramas across the city and beyond.

14. Hay's Galleria: This restored riverside warehouse with a dramatic glass roof. Its shops and cafés celebrate the area's maritime heritage.

15. HMS Belfast: HMS Belfast is a preserved WWII Royal Navy cruiser moored on the Thames. Its nine decks give a vivid sense of life aboard a wartime ship.

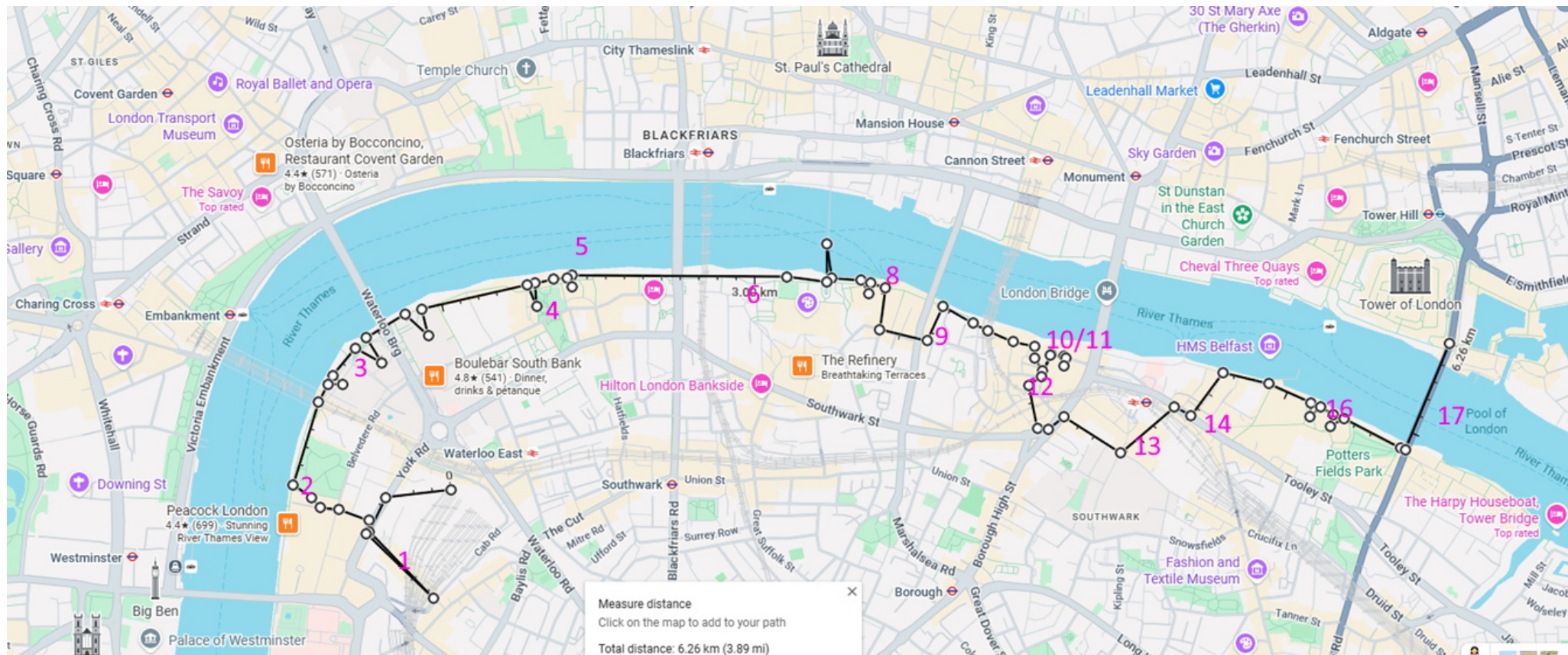
16. More London: An open air amphitheatre for hosting free performances and community events. Its sunken circular design creates a natural gathering space beside the building once used as City Hall.

17. Tower Bridge: London's most iconic river crossing, blending Victorian engineering with Gothic flair. High level glass walkways offer dramatic views of the Thames. Depending on crowds 'on the day' tickets can be purchased (£12-16).

This is where the planned walk ends.

Nearby Train and Tube options from Tower Bridge are:

- Aldgate tube station is 1Km north
- Fenchurch Street Train station is 1Km – north-west
- Tower Hill Tube and Dockland Light Rail is 600 m north
- London Bridge Tube and Train station is ¾ mile / 1.2Km south west of the river.



Shakespeare References (NOTE!! created using AI queries so may not be accurate).

8 Shakespeare's Globe. A faithful reconstruction of the original 1599 Globe Theatre. **Plays connected:** All major Globe productions — *Hamlet*, *Macbeth*, *Othello*, *Twelfth Night*, *Henry V*, *The Tempest*, *Romeo & Juliet*, etc.

- **Site of The Rose Playhouse** 56 Park Street where part excavated remains of the original are. The Rose was the **first Elizabethan theatre on Bankside**, predating the Globe. Shakespeare's early works were staged here. Run by volunteers and only opens for specific events so nothing to see! **Plays connected:** *Henry VI*, *Titus Andronicus*, *Romeo & Juliet* (early performances).

9 Original Globe Theatre Site. Park Street -a short detour is the **actual site** of the 1599 Globe and the rebuilt 1614 Globe (after the fire cause by a stage cannon misfiring). A plaque marks the location. **Plays connected:** *Julius Caesar*, *Henry V*, *As You Like It*, *Hamlet*, *King Lear*, *Othello*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Twelfth Night*, *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.

11 Southwark Cathedral 1000 years of history **Plays connected:** Shakespeare's family worshipped here; his brother Edmund Shakespeare is buried here. This was the **spiritual home** of Shakespeare's family in London.

12 Bankside's Historic Theatre District Between the Globe and Borough Market, Bankside was the **entertainment district** of Shakespeare's London — theatres, bear-baiting pits, taverns, and brothels. **Plays connected:** General references to the theatrical world of Shakespeare; - *Hamlet*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Henry IV*.