

<b>DIVERSION 1 SOUTHWARK AND STAMFORD STREET: STOP 11 LONDON EYE: BLOCK 301 – HATTERS FIELD &amp; MARINE SCHOOL</b>	NOTES
(90s)	
<p><i>FX: Alice's Theme – from Alice in Wonderland, by Danny Elfman</i>  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPjICza7JHI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPjICza7JHI</a></p> <p><b>GEORGE</b>          In the London Borough of Southwark, you'll find Stamford Street, home to the Mad Hatter Hotel. Does that name ring any bells?</p> <p><b>TALLY</b>          The Mad Hatter was a character in Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by author Lewis Carroll, but the phrase 'mad as a hatter' predates the novel's release in 1865.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b>          It's thought that the saying <b>is</b> related to hat-making, something this part of London was famed for in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. The hat-makers, or milliners as they were known, often used mercury to produce the felt they used to line many of their hats.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b>          Unfortunately, one of the side effects of long-term exposure to mercury was erethism which can cause bad temper, confusion, loss of memory...and madness. It was regularly referred to as 'mad hatter syndrome', which is presumably where Lewis Carroll got the name.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b>          Other characters in the novel include a talking caterpillar, a cat with a fixed grin, and a singing turtle...it makes you wonder whether the author himself had worn one too many hats!</p> <p><b>BUDDY</b>          As fashions changed, hat-wearing became a thing of the past, and the old hatter's shops disappeared one by one as the area was redeveloped during the 20<sup>th</sup> century.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b>          The Mad Hatter Hotel, however, still stands <b>majestically</b> on Stamford Street-a fitting tribute to the industry that once flourished in Southwark.</p>	<div>MAIN BLOCK</div> <div>DIVERSIONS</div>
<b>DIVERSION 1 SOUTHWARK AND STAMFORD STREET: STOP 11 LONDON EYE: BLOCK 302 – BLACKFRIARS BRIDGE &amp; STATION</b>	NOTES
(120s)	

<p><b>FX: Talking Heads – Take Me To The River</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4azbl96BJY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4azbl96BJY</a></p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> The majestic red, white, and gold bridge you see <b>to your left/to your right/ahead of you/that we're now crossing</b> is known as Blackfriars Bridge.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b> Now, some of you may know the song 'London Bridge is falling down'. Well, they could well have written it about the <b>original</b> Blackfriars Bridge that was built here in 1769. It became eroded to the point of near collapse by the foul waters of the River Fleet.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> In case you thought Tally got her names mixed up, the River Fleet is a tributary of the River Thames, and it joins here under Blackfriars Bridge. It's no more than an small underground river today, but back in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the water was so polluted that it ate away at the bridge's supports.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b> A stronger bridge was built in 1869 with enormous metal arches underneath that allowed boats to travel up and down the river: they're impressive, aren't they?</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> Slap bang next to the road bridge, you'll see a vast <b>metal</b> bridge: this is called Blackfriars <b>Railway</b> Bridge, and the platforms in the station stretch the width of the river.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b> Originally known as St. Paul's Bridge and St. Paul's Railway Station, because of their stunning views of St. Paul's Cathedral, both were renamed Blackfriars in 1937. In case you're wondering <b>why</b>, it was to stop passengers getting confused as there was <b>also</b> a St. Paul's Station on the London Underground.</p> <p><b>FX: 'Mind the gap'</b></p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> This bridge was built in 1884, but <b>next</b> to it you'll see the old metal supports of the original railway bridge which was built in the 1860s. The first bridge was only used for 20 or so years because it wasn't robust enough to cope with the heavier, more modern trains being introduced to the railways.</p> <p><b>FX: Oasis - She's Electric</b> (they sing 'She's Electric' at 25" so would be good to get this in as Buddy finishes speaking.) <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9JZWhjQDvc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9JZWhjQDvc</a></p> <p>Buddy, I know you're bursting to tell us a fact...what have you got?</p>	<p>MAIN BLOCK</p> <p>DIVERSIONS</p>
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<p><b>BUDDY</b></p> <p>Back in 2014, the <b>roof</b> of Blackfriars Railway Bridge was covered with 4400 solar panels, making it the world's largest solar bridge at the time. The energy produced goes a long way to powering the entire railway station...they generate enough power each year to boil over 300,000 kettles.</p> <p><i><b>FX:</b> kettle whistle to end the block.</i></p>	
<p><b>DIVERSION 1 SOUTHWARK AND STAMFORD STREET: STOP 11 LONDON EYE: BLOCK 303 – TATE MODERN</b> <b>(120s)</b></p> <p><i><b>FX:</b> Sweets for my sweet (instrumental) – Steve Reynolds and Dave Monk</i> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqsBh4Kb1SQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqsBh4Kb1SQ</a></p> <p><b>GEORGE</b></p> <p>The world-famous Tate Modern gallery sits proudly within what was once Bankside Power Station. Buddy, what can you tell us?</p> <p><b>BUDDY</b></p> <p>Completed in 1963, the power station was designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott...now, does anyone on the Big Bus know what <b>he</b> was most famous for? I'll give you a clue...</p> <p><i><b>FX:</b> old-fashioned telephone rings</i></p> <p>That's right-all those bright red phone boxes you see around London, well, he came up with that striking design too.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b></p> <p>Bankside Power Station competed with Westminster Abbey in size, and it originally housed massive turbines in a hall some 35 metres tall. By 1981, other, larger power stations outside of the city were generating electricity so the building was surplus to requirements-and a new owner was sought.</p> <p><i><b>FX:</b> the pouring of a cup of tea, and a double tap of a teaspoon on a cup</i> <i><b>FX:</b> Len – Steal my sunshine (instrumental from 2000)</i> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gDeVv9fz58c">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gDeVv9fz58c</a></p> <p><b>TALLY</b></p> <p>The Tate family were most famous in the UK for producing Tate and Lyle sugar cubes, but in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, when sweet-toothed Henry Tate gave his extensive artwork collection to the nation, and a nice chunk of money, the Tate Gallery was born.</p>	<p>NOTES</p> <p>MAIN BLOCK</p> <p>DIVERSIONS</p>

<p><b>GEORGE</b></p> <p>There are 4 Tate Galleries in the UK: there's this one, known as Tate Modern. Then there's the original Tate Britain in Westminster, Tate Liverpool in...you guessed it, Liverpool and Tate St. Ives in Cornwall.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b></p> <p>If you're heading to the Tate Modern, you'll be pleased to know that it's free to get in, so it doesn't cost a penny to see famous works by artists including Pablo Picasso, Jackson Pollock, and Andy Warhol.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b></p> <p>The gallery is proud to be one of the UK's top 5 places to visit, and over 40 million people have been since it opened at the turn of the millennium.</p> <p><b>BUDDY</b></p> <p>One final thing you might like to know: the famous power station <b>chimney</b> stands 99 metres tall and was deliberately designed to be <b>shorter</b> in height than the majestic dome atop St. Paul's Cathedral.</p>	
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<p><b>DIVERSION 1 SOUTHWARK AND STAMFORD STREET: STOP 11 LONDON EYE: BLOCK 304 – GLOBE THEATRE &amp; SHAKESPERIAN LONDON</b></p> <p><b>(120s)</b></p>	NOTES
<p><i><b>FX: The Crazy World of Arthur Brown – Fire (instrumental)</b></i></p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RgQ4ObgrtBU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RgQ4ObgrtBU</a></p> <p><b>GEORGE</b></p> <p>Now, if there's one thing we Londoners have been famed for over the years, it's <b>accidentally</b> burning things down. Even before the Great Fire was <b>accidentally</b> started by a baker in 1666, our ancestors were busy burning stuff.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b></p> <p>So, you'd be right in thinking that the Globe Theatre you see today <b>isn't</b> the original. It's actually the third! The first opened in 1599 but was, you guessed it, burned down in 1613 when the thatched roof was <b>accidentally</b> set ablaze by a cannon.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b></p>	<p>MAIN BLOCK</p> <p>DIVERSIONS</p>

It occurred whilst the audience were enjoying the play Henry VIII by dramatist William Shakespeare, and the building apparently burned to the ground in next to no time.

**FX: Byrd – Monsieurs Alman** (start at 5'12" into the track).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aqkt6QUpwyk>

**TALLY**

Now, there's a bizarre story about the first Globe Theatre-Buddy, what can you tell us?

**BUDDY**

Well, the building itself wasn't originally **at** this site: it was built on rented land in Shoreditch by a theatre company known as The Lord Chamberlain's Men, of which Shakespeare was a member. When the landlord cancelled the contract, members of the group took their theatre down by dark of night until they found a new plot on which to rebuild it.

**GEORGE**

That plot was south of the river, in Southwark, which was becoming famous for its' theatres and entertainment. The council north of the river was **not** keen on theatre: they saw the plays by Shakespeare and his fellow dramatists as frivolous fun enjoyed by indecent people!

**TALLY**

And that's **saying** something when you consider Elizabethan Londoners were often treated to the public spectacle of hangings and beheadings.

**BUDDY**

Anyway, back to the smouldering remains of the burned-down theatre. With typical British stoicism, they built a second Globe Theatre...which was duly closed down in 1642 by Oliver Cromwell and his fun-spoiling Puritans.

**TALLY**

The third, and **current** Globe Theatre has an open thatched roof, so if you do go, be sure to take an umbrella-and leave your matches at home.

**FX: striking of a match to end the block**

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<b>DIVERSION 1 SOUTHWARK AND STAMFORD STREET: STOP 11 LONDON EYE: BLOCK 305 – BOROUGH MARKET</b> <b>(45s)</b>	NOTES
<p><i><b>FX: Commodores – Night Shift</b></i> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sG37S8C9Iyw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sG37S8C9Iyw</a></p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> If anyone on the Big Bus is suffering with jetlag and struggling to get to sleep after a long flight, spare a thought for the traders at Borough Market, as their weekday <b>starts</b> at 2am!</p> <p><b>TALLY</b> But before you hop out of bed and head down for some jellied eels, the market itself doesn't open to the public until 10 am during the week-it's just the traders and their delivery drivers who work through the night.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> It's because of this early start that The Market Porter pub starts pulling the pints at 6 in the morning: whilst most of us are getting out of bed, the traders have almost put in a full day and are ready for a thirst-quenching beer.</p>	MAIN BLOCK  DIVERSIONS
<b>DIVERSION 2 SHAFTESBURY AVENUE: STOP 6 REGENTS STREET: BLOCK 306 – THEATRES</b> <b>(120s)</b>	NOTES

<p><b>GEORGE</b> You may have heard us talking about the famous playwright, William Shakespeare, on the Big Bus. Well, it wasn't just The Bard who entertained people in London's theatres over the centuries.</p> <p><b>FX: Ethel Merman – There's no business like show business</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PliQMsDQ0Uo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PliQMsDQ0Uo</a></p> <p><b>TALLY</b> The Theatre Royal Drury Lane was one of the city's first theatres, and it was built in 1660 in the part of town now famously known as London's West End.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> Today, there are over 40 incredible theatres to choose from, and people flock from across the world to see live shows, plays, musicals, and comedy performances.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b> Theatre has been at the heart of London since Elizabethan times, as Queen Elizabeth I was a big fan of the arts, but in the 18<sup>th</sup> century new productions had to be given the all-clear by the Lord Chamberlain as anti-government satires were all the rage on stage.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> This Licensing Act, later known as The Theatres Act only allowed approved spoken dramas to be performed at London's two main theatres-but the Lord Chamberlain <b>didn't</b> count on us Londoners finding a loophole...</p> <p><b>TALLY</b> ...ooh, we just <b>love</b> a loophole, and if you're wondering what a loophole <b>is</b>, it's a legal way to beat the system!</p> <p><b>FX: Les Misérables - I dreamed a dream / One more day (fade in towards the finale, and the audience cheer &lt;approximately 6'25"&gt;)</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wHdtwKCGzZU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wHdtwKCGzZU</a></p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> Yes, London's theatre impresarios worked out that by including <b>musical</b> sections within their spoken word shows, they could 'follow the rules', loosely!</p> <p><b>TALLY</b> The musical was born, and when the Theatres Act was finally repealed in 1968 it signalled the birth of the lavish West End productions we know and love today.</p> <p><b>BUDDY</b> Les Misérables, Phantom of the Opera, Disney's Frozen, The Mousetrap, The Book of Mormon...I could go on, forever!</p>	<p>MAIN BLOCK</p> <p>DIVERSIONS</p>
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<b>TALLY</b> If you're wanting to see a show, but don't know which one, or how to get tickets, London Theatres have an official TKTS booth in the heart of Leicester Square.	
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<b>DIVERSION 2 SHAFTESBURY AVENUE: STOP 6 REGENTS STREET: BLOCK 307 – CHINATOWN &amp; SOHO</b> <b>(120s)</b>	NOTES
<i><b>FX: Jay Chou – Fearless instrumental</b> (I've been unable to check whether the lyrics contain any expletives but he is one of China's most famous singers and this track really captures the vibe I'd like to get across)</i> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vlk2GaTyNI0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vlk2GaTyNI0</a>	MAIN BLOCK
<b>TALLY</b> London's Chinatown is one of my favourite places to meet up with friends, and not <b>just</b> for the numerous restaurants and incredible food.	DIVERSIONS
<b>GEORGE</b> Chinatown is in Soho, and you'll find it nestled between Shaftesbury Avenue, Charing Cross Road, Rupert Street, and Leicester Square. It's the beating heart of the city and you can't miss it. The streets are adorned with red and gold lanterns, Chinese lions and dragons-and thousands of tourists with their camera shutters poised, as Chinatown <b>is</b> selfie-central.	
<b>TALLY</b> The place hasn't always looked this way. Before the 1950s, the majority of London's Chinese community lived in the Limehouse area in the East End, but after the Second World War, and the return of soldiers with a new taste for Chinese food, restaurants popped up left, right and centre, and the Chinatown we see today was born.	
<b>GEORGE</b> The local council saw an opportunity to make Chinatown a must-visit destination, so in the 1980s they added much of the street décor you'll find today, like Chinese benches and massive pagodas. Buddy, what have you got for us?	
<b>BUDDY</b> Back in the 1600s, Britain and China became trading partners, and when the boats arrived in port, the Chinese mariners needed a place to stay. Limehouse was close to the docklands and was deemed a convenient place to rest their heads. The board they were	



<p>able to find on terra firma was positively spacious compared to the sleeping quarters on board the boats. London's very first Chinatown was born in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century, and Limehouse was where it remained until the end of World War II.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b></p> <p>Soho itself is only about a square mile in size, but it certainly packs a punch as its streets are littered with superb cafes, bars, restaurants and nightclubs.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b></p> <p>And it's the heart of London's Theatre District so keep your eyes peeled, and your cameras at the ready, as you never know <b>which</b> famous thespians will be treading the boards.</p>	
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DIVERSION 4 HORSEFERRY ROAD: STOP 36 LAMBETH PALACE: BLOCK 308- ORIGIN OF NAME HORSEFERRY ROAD (60s)	NOTES
<p><i><b>FX:</b> the block begins with the sound of horses and carriages heading along a cobbled road. This continues under the opening few paragraphs.</i></p> <p><b>GEORGE</b></p> <p>So, we're <b>now on</b> Horseferry Road, and can anyone on the Big Bus guess how it got <b>that</b> name?</p> <p><b>TALLY</b></p> <p>&lt;Chuckles&gt; That's right, at the end of this road, there was a <b>ferry</b> that carried <b>horses</b> across the River Thames-if only <b>all</b> of London's street names were that easy to explain!</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b></p> <p>And the reason <b>why</b> the horse ferry was needed is pretty straightforward too. The Archbishop of Canterbury chose to build his palace at Lambeth, on the south side of the river, and needed to get to and from the Palace of Westminster.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b></p> <p>Buddy, there's quite a story about the horse ferry isn't there?</p> <p><i><b>FX:</b> we hear splashing sounds, horses, general mayhem and panicked pandemonium</i></p> <p><b>BUDDY</b></p> <p>There certainly is. In 1633, the ferry was so heavily overloaded with Archbishop William Laud's servants, horses, and coaches, that it sank to the bottom of the Thames. The</p>	<p>MAIN BLOCK</p> <p>DIVERSIONS</p>

<p>story has a happy ending, I'm pleased to say, as all of his horses and all of his men managed to swim to safety again.</p> <p><b>FX:</b> <i>coachmen all cheer 'hurrah'.</i></p>	
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DIVERSION 4 HORSEFERRY ROAD: STOP 36 LAMBETH PALACE: BLOCK 309 – LONDON A-Z (60s)	NOTES
<p><b>GEORGE</b> Whilst you're all sitting back and taking in the sights, it's worth sparing a thought for the amazing Phyllis Isabella Pearsall because without her guide, the A to Z of London, our Big Bus tours <b>driver</b> wouldn't have a clue where we were headed.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b> Well, not <b>quite</b> George, technology's moved on, but back in 1936, Phyllis's maps were cutting edge. Buddy, what can you tell us?</p> <p><b>FX:</b> <i>Nancy Sinatra – These boots are made for walking (instrumental)</i> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P03Yyeup53s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P03Yyeup53s</a> <b>FX:</b> <i>as our music plays in the background, we hear the steady footsteps of someone walking the streets with a strident pace.</i></p> <p><b>BUDDY</b> The story is incredible, and it all began when Phyllis got lost whilst navigating by way of an old London map. Now, most of us would go 'darn it' or ask someone for directions, but Phyllis went one step <b>further</b>, well 3000 <b>miles</b> further actually as she walked every one of London's 23,000 streets to compile her very own comprehensive A to Z. Now that's dedication.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> So next time you check your smartphone for directions, think of poor Phyllis and her tired legs.</p>	<p>MAIN BLOCK</p> <p>DIVERSIONS</p>

DIVERSION 4 HORSEFERRY ROAD: STOP 36 LAMBETH PALACE: BLOCK 310 – GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS (90s)	NOTES
<p><i>FX: John Barry - On Her Majesty's Secret Service</i> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AFaJWqVcv8k">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AFaJWqVcv8k</a></p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> Right, here's one for you all your political buffs. What have the Home Office, the UK Border Agency, the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and the Security Service, MI5, all got in common? They're all located here, just off Horseferry Road.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b> Number 2 Marsham Street is only a short walk from Parliament, so the location is perfect for our politicians to 'hop in a taxi' and go about their business.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> The building itself is relatively new, having been completed in 2005, but the site was once home to 3, how shall I put it, architecturally <i>horrible</i> towers known fondly as the 'three ugly sisters'.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b> The buildings did have their good points, however, as it was said they provided the best views of London...mainly because from inside you couldn't see the hideous towers themselves!</p> <p><b>BUDDY</b> You know MI5 is the Security Service, and MI6 is the British Secret Intelligence Service?</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> Yes, MI6-home to fictional spy <i>&lt;in his best Sean Connery voice&gt;</i> 007, Bond, James Bond.</p> <p><b>BUDDY</b> Well, did you know that there was also an MI1, MI2, MI3 and so on, all the way up to at least MI19. Each of the Military Intelligence departments had a specific purpose, like code-breaking, gathering foreign data, map surveillance, and so on. Most of them have been disbanded since the end of the Cold War, but MI5 and MI6 remain.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> <i>&lt;in his best Sean Connery voice&gt;</i> As does 007, License to Kill.</p> <p><b>BUDDY</b> He's not real!</p>	<p>MAIN BLOCK</p> <p>DIVERSIONS</p>

<b>GEORGE</b> Oh.	
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<p><b>DIVERSION 5 VICTORIA STREET: STOP 21 COLLEGE GREEN: BLOCK 311 – CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL</b></p> <p><b>(120s)</b></p>	<p>NOTES</p>
<p><i><b>FX: Henry Hall &amp; his Orchestra – The Teddy Bear’s Picnic</b></i>  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dZANKFxrckU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dZANKFxrckU</a></p> <p><b>GEORGE</b></p> <p>We’re now heading away from Parliament, along Victoria Street, but before we get too far, I thought I’d give you some trivia on College Green. You probably noticed the slightly scrubby bit of grass opposite the Palace of Westminster? It’s a place that many people choose to eat their lunch. Londoners know it as College Green, but its’ <b>actual</b> name is Abingdon Green, and not a lot of people know <b>that</b>!</p> <p><b>TALLY</b></p> <p>Abingdon Green sits beside Abingdon Street, which was once called Dirty Lane. Luckily, they changed the name otherwise College Green would now be known as Dirty Green, and that would be the last place you’d choose to stop for a picnic!</p> <p><i><b>FX: air raid siren, and the approaching sound of warplanes</b></i></p> <p><b>BUDDY</b></p> <p>College Green’s <b>grass</b> is actually the roof of a 2-storey subterranean parking lot. The area was devastated by bombs during the Second World War, and when it was finally redeveloped in 1963, a car park was deemed essential in this congested part of town.</p> <p><i><b>FX: Oh thou who camest from above (start at 11’14”)</b></i>  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=phB7mCL9_CI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=phB7mCL9_CI</a></p> <p><b>GEORGE</b></p> <p>As we head towards Victoria Station, we’ll pass Westminster Cathedral <b>on our left</b>. Not to be confused with the Church of England’s Westminster <b>Abbey</b>, the cathedral is the UK’s main Roman Catholic church, and home to the Archbishop of Westminster.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b></p>	<p>MAIN BLOCK</p> <p>DIVERSIONS</p>

<p>As cathedral's go, it's quite a new one. Although completed in 1903, it <b>couldn't</b> open its' doors until 1910 as canon law says that no place of worship can be consecrated whilst it owes money for the construction. A fundraiser was launched to clear the £70,000 of debt, and the cathedral was consecrated 7 years later meaning worshippers were finally allowed inside.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b></p> <p>The inside of the cathedral is massive, over 5,000 square metres-that's roughly 4 Olympic-sized swimming pools-and it's said to be the 50<sup>th</sup> largest church in the world.</p>	
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<b>DIVERSION 6 STRAND: STOP 8 TRAFALGAR SQUARE: BLOCK 312 – ST MARTIN IN THE FIELDS</b> <b>(70s)</b>	NOTES
<p><b>GEORGE</b></p> <p>As you take in London's architectural splendour on your Big Bus tour, it's worth remembering that our capital city has changed dramatically over the centuries.</p> <p>Today, Trafalgar Square is bustling with people, traffic...and pigeons, but in medieval times, all that was here...was fields.</p> <p><i><b>FX:</b> wonderfully relaxing sounds of nature, cows mooing etc</i></p> <p><b>TALLY</b></p> <p>Which brings us to that wonderful church you can see across the square...</p> <p><i><b>FX:</b> church bell tolls</i></p> <p>...it's called St. Martin in the Fields, mainly because when it was first build, it was <b>exactly</b> that...a church, known as St. Martins, in the middle of the fields.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b></p> <p>St. Martins has been rebuilt several times over the years, and the church we see today was built in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century as the previous one was destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b></p> <p>Today, the church is famed for its charity work: The Connection at St. Martin's helps hundreds of homeless people and rough sleepers every year, whilst the Vicar's Relief Fund provides emergency support to vulnerable people who need a safe place to live.</p>	<p>MAIN BLOCK</p> <p>DIVERSIONS</p>

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<p><b>GEORGE</b> Does anyone on the Big Bus live in a country where you drive on the <b>right</b>-hand side of the road?</p> <p><i>FX: car horn “toot toot”</i></p> <p><b>TALLY</b> Well, the UK is one of over 70 countries where we drive on the left. Apart from <b>here</b>, at The Savoy.</p> <p><i>FX: Roy Orbison - Pretty Woman</i> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGIKIKt9-k8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGIKIKt9-k8</a></p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> That’s right, Tally. As your luxury limousine drives you to the Savoy Hotel, it turns in from Strand, where it drives on the <b>left</b>, before driving on the <b>right</b> to the hotel’s <b>grand</b> entrance.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b> I think the <b>best</b> description of the Savoy comes from the hotel <b>itself!</b> <i>I quote</i> <i>&lt;Clears throat with an ahem&gt;</i> ‘Welcome to the Savoy. Where Art Deco rubs shoulders with English Edwardian and exceptional dining blends with contemporary cocktails.’</p> <p><b>TALLY</b> Wow, that’s a confident pitch! It’s no wonder Hollywood royalty have stayed there. Marlene Dietrich. Marilyn Monroe.</p> <p><i>FX: Taylor Swift – Blank Space</i> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-ORhEE9VVg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-ORhEE9VVg</a></p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> The hotel’s Beaufort Bar was where superstar singer Taylor Swift did a photoshoot for fashion magazine Vanity Fair.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b> Next to the hotel, you’ll find The Savoy Theatre, built in 1881 and one London’s first theatres to be lit by electric lighting. Buddy, what have you got?</p> <p><i>FX: music ends suddenly with an electrical sparking sound</i></p> <p><b>BUDDY</b> Behind the grand Savoy Hotel lies one of London’s more <b>smelly</b> landmarks: the last of London’s Victorian sewage lamps.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b> Ew, that’s gross!</p>	<p>MAIN BLOCK</p> <p>DIVERSIONS</p>
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<p><b>BUDDY</b></p> <p>It was part-powered, that's <b>part</b>-powered by the gases emitted by London's sewer system. The stage door to the Savoy Theatre sits on Carting Lane, which due to the unpleasant smells emitted from London's archaic sewerage system was <b>fondly</b> known as 'Farting' Lane.</p> <p><i><b>FX:</b> gentle raspberry sound to end the block.</i></p>	
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DIVERSION 6 STRAND: STOP 13 COVENT GARDEN: BLOCK 315 – CHURCHES IN THE AREA (45s)	NOTES
<p><i><b>FX:</b> This block begins with the wonderful peeling of multiple church bells. We hear the warm sounds of a summer's day in the city, with birds tweeting and general calm.</i></p> <p><b>GEORGE</b></p> <p>Ah, the beautiful sound of the church bells of Covent Garden. And there are plenty of churches to visit, whatever your denomination.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b></p> <p>On Covent Garden itself sits St. Paul's Church, also known as the Actor's Church. If you're planning on popping in, be sure to head to the door in the churchyard to the rear as the door you see on the piazza <b>doesn't</b> actually open.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b></p> <p>Close by you'll find Corpus Christie Catholic Church.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b></p> <p>Confusingly, this is <b>also</b> known as the Actor's Church, for the West End's <b>catholic</b> actors.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b></p> <p>And a short walk away you'll find a true gem: St Mary Le Strand has been called 'the finest 18th-century church in London' and it's well worth a visit.</p>	MAIN BLOCK  DIVERSIONS

DIVERSION 6 STRAND: STOP 21 COLLEGE GREEN: BLOCK 316 – GENTLEMEN'S CLUBS	NOTES
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<p><b>FX: To The Manor Born theme</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYvKTmgF69M">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYvKTmgF69M</a></p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> Just like a fine brandy, London has matured with age. What was once fashionable, is sometimes considered passé. I mean, if I was to tell my wife I was off out to a Gentlemen's Club tonight, she'd probably give me <b>that</b> look.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b> &lt;Chuckles&gt; And quite rightly so, George! However, back in the 18th century Gentlemen's Clubs were all the rage across high-society London. Often found in the wealthier areas around Pall Mall, these clubs would often charge extortionate membership fees and were places men could go to show the world they'd <b>made</b> it.</p> <p><b>The Killers – The Man</b> (I've linked to an instrumental and vocal version of the track, so that the lyrics don't crash the narration. The words 'I've got news for you babe, you're looking at the man' (at 1'30") can segue into the instrumental just as Buddy finishes his final line.) <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w3xcybd1k">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w3xcybd1k</a> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cunwaFJqMKQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cunwaFJqMKQ</a></p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> White's was the first Gentlemen's Club to open in 1693 and inside you'd find men of status quaffing brandy, betting, probably telling slightly crude jokes, and generally showing off.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b> White's still exists and has matured with age, as has the <b>Garrick</b> Club, an actor's club where the rich once mingled with the famous. And then there's the <b>Reform</b> Club which in 1981 became one of the first gentlemen's clubs to allow women to join.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> The Allbright Club made history in 2018 by becoming the first members club <b>just</b> for women. Buddy, you look like you're itching to tell us a fact!</p> <p><b>BUDDY</b> Talking of women, did you know that former Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was only allowed to join her political party's 'men-only <b>Carlton</b> Club' after they classed her as a 'token' man?</p>	<p>MAIN BLOCK</p> <p>DIVERSIONS</p>

DIVERSION 6 STRAND: STOP 21 COLLEGE GREEN: BLOCK 317 – ST JAMES' PALACE (90s)	NOTES
<p><b>GEORGE</b> St. James' Palace was built in the 1530s by instruction of Henry the VIII and was home to English royalty for over 3 centuries.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b> At this point, you're probably expecting me to tell you that, like some of the other historic buildings we've described, that original burnt down? &lt;Joyous&gt; But <b>no</b>, lots of the original palace still survives today!!!</p> <p><i>FX: hallelujah</i> <a href="https://pixabay.com/sound-effects/search/hallelujah/">https://pixabay.com/sound-effects/search/hallelujah/</a></p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> &lt;Laughs&gt; Although quite a lot of the later additions <b>did</b> burn down in 1809.</p> <p><i>FX: Theme from The Crown</i> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EIEqXWHPf88">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EIEqXWHPf88</a></p> <p><b>TALLY</b> Buddy, what can you tell us about the Royal Palace?</p> <p><b>BUDDY</b> It was at this very palace that some notable historic dates have been documented. In 1558, Calais was handed <b>back</b> to France through a treaty sanctioned there by Mary Tudor.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> That was kind of her.</p> <p><b>BUDDY</b> And Queen Elizabeth the I was living there when the Spanish Armada was spotted off the coast of Cornwall in 1588.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b> Queen Victoria was the last of the Royal Family to live here, although she chose to leave the family home in 1837 and make Buckingham Palace her official residence. She did, however, tie the knot with Prince Albert in the Palace's chapel in 1840.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> Most recently, in 2022, Charles III was proclaimed King at St. James' Palace, following in the footsteps of his mother, the late Queen Elizabeth II who was proclaimed Queen in 1952.</p>	<p>MAIN BLOCK</p> <p>DIVERSIONS</p>

<b>DIVERSION 6 STRAND: STOP 21 COLLEGE GREEN: BLOCK 318 – ROYAL WARRANTS AND CHRISTIE’S</b> <b>(60s)</b>	NOTES
<p><b>FX: ‘Anything you can do, I can do better’ – Irving Berlin (Hamburg Radio Dance Orchestra)</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TaAd3kqoNyA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TaAd3kqoNyA</a></p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> As you shop your way around London, keep your eyes peeled as you may well spy a Royal Warrant on some of the products you buy.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b> The reigning monarch has granted Royal Warrants for over 500 years, and they’ve been given to everything from champagne producers and cheesemakers to broom manufacturers and jewellers.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> A Royal Warrant adds ‘kudos’ to a brand, so keep a look out for the Royal Coat of Arms and the words ‘By Appointment to’ when you’re next in a store.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b> Whilst we’re talking prestige, it’s worth mentioning Christie’s, because if anyone on the Big Bus has any famous works of art hidden in the attic, Christie’s auctioneers are the people who’ll fetch you the best price.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> Christie’s has been based in London since 1766 and regularly top world record prices for works from artists including Leonardo da Vinci and Andy Warhol, as well as the controversial Rabbit sculpture by Jeff Koons, which sold for a whopping £70 million in 2019.</p>	MAIN BLOCK  DIVERSIONS

<b>DIVERSION 6 STRAND: STOP 37 BAKER STREET: BLOCK 319 – SOMETHING NEW ABOUT BAKER STREET/ ALLSOP PLACE</b> <b>(90s)</b>	NOTES
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<p><b>FX: BBC Sherlock Holmes theme (starts at 50")</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzyKkKB7mT4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzyKkKB7mT4</a></p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> Ah, the world-famous Baker Street, home to the fictional pipe-smoking detective Sherlock Holmes. He lived at 221B Baker Street, or at least he might have done...if it actually existed.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> Luckily for whodunnit fans, Westminster Council gave permission for this famous address to <b>appear</b> on Baker Street, and that's where you can find the Sherlock Holmes Museum today...although 221B is between 237 and 241. And that's confusing even for a super sleuth.</p> <p><b>FX: a cow moos to punctuate the music segue</b></p> <p><b>TALLY</b> Just behind Baker Street station, you'll discover Alsop Place, named after an 18th-century cattle farm...</p> <p><b>FX: Carry on Camping theme</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQjKsSIXLTE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQjKsSIXLTE</a></p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> Alsop Place once had a very famous resident. I'll give you a clue as to who it was. &lt;In his best Kenneth Williams voice&gt; "Oooh matron". Anyone?</p> <p><b>TALLY</b> &lt;chuckles&gt; It was home to none other than Kenneth Williams, the English comic-actor best known for the saucy Carry-On movies.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> In the 1960s, he lived on the top floor of Farley Court and had a stunning view over Regent's Park. He's quoted as saying 'I can see all the traffic twinkling down the Marylebone Road...it's all so marvellous, I could cry'.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b> He did find the endless comings and goings at Madame Tussauds Waxwork Museum all a bit <b>too</b> much of a carry-on, however, and famously wrote 'the nits crowding round outside the waxworks...how I loathe them and Madame Tussaud'.</p>	<p>MAIN BLOCK</p> <p>DIVERSIONS</p>
<p><b>DIVERSION 6 STRAND: STOP 37 BAKER STREET: BLOCK 320 – SELFRIDGES &amp; CO.</b></p>	<p>NOTES</p>

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<p><i><b>FX:</b> we hear an old-school projector starting up and ticking along under the music. It soon fades.</i></p> <p><i><b>FX:</b> Pryor's Band - Dill Pickles Rag</i> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AkwUwz5bBv4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AkwUwz5bBv4</a></p> <p><b>TALLY</b> Picture the scene: it's 1909. It's the year the 1<sup>st</sup> colour movie was screened at London's Palace Theatre. The year Louis Bleriot made the 1<sup>st</sup> aeroplane flight over the English Channel. And the year American retailer Harry Gordon Selfridge opened his shop doors for the very 1<sup>st</sup> time.</p> <p><i><b>FX:</b> shop doorbell sound</i></p> <p>Selfridges had arrived!</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> Now, if there's one thing Harry loved more than <b>anything</b> else, it was being 1<sup>st</sup> - at – everything! So, what better promotional stunt to launch his 1<sup>st</sup> Selfridges <b>store</b> than to have Louise Bleriot's record-breaking plane <b>in store</b> for the entire world to see!!!</p> <p><i><b>FX:</b> the sound of a plane passing overhead ends the initial music</i></p> <p><i><b>FX:</b> Winifred Atwell - Black and White Rag</i> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLN8AiQk-dw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLN8AiQk-dw</a></p> <p><b>TALLY</b> Everyone was welcome was Selfridges' motto, and the store soon became <b>the</b> place to be seen: Harry would <b>regularly</b> be seen around the store in his customary top hat.</p> <p><i><b>FX:</b> shop till rings</i></p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> The store became famous for its <b>firsts</b>. They were the 1<sup>st</sup> store in town to light up their windows at night and crowds flocked to see the spectacular displays. And in 1925, Selfridges became the 1<sup>st</sup> shop in the country to showcase the newly invented television. Buddy, what can you tell us?</p> <p><i><b>FX:</b> Our music fades out here</i> <i><b>FX:</b> we hear a heavy ticking sound under the final paragraph</i></p> <p><b>BUDDY</b></p>	<p>MAIN BLOCK</p> <p>DIVERSIONS</p>

<p>Before you head <b>into</b> the store, look up, and you'll see the Queen of Time. This extraordinary bronze timepiece is over 3 metres tall and appeared on the shop front in 1931. The clock proved a godsend for Londoners as in the days before smartphones, it meant they could meet up, at a certain time, under the clock.</p> <p><i><b>FX:</b> a large clock chimes the hour to end the block</i></p>	
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<b>DIVERSION 6 STRAND: STOP 37 BAKER STREET: BLOCK 321 – MERCATO MAYFAIR</b> <b>(60s)</b>	NOTES
<p><b>EORGE</b> Nestled neatly between those two majestic mansions on our <b>right/left</b>, you'll spot what was once St. Mark's Church. The impressive 19<sup>th</sup> Century building fell out of use, and into disrepair in the 1970s and was finally deconsecrated in 1974.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b> But look at her now! Thanks to a £5 million pound restoration the building is now a temple of <b>food</b>.</p> <p><i><b>FX:</b> Hauser – Volare (start at 27")</i> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=URfVVJOzPX8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=URfVVJOzPX8</a></p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> Mercato Mayfair is a sustainable food market on a grand scale, and the vast interior is filled with worldwide cuisine. If you're looking for delicious, seasonal products, a cellar full of wine, or sensational artisanal food, it's all inside.</p> <p><b>TALLY</b> Mercato Mayfair is the brainchild of Italian foodie Andrea Rasca and is part of the growing Mercato Metropolitano group. His first market opened in Italy in 2015 and was sited in a vast old railway station in Milan.</p> <p><b>GEORGE</b> If you're a foodie, and you care about what you eat, Mercato Mayfair will definitely be to your taste.</p>	<p>MAIN BLOCK</p> <p>DIVERSIONS</p>