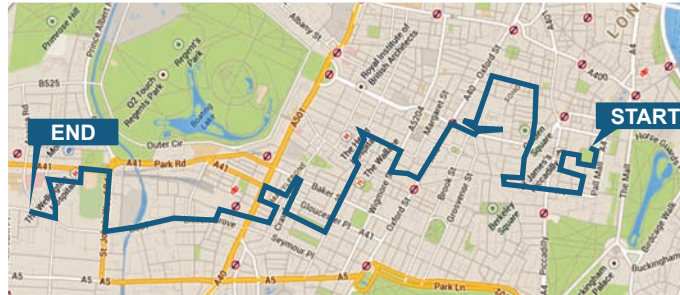


BEATLES BY BIKE CYCLE RIDE



Discover highlights of the Beatles' history in central London on this six-mile ride.

- The birthplace of Beatlemania and the site of the last ever live Beatles performance;
- The gallery where John Lennon met Yoko Ono and the club where Paul McCartney met Linda Eastman
- The studio in which 'Hey Jude' was recorded, and the Abbey Road studios and Zebra crossing
- The building in which 'Yesterday' and 'I Want to Hold your Hand' were written



A START by Barclays Hire Bicycle Docking Station in St James's Square by Charles II street, Westminster SW1Y. **JOHN LENNON MET YOKO ONO, NOVEMBER 1966** 6 Mason's Yard

Yoko Ono held an exhibition, 'Unfinished Paintings and Objects' at the counterculture Indica Gallery, in the basement of the Indica Bookshop, here in November 1966 and met John Lennon at the preview. Home of the alternative paper International Times, the Indica was part owned by Marianne Faithful's husband John Dunbar. He spotted the site when he was leaving the Scotch of St James's nightclub, at 13 Mason's Yard, which the Beatles also frequented. 🎵 *The Ballad of John and Yoko* – Beatles 1969

 Suggested tracks for each stop

B BEATLES LAST LIVE PERFORMANCE 3 Savile Row

The Beatles moved their business, Apple, here in July 1968 and the roof was the setting of The Beatles' final unannounced live performance, known as the "Rooftop Concert" on 30 January 1969 and was recorded for the documentary film Let It Be. The final words of the band, spoken by John Lennon as they were stopped from performing by the police, were "I hope we passed the audition"..

🎵 *Get Back* – The Beatles (one of the songs played in the last performance)

C TRIDENT STUDIOS 17 St Anne's Court

The Beatles recorded Hey Jude (1968) and several tracks for the White Album here. Other albums recorded here include Bowie's The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars, and Queen's first album Queen, which was released on the Trident label in 1973, as were their three subsequent albums. 🎵 *Hey Jude* (1968)

D MARLBOROUGH STREET MAGISTRATES COURT ATTENDED BY SEVERAL ROCK STARS. Great Marlborough Street

Mick Jagger, Keith Jagger and Johnny Rotten all received fines for drug offences here, while John Lennon was taken to court for exhibiting pictures deemed too sexually explicit in the London Art Gallery,

& LISZTOMANIA

In 1839 Liszt began an eight year tour of Europe, his most brilliant period as a concert pianist and stayed here in London in 1840 and 1841. His recital in Berlin on 27th December 1841 marked the beginning of Lisztomania, a term coined by the writer Heinrich Heine who saw the effect Liszt had on an audience in Paris in 1844.

"How convulsively his mere appearance affected them! How boisterous was the applause which rang to meet him! What acclaim it was! A veritable insanity, one unheard of in the annals of furore!"

E BEGINNING OF BEATLEMANIA London Palladium, Argyll Street

On October 13th 1963 The Beatles, who had been growing in popularity through the year with three hit singles (Please Please Me, From Me to You, and She Loves You), performed in 'Sunday Night at the London Palladium', the UK's top variety show. Televised live and seen by some 15m people. McCartney's attempt to announce the finale song, Twist And Shout, was drowned out by the screaming audience and that week the Daily Mirror first used the term 'Beatlemania' in print.

🎵 *Twist And Shout* – The Beatles (1963 on their first EP)

F BAG O' NAILS CLUB 9 Kingly Street

Wikipedia has it that, "On January 11, 1967 the Jimi Hendrix Experience conquered London when they appeared at The Bag O'Nails nightclub. In attendance that night were John Lennon, Ringo Starr, Brian Epstein, Lulu, The Hollies, Small Faces, Pete Townshend, John Entwistle, Mick Jagger, Brian Jones, Donovan, Georgie Fame, Denny Laine, Terry Reid, Jeff Beck and Eric Clapton."

In May 1967 Paul McCartney met Linda Eastman here at a Georgie Fame and the Blue Flames gig.

🎵 *Yeh, Yeh* – Georgie Fame and the Blue Flames (1964)



Bag o' Nails Club
9 Kingly Street

3 Savile Row

The Beatles played their last gig at the very heart of busy London at lunchtime, 30 January 1969

Playlist:

- Get Back (v1)
- I want you
- Get Back (v2)
- Don't let me down
- I've got a feeling (v1)
- One after 909
- Dig a pony
- I've got a feeling (v2)
- Don't let me down
- Get back (v3)





G SITE OF THE ORIGINAL HMV STORE 1921-2000 363 Oxford St

Opened by Sir Edward Elgar in July 1921, the HMV store shaped the way people bought music for nearly a century. In 1962 it played a significant role in the career of The Beatles. A 78-RPM demo disc of the band was cut, from tapes recorded elsewhere, in the store's recording studio and, following a recommendation from the studio's chief engineer, led to The Beatles' long-term recording contract.

H 57 WIMPOLE STREET WHERE YESTERDAY, AND I WANT TO HOLD YOUR HAND WERE WRITTEN

Paul McCartney lived with Jane Asher, his girlfriend between 1963 and 1968, here in her parents' house for three years. McCartney wrote Yesterday here, and with Lennon wrote a number of songs in the music room, including their first US no. 1 hit, I Want to Hold your Hand.

🎵 Yesterday – The Beatles, I Want to Hold your Hand – The Beatles

I JOHN LENNON & YOKO ONO'S HOME 1968 34 Montagu Square

In the latter half of 1968 Lennon and Ono lived in the basement and ground-floor flat, and it was here that the famous nude photograph of John and Yoko was taken for the Two Virgins album cover. Lennon was working on The Beatles' White Album as well as on early collaborations with Yoko. The flat was bought in 1965 by Ringo Starr, who lived there in October of that year, and it was later briefly tenanted by Paul McCartney and Jimi Hendrix in turn before Lennon and Yoko Ono moved in. 🎵 Revolution – The Beatles

J APPLE BOUTIQUE AND PLAQUE TO JOHN LENNON MBE AND GEORGE HARRISON MBE 94 Baker St

The Beatle's Apple Shop sold an eclectic range of products, largely fashion, in a three storey boutique in a former building on this site. Opened in December '67 and described as "a kind of psychedelic Garden of Eden for lovers of hippy gear with all the trappings of beautiful women." It had a huge psychedelic mural painted on the two street facing sides of the building, which then had to be painted over as it was in breach of the lease. The shop, poorly managed and a commercial flop, closed within eight months in July '68.

K WESTMINSTER REGISTRY OFFICE WHERE ROCK STARS MARRIED Marylebone Road

Now becoming flats, this imposing building is where Paul McCartney married Linda Eastman, and where Ringo Starr, Chrissie Hynde of the Pretenders, and Pink Floyd's Dave Gilmour were married (not to each other), and where Oasis's Liam Gallagher married Patsy Kensit in 1997, then Nicole Appleton in 2008. 🎵 My Love – Paul McCartney and Wings

L PAUL MCCARTNEY'S LONDON HOME 7 Cavendish Avenue

Paul McCartney bought this house in 1965 and still owns it today.

M ZEBRA CROSSING FROM THE COVER OF THE BEATLES 'ABBEY ROAD' ALBUM

This best-selling 1969 album was named after the street in which the studio is located – and the studio was renamed Abbey Road following the Beatles record in 1970). Iain Macmillan took the cover photo on the zebra crossing outside the studios, and it is now a place of pilgrimage for Beatles fans and Grade II listed. A camera outside Abbey Road Studios records the crossing and you can download images of yourself walking across it. 🎵 Come Together – opening track on Abbey Road

& ABBEY ROAD STUDIOS

The premises were converted into studios in 1931 by the Gramophone Company and opened by Sir Edward Elgar. In 1958 Cliff Richard and the Drifters (later Cliff Richard and The Shadows) recorded "Move It" here, arguably the first European rock and roll single.

The Beatles recorded almost all of their albums and singles here between 1962 and 1970. Pink Floyd also recorded most of their late 1960s to mid-1970s albums, returning only in 1988 for mixing and overdubbing subsequent albums.

🎵 Move It – Cliff Richard and the Drifters (1958)

END



The famous zebra crossing at Abbey Road



Abbey Road Studios

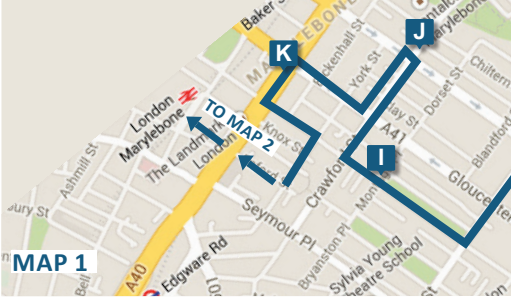


Site of the Apple Boutique

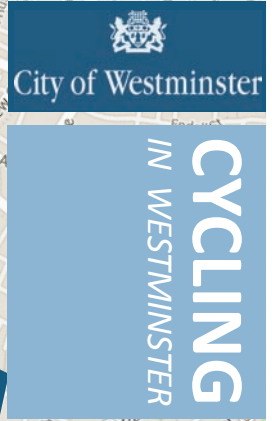


Westminster Registry Office

ROUTE DIRECTIONS



I As London is constantly changing, check road signs and adapt route as necessary.



L Left **SO** Straight on **X** Cross Roads **LHS** Left Hand Side
R Right **T** T Junction **TL** Traffic Lights **RHS** Right Hand Side

START by Barclays Hire Bicycle Docking Station in St James's Square by Charles II street, Westminster SW1Y. Leave St James's Square by the third exit, Duke of York Street
L into Jermyn Street
L into Duke Street St James's
L into Masons Yard
A **JOHN LENNON MET YOKO ONO, NOVEMBER 1966**
 6 Mason's Yard
L into Duke Street St James's
R at T into King Street
R at T into St James's Street
SO over Pall Mall into Albemarle Street
R at T into Grafton Street
R into New Bond Street
L into Burlington Gdns
Stop by Savile Row on **L** (No Entry)
B **BEATLES LAST LIVE PERFORMANCE** 3 Savile Row
Continue along Burlington Gdns, now Vigo Street,
SO over Regent Street into Glasshouse Street
Bear L into Brewer Street
L at T into Wardour Street
Stop on R by St Anne's Court pedestrian alley
C **TRIDENT STUDIOS** 17 St Anne's Court
Continue up Wardour Street
L into Noel Street, becomes Great Marlborough Street
Stop before Liberty 'olde worlde' shop outside Courthouse, Double Tree Hotel, former
D **MARLBOROUGH STREET MAGISTRATES COURT** attended by several rock stars. Great Marlborough Street
 To the right is Le Pain Quotidien, on a site where **LISZT** stayed
Continue along Great Marlborough Street
Immediate R into Argyll Street
E **BEGINNING OF BEATLEMANIA** London Palladium, Argyll St
Walk back down Argyll Street
R into Great Marlborough Street
L under Liberty clock, into Kingly Street
Stop ¾ way along, outside
F **BAG O' NAILS CLUB** 9 Kingly Street
Cycle back up Kingly Street
L Great Marlborough Street
R at TL Regent Street
L at TL Oxford Street
 Look for HMV store on **L**
G **SITE OF THE ORIGINAL HMV STORE** 1921-2000
 363 Oxford St

Walk across Oxford Street into Marylebone Lane, to **L** of Debenhams.
R into Wigmore Street
2nd L into Wimpole Street
SO over New Cavendish Street and stop on **L**
H **57 WIMPOLE STREET WHERE YESTERDAY, AND I WANT TO HOLD YOUR HAND WERE WRITTEN**
Walk back and cross New Cavendish Street
Ride west along New Cavendish Street
L at T into Marylebone High Street
R into George Street
SO over Baker Street and Gloucester Place
R into Montagu Square and stop on **L** at top.
I **JOHN LENNON & YOKO ONO'S HOME** 1968
 34 Montagu Square
SO over Montagu Place into Upper Montagu Street
R into Crawford Street
STOP on L when reach Baker Street. Opposite, on corner building:
J **APPLE BOUTIQUE**
PLAQUE TO JOHN LENNON MBE AND GEORGE HARRISON MBE
 94 Baker Street
Cycle back along Crawford Street
R at TL into Gloucester Place
L at TL into Marylebone Road and immediate stop on **LHS**
K **WESTMINSTER REGISTRY OFFICE** where rock stars married
 Marylebone Road
L off Marylebone Rd into Upper Montagu Street
R into York Street
R into Enford Street
SO over Marylebone Road into Harewood Ave
L into Hayes Place
1st R into Lisson Grove
R at TL into St John's Wood Road
L at T into Wellington Rd
L into Wellington Place
R into Cavendish Ave
L **PAUL MCCARTNEY'S LONDON HOME** 7 Cavendish Avenue
L into Circus Road
R into Grove End Road, **SO** to Abbey Road.
M **ZEBRA CROSSING** from the cover of the Beatles 'Abbey Road' album
 White building on **LHS** just after Zebra Crossing
ABBEY ROAD STUDIOS
END OF RIDE
 There is a docking station just south of Abbey Road studios/Zebra Crossing.

ROUTE DIRECTIONS cont.

STOP at Oxford Street.

Walk to right and stop by 363 Oxford St

T PLAQUE FOR THE SITE OF THE ORIGINAL HMV STORE

Walk across Oxford Street and over pavement into Marylebone Lane.

R at T into Wigmore Street

2nd L into Wimpole Street

SO at X with New Cavendish St

STOP on **LHS**

U 57 WIMPOLE STREET Where Yesterday, and I Want to Hold Your Hand were written

Walk back to X and turn **right** into New Cavendish Street

L at T into Marylebone High Street

RH fork into George Street

SO at X with Baker Street, then over Gloucester Place

R into Montagu Square (western side, one-way)

STOP on **LHS** just before top of Square and look for plaque outside no. 34

V JOHN LENNON & YOKO ONO'S HOME 1968, 34 Montagu Square

SO at X rds into Upper Montagu Street

R at X rds into Crawford Street

SO over two x rds and stop on L just before Baker Street.

Look on **LHS** across Baker Street for blue plaque

W APPLE BOUTIQUE. PLAQUE TO JOHN LENNON MBE AND GEORGE HARRISON MBE 94 Baker Street

Return back along Crawford Street

R at X onto Gloucester Place

STOP on **LHS** just before X roads, Marylebone Road.

Walk L on Marylebone Road and on **LHS** see

X WESTMINSTER REGISTRY OFFICE 97-113 Marylebone Road

Continue along Marylebone Road

L into Upper Montagu Street

1st R into York Street

3rd R into Enford St

SO Marylebone Road X into Harewood Avenue

2nd L into Hayes Place

R at T into Lisson Grove

SO at TL with St Johns Wood Road into Grove End Road

SO at TL with Hall Road into Abbey Road

Y ZEBRA CROSSING from the cover of the Beatles 'Abbey Road' album

Z ABBEY ROAD STUDIOS

END OF RIDE

To return to Hyde Park, return straight down to Marylebone Road (don't turn off Lisson Grove).

SO at Marylebone Road into Seymour Place

R into George Street

SO Edgware Road X into Kendal Street

1st L into Portsea Place

SO at X into Connaught Sq

SO at X into Stanhope Place

SO Bayswater Road into Hyde Park and follow cycle path to the L.



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