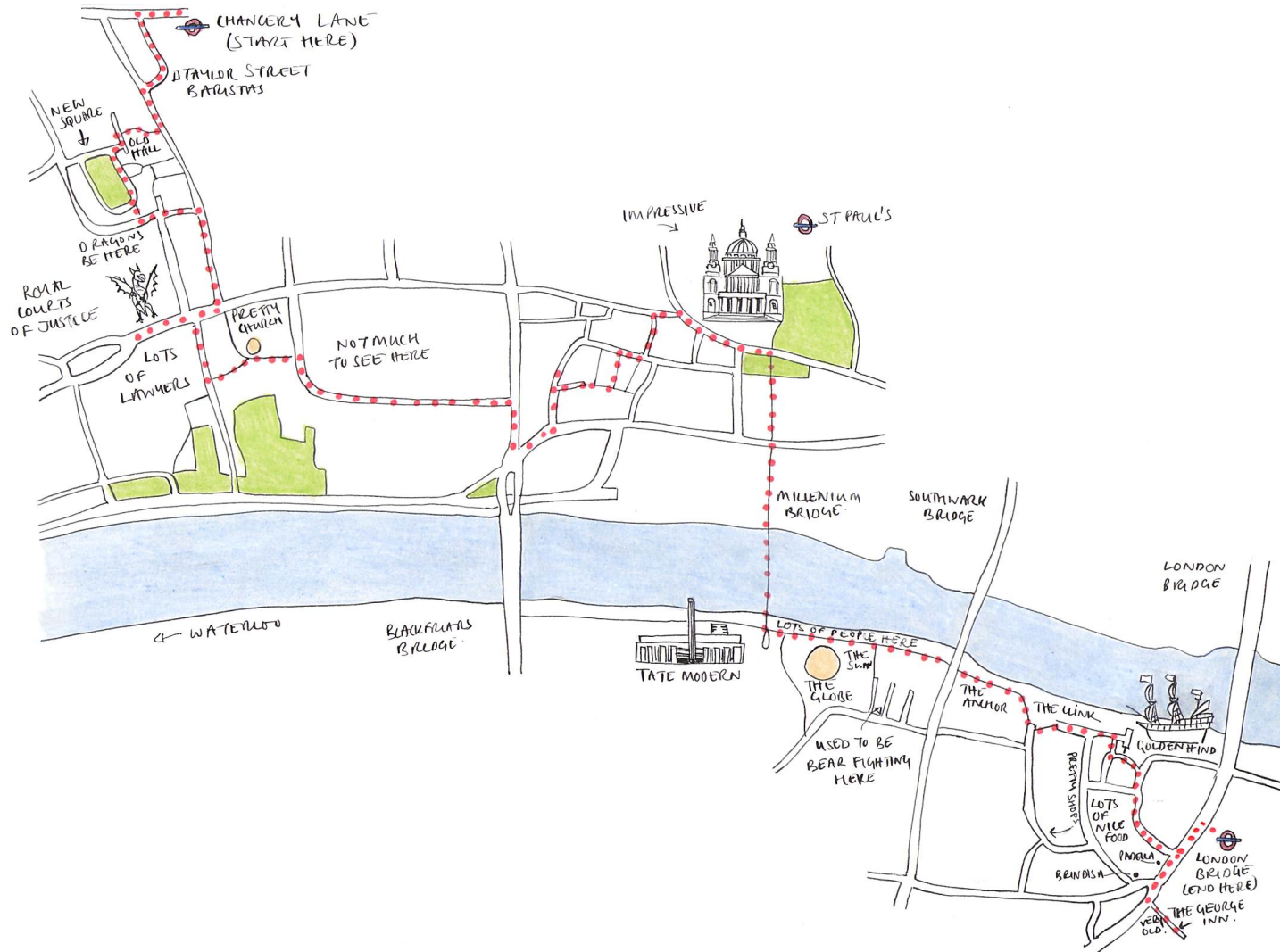




# CHANCERY LANE TO BOROUGH MARKET

A walk of two halves which passes through empty medieval streets sitting at the centre of our ancient legal system, and across the river to the bustling South Bank where the food and drink is resolutely 21st century. This walk is perfect for a quiet weekday mid-morning when the barristers are in court and Borough Market is closed.



Dog-friendly rating



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**START: CHANCERY LANE STATION**

**FINISH: LONDON BRIDGE STATION**

1. Exit Chancery Lane station onto High Holborn, taking in the Tudor frontage of Staple Inn. Turn left down Southampton Buildings and follow the street around, stopping at Taylor Street Baristas if you need a coffee to set you on your way. Turn right onto Chancery Lane.
2. If it is the weekend, walk down to Fleet Street, past Ede & Ravenscroft, where barristers have been buying their wigs since 1689.
3. If it is a weekday, instead pass through the Gate House opposite number 40, with its coats of arms and 450 year old oak doors to enter Lincoln's Inn.
4. Follow the passage through Old Hall which is the setting for the opening court scene in Bleak House. This is of course a great name for a shop.
5. Walk down the side of New Square, pass through the ornate passageway at the bottom and turn left onto Carey Street and then right to rejoin Chancery Lane.
6. Turn right onto Fleet Street to the imposing Royal Courts of Justice and the dragon city marker. The Queen is not allowed to pass from here into the city without permission from the Lord Mayor.
7. Opposite is the tiny frontage of the 1706 Twinings tea shop and BK News, where Bridget Jones was buying cigarettes when she missed the outcome of the Aghani-Heaney case.
8. Turn back along Fleet Street and right through the gates into Middle Temple Lane, often used as a filming location. On the right is Middle Temple, one of the finest Elizabethan Halls in the country.
9. Walk through the archway on the left to reach the lovely circular Temple Church, built by the Knights Templar. Pass by the church and out through the archway at the end (dogs are not allowed in the area by the church by we were not apprehended).
10. Turn right onto King's Bench Walk, go around the corner, through the barriers and walk along Tudor Street to the very end.
11. Turn right and then left onto Queen Victoria Street and left again onto Black Friars Lane, the location of the monastery that granted Henry's VIII's divorce from Catherine of Aragon.
12. Walk up to reach Apothecaries' Hall on your right. If it is a weekday, have a look at the courtyard. Walk back and turn down Playhouse Yard. The Blackfriars Playhouse that sat here had a roof and so was used as an alternative to the more famous Globe in the winter months. It was closed by the miserable old Puritans in 1642.
13. Carry on to Ireland Walk, the site of the monastery gatehouse bought by Shakespeare for £140. Turn left up Friar Street, right onto Carter Lane and left onto Creed Lane where you will be rewarded with a view of St Paul's that will stop you in your tracks.
14. Pass by St Paul's and turn right down Peter's Hill to reach the Millennium Bridge. Cross over to reach the other side and the monolithic Tate Modern.
15. Walk east along the river, passing the pretty houses at Cardinal's Wharf and The Globe theatre. The Swan (dog-friendly) is a good to stop for a beer and a sausage roll if you need a sit down.
16. Keep going, under Southwark Bridge and past The Anchor pub where Samuel Pepys watched London burn in 1666. At the bend take the left turn onto Clink Street, site of the infamously gruesome 12th century Clink Prison.
17. Keep walking to the end where you will find a full scale replica of Sir Francis Drake's Golden Hind. Walk down Cathedral Street and through Borough Market. On the left is The Globe Tavern, where Bridget Jones lives on the top floor.
18. Keep walking to the end of Bedale Street and turn right. Take the left fork down Borough High Street and on the left is a passage which will take you to the medieval The George Inn, owned by the National Trust, which is the oldest pub in London.
19. Stop for a well-deserved drink at the George. If you are hungry we suggest lunch at either Brindisa or Padella on Borough High Street before heading home from London Bridge station.

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