

**0.00–0.21** Good morning everyone! Welcome to the tour today. My name is Keith, and I'm going to be showing you a little bit of the city where I grew up: the city of London.

**0.22–0.41** We are standing in front of the River Thames – if you look behind me you will see the river. The river is the longest river in England – 360 kilometres long – and 2,000 years ago this was where the city of London was founded by the Romans.

**0.42–1.11** Look across to the other side of the river, and you can see a lot of different buildings. Some of them are very modern, and some of them are very old. The building straight ahead of you, the yellow-brick building with the four towers on each corner, is the Tower of London and it is a thousand years old.

**1.12–1.40** Now let's look at another famous London sight. This is Tower Bridge. If you look carefully at the bridge, you will see a roadway. That roadway lifts up in the middle in order to allow the big ships to come through and to deliver their goods to the city. In fact, the bridge still opens 700 times a year.

**1.41–1.54** Now we're going to look at some of the more modern buildings of the city of London. If you look ahead of you, you will see a collection of buildings, all of very different shapes.

**1.55–2.23** To the right, the rounded building with the black top is known as 'the Gherkin'. Further round, to your left, you will see a taller building, which is known as 'the Cheesegrater'. And then, further still round to your left, you can see the large building that gets wider at the top, which is known as 'the Walkie-Talkie'.

**2.24–2.59** Now we're going to go and look at another tall building made of glass. This building is in fact the tallest building in western Europe. The building in front of you is 'the Shard'. It is 310 metres high, it has over eighty floors, and it is made out of 11,000 panels of glass. That is the same as eight football pitches.

**3.00–end** That's the end of this part of the tour. Before we go on to the next part, we'll have a cup of coffee. But does anyone have any questions?