

Visual Story from the Engine Rooms

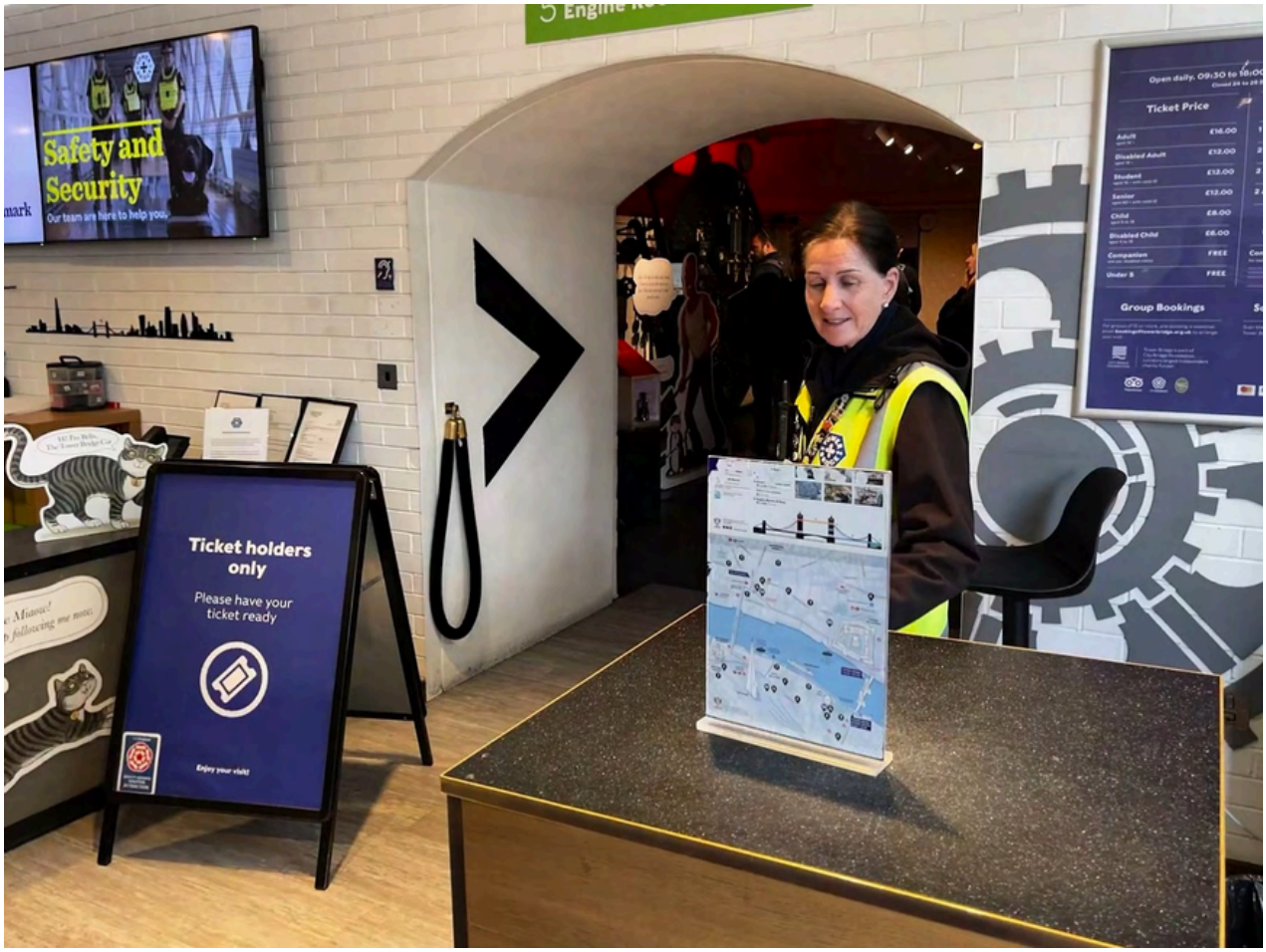
The following is a visual guide through Tower Bridge. This can be used by any visitor who may wish to plan their visit in more detail prior to arrival.

The visit includes access to two buildings - The Engine Rooms, and then Tower Bridge.



The Engine Rooms and the Gift Shop

This is the entrance to the Engine Rooms and the Gift Shop. This is your meeting point.



You will meet a member of staff wearing a Tower Bridge uniform.

You will need to check-in with them and they may check your bags for security reasons.

Before you start your visit you can use the toilets, staff can help you find them.



Inside the Engine Rooms

Inside the Engine Rooms you will see some big machines, some of them may be moving and making a quiet hissing noise. The Engine Rooms are quite dark.

Towards the end there is a video about Tower Bridge with sound at a low level.



Exit and the Gift Shop

The exit is through the Gift Shop and back through the Engine Rooms entrance.



Making your way to the Towers

When you exit the Gift Shop there is a 5m walk to get to the Towers. You can follow a Blue Line to reach them.

Two options to reach the road level



37 steps



The lift



Continue following the Blue Line once you have reached road level. Please be prepared for noise from traffic and occassional sirens.

Outside the South Tower lift



When you reach the blue door, staff can let you in.



You will get in a big lift to the top of the Tower.



Getting out of the lift at the top of the Tower

You are now at the top of the South Tower. This room has a very high ceiling. You can see the within the roof of the Tower.

The space is dimly lit. There is a 4m video with music.

You will then enter the East Walkway.



East Walkway

Please be aware when entering the space, there might be an high increase in natural light on a sunny day.

This is 42m above the river Thames and has big windows on both sides.

Part of the floor is made of glass. If you don't want to stand on it, there is a narrow path either side you can walk on instead with handrails.

Keep going to the very end of the Walkway to reach the Tower opposite.

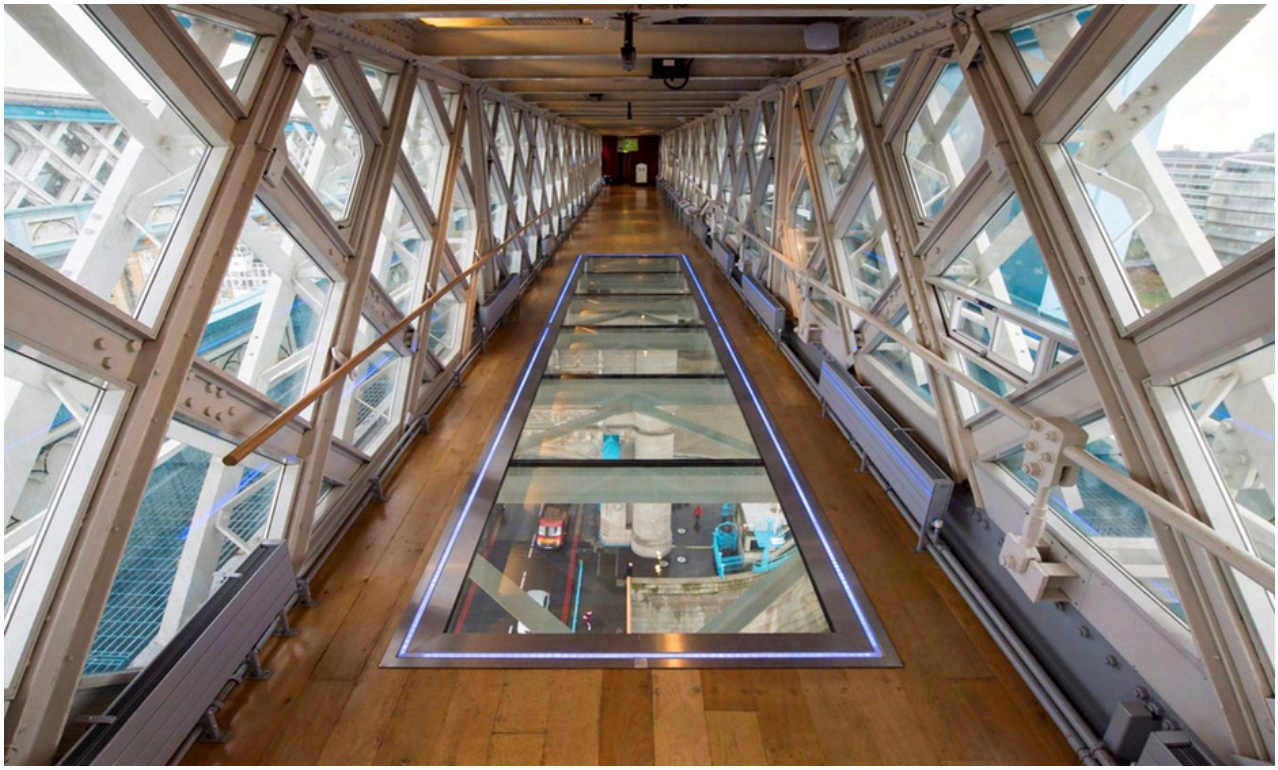


North Tower

You will reach a space with a high ceiling that is dimly lit.

On one wall there is a black and white video with sound at a low level. The video take 3m 30s to watch.

Staff in this area will allow you access to the West Walkway.



West Walkway

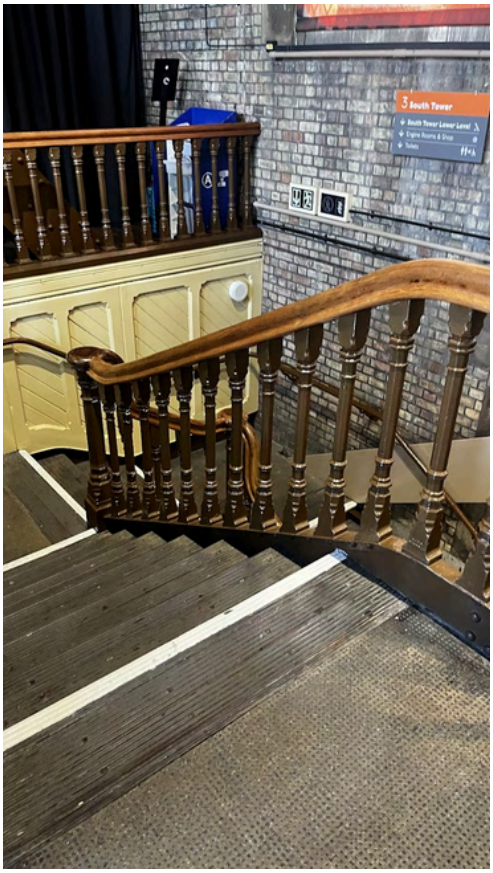
The West Walkway mirrors the East Walkway with big windows on both sides. Please aware when entering the space, there might be an high increase in natural light on a sunny day. This is 42m above the River Thames and has big windows on both sides.

Part of the floor is made of glass with a mirror above. If you don't want to stand on it you don't have to, there is a narrow path either side you can walk on instead. There are also hand-rails.

Once you have finished, keep going to the very end to return to the room you started in.

The end of your visit

Once you have seen both Walkways and Towers you have two options to exit the Towers.



South Staircase (approximately 200 steps)



South Lift

Useful information

Toilets

We have male, female and universal toilets in the North and South Towers, and the Engine Rooms.



Step-free accessible toilets are available in all these locations.

Changing Places facilities

We don't have Changing Places facilities on-site.



The nearest are:

- Tower of London site (700m)
- London Bridge Station (750m)

Visit the Changing Places website for full details.

Staff

Tower Bridge staff wear blue uniforms and are easily identifiable. They are located at each key stage of the visit.



Fire alarm

If you hear an alarm, follow the instructions given by staff.



Quieter Time

Please see our website for information on Quieter Time.

