

Possible Pilgrimage route around London

We offer the following guide for those who may wish to follow Baba's footsteps past the places He visited in London on his various visits to the UK in the 1930s.

Key: Differing colours denote the colours of the different Underground (tube) trainlines to help quick identification at the London Underground stations.

Places in italics are included for information only.

London Underground Map: <https://tfl.gov.uk/maps/track/tube>

Starting from **Victoria Mainline Overground Railway Station** - Information Counter near

Platform 5 (For layout of station see: www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/passengers/our-stations/london-victoria and click on Victoria Station Map).

(Meher Baba arrived here 12th September 1931 and was taken via Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament and Hyde Park, to Russell Road).

Walk to: Rubens (Palace) Hotel, 39 Buckingham Palace Road SW1W 0PS where Baba stayed in 1936 and then in 1952 (where they lost the Mandali). Exit at Terminus Place and Turn **Left** then **Right** and the Rubens Hotel is 100 metre on the **Right**.

(Baba visited Westminster Abbey 25th Sept. 1931 and House of Commons 12th May 1932)

From **Victoria** take a Bus or the **District Line** or **Circle Line** train.

Change at South Kensington for the **Piccadilly Line** to **Knightsbridge**.

Knightsbridge Hotel, 10 Beaufort Gardens SW3 1PT. Baba stayed here 6/12/1932. 2nd street on **Left** after **Harrods**

(Baba rode up and down the escalator at Piccadilly Circus April 1932)

Leicester Square (A-Z p.14 2C) 2 mins walk from station - Circle Editorial Com. Office, 50 Charing Cross Road WC2H (Will and Mary Backett arranged audiences of fifty on 30/6/1934 and seventy on 1/12/1935).

Northern Line to **Borough** - via Kennington.

16 Lockyer St. off Long Lane, SE1 4AU (A-Z p.26 4C) 7 mins walk SE to Marshalsea Rd. **Left** onto Borough High St. **Right** onto Great Dover St.

Left towards and onto Long Lane, past Old School Yard. **Left** onto Kipling St. **1st Right** = Lockyer St.

Baba visited the poor Precey family, 30/6/1934. Mrs Ford, a wealthy woman who'd met Baba the previous day offered to drive Him in her Rolls Royce. The lanes in the neighbourhood of the East End were narrow, and the large car could not enter. The car was parked and Baba walked to the house at 16 Lockyer Street. The Precey family were surprised at Baba's unexpected visit, especially the mother. With tears in her eyes, the bedridden woman uttered in a barely audible voice, "It is awfully kind of you to have come all this way."

Baba's presence and loving touch comforted the woman. He spelled out to her, "I love to be among such good souls, however poor. Poverty is no sin. Because of your poverty, you are all the more dear to me. This is why I have come here today."

From **Borough** to **Clapham North** and **Overground rail** from **Clapham High Street** to **Kensington Olympia** for: 32 Russell Road W14 where Baba Stayed in Kitty Davy's family home, 12/9/1931 and 7/4/1932. (A-Z p.72 4A)

Then walk, bus or take the **District Line** train to **High St. Kensington** (A-Z p.72 4C) 5 mins walk, past Wrights Lane on **Left**, is 36 Adam and Eve Mews W8 6UG/J where Baba sat on 11th and 13th April 1932 for sculptor Edward Merrett.

From **High St. Kensington** take **train** to **Notting Hill Stn.** for the **Central Line** or a bus to **Lancaster Gate**: The Fellowship Club, 46 Lancaster Gate (next to Friends of India). Baba stayed here for 5 days. 9/5/1932.

(Holborn = Baba visited the British Museum 7/4/1932)

Change at **Oxford Circus** for the **Bakerloo** line to: **Warwick Avenue**: Hygeia House Hotel (now flats), 37 Warrington Crescent W9 1ER (A-Z p. 59 3E). 3 mins walk past St. Saviours Church. Baba stayed here for 13 days in 1933 (Met Donkin, Charles Purdom and Annie Besant's daughter). He stayed for 5 days in 1935 and 3 days in 1936

(Paramount Film Studio, Willesden (now Acton). Baba visited on 15/4/1932 to view interview from 8th.)

Change at **Baker Street** for **Metropolitan** or **Jubilee Line** to **Finchley Road**: 15 Compayne Gardens, West Hampstead NW6 3DG/DR (A-Z p.45 4D). 3 min walk down Canfield Gardens, 2nd on **Right** after Broadhurst Gardens and Homeless Families Project. Baba stayed 15/4/1932 (Kim and Desmond Tolhurst's).

61 Compayne Gardens. Baba stayed here for 6 days from 26/6/1934 (Delia's brother Herbert's house).

If time allows – from **Finchley Road** take the **Metropolitan Line** to **Baker Street** for the **Hammersmith** line to **Bromley-by-Bow**: Kingsley Hall, Powis Road E3 3HJ. 5 mins walk **Left** and **Left** again just before Bromley-by-Bow Health Centre. Baba met with Gandhi on the evening of 2nd October 1931 at Kingsley Hall, where Gandhi and his entourage were residing.