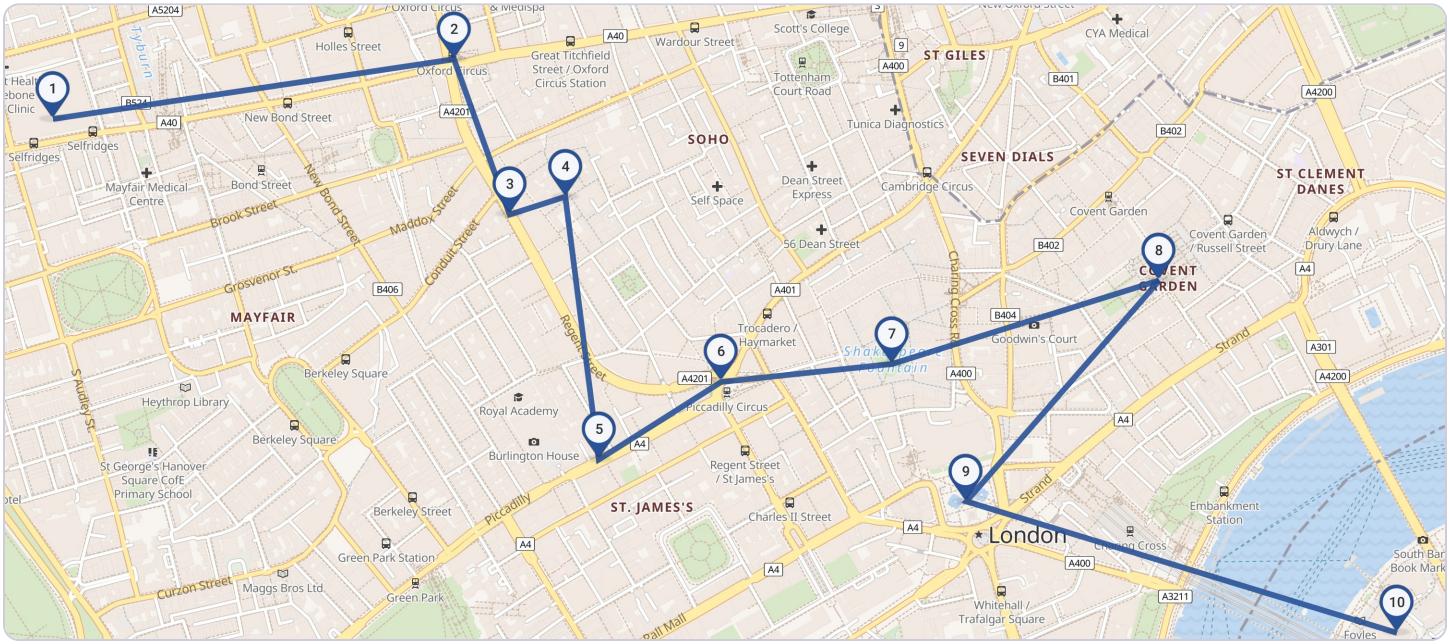
West End Christmas lights walking route

About 3 miles (5 km) from Selfridges to the South Bank, roughly two hours at a stroll with stops. In December it's dark by about 4pm, so a late-afternoon start puts you under the Regent Street lights after dark. Every stop on the route is free to see.



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1 Selfridges Christmas windows

400 Oxford St, London W1A 1AB

The Christmas windows, then walk east under the Oxford Street lights.

2 Oxford Circus

Oxford Circus, London W1B

Where the Oxford Street and Regent Street lights meet. Turn down Regent Street.

3 Hamleys and the Regent Street lights

188–196 Regent St, London W1B 5BT

Toy-shop windows under Regent Street's angels.

4 Carnaby Street lights

Carnaby St, London W1F

Via Foubert's Place; south to Beak Street and back to Regent Street.

5 Burlington Arcade and Fortnum & Mason

181 Piccadilly, London W1A 1ER

Vigo Street, then through Burlington Arcade to Fortnum's windows.

6 Piccadilly Circus

Piccadilly Circus, London W1J

East along Piccadilly to the lights at the bottom of Regent Street.

7 Leicester Square

Leicester Square, London WC2H

Ice rink and Christmas market stalls, 10am–10pm.

8 Covent Garden Christmas tree

The Piazza, Covent Garden, London WC2E 8RF

Giant tree on the West Piazza; free snow flurries hourly in December.

9 Trafalgar Square Christmas tree

Trafalgar Square, London WC2N 5DN

Norway's gift since 1947, lit in early December; carols at its base.

10 Southbank Centre winter market

Belvedere Rd, London SE1 8XX

Cross the Golden Jubilee Bridge to the Southbank Centre Winter Market.

Want to keep going? Winter by the River and Borough Market are about 25 minutes' walk east along the South Bank, past the Tate Modern. If you only have one evening in London in December, this is the walk to do.