

12 Things to Do in London When It Rains

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Tracy and Doug on London in the rain: how much it really rains, how to read the forecast and adjust your plans, what to pack, twelve things to do on a wet day from free museums to afternoon tea, when to get out of London altogether, and a one-day itinerary that keeps you almost entirely under cover.

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Welcome

TRACY It's raining in London and today's plans include a walking tour and a wander through the parks. Now what? In this episode I share how much it really rains in London, what to pack, 12 things to do when it's wet, and a full day's itinerary that keeps you almost entirely under cover, so a rainy day won't cost you a day of your trip.

Hi everybody and welcome to this week's edition of the UK Travel Planning Podcast, and again I've got Doug here with me.

DOUG Hello there.

TRACY Doug had to be involved in this one because, well, we're both British and we both love talking about...

DOUG The weather!

TRACY So this episode is all about the weather. Specifically about rain in London. We know people often worry about the weather in London and in the UK, and to be fair, you don't travel to the UK for the weather, do you?

DOUG Not generally, no.

TRACY Rain is the thing that people ask us about a lot. What am I going to do if it's going to rain? What do I need to pack, because it looks like there's going to be rain? I know it can feel a bit disappointing and frustrating if you've planned your trip and then you look at the weather forecast and it's looking pretty miserable. However, it is good to know that London is actually one of the best cities in the world to be in when it rains, because so much of what you can do is indoors and a lot of it is free.

DOUG And don't forget, it's also one of the best places to get around, because you've got the London Underground.

TRACY Exactly. So in this episode we'll talk about how much it really rains in London, because you're probably going to be pretty surprised. We'll look at the forecast and what apps to use, and how you can adjust your plans without any stress. We're going to talk about what to pack, and then 12 different options for when it's raining, from free museums to afternoon tea, and why sometimes it's just best to put your waterproofs on and get out there anyway. And we are going to talk about the option of leaving London for the day. Doug has to get trains in here somewhere, doesn't he?

DOUG Most definitely.

TRACY Because just because it's raining in London doesn't mean it's raining everywhere.

DOUG That is very true. Even as small as the UK is in global terms, the weather can be quite varied around the country on the same day.

TRACY Absolutely. Then I'm going to finish the episode with a one-day itinerary that'll keep you dry from breakfast to bedtime. Are you ready to talk about the weather?

DOUG Oh yeah, definitely.

- TRACY** I like the enthusiasm. I'm just going to say, if you're in the UK and you want to strike up a conversation with a stranger, talk about the weather.
- DOUG** Talk about the weather. Most definitely, yes.
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How much does it actually rain in London?

- TRACY** So the first thing I want to cover is how much does it actually rain in London?
- DOUG** Yeah, this surprised me.
- TRACY** The short answer is much less than people expect. When we were talking before we started recording, we realised we've not had that many rainy days in London.
- DOUG** Not a great deal, to be fair, no.
- TRACY** I remember standing outside the Natural History Museum, though.
- DOUG** Yeah, that was an exception. It was the middle of winter, though.
- TRACY** It was, and that was a really rainy day. So let's give you some official figures from the Met Office. London gets about 615 millimetres of rain a year, which is about 24 inches. But guess what? Sydney gets roughly double that, so does New York, and Rome gets about the same as London. What London does get is rain little and often. On average there are about 112 days a year with at least one millimetre of rain. That's roughly one day in three. However, that means two days out of three, it's dry.
- A rainy day in London is rarely a full day of rain. More often it's going to be a little bit grey, with drizzle or showers that come through for an hour or so. A whole day of steady rain does happen, but it's not usual.
- DOUG** No, it isn't. And remember, that short spell of rain could actually be overnight as well, so it doesn't necessarily mean it's during the daytime.
- TRACY** That's true. The other thing worth knowing is that there's no dry season. October, November, December and January are the wettest months, and they usually have around 11 rainy days each, and you can sometimes get the rain and the wind at the same time. I was looking at the forecast for this October, and in London it's forecast to be a little bit wet and windy. But whatever month you come in, it's always worth having a rain plan in your back pocket.
- DOUG** A rain plan?
- TRACY** Yes, because whatever happens, most of the days that you're there will probably be dry.

DOUG Statistically we can back that up.

TRACY However, it is useful to have thought about it, because the worst thing is to wake up in the morning, look at the weather forecast and think, what are we going to do? So we're going to give you some ideas.

DOUG I never have that, because there's always a plan B for me.

TRACY Well yes, you just hop on a train, so it's very easy.

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Check the forecast first

TRACY Before you change any plans, the best thing to do is have a look at the forecast, because you may look out of the hotel window and it's pouring down with rain, but ten minutes later it could be blue sky. The two apps I'm going to point you to are the Met Office and BBC Weather. Both of those are free.

DOUG Met Office is meteorological, isn't it?

TRACY Yes. We've got an article about the best apps for London and the UK, and they're included in that as well. I find the hour-by-hour view is far more useful than the symbol which covers the day, because the rain could be just five minutes at 7am and they'll put a rain cloud on it. It'll tell you a percentage chance of rain and how heavy it's going to be. The Met Office app also has a rainfall map, which shows you where the rain is right now and which way it's heading, so you can then plan your day.

DOUG Yeah, that's good.

TRACY You can also look at forecasts for the next day or two. I would not check too far in advance, because it's pretty unreliable, and my mum says that they always get it wrong anyway. If they say it's rain the next day, it's not rain.

DOUG To be honest, we're here in Australia and people say the same here.

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Three choices when rain is forecast

TRACY Anyway, you've woken up, you've looked at the forecast, and it's going to rain. You have three choices. The first one is to put your waterproof clothes on and carry on. If it's showers, a good jacket and being flexible with your day will get you through. Most

walking tours will go ahead whatever the weather, so if you've got one booked, it's worth checking with the company before assuming that it's off. They're used to the rain. If one day in three it's going to rain, they're not going to call the tours off.

DOUG We have found that an umbrella is not usually the most useful thing in London.

TRACY Especially if it's raining and it's very crowded. But sometimes, when I've got my rain jacket on and it's been really heavy rain, I've thought I could have done with one, especially if you're standing in a queue.

DOUG And we wear glasses as well.

TRACY Yes, so sometimes an umbrella is not a bad idea. You can buy them just about anywhere in London anyway.

The second option is to swap your days around. When we help people with itineraries, we say there are going to be some things that are fixed. If you've got a timed ticket, a tour or theatre seats booked, they're not going to be able to move. But if you're going to a park or a market, or you're going to do a riverside walk, that can be moved around. It's a good idea to have some flexibility. What you don't want, and what we've seen before, is an itinerary which goes literally minute to minute, with 50 things to fit in a day, which isn't going to happen.

DOUG With no plan B. You understand it if you're only there a few days and you're trying to do as much as you possibly can, but then you haven't really got a lot of flexibility.

TRACY I would say not to have too many fixed things in a day anyway. You can't really do more than two of the major things in London in a day.

DOUG Whether it's raining or not.

TRACY Exactly. The third option is to get out of London. If the forecast is better somewhere else, that's what we would probably do.

DOUG Most definitely, particularly if you want to go down to the coast. I've been down to Brighton in beautiful sunshine when it's been raining in London.

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Plans that suffer most in the rain

TRACY I also want to mention that if you've got plans to see something like the Changing of the Guard, that can be cancelled in very wet weather, so I would always check. And if you're going to do something like the London Eye, the Sky Garden or the Shard, if the cloud is low and it's pouring down with rain, you're really not going to see very much.

DOUG We're speaking from experience.

TRACY Yes, we are. That was the Sky Garden a few years ago, just before Christmas. It was really grey and not the nicest of days. It was lovely up there, but the views weren't the best, put it that way.

DOUG So we did the only decent British thing to do and had a cup of tea.

TRACY Absolutely. Other places are obviously going to be better when it's dry, like Kew Gardens, or Hampton Court for the gardens. If you're going to be out walking in gardens and it's pouring down with rain, it's not the best place to go. And it's probably a surprise for me to say this, but I would not head to the Tower of London in very heavy rain, because a lot of your visit is spent outside, walking between the towers and along the walls. It's not going to be ruined by a shower, but on a really heavy day of rain I would probably try and move it.

DOUG And if you're having one of the free tours with the Yeoman Warders, that's outside.

TRACY Exactly. So I'd try and keep the Tower of London for a drier day if you can.

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What to pack

TRACY Now let's talk about packing, because we get asked about packing all the time. I really should be doing more videos on YouTube about packing. If you want a packing video on YouTube, get in touch and let me know and I'll put something together.

You'll have heard the saying that there's no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing choices, and that's certainly true of London. A few things make a wet day more comfortable. Top of my list is a lightweight waterproof jacket with a hood. You need a hood. I've got two, actually. I bought one from Uniqlo when I was last in London, and I've got one that I bought from Next in the UK years ago. They both pack up really small, fit in my backpack and are really easy to carry around.

DOUG It's quite famous, your one from the UK.

TRACY My bright yellow one with flowers on. I get so many people come up to me and say how much they like it. If it's busy in London, say it's a weekend and it's raining, you probably don't want an umbrella, like Doug said. First of all you could have the wind, but also there's nothing worse than trying to walk while dodging people's umbrellas.

DOUG Particularly the big golfing type umbrellas I've seen people with.

- TRACY** If you're going to have something, a compact umbrella would be best, but you'll be able to buy an umbrella in London. I wouldn't pack one. I would just see if you need one when you're there, and they're not going to cost you very much.
- The main thing I would say is shoes. Water resistant, and something that's comfortable. I think I'm famous for my comfy shoes. You don't want canvas trainers or anything that's going to get soaked. And even if you have got comfortable walking shoes that are water resistant, you might happen to stand in a puddle, and I've done that before, so bring a second pair. There's nothing worse than walking around in soggy shoes.
- DOUG** Particularly if they're the only pair you've got, and then even after it's stopped raining you've got to dry them out.
- TRACY** Exactly. And bring more socks with you. Put a spare pair in your day pack, so if you have to change you can. Good grip on your shoes as well, because wet pavements, cobblestones and the stairs down to the Tube can get slippery.
- DOUG** They really can.
- TRACY** I cannot emphasise enough how much you're going to need comfortable shoes, whatever the weather in London. And again, layers, because you're going from the cool and damp into warm museums or a very warm Tube.
- DOUG** The Underground can get really warm when it's busy, and it's busier when it's raining anyway, because more people are taking the Tube.
- TRACY** So you'll want to take that raincoat off. A couple of small things worth taking as well: a day bag that's water resistant or has a rain cover, and a ziplock bag for your phone and passport. A lot of the main museums have cloakrooms, and some of them have a small charge. Because I'm a member of the V&A, I don't have to pay.
- DOUG** Tracy's on a mission. She mentions the V&A in every single podcast, I think.
- TRACY** Maybe I should be an honorary member of the V&A. But I love the fact that the cloakroom is part of the membership, because you don't want to be carrying a wet coat around.

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The free museums

- TRACY** Right, so let's give you some options of things to do. Twelve things. Number one is the free museums in South Kensington. I'm not mentioning the V&A again. Have I mentioned the V&A?
- DOUG** You might have mentioned it in passing.

TRACY Down there you've got the Natural History Museum, the Science Museum and of course the V&A. They're all side by side, and there's a tunnel. There's a pedestrian subway from South Kensington Tube station that runs under Exhibition Road, with exits for all three museums. How genius is that? It opened in 1885, and it means you can get from the train to the dinosaurs hardly touching any pavement.

DOUG That's amazing.

TRACY All three are free. If there are particular exhibitions on, you have to pay for those.

DOUG It's one of the UK's great gifts, the fact that there are so many free museums.

TRACY It certainly is. One thing I do want to mention, because Doug and I got caught out with this a couple of years ago: if you are planning to go to one of these museums at a weekend, or during school holidays, or like we did, two or three days before Christmas, and it's raining, there's going to be a massive queue outside. In fact, we gave up on the Natural History Museum, because we hadn't booked a slot, so we just had to queue.

DOUG And the queue wasn't moving.

TRACY It was really slow. So if it's raining and it's a weekend and it's school holidays as well, the free museums are going to be really, really busy.

DOUG The funny thing is that once we gave up, we went and had another cup of tea.

TRACY We did. There are lots of entrances to the V&A, so there's less chance of queuing there than at the Science Museum or the Natural History Museum.

DOUG But many people will have the same thought if it's raining.

TRACY That's the thing, so the other option is to go later in the afternoon, when it'll be a little bit calmer. That's what I would recommend. For me, spending a day in those museums if it was raining would not be a hardship.

The second one is the British Museum, in Bloomsbury, which is a lovely part of London. You can spend the entire day at the British Museum. Again, it's free, though they do have exhibitions you pay for, like the very famous one at the minute, the Bayeux Tapestry.

DOUG And don't forget they have cafés in there as well.

TRACY The cafés are fab. You don't have to set foot outside.

Another option for museums and galleries is the National Gallery and the National Portrait Gallery. These two are next door to each other at Trafalgar Square. Both are free, both are open until nine on Fridays, and between them you can fill a whole day. Personally, I absolutely love the National Portrait Gallery.

Option four, depending on which part of London you're in, is Tate Modern, and there are plenty of indoor spaces on the South Bank. We met a friend for a cup of tea in the Southbank Centre not long ago. It is a lovely walk along the South Bank, but in the rain I would do it from the inside. Tate Modern is in an old power station, which is worth seeing on its own. I'm not the biggest fan of modern art, so I would probably go to the National Gallery and the National Portrait Gallery, but if you like modern art, it's the perfect one to go to. There's also the Southbank Centre, the British Film Institute's cinema, and cafés along that route, so that's a perfect little area to stick around in.

Borough Market is also a few minutes from Tate Modern. Most of it is under railway arches and there's a big glass roof, so that's a good place for lunch on a wet day. I will mention that Borough Market has become crazy busy, and on a wet day it's probably going to be even busier. But if you're in that area and you don't want lunch in one of the museums or the Southbank Centre, take yourself along to Borough Market for some great choices. Go to Kappacasein and get the cheese. It's lovely.

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The museums you pay for

TRACY There are some museums you pay for, and these are also really good options. The Churchill War Rooms are absolutely excellent.

DOUG One of my favourite museums in London. It's part of the Imperial War Museum group, and the Imperial War Museum itself is actually one of the free museums. The Churchill War Rooms are underground, because they're the old bunkers near Westminster.

TRACY You can't get more rainproof than a bunker, can you?

DOUG Not really, no. But it can get quite busy on a rainy day, and if you're not particularly good in tight, enclosed spaces, maybe that option is not the one for you. You're right near Westminster Abbey, though, which could be a good option.

TRACY You could actually put those two together. Westminster Abbey in the morning and the Churchill War Rooms in the afternoon, or vice versa, because they're close together. Westminster Abbey and St Paul's Cathedral are both good options on a wet day. You can spend hours in both of those, and I have done. They're wonderful places to wander around. They're open Mondays to Saturdays. On Sundays they're open for services only, but if you're going to go to a service, go to Evensong. It's a fantastic option.

So you pay for the Churchill War Rooms, Westminster Abbey and St Paul's Cathedral. And next is a museum that you love.

DOUG The London Transport Museum at Covent Garden is one of my favourites, because it's good for all ages and there's something for many different interests. It's really a history of transport, full stop. It's not just London transport, there are buses and some cars and things like that. And it's right next to Covent Garden itself, so it's all in that one area.

TRACY Exactly, so you can combine it with the covered market. I always go to the shop. The shop is amazing, and I want to buy it up every time I go there.

DOUG We've bought a few things from there, haven't we?

TRACY We certainly have. You could spend your entire day at Covent Garden and the London Transport Museum.

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Madame Tussauds and the smaller museums

TRACY Number eight is Madame Tussauds. This is a good option if you've got kids or teenagers with you, because it's entirely indoors, it's going to take you a couple of hours to get around, and it's a two-minute walk from Baker Street Tube station. It's open from ten until six. It will get busy, especially at a weekend or in the school holidays, so you're better off going first thing in the morning or later in the afternoon. If it's only going to rain in the morning, or only in the afternoon, you could plan around that.

Number nine is London's smaller museums. We've done one episode, 192, about London's top museums, and in two weeks' time we're going to start looking at some of the lesser-known and smaller museums.

DOUG And there are plenty of them.

TRACY There are some fantastic ones, like the Postal Museum, which we absolutely loved, with the Mail Rail.

DOUG Yes, fantastic.

TRACY There's the Florence Nightingale Museum. There are so many I'm going to talk about.

DOUG The Sherlock Holmes Museum.

TRACY We'll talk about those, but they're also great places to head to on a wet day.

Shops, markets and arcades

TRACY Next we're going to talk about shops, which Doug is probably going to roll his eyes at.

DOUG I cannot contribute much to this one.

TRACY I would love going to the shops, and London was building shopping centres long before anyone called them shopping centres. The market halls at Covent Garden are under a glass roof, with shops and cafés, and there's usually a street performer, an opera singer or a violinist to listen to while you enjoy the atmosphere. There's Leadenhall Market in the City, which is a beautiful Victorian covered market with really nice little cafés and shops. You might recognise it, because it was used for Diagon Alley in the first Harry Potter film. It's really lively at lunchtime, because everybody from the City goes in there for lunch.

If you're around Piccadilly, you've got Burlington Arcade and some smaller arcades around it. They're covered, they're lovely, and you can browse in some of the expensive shops and dream. Or is that just me? There are some fantastic department stores too. What I would do is have a look at the arcades, pop across the road to Fortnum and Mason, have afternoon tea or just a cup of tea, have a Scotch egg, and then go into the big bookshop next door. I could spend a whole rainy day doing that.

If you're in that area there is also Liberty, another shop that I could spend my life in, in the beautiful black and white Tudor-style building just off Regent Street. If you're down nearer Knightsbridge, you can go to Harrods. I could spend the entire day wandering around the food halls in Harrods. They are magnificent. And then you've got Selfridges on Oxford Street. They're all free to wander around, they're warm, they all have cafés and they all have toilets. It's a lovely way to spend a day, and you can buy some things and send them home.

DOUG Hamleys as well.

TRACY Hamleys, the toy store. If you've got kids with you. Well, you don't need kids, we love wandering around Hamleys anyway.

Theatre, afternoon tea and the pub

TRACY Number eleven, theatre. If you were hoping to see a show and haven't booked one, a wet afternoon makes that decision for you. Most West End shows have a matinee on Saturday and on one or two weekdays, and the days vary from show to show. For

same-day tickets, the place to know is the official London theatre ticket booth, which you'll also hear called TKTS. It's on the south side of Leicester Square, and it's open from about half past ten until six Monday to Saturday, and eleven until four on Sundays.

The rainy day tip is that the prices are exactly the same on their website, officiallondontheatre.com, where the on-the-day tickets go on sale just after midnight. I actually just checked this, and I found Devil Wears Prada tickets for today at a really reasonable price. So if it's raining and you think this is a chance to go to the theatre, you can be sitting in your hotel room after breakfast and book yourself a theatre ticket for that day.

DOUG I love that idea.

TRACY I think it's brilliant, and I'm going to try that out next time.

The other thing is afternoon tea or a long pub lunch. Some of the bigger, well-known afternoon teas will be booked up, but it's still worth looking online, because there might have been a cancellation, or going to one of the lesser-known afternoon teas. A lot of the hotels have afternoon teas as well.

If it's a grey, miserable, not very warm day, you might want to head to a London pub. Have a long lunch, or a roast if it's a Sunday. For that you will probably need to book ahead, so check a couple of days before. And if you're lucky, a seat by the fire if it's winter. I think afternoon tea and the pub lunch are both really good options.

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Or put your waterproofs on and get out there

TRACY The other option you've got is to put your waterproofs on and get out there. If it's drizzly or just passing showers, there's a lot to be said for putting your waterproofs on and carrying on. As I said, no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing choices. The outdoor sights are much quieter in the rain, the parks are almost empty, the queues are shorter, and London looks lovely when it's wet, especially after dark, with the lights reflecting off the pavement and the river. It's really atmospheric.

If you want to keep sightseeing without walking far, you could hop onto an ordinary red London bus. The only thing I will say is that quite often they steam up, so you might need to take a few tissues with you to wipe down the windows. Just remember you tap on with your contactless card or your phone. It's one flat fare, and buses don't take cash.

DOUG And you don't tap in and out.

TRACY No, not on a bus. The river's also a great idea when it's raining.

DOUG The river's not a bad idea at all.

TRACY Jump on an Uber Boat and head down to Greenwich. It might actually be dry down in Greenwich. Or just travel between Westminster and the Tower and enjoy being on the river. That'll keep you dry for sure.

DOUG Keep you dry on the river?

TRACY Well, as long as you don't go into the river, you'll stay dry.

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Getting out of London for the day

DOUG This is the one that appeals to me, because I'll just jump on a train and head off in a certain direction. Depending where I was staying in London, I'd head to one of the major stations and look for a train out somewhere.

TRACY Because you can buy a ticket on the day.

DOUG You can. You're not necessarily going to get the best price, but it depends how far you're going, because on some of the shorter train journeys the prices don't vary that much.

TRACY Exactly. You could go somewhere like Bath very easily, and it could be dry.

DOUG And Oxford.

TRACY Oxford, Cambridge, Canterbury. There are loads of options. In fact, we've got two podcast episodes all about day trips from London by train, so we'll link to those. If you look at the weather forecast and you see it's dry in Cambridge, why not hop on a train to Cambridge for the day?

DOUG Out to Harwich, down to Canterbury, down to Brighton.

TRACY There are lots of options. And you don't even have to leave the city, because you could head to Greenwich on the Uber Boat, and it might be drier there. Even if it's not, there's the National Maritime Museum, there's the Queen's House, and you've got the Cutty Sark, where you walk right underneath the ship, beneath the glass roof, so you stay dry. You will need a raincoat or an umbrella to walk between the different sites in Greenwich.

There are some day trips I wouldn't do if it's going to rain. I would leave places like Stonehenge, because it's very exposed. I have been there on a rainy day, and I've got a picture of me looking drenched. The Cotswolds villages too, because you're going to be

outside, and they're best when it's at least dry. The Seven Sisters cliffs and Brighton seafront are all better in the sunshine.

DOUG Most definitely.

TRACY Now Doug, we love a train journey in any weather. You're happy to sit in a window seat with a cup of tea and the rain running down the glass.

DOUG There are times I've had a train journey, got off the train, stood around for a bit, had another cup of tea, and come straight back again.

TRACY Though I have to say, you do moan when you're trying to do videos and it's raining. You had that in Scotland recently. You went out for the day, came back and said it rained all day and you didn't get anything from the train.

DOUG That's right, but that was low cloud as well. If it's raining, you're not going to get much through the train windows.

TRACY No, but it's good if you just want to get out, and when you get to your destination it might be dry. So it's a good option.

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A stay-dry day in London

TRACY Let's give you an idea of an itinerary. Something you could do is head to Trafalgar Square and Covent Garden. I would head to the National Gallery and spend the morning there. I would pop across to the Café in the Crypt for lunch, which is just across the road at St Martin-in-the-Fields. We absolutely love it. It's a really great place to eat.

DOUG And you stay dry in there.

TRACY After that I'd pop across the road to the National Portrait Gallery. So you've got two fantastic galleries, and I love both of them. One gallery, some lunch, another gallery. After that, I would head to Covent Garden. You're not going to be under cover for that bit. It's probably seven or eight minutes' walk from the National Portrait Gallery to Covent Garden, but once you get there you've got the shops, you can have another cup of tea, and you've got the London Transport Museum. Then, assuming I'd got myself a theatre ticket for that night, I would have a pre-theatre dinner. You're in the middle of Theatreland, so there are restaurants everywhere, some fantastic ones. Then I would go to the theatre, see my show, and go back to my hotel. I think that's a pretty cool day.

DOUG That's an option if you like the galleries.

- TRACY** So what would you do then, Doug?
- DOUG** Maybe I'd consider one of the football ground tours, because only a little bit of it is actually outside. Or I'd find one of the fantastic bookshops and have a look around a few of those.
- TRACY** There are some very good bookshops.
- DOUG** I could possibly spend all day around Covent Garden, in all honesty.
- TRACY** You'd probably spend the morning in the London Transport Museum and then the afternoon perusing. There's also that fantastic travel bookshop near Covent Garden.
- DOUG** There is indeed.
- TRACY** So there's lots to do and lots to see. Don't worry if rain is forecast, because there's lots of choice. If you've got children with you, I would say head to South Kensington. Go through the tunnel from the Tube to the Natural History Museum or the Science Museum in the morning, have lunch in one of the cafés, and then in the afternoon swap to the other museum.
- DOUG** That's a good idea. In those museums there's more for children than you actually realise.
- TRACY** Absolutely. The Science Museum and the Natural History Museum are both perfect for kids if you want to keep them occupied all day. Plenty to do and see.

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Until next week

- TRACY** That brings us to the end of this week's episode. Thank you for joining me and Doug.
- DOUG** Thank you.
- TRACY** I hope that the next time you look out of a London hotel window and see rain, you'll already know what you're going to do that day. Everything I've mentioned is linked in the show notes at uktravelplanning.com/episode223, including the weather apps, the museums, the theatre ticket booth, and episode 192, all about London's top museums.
- If you'd like to see how close together all of these places are, take a look at our Ultimate London Travel Planning Map. It has more than 900 handpicked places across London, so you can see at a glance what's indoors and nearby wherever you happen to be when the rain starts. I will put the link in the show notes.

If you have a question about your trip, leave Doug and me a message through SpeakPipe, because we'd love to hear from you.

DOUG Oh, definitely.

TRACY We really enjoy that. But I guess that just leaves us to say, until next week, Doug.
Happy UK travel planning!

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