

Getting to/from ASPLOS & VEE

Here are some directions for travelling between the ASPLOS & VEE venues and hotels.

If the weather is good, and you're happy walking, then that may be faster for short journeys. In practice this central part of London is very compact, and there are plenty of sights to see. The roads are busy, and parking is limited and expensive—hiring a car would not be a good choice!

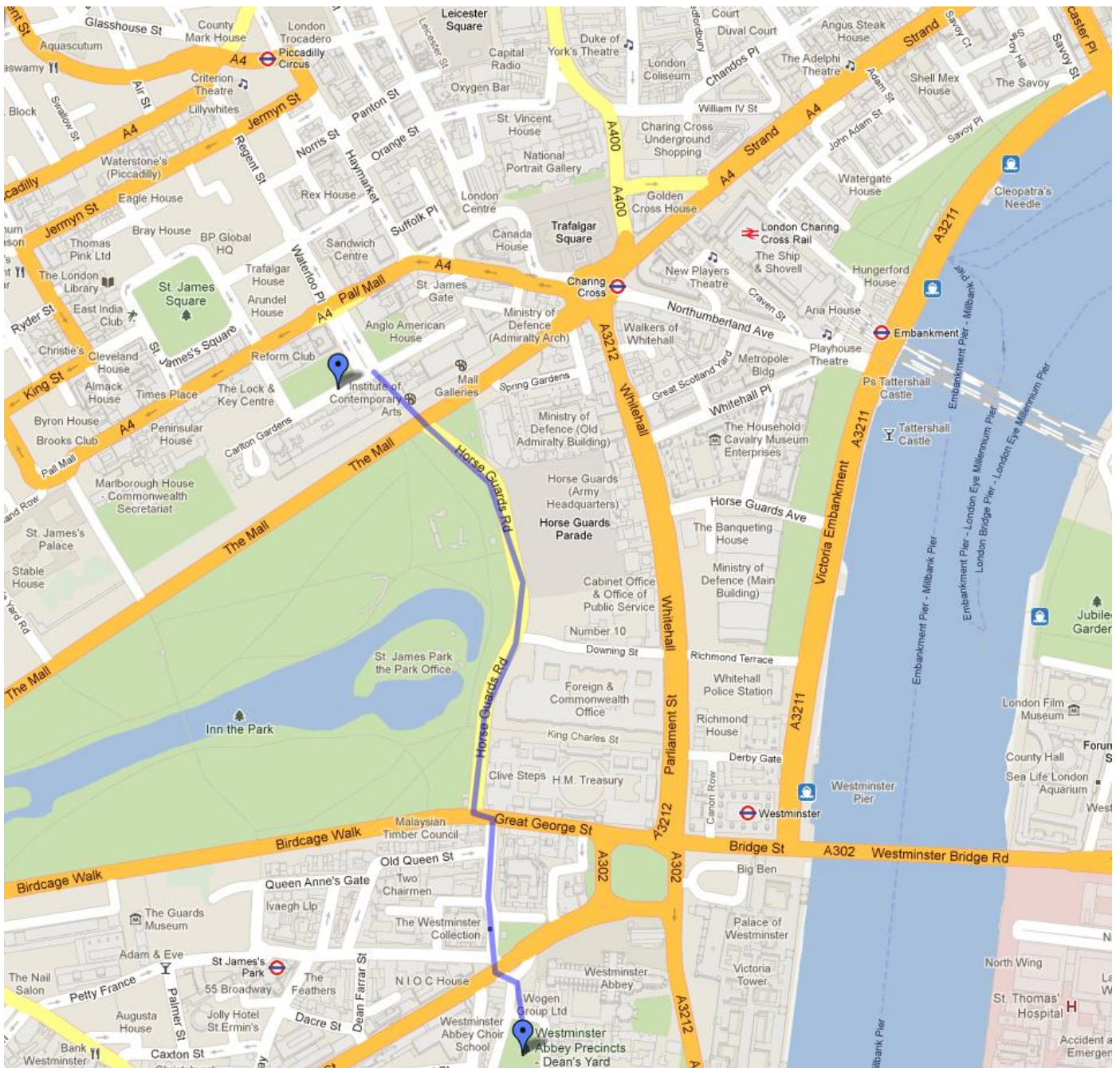
The "Transport for London" web site <http://www.tfl.gov.uk> provides maps and journey times for the London underground (known locally as the tube). The tube map is not drawn to scale, but maps.google.com and maps.bing.com both show the actual locations of stations.

Tube tickets can be bought at the underground stations. Individual paper tickets are expensive. It is much cheaper to buy a "Pay as You Go Oyster Card". You load this with credit when buying the card, and touch it on yellow smart-card readers at the ticket gates when entering / leaving. The readers tell you the balance remaining. Machines at the underground stations let you add extra credit to your card. Cards are sold at underground station ticket offices—if arriving at Heathrow, it is probably easiest to pick up an Oyster Card from the underground stations there. You can use an Oyster Card on local buses as well as on the tube.

Getting to/from Heathrow Airport

If travelling to/from Heathrow you can either take the Piccadilly tube line into central London, or you can take the Heathrow Express to Paddington Station, and connect there to the tube. The Piccadilly line journey takes around 50 minutes, but is much cheaper, and often much more convenient if your final destination is also on the Piccadilly line. A taxi from Heathrow to central London is likely to be around £40-£50.

Local map



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The Royal Society is at 6–8 Carlton House Terrace, SW1Y 5AG. The closest tube station is Piccadilly Circus (approx. 300 yards to the north, at the top-left of this map). The conference banquet is at the Assembly Hall at the Church House Conference Centre (entrance off Deans Yard, which is reached through the gate next to Westminster Abbey – photo below). The route between the two is approx. ½ mile, along the side of St James's park. There are many local sights in this area. The National Gallery and Nelson's Column are both in Trafalgar Square (near Charing Cross tube station). Buckingham Palace is at the western end of The Mall, just off this map. The entrance to Downing Street is just off Whitehall. The Houses of Parliament are near Westminster tube station. Westminster Abbey is also near Westminster tube station (and adjacent to the banquet venue). The London Eye is on the other side of the river, between Westminster Bridge, and Waterloo Bridge.

Getting to the Royal Society

Piccadilly Circus (Piccadilly & Bakerloo Lines)

Piccadilly Circus is the closest tube station to the Royal Society, approx. 300 yards. Follow the Regent Street South exits. The road leads down to a monument:

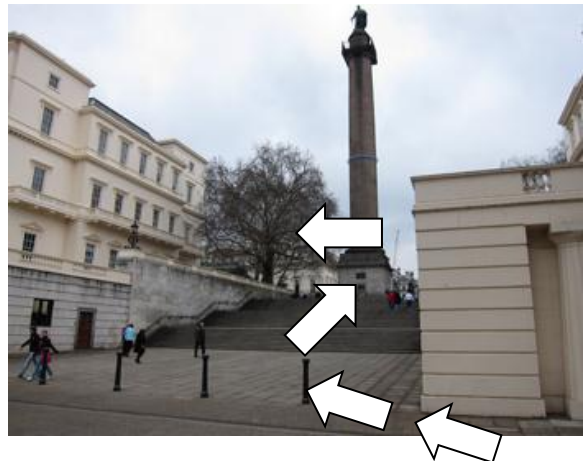
Just before the monument turn right into Carlton House Terrace (if you go down the steps then you have gone too far!). The Royal Society is a few doors along the road:



Embankment (District & Circle Lines)

On leaving Embankment tube station, turn left (through a little arcade of shops under the bridge), and then right into Northumberland Ave. Follow Northumberland Ave north towards Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square:

Turn left, going under the Admiralty Arch. Go straight along The Mall (a wide, straight, tree-lined road toward Buckingham Palace). About 200 yards along The Mall, turn right up a staircase toward a monument:



When you reach the monument, take the first left into Carlton House Terrace, and the Royal Society is then a few doors along on your left.

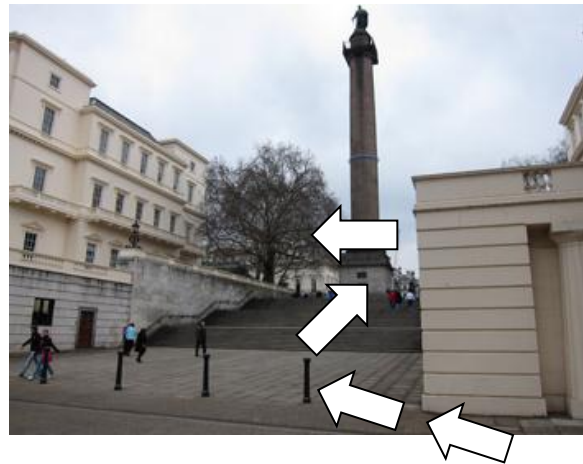
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Charing Cross (Northern Line)

Follow sign-posts from the station toward Trafalgar Square (where Nelson's Column is). Cross over Trafalgar Square and go under the Admiralty Arch:



Then straight along The Mall (a wide, straight, tree-lined road toward Buckingham Palace). About 200 yards along The Mall, turn right up a staircase toward a monument:



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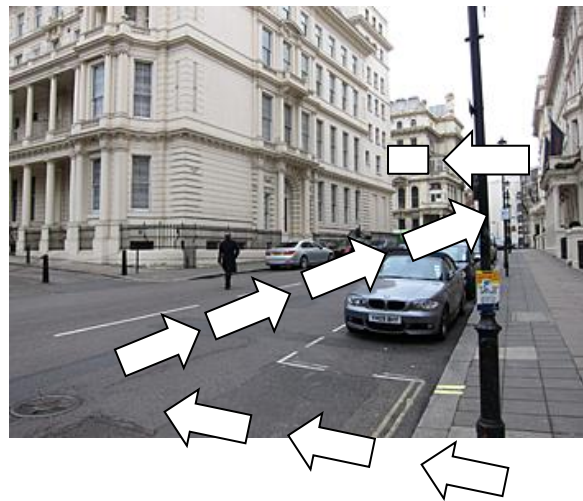
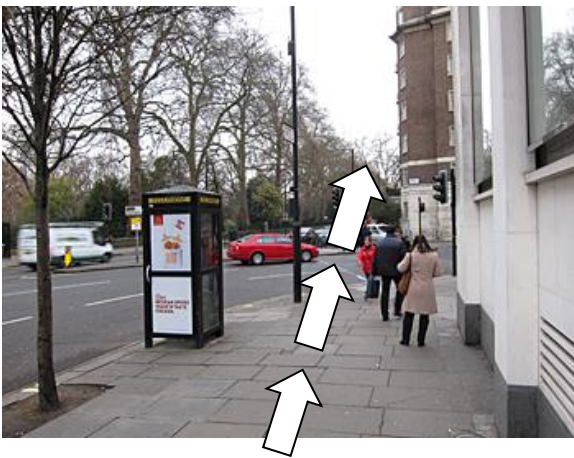
Getting to the hotels

Best Western Mornington Hotel Lancaster Gate (Central Line)

NB: getting between the Mornington Hotel and the Royal Society involves connecting between the Central Line and the Bakerloo Line. The fastest place to do that is Oxford Circus. The connection is signposted underground; you do not need to leave the station.

The hotel is approx. 300 yards from Lancaster Gate tube station. Exit the station to the right. Cross over at the traffic lights and follow the main road along the side of the park:

After 200 yards, turn right into a road signposted Lancaster Gate. Turn into this road, and then take the second left (after 50 yards). The hotel is on your right after another 50 yards.



Hotel Russell (Piccadilly Line)

The hotel is 100 yards from Russell Square tube station. Turn left on exiting the station:

Cross over a small street (Herbrand St), and walk along the side of the hotel. Turn left when you reach Russell Sq. for the hotel entrance:



Getting to the hotels

Hilton Doubletree, Victoria Line (formerly Hesperia London Victoria)

The hotel is directly opposite the "Platform 1" entrance to Victoria mainline Railway Station. It is much easier to navigate the local area by staying *inside* the stations, rather than following the roads outside.

From Victoria Underground station follow the signs to the mainline station ("Victoria ⇐"). When in the mainline station, follow the signs to Platform 1, the far left platform):

Walk along the side of Platform 1, and look for the small exit on your left. Go through the passageway, and the hotel entrance is directly opposite.



Getting to the ASPLOS banquet

Doors open: 7pm

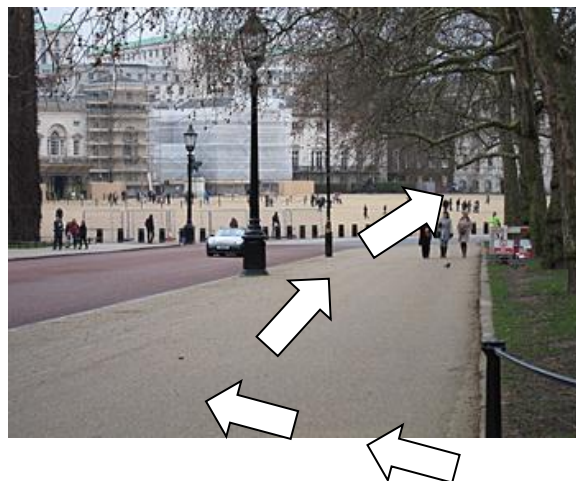
Drinks reception from 7pm,
dinner served at 7.30pm

(The directions for the banquet will also be included
in the printed programme provided at registration.)

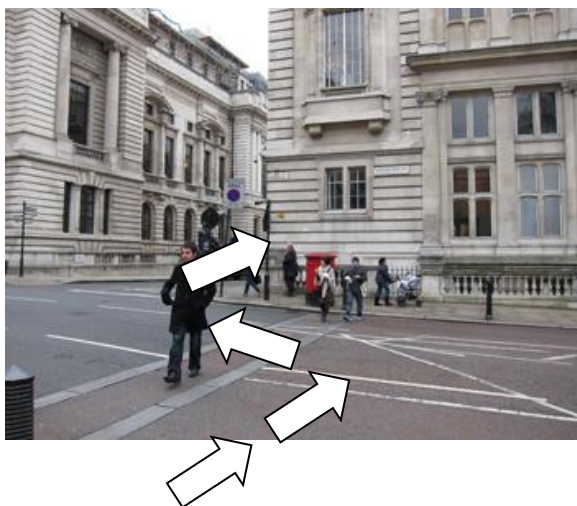
Turn right leaving the Royal Society, and take
the wide set of stairs down to The Mall:



Cross over The Mall, and take Horse Guards Road along
the side of St James' Park. (The Horse Guards parade
ground is off on the left of the road):



At the end of Horse Guards Road, turn left
(into Great George St.) and then immediately
right (into Storey's Gate):



After about 150 yards, Storey's Gate emerges
near Westminster Abbey (cut off on the left
of the photo), and opposite Church House
where the ASPLOS banquet is being held:

