



Alpha
Leadership
Tour: *UK*

2026
Delegate Booklet

Letter from The Alpha Team

The Alpha Australia Leadership Tour is just around the corner, and we are truly excited to be gathering with you in the United Kingdom.

These moments are always rich with meaning, connection, and the tangible presence of God at work among His people. We're especially looking forward to sharing meals, learning side by side, and creating space to encounter Him.

One of the greatest privileges of this tour is worshipping and praying alongside church leaders and gospel advocates from across the globe. The leadership tour features time with leaders from various denominations, offering an opportunity to learn from those with whom we may not usually connect. We trust these conversations and shared experiences will be deeply enriching for us all.

We believe something incredible is happening across the UK - a fresh movement of God that is being reflected not only in local churches but also in wider cultural conversations. Recent reports from across the UK show a remarkable shift in church engagement, especially among younger generations. We're starting to see the same trends in Australia, an increasing curiosity about Jesus, particularly in younger generations. This growing openness to faith and spiritual community is an encouraging sign of renewal and hope in this nation, and provides hope for us as Australian church leaders - that God desires to do the same in Australia!

Many of us can still remember our first Alpha Leadership Conference as a significant season of stretching and growth. At times, it may feel different from what you're used to, perhaps a new style or approach, but we encourage you to lean in with open hearts. What once felt unfamiliar to many of us became a defining and life-shaping experience, marking the beginning of a new chapter in God's purpose. We are expectant and excited to see what the Holy Spirit will do in each of us during this time.

Our Alpha Australia team will be present to serve and support you throughout the tour. In the attached document, you'll find helpful details to prepare for our time together. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Please know that we are praying for each of you as we prepare. If there are specific ways we can be praying for you, we would love to hear from you.

I'm truly looking forward to gathering with you in London for a week of inspiration, friendships, learning, growth and impartation. It's going to be so much fun!

Blessings,

Ben Higgins & the Alpha Australia Team

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Itinerary

Day 1

Tuesday 28th April

Start	End	Event	Where	Details
6:00 PM	8:45 PM	Welcome Dinner with Special Guests, Archie & Sam Coates	HTB Queens Gate	117 Queen's Gate, South Kensington, London SW7 5LW

Day 2

Wednesday 29th April

Start	End	Event	Where	Details
9:00 AM	3:30 PM	Leadership Sessions with Pete Hughes, Nicky & Pippa Gumbel, and Katherine Chow	HTB Onslow Square	44 Onslow Square, South Kensington, London SW7 3NX Includes Lunch

Day 3

Thursday 30th April

Start	End	Event	Where	Details
8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Travel to Oxford	Paddington Station, London	1. Paddington Station to Oxford Station* 2. Walk 15min to get to St. Aldate's Church *Pre-purchase Great Western Rail tickets here to enjoy discounted rates
10:00 AM	5:00 PM	Leadership Sessions with Stephen Foster, Simon Ponsonby, and N.T. Wright	St. Aldate's Church	St Aldate's, Oxford OX1 1BT Includes Morning Tea & Lunch

Day 4 Friday 1st May

Start	End	Event	Where	Details
9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Leadership sessions with Sarah Jackson	HTB Onslow Square	44 Onslow Square, South Kensington, London SW7 3NX
12:30 PM	2:30 PM	Lunch + travel to SAINT Church		Find your own lunch around London
2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Leadership sessions with Al Gordon + Pete Hughes + Wole Agbaje	SAINT	Hackney Church, Lower Clapton Rd, London E5 0PD Take the tube to Hackney Downs Walk from Hackney Downs Station to SAINT
5:00 PM		Dinner & Debrief around Hackney		
7:00 PM		All Night Prayer and Worship Gathering at SAINT	SAINT	Hackney Church, Lower Clapton Rd, London E5 0PD

Day 5 Saturday 2nd May

Start	End	Event	Where	Details
9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Session with Fr James Mallon + Prayer with Bishop Sandy and Annette Miller	HTB Onslow Square	44 Onslow Square, South Kensington, London SW7 3NX

Day 6 Sunday 3rd May

Start	End	Event	Where	Details
Church services across London				
Refer to page 13 in your booklet for more information on recommended church services.				
4:30pm	5:30pm	Global Catholic Welcome Gathering	HTB Queensgate	117 Queensgate, South Kensington TO REGISTER, CLICK HERE

Day 7 & 8 Monday 4th - Tuesday 5th May

Start	End	Event	Where	Details
8:45 AM	9:00 PM	LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE FROM ALPHA	Royal Albert Hall	Kensington Gore, South Kensington, London SW7 2AP

Contact

A member of our Church Engagement Team will be contacting you prior to the trip. They will be your primary point of contact during your time in London. Please feel free to reach out to them if you have any questions or concerns.

In case of an emergency, or if you are unable to contact your Alpha point person, please feel free to reach out to:

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WhatsApp Group

We will be setting up a WhatsApp group so we can stay in contact with each other and keep you updated on the go while in the UK. If you don't already have WhatsApp, please make sure you download it onto your phone. The WhatsApp group will be closed after the trip.

Tickets

We will be emailing you your Leadership Conference 2026 tickets prior to the trip. If you have any issues with accessing your tickets, please contact events@alpha.org.au

Venues

The Royal Albert Hall (RAH)



The Royal Albert Hall (RAH) is located in South Kensington, facing onto Hyde Park. The address is Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AP.

By Tube

South Kensington (District, Circle and Piccadilly Lines) and High Street Kensington (District and Circle Lines) are the closest Underground stations to the RAH. Walking to the RAH takes approximately 10 minutes from either station.

HTB Onslow Square



By Bus

- 9 Aldwych to Hammersmith**, stopping on Kensington Gore outside the RAH
- 10 King's Cross Station to Hammersmith**, stopping on Kensington Gore outside the RAH
- 52 Victoria to Willesden**, stopping on Kensington Gore outside the RAH
- 70 Acton to South Kensington**, stopping on Queen's Gate, 2 minutes walk from the RAH
- 360 Elephant & Castle to the Hall**, stopping on Prince Consort Rd, 1 minute walk from RAH
- 452 Wandsworth Road Station to Kensal Rise**, stopping on Kensington Gore outside the RAH

By Rail

London Victoria is the nearest National Rail train station.

By Tube

South Kensington

By Bus

Serviced by the following bus routes 49
Stop name: Onslow Square (Stop HV)

Transport

Public Transport

Utilising London's Tube & Bus system is the most practical way to get from one place to the next. The Transport for London website is a great way to see what is available and to learn about their ticketing system (in particular, the Oyster card).

Visitor Oyster Card

A Visitor Oyster card is a quick, cheap and easy way to pay for your travel on public transport around London. You can buy your card online before you leave Australia and have it posted to you. Visitor Oyster cards also give you the opportunity to save money with special offers and discounts too. If you have money left on your card, you can return it to a tube station and be reimbursed! If you don't pre order your Oyster card, you can purchase one at the Heathrow

airport tube station (at the cashier window) or use the paper ticket system when you arrive in London.

Credit Card Option

A contact-less card is another useful option than can save you time, because you won't need to get or top-up an Oyster card.

If you're visiting London and your card was issued outside the UK, you may be able to use it for contact-less travel.

The acceptable cards are:

- American Express
- Most Mastercard and Maestro cards
- Selected Visa and V PAY cards

Overseas transaction charges may apply for travel made with a card issued outside the UK. Contact your card issuer for more information.

By Foot

Walking is a great way to get between the various LC25 venues and also see the sites! The various venues are 10-20 minutes walk to each other.

Taxis & Uber

Taxis and MiniCabs are available throughout London, you can even book them using one of the many apps available. Visit the Transport for London website to learn more.

Uber is also a great option. Just download the Uber app from the app store to access.

Getting To & From the Airport

There are three main ways to get you to and from the airport and your accommodation. These are:

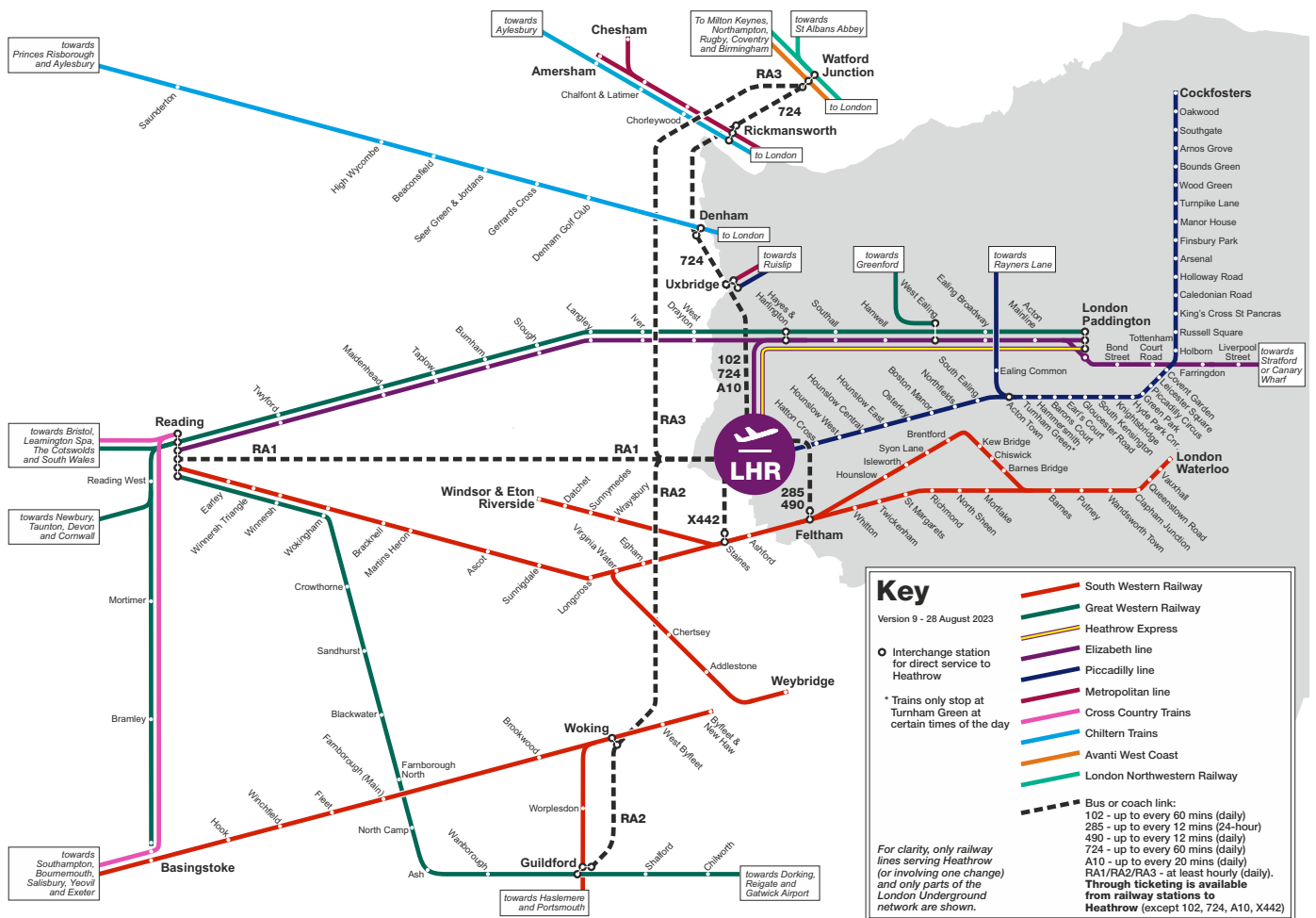
Heathrow Express (fastest, typically under 40min)

Heathrow Express is an airport rail link that takes you from London Heathrow Airport and Paddington (and vice versa) within 15 minutes. We recommend purchasing tickets in advance as they are cheaper online (around £20 to £25).

From Paddington, you can catch a taxi or an Uber to South Kensington for around £10. Alternatively, you can also take the Circle Line on the London Underground (aka 'the Tube') from Paddington station to High Street Kensington station. See suggested route [here](#).

London Underground aka 'the Tube' (typically under 1 hour) You can plan your journey on the Tube via the Transport for London [website](#). Please take note that not all underground stations have lift access. See suggested route [here](#).

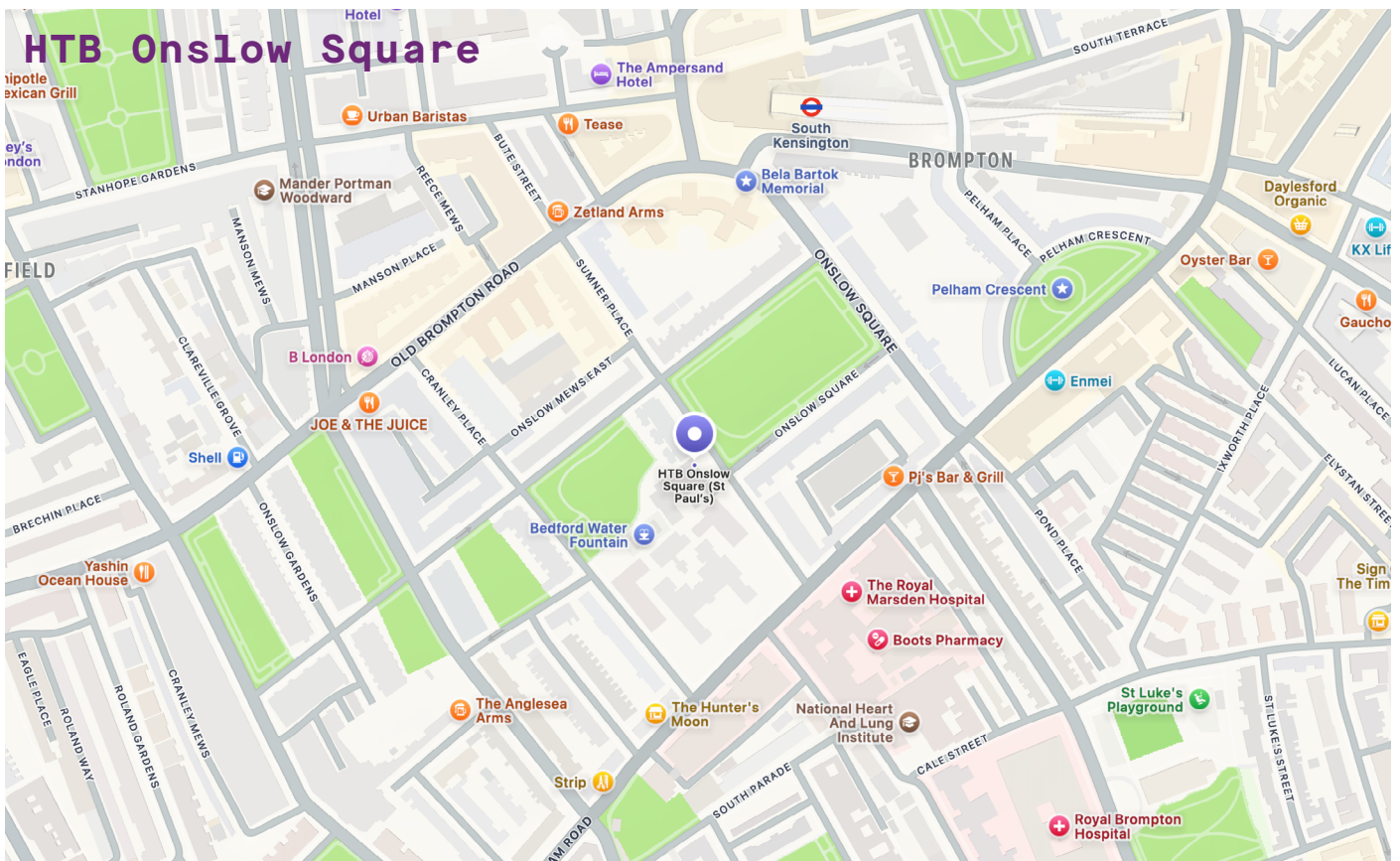
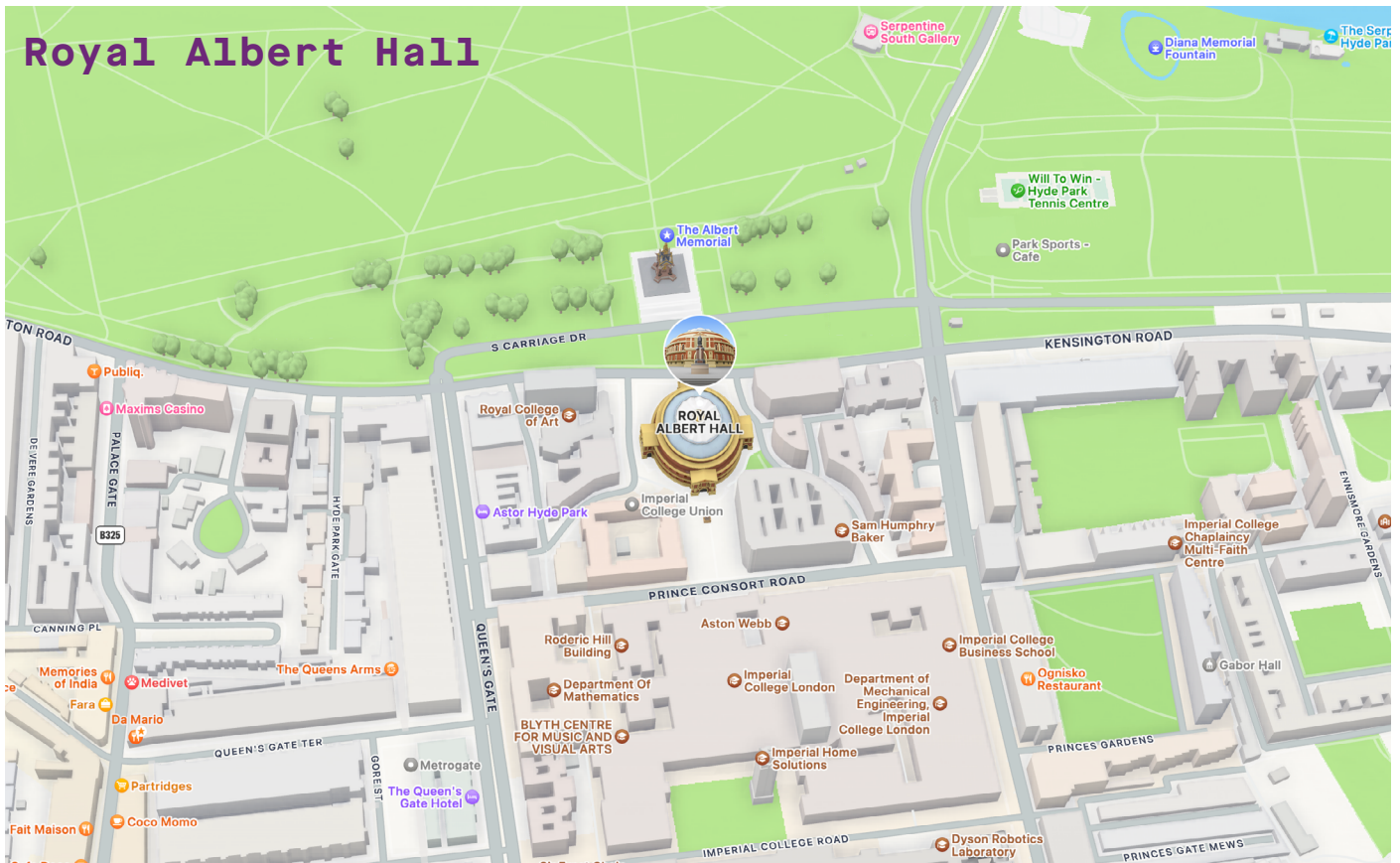
Heathrow's Rail Links



Getting to & from the Day Trip Locations

Location	Closest Station	Estimated Travel Time	Estimated Cost	Suggested Route
SAINT Hackney Church	Hackney Downs Rail Station	30 min (via Tube from Bank Station)	£2.80 one way	<p>Suggested route from High Street Kensington:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take the Tube from High Street Kensington to Victoria 2. Take the Tube from Victoria to Highbury & Islington 3. Take the London Overground to Hackney Central Rail Station 4. Walk 8min to get to Hackney Church (SAINT) <p>Estimated travel time: 45min</p>
St. Aldates Church, Oxford	Oxford Station	1 hour 45 min (via Tube and Great Western Railway)	£30 round trip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take the Tube from High Street Kensington Station to London Paddington Station • Take the Great Western Rail from London Paddington Station to Oxford Station* • Walk 15min to get to St. Aldate's Church <p>*Pre-purchase Great Western Rail tickets here to enjoy discounted rates</p>

Area Maps



Church Services

Numerous church services will be running across London on Sunday, 4 May.

HTB Brompton Road - 9:30am, 11:30am, 5:00pm

HTB Courtfield Gardens - 10:30am

HTB St. Luke's Earl's Court - 11am

HTB Onslow Square - 10:30am, 4:30pm, 6:30pm

HTB Queen's Gate - 10:30am

Kings X Church - 9:30am, 5:00pm

Hillsong (Central London) - 10:15am, 12:00pm

SAINT Hackney Church - 9:30am & 11:30am (family), 6pm (informal)

Catholic Mass

The Oratory

Saturday, 2 May, at 6pm

Sunday, 3 May

- English - 8am, 10am, 12:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm
- Latin - 9am, 11am

Our Lady of Victories - 9am, 10:30am, 12 noon, 6pm

Places of Interest

Things to See & Do

The area of South Kensington is teeming with things to see and do during your stay, many of which are free!

Some suggestions include:

Harrods

Kensington Gardens & Hyde Park

Natural History Museum

Royal College of Music

Science Museum

The Design Museum

Victoria & Albert Museum

Attractions further out from South Kensington:

Borough Market

Churchill War Rooms

Covent Garden

Oxford Street

The Truman Brewery

Regent Street

Shakespeare's Globe

Sky Garden

St. James' Park

St. Paul's Cathedral

Tate Modern

The British Museum

The National Gallery

The Wallace Collection

Tower of London

Trafalgar Square

Westminster Abbey

West End Theaters

Windsor Castle

Helpful Tips

Weather & What to Wear

Typical temperatures in May range from a low of 8 to a high of 15 degrees celsius. Most buildings have centralized heating, so you'll need to come prepared for the cold outside and a comfortable temperature when indoors. Wearing layers is a great way to manage the differences in temperature.

Currency

The currency in Britain is Pound Sterling, the current exchange rate (as of March 2026) is 0.53 GBP to 1 Australian Dollar.

Disability Access

The Royal Albert Hall has various flights of stairs which are used to access the different levels of the venue. Ramps, as well as lifts, are available at Door 1 for those who require them.

The HTB sites have disability access and minimal stairs.

Helpful Websites

Alpha Leadership Conference - leadershipconference.org.uk

Holy Trinity Brompton - htb.org

Heathrow Airport - heathrow.com

London guides

Visit London - visitlondon.com (they also have a great Instagram account)

Secret London - secretldn.com

Time Out - timeout.com/london

Transport for London - tfl.gov.uk. They also have a walking map showing the walking times between Tube stations, which you can find [here](#).

Helpful Apps

Airalo

The world's first eSIM store that solves the pain of high roaming bills by giving you access to eSIMs (digital SIM cards). With eSIMs from Airalo, download and install a digital data pack from 200+ countries/regions and be connected anywhere in the world the second you land.

Citymapper (London)

Citymapper simplifies public transport in London by providing up-to-the-minute information and multiple route options. Features include disruptions, offline maps, prices, taxi fares and even calorie burn counts!

London Guide

Shows you the best events in London right now. Quickly find out what's free near you and browse must see recommendations.

Trip Advisor

Great app that provides reviews of travel-related content, also includes interactive travel forums.

Visit London (official city guide)

Features include offline maps, weather, restaurant and bar recommendations, guides, top-10s, and travel information, and all without incurring roaming charges.

Tube Map

Tube Map is the award-winning navigation app that includes the official TfL (Transport for London) Tube Map. Tube Map - London Underground works both on and offline and is the #1 Tube Map with over 20 million downloads.

