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Stage 12 of the Thames Path started at Wandsworth, just before Wandsworth Bridge.

Soon after this, a converted barge was seen.



The next bridge was Battersea Railway Bridge.



A church was near to the river.



The former Lotts Road power station was across the river.



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A statue of a couple with child was passed.

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Two castings of swans were seen.



The next bridge was Albert Bridge.



We came to the Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park.

Soon after this came a lock with some boats by an entry to the Thames.



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The next bridge was Chelsea Bridge,



A water bus was later seen under the bridge.



closely followed by Grosvenor (railway) Bridge. After some detours round building sites, we reached the river again and could see back to Battersea power station



Vauxhall Bridge is embellished with various statues.



The next bridge was Vauxhall Bridge.



A view back to Battersea Power Station showed the massive amount of building of flats in progress.

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The next bridge was Lambeth Bridge.



At this time, it was clearly fairly low tide.

The Houses of Parliament were on the opposite bank of the river.



Lambeth Palace was on our side of the river. Outside it, there was a memorial to the

Special Operations Executive,



with a plaque to the heroine, Violette Szabo.



Westminster Bridge is next to the Houses of Parliament.

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Up to this point, we had had easy walking with relatively few other people around. From Westminster Bridge to London Bridge, there were dense throngs of vast numbers of people.

We saw the London Eye, with long queues awaiting entrance.



Hungerford Bridge now has pathways on both sides of Charing Cross railway bridge.



Cleopatra's Needle was across the river.



A boat was approaching the pier at Waterloo Bridge.

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Blackfriars Railway Bridge has had major development recently and new office blocks in the City were visible behind it.



The arms of the London, Chatham and Dover railway were displayed on Blackfriars Bridge.



We walked past the Millennium 'wobbly' bridge, with St Paul's Cathedral in the background.



There were large numbers of people on the South Bank near the Globe Theatre.



The next bridge was Southwark Bridge.



Soon after this, we reached the end of this section of the Thames Path at London Bridge.