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8. St Botolph’s-without-Aldersgate Parish Church – John Wesley’s father, Samuel, was curate here for a year. Window of John Wesley field-preaching in Moorfields and plaque on railings commemorates Wesley’s evangelical conversions.

9. Site of John Bray’s House – Plaque marks where John and Charles Wesley lodged 1738–9, where Charles was converted on 21 May 1738 and John declared ‘I believe’ at 10pm on 24 May 1738.

10. John Wesley’s Conversion Place Memorial – The ‘Aldersgate Flame’ Modern bronze ‘flame’ sculpture erected in 1981 to commemorate John Wesley’s evangelistic conversion on 24 May 1738, featuring text from his journal describing when his heart was ‘strangely warmed’. (Located on the high walkway, directly outside entrance to the Museum of London.)


12. St Bartholomew the Great Parish Church – The last Anglican pulpit made available to John Wesley, who continued to preach here long after he had been debarred from other London churches.

13*. The Charterhouse – John Wesley was educated at The Charterhouse School 1714–20. Commemorative plaque in the cloisters. (School relocated to Surrey in 1872.) For details of worship services and costs of tours, visit: www.thecharterhouse.org


15. Bunhill Fields (Nonconformist) Burial Ground, with Susanna Wesley’s grave – John Wesley’s mother, Susanna, died on 30 July 1742. Her white marble gravestone is to the left of the central path.

Enjoy walking Wesley’s way and exploring Wesley’s London

John Wesley is the best known of the founders of the Methodist movement. His Christian ministry emphasised salvation for all. Today, Methodism is a worldwide Christian denomination of 75 million people.
15 sites in central London associated with John Wesley’s family life and ministry in the eighteenth century: **all within walking distance of Wesley’s Chapel, City Road.**

**Walking from Wesley's Chapel...**

1. **Wesley’s Chapel, John Wesley’s house & The Museum of Methodism**
   - John Wesley’s house and tomb, and the Museum of Methodism – Built by John Wesley in 1778 close to ‘The City’ of London to replace the Foundery chapel [see 3]. Today, Wesley’s Chapel has a thriving, multicultural congregation and is united with the Leysian Mission, formerly an independent local Methodist Mission, 49 City Road, London EC1Y 1AL.
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2. **Site of Whitefield’s Tabernacle**
   - Site of Whitefield’s Tabernacle – John Wesley admired George Whitefield, who first invited Wesley to preach outdoors, but strongly disagreed with his Calvinism. In 1741, Whitefield’s supporters built a wooden tabernacle on corner of present Leonard and Tabernacle Sts.

3. **Site of the Foundery**
   - Site of the Foundery – Plaque located on wall of John Wesley’s first ‘bookroom’, in present Tabernacle St, indicates site opposite (between Worship St and Bonhill St) of the disused cannon factory that became John Wesley’s first London base (1739–1778). (Pulpit and some pews relocated to Wesley’s Chapel.)

4. **Finsbury Square**
   - Finsbury Square – John and Charles Wesley, George Whitefield and others preached here and in the ‘Moorfields’ area. Wesley organised meetings and visited converts; thus began the Methodist Society in England.

5. **St Giles-without-Cripplegate Parish Church**
   - St Giles-without-Cripplegate Parish Church – Samuel Annesley, John Wesley’s maternal grandfather, was expelled from this church for nonconformity in 1662. (Can also be viewed from the high walkway east of the Aldersgate Memorial [see 10].)

6. **Threadneedle Street**
   - Threadneedle Street – John Wesley married Molly Vazeille, a widow, in 1751. Shortly before, he fell and badly sprained his foot. He was carried to the Vazeille’s home here and spent a week convalescing, nursed by Molly.

7. **St Paul’s Cathedral & Churchyard**
   - St Paul’s Cathedral & Churchyard – John Wesley worshipped in the chancel on 24–26 May 1778. On the afternoon of his Aldersgate experience, he heard the anthem, ‘Out of the deep have I cried unto Thee’. Statue of John Wesley erected in 1988 in the churchyard: bronze cast of Manning’s 19thC statue to be found at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster [see 21, overleaf].

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11. **Museum of London**

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13. **The Charterhouse**

14. **LSO St Luke’s**

15. **Bunhill Fields Burial Ground**
   - Susanna Wesley’s grave

**Route approximately 2½ hours without stops and visits to attractions.**

* = major tourist attractions where you could spend several hours admiring the architecture and exploring the exhibits!