

TRAIL MAP: FOUR

FROM:

**KING'S CROSS
STATION**

TO:

**The Postal Museum
Mail Rail**



Discover some of hidden London using this trail map.
Enjoy your journey!



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1 ST PANCRAS RENAISSANCE HOTEL
Exit King's Cross underground on Easton Road (South Side) and turn around to enjoy a breath-taking view of The St. Pancras Renaissance Hotel. This Victorian masterpiece, designed by architect George Gilbert Scott (who's grandson designed the iconic red Post Office telephone box) first opened its doors as the Midland Grand in 1873 to accommodate rail travellers through the St. Pancras Rail Station. Step into the King's Cross station to see Platform 9 ¾ of Harry Potter fame.

3 BLUE PLAQUES
As you turn right from the busy Grays Inn Road you will find yourself in Mecklenburgh Square. Between 1792 and 1895, this Grade II listed square and its garden were owned by the nearby Foundling Hospital. Named in honour of King George III's Queen, Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, the square was home to many prominent figures, such as poet Charlotte Mew. Can you spot three blue plaques on the surrounding houses?



4 GOODENOUGH COLLEGE
An educational trust, Goodenough College operates a private hotel for academics on its east side. Founded in 1930 it provided young, future leaders from across the British Empire with a London life similar to their Oxford and Cambridge counterparts. Although not accessible to the public, every Saturday at 10.00 you can join a free guided tour of this magnificent Grade II listed building.

5 KING EDWARD V11 POSTBOX
There are 115,300 post boxes of all shapes, sizes and even colours across the UK. This one, on the corner of Doughty Street and Guilford Street is a Type C pillar box put up under King Edward VII, who reigned 1901-1910. Look how ornate this royal cipher is! Now turn left and keep walking straight, you're nearly there!



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CALTHORPE PROJECT:
Welcome to a green oasis in the heart of King's Cross, the Calthorpe Project. Hidden in plain sight, this wonderful community garden opened in 1984 following a successful campaign by local people against a proposed office development. Since then it's been a place for the community and visitors to meet up, enjoy various classes and activities or just to relax and escape from the hustle and bustle of the city.

