

FREE GUIDE · LONDON

Harry Potter Studios (Warner Bros Studio Tour London)

The Great Hall, Platform 9¾, Diagon Alley, the Hogwarts model... — the 7 must-see stops of the studios where Harry Potter was filmed, explained one by one



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Your visit at a glance

This is no theme park and no recreation: these are the Leavesden studios where, over ten years, the eight Harry Potter films were shot, now open to the public with the original sets, costumes and objects. For any fan it's a pilgrimage: you walk through the real Great Hall, you see Ollivander's wands in their boxes and you discover, trick by trick, how the magic was made in front of the camera. This route brings together the tour's seven must-see stops —from the theatrical entrance to the grand finale of the model— with the context to understand what you're looking at and some pointers to make the most of it, whether you have two hours or the whole afternoon. It's done on foot, at your own pace and in a set order, with a compulsory date and time booking. A word of warning: what looks like 'just another visit' grabs you the moment the doors open.

At a glance

PRICE

Adult from £58.50 · child from £47

DURATION

3-4 h (6-7 h with the journey)

STOPS HERE

The 7 must-sees

BOOKING

Compulsory: specific date and time

GETTING THERE

Train to Watford Junction + shuttle

IDEAL FOR

Fans and families with children



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With this free guide you already do a great visit: the essentials, with a route. If you want to make the most of it, at the end I'll show you the complete version.

Before you go in: book your skip-the-line ticket

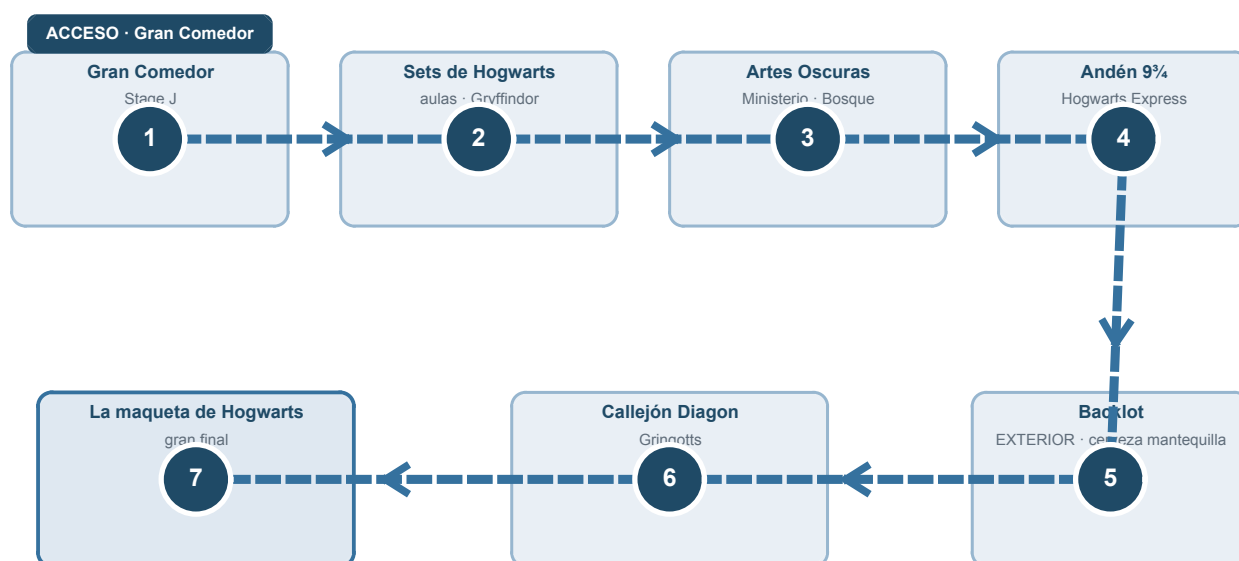
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The map and the route

The tour runs in a single direction, with no going back, so don't rush at the start. It begins with a theatrical entrance: after a short introduction, the doors of the GREAT HALL swing wide open. From there you move through the INTERIOR STAGES (classrooms and rooms of the castle, the Dark Arts area and the Forbidden Forest, Platform 9¾ with the Hogwarts Express), you step outdoors into the BACKLOT —with the butterbeer café, a good spot for a break halfway round—, you cross the creature workshop and lose yourself in DIAGON ALLEY and Gringotts bank. The GRAND FINALE, which gives you goosebumps, is the giant model of Hogwarts castle. Reckon on between 3 and 4 hours. Follow the numbers on the stops: they run in the order you come across them.

STUDIO TOUR DE HARRY POTTER · RECORRIDO POR NAVES (ESQUEMA, NO A ESCALA)



● Stop ➡ Suggested route □ Room/area

Es un itinerario de sentido único que encadena platós: de los interiores de Hogwarts al andén 9¾, sales al Backlot (única zona al aire libre) y terminas en la maqueta gigante. No se puede retroceder.

Visiting order: 1 Great Hall › 2 Hogwarts classrooms › 3 Dark Arts and Forest › 4 Platform 9¾ and Express › 5 Backlot and butterbeer › 6 Diagon Alley and Gringotts › 7 Hogwarts model

Schematic layout by area; the number shows the visiting order. Not to scale: follow the museum's own floor plans and signs on the day.

THE STOPS, ONE BY ONE

1

The Great Hall

Stage J (first set) · 15-20 min

The gateway to the magical world: the real hall where the four houses' banquets were filmed, with original floor, tables and costumes from the films.



DON'T MISS THIS

The stone floor worn by thousands of real footsteps and the hourglasses with the coloured gems of the four houses.

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There's a 'secret' of the Great Hall you never noticed in the films, and it has to do with what was (or wasn't) above Harry and company's heads. We reveal it in the full guide.

THE STOPS, ONE BY ONE

4

Platform 9¾ and the Hogwarts Express

Hogwarts Express set · 20-25 min

Platform 9¾ and the real Hogwarts Express locomotive, with the trolley going through the wall and carriages you can visit inside.



The GWR 'Olton Hall' locomotive, the real engine used as the Hogwarts Express.

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THE DETAIL

The trolley half-buried in the brick wall and the carriage interior, which changes depending on the film.

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Where did this locomotive come from and what name did it carry before becoming the Hogwarts Express? Its real story, with the exact year it was built, in the full guide.

THE STOPS, ONE BY ONE

6

Diagon Alley and Gringotts

Diagon Alley set · 25-35 min

The magical street par excellence —Ollivander, Weasleys' Wizard Wheezes, the bookshop— and the dazzling Gringotts bank extension, with its marble hall and the fire-breathing dragon.

**THE JEWEL**

Ollivander's 17,000 wand boxes and the albino dragon of Gringotts.

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The full story of this stop (twice the text), its «ONE FACT» box and all 7 stops of the route, one by one.

THE STOPS, ONE BY ONE

7

The giant Hogwarts model

Model room (grand finale) · 15-20 min

The grand finale: the model of Hogwarts castle at 1:24 scale, walked around on a gangway as the light changes from day to night. It was used in every film.



THE MOMENT

The moment the lights dim and the castle lights up at night.

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Practical tips

Buy your ticket in advance

You can't just turn up and walk in here: tickets are sold online only, with a specific date and time, and booking your slot is compulsory. They sell out weeks ahead, especially over holidays and weekends, so get them as early as you can and arrive a few minutes before your time.

Best times

Go early and unhurried: the tour takes between 3 and 4 hours and runs in a single direction, you can't double back. Don't rush at the start so you don't run out of energy by the final model, which is the best part.

Getting there

From London Euston there's a direct train to Watford Junction (about 20 minutes) and, from there, an official saga-themed shuttle bus that drops you at the door in about 15 minutes (separate ticket). There are also packages with transport included from central London. Reckon on 6-7 hours in total counting the round trip.

With children

It's ideal for families: little ones love Platform 9¾ and butterbeer. Save the Backlot stop as a reward halfway round, and bear in mind that the Forbidden Forest area is dark and has spiders, in case they're very sensitive.

Accessibility and services

The tour is flat and wheelchair accessible, and you go on foot at your own pace. There's a cloakroom for leaving backpacks and coats, cafés (including the Backlot Café with the butterbeer) and a big shop at the end. There's usually a free digital guide for your phone: download it before you go in.

Combine it

Give it a good half-day. Since the round trip, the visit and the return will take you about 6-7 hours, use the other half of the day to see central London: book the tour for first thing or for the afternoon depending on how the rest of your plan fits.

Practical info

Getting there: direct train from London Euston to Watford Junction (~20 min) + official shuttle bus to the studio (~15 min, separate return ticket); there are also packages with transport from central London. Guide price: adult ticket from £58.50 and child (5-15 years) from £47; under-5s free (check on the official website, it varies by season). There are packages with transport from central London (~£94). Booking compulsory with a specific date and time. Visit duration: 3-4 h inside the studio (6-7 h counting the round trip from London).

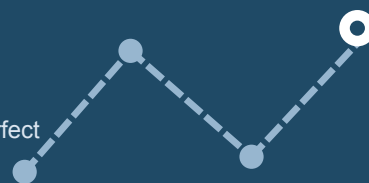
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In the free guide you miss out on:

- 2 Hogwarts' classrooms and rooms**
Interior stages · 30-40 min
- 3 The Dark Arts and the Forbidden Forest**
Dark Arts platform · 20-25 min
- 5 The Backlot and butterbeer**
Backlot (outdoor area) · 25-35 min

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