

## Changing of the Guard Timeline

When	What
10:00	Tourists begin to gather. Arrive now for a spot front and center by the ① fence outside Buckingham Palace in anticipation of the most famous event—when the “Queen’s Guard” does its shift change at 11:00.
10:30	② By now, the Victoria Memorial in front of the palace—the best all-purpose viewing spot—is crowded.
10:30-10:45	Meanwhile, at the nearby ③ Wellington Barracks, the “New Guard” gathers for inspection and the “Old Guard” gathers for inspection at ④ St. James’s Palace.
10:30 (9:30 Sun)	Farther away, along Whitehall, the Horse Guard also changes guard, and begins parading down ⑤ the Mall.
10:43	Relieved of duty, the tired St. James’s Palace guards march down ⑥ the Mall, heading for Buckingham Palace.
10:57	Fresh replacement troops (led by a marching band) head in a grand parade from Wellington Barracks down ⑦ Spur Road to Buckingham Palace.
11:00	All guards gradually converge around the Victoria Memorial in front of the palace. The ceremony approaches its climax.
11:00-11:30	Now, the famous Changing of the Guard ceremony takes place ⑧ inside the fenced courtyard of Buckingham Palace. Everyone parades around, the guard changes, and they pass the regimental flag (or “colour”)—all with much shouting. The band plays a happy little concert, and then marches out.
11:40	The tired “Old Guard” (led by a band) heads up Spur Road for Wellington Barracks. The fresh “New Guard” heads up the Mall for St. James’s Palace.
11:45	As the fresh “New Guard” takes over at St. James’s Palace, there’s a smaller changing of the guard ceremony. And with that—“Tourists...d-i-i-s-missed!”

# Buckingham Palace Area

