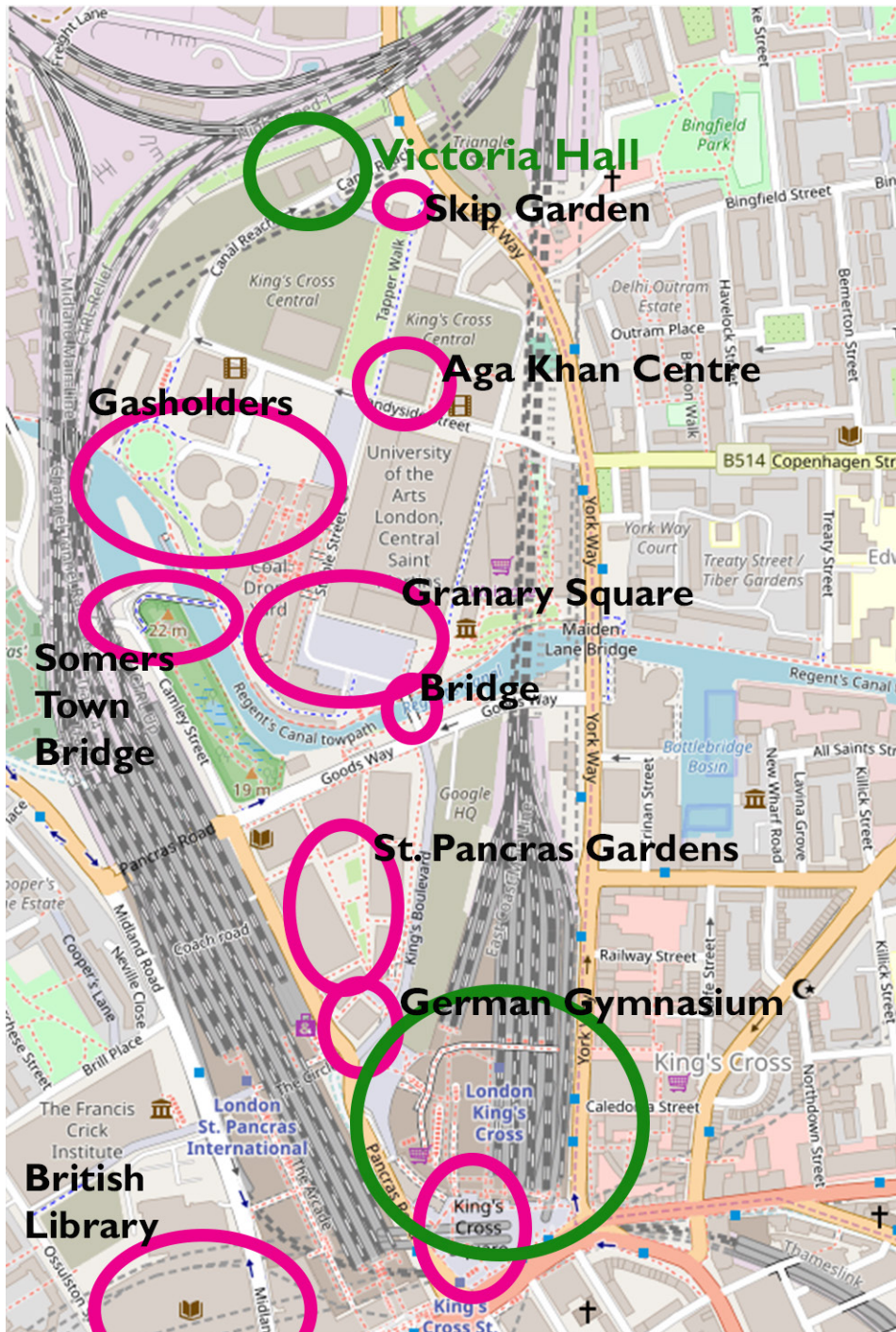


15.00 Check in|Victoria Hall, King’s Cross. You may be able to check in earlier or at least leave your luggage at the reception desk.

- 16.30 Tours, other information|
- Victoria Hall residence facilities, meet Regan at reception
 - British Green Architecture Studio orientation (meet Bruce, Carolina, Regan, Tisha; room TBA)—the course begins
 - Class packet contains your tickets to St. Paul’s Cathedral, the Mithraeum, London Eye, and Kew Botanic Gardens. *Please use this envelope to return your key when you check out;* there is space on the label for your room number (cf. 30 July page).
 - Explore your 'hood—Bruce-led walkabout to help get your bearings.



MAPS: all maps are screen shots from <www.openstreetmap.org>

GETTING THERE

VICTORIA HALL, KING'S CROSS
25 Canal Reach; London N1C 4DD
<<https://victoriahallkingcross.com/>>
[upper green circle on map, left]

From the London King’s Cross (KGX) railway or tube station [lower green circle on map, left]

- Walk northward on King’s Boulevard
- Cross Regent’s Canal on the Stable Street Bridge
- Cross Granary Square
- Continue on Stable Street/Tapper Walk to the Skip Garden Kitchen
- Turn left; it’s one block to Victoria Hall

CHECKING IN

What do I need to bring with me on arrival?
You’re on a list of confirmed residents provided by Bruce to Amy. You’ll need your passport (photo ID), student ID card, and a passport-sized photo (for your dorm ID).

Will there be someone to collect my keys from?
Staff are on site 24 hours a day. Since it is Saturday, *the office is closed; instructions outside the Vic Hall office will advise you how to contact the member of staff on duty.*

What happens on moving-in day?
You will be welcomed on arrival in our management office by a member of Host staff. You will be asked to sign a fire safety agreement and provide any documents that may be outstanding. After this, we will issue you with a welcome pack, which contains all the information you need to live at Host King’s Cross and then you will be shown to your room.

For information about Moving out, see the page for 30 July, Goodbye.

•’HOOD WALK
map at left

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The word “omiyage” translates to “souvenir,” but the practice of giving omiyage in Japan is much more nuanced than the typical western idea of what constitutes a souvenir. It’s a gift that you buy for others, rather than for yourself. Specifically, it’s a gift you buy for your work colleagues, family, and friends after returning from a trip.

Giving omiyage is akin to an expression of aloha, a way of showing gratitude and goodwill.

Do you need help picking out a couple of gifts to present to our hosts during the UK Green Architecture course? According to omiyage etiquette:

- Regional food specialties make the best omiyage. While souvenirs in the west usually consist of things like keyrings, clothing, and ornaments, omiyage is usually edible. Typically, they are sweet items like cookies, cake, and candy, but can also be savoury—rice crackers, alcohol, dried snacks, and more.

- Choices should include items grown or manufactured in the place you visited. In our situation your choice can represent where you are from or Idaho.

- It shouldn’t be expensive.

- The wrapping should be neat and attractive; the outside appearance of omiyage is as important as the gift itself.

- Don’t buy anything in sets of four because that number is considered unlucky (the word for death and four are both pronounced shi).

- When presenting omiyage, follow the Japanese penchant for modesty, prefacing the giving with something akin to “It isn’t much, but...”, “This is simple, but...” or “I’m not sure you will like it, but...”

You may even wish to extend your practice of omiyage to gifts you bring home from the UK. For example, Tisha’s sister, Pam, loves buttery (“short”) pastries. Rather than purchasing expensive tins of Walker’s shortbread (readily available in the U.S.), we bring packages of the Waitrose store brand of shortbread biscuits—they’re more “short” than Walker’s, not as sweet, are reasonably priced, and as a bonus Tisha can’t eat them. They’re a perfect omiyage for Pam.

Have fun choosing your omiyage for our UK hosts, and hopefully for your colleagues, friends, and family when you return home.

GETTING THERE *continued*

OMIYAGE

- pronounced oh-me-yah-geh

- For our course, each of you is required to bring omiyage for two hosts. You will be assigned two events, noted on the UK schedule, at which you will present your omiyage to say thank you to our host for her or his kindness, generosity, and time.

MOST RELIABLE MAP SOURCE

<<https://www.openstreetmap.org/>>

If you want to get to where you need to be (e.g., scheduled activity), please use the open street map. It has proven much more reliable than Google maps. Also helpful are maps from Transport for London (TFL).

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

<<https://tfl.gov.uk/plan-a-journey/>>

Most reliable way to find your way around London using any combination of transit options. Our calendar pages only give you a tube exit station (destination) since we have NOT assumed that you may all be coming from the same place and to give you opportunities to learn your way in real time using the amazing TFL network to get around (includes walking times as well as travel delays or service outages so you can plan alternative routes).