

Accommodation updates 2013

This is some supplementary information, researched since the main *Accommodation* file was completed.

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Z Hotel Victoria ££/£££ (VC)

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The hotel is 200m from Victoria station bus terminal. The tube station will become 'accessible' in 2018, and it's easier to master some bus routes from a terminal where there are staff around to answer questions. The 507 goes to Waterloo, and close to the end of Westminster Bridge at St Thomas' Hospital.

Small [1cm] step at the entrance, then step-free to reception and the bar/breakfast room area, and to the lift. Six accessible rooms, all with a spacious wheel-in shower but only with queen-size double beds. There was only a small round stool to act as a shower seat, and we suggested providing something more adequate. The room we saw was compact but comfortable. GF **wheelchair toilet** by the lift.

In the early evening they provide free wine and cheese for guests, which seemed to us to be a very friendly gesture.

SE1

35. Premier Inn London Waterloo (Westminster Bridge) ££/£££ (VC)

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The hotel is situated on the corner of York Road and Addington Street, and right next to both the Park Plaza hotels (see the map in the main *Accommodation* file). It is thus in an ideal location for exploring the South Bank sights and just across the bridge is Westminster and Whitehall. It has been built in the historic General Lying-in Hospital, with a new annexe attached. It opened after the main *Accommodation* chapter had been completed.

Step-free access into reception and to the two lifts. These give access to the bar/restaurant on the LGF and to some of the accessible rooms on the upper floors. The other accessible rooms are in the old building and reached by a (self-operated) platform stairlift, bypassing +8 steps.

There are **twelve accessible rooms**. All have a zip and link double bed which can be converted to twins. Five of these have a wetroom bathroom with a wheel-in shower. We saw Room 8 which was spacious and with a well designed fold-down shower seat.

There's a **wheelchair toilet (D70+ ST70+)** on the LGF with the bar/restaurant at the bottom of a short flight of steps leading to the other toilets.