

## Crossings- Abigail Was Here (London)

**In 1784 Abigail Adams traveled to England due to John Adams being appointed the U.S. Ambassador to France. Abigail arrived in London on July 21st and soon left for Paris on August 8th. She returned to England in 1785, when John Adams was appointed the first U.S. Minister to the Court of St. James. Abigail lived in London from 1785 to 1788.**

*Places where Abigail resided:*

Low's Hotel in Convent Garden at the Court End (stayed one night July 21, 1784)  
Osborne New Family Hotel-Adephi Mrs. Sheffield No. 6 (stayed July 22- August 8th, 1784)  
Bath Hotel at Westminster, Picadilly Court End\*  
Grosvenor Square-Corner of Brook & Duke St.- (lived here June 1785 to March 1788)

*Some of the places Abigail visited:*

The Tower of London  
St. Paul's  
Cheapside (shopped there)  
Westminster Abbey  
St. James Court/Palace  
The Foundling Hospital (now the Foundling Museum)  
Royal Theater, Drury Lane  
The British Museum\*\*

\* When she returned to London in 1785 she stayed here (May 24- mid June) until she moved to Grosvenor Square. She stayed in the hotel again in March of 1788 for a fortnight (until her departure back to America).

\*\* Abigail, John Adams, their daughter, Col. Smith (their daughter's suitor) and Thomas Jefferson visited the museum on Monday, April 24th, 1786. Edward Whitaker Gray gave them a tour of the museum.