

Crossings- Emerson Was Here (London)

The influential American writer Ralph Waldo Emerson took a trip to Europe in 1832. This trip was taken by Emerson at age 29 and it was during a critical time in his life as he had recently decided to leave preaching as his vocation in 1832. Emerson was one of five passengers that set sail on the cargo Brig, the Jasper. The ship left Boston on December 25th, 1832 and arrived in the port of St. Paul Bay, Malta on February 2nd, 1833. On his return back to Massachusetts, Emerson visited London. He arrived in the city on the morning of July 20th and departed on August 9th in order to travel to Liverpool to catch his ship back to the States.

Some of the key places Emerson visited:

The Tower Stairs (landed at the Tower Stairs)
St. Paul's (walked passed on his way to find lodging & visited)
Cheapside (walked passed on his way to find lodging)
Newgate Street (walked passed on his way to find lodging)
High Holborn (walked passed on his way to find lodging)
Russell Square (stayed at No 63- Mrs. Fowler's)
Westminster Abbey (went twice)
Haymarket (visited)
Gallery of Practical Science (visited)*
London University (visited- now known as University College of London)
Zoological Gardens (visited- now known as the London Zoo)
Regent Street (visited)
Athenaeum (visited- now known as the Athenaeum Club)
Regent's Park (visited)
Milton's House (visited)

*This was founded by Jacob Perkins in 1832 and was called the National Gallery of Practical Science. It was located on Adelaide St., West Strand, London. The gallery showed modern inventions. Perkins was originally from Newburyport, Massachusetts (U.S.).