

Leaky Cauldron; *Prisoner of Azkaban* (Site #) 😊

Borough Market

<http://www.boroughmarket.org.uk/>

GPS & Google Maps UK: 51.504908, -0.091089

7A Stoney Street, Southwark, London SE1 9AA

Mini Map: L6 ♦ **London Street Map:** N6

Nearest Tube Station: London Bridge [via Borough High Street West entrance/exit]

Big Bus Stop 46 / 19 [the **Original Tour Bus** also stops here]

Retail Market Hours: Thurs 11am-5pm; Fri 12pm-6pm; Sat 9am-4pm

Wholesale Market Hours: Every weekday morning, from 2:00am-8:00am.

[**TIP:** Borough Market doesn't have to be OPEN to visit the *exterior* HP film sites!]

Visit Time: Schedule at least an hour here, perhaps two!

Parseltongue Pointers:

- Borough = “BUR-oh”
- Chez Michele = “shay mee-SHELL”
- Southwark = “SUTH-uck”

The **Leaky Cauldron** is located on **Charing Cross Road**, where it serves as a gateway between the Muggle World and a hidden courtyard containing the magical **Diagon Alley Wizard Entrance (Site #)**. Movie scenes featuring the Leaky Cauldron's Muggle entrance were filmed in **Leadenhall Market (Site #)** for *Sorcerer's Stone*, and in **Borough Market** for *Prisoner of Azkaban*.



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Borough Market is London's oldest food market.

It began operation on **London Bridge** soon after the Romans built it around 40-50 AD. Sometime in 1276, congestion caused the market to move off of London Bridge and into the first of two areas where it operated for the next several hundred years. In 1756, Borough Market relocated to its present – permanent – location, where it has remained for over 250 years.

The exterior *Prisoner of Azkaban* (POA) Borough Market film sites consist of two buildings immediately adjacent to each other (seen at left); **#7A Stoney Street** and **#8 Stoney Street**.

The **Chez Michele** flower shop (#7A Stoney Street) is situated in an old brick building located directly beneath a railway bridge. Its store front required only slight modification before being filmed as the Muggle entrance to the Leaky Cauldron in *POA*. When open, Chez Michele's entrance is festooned with flowers. Even so, you still can get good Leaky Cauldron entrance pix. [<http://www.chezmichele.org.uk/>]



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[Prisoner of Azkaban Screencap segment]



[Prisoner of Azkaban Screencap; Harry standing in front of the Leaky Cauldron (Chez Michele) after the Knight Bus has just vanished]



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[POA film set; unknown Internet photo credit]

Immediately north of Chez Michele and the railway bridge is **#8 Stoney Street**. As seen in the photos above, #8 Stoney Street's façade was merely repainted to transform it into the **Third Hand Book Emporium**. Unfortunately, this wonderful façade is only fleetingly found on screen.



[*Prisoner of Azkaban* Screenshot]



[*Prisoner of Azkaban* Screenshot]

INSIDE #8 Stoney Street, at the southeast corner of its fourth floor (the top floor), is a room with a window from which particularly special *POA* film footage was shot.

Although Harry's Leaky Cauldron bedroom was a Leavesden Studio set, film footage of the *real-life* view from this #8 Stoney Street room's window was digitally inserted into the movie as the view from

**Harry's Leaky Cauldron
bedroom window!**



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[Prisoner of Azkaban Screencap]

Harry's Leaky Cauldron bedroom window view featured the Southwark Cathedral tower rising up beyond the rooftops of Borough Market, as a train passed by on the railway bridge right next to the window. In the screencap above, the tower's four spires appear to be rising out of Harry's head – like a crown!



[©2009 Tara Bellers; The photo above left was taken from the window seen above right!]

The real-life architecture of #8's fourth floor room interior and its window is completely different from the Leaky Cauldron bedroom set. But, the view from this window is exactly the same as the view seen in the movie. When this room and its window become publically accessible, Potterites will have a unique opportunity to have their photo taken with Harry's Leaky Cauldron bedroom window view behind them!



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In 2008, #8 Stoney Street was purchased by its adjoining #9 Stoney Street neighbor, the **Market Porter**. Although plans are already underway for renovation of all four floors of #8's building, it could take over a year to obtain the proper permits, and construction may not begin until mid-to-late 2010.

Happily, Market Porter does intend to eventually renovate #8's fourth floor so that some kind of business can be conducted there. Thus, Harry's Leaky Cauldron bedroom window *will* someday become publically accessible!

(We'll be sure to update this entry as soon as it is.)

In the mean time, Market Porter is operating the UK version of a fast-food shop,

The Posh Bangers, in #8's ground floor space. This shop's speciality is Posh Bangers in a BAP.

Posh means high quality. *Bangers* are sausages. And, a *BAP* is a soft bread roll (similar to a USA hamburger bun).

Other fast-food fare offered at The Posh Bangers shop includes beef burgers, chicken wraps, and *cones of chips* (paper cartons of French-fried potatoes).



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Although no filming took place *within* the Market Porter, actors and crew members spent much of their between-film-shots time there, making it a great place for Potter fans to enjoy a sip or a sup. If business is *slow* while you're there, politely ask to speak with someone about the Harry Potter window on the fourth floor of #8 Stoney Street. Market Porter personnel have been marvelously helpful to visiting Potterites!

To view Market Porter's somewhat peculiar operating hours, visit its website.

<http://www.markettaverns.co.uk/The-Market-Porter/>



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Even the Non-Potter parts of Borough Market are a *marvelous* experience!

You can easily spend more than a hurried Harry Potter hour here. In addition to the plentitude of standard English fare purveyors, Borough Market offers many *International* food vendors.



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Offering everything from *Soup to Nuts*, Borough Market abounds with unusual and exotic (sometimes even hilarious) sights, sounds, and smells. Best of all, because it isn't often considered one of London's sightseeing attractions, few Non-Potterites learn of Borough Market, and fewer still actually go there.

Even when the market is busy, you'll mostly be rubbing elbows with *locals* while visiting. Chat up the vendors or other shoppers while you wander around. Folk who frequent Borough Market are friendly!

Some of Borough Market's vendors sell ready-to-eat food you can munch on while meandering the market. But, if you're visiting on a *weekday*, and **Leadenhall Market** is your next stop, I highly recommend the following:

Borough Market Potterite Plan of Attack

- Finish your *exterior* Harry Potter Places Borough Market photography.
- Have a *SIP* at the Market Porter (politely asking to speak with someone about the #8 Stoney Street Harry Potter window).
- Meander through Borough Market, enjoying its unusual and exotic sights, sounds, and smells.
- Then head to Leadenhall Market and have your *SUP* there.

Why? Because, *Monday through Friday*, Leadenhall Market has a rich variety of prepared food vendors, as well as several outdoor areas where you can *sit* and eat. Seating accommodations are unavailable in Borough Market. For a more substantial meal, Leadenhall Market also boasts several restaurants, cafés, and pubs.

Nearby Non-Potter Places

There is an amazing variety of interesting Non-Potter attractions nearby! The *Beyond Borough* page of Borough Market's website offers Internet links to many of these local sites.

[<http://www.boroughmarket.org.uk/index.php?pid=21>]

Non-Potter Places between Borough Market and the Big Bus (Original Tour) stop:

The Old Operating Theatre Museum and Herb Garret
 Southwark Cathedral
 The London Bridge (and Tombs) Experience

The London Dungeon

The HMS Belfast (“the only surviving vessel of her type to have seen active service during the Second World War”)

Non-Potter Places between Borough Market and the Millennium Bridge (Site #):

The Golden Hind (a recreation of Sir Francis Drake’s English galleon, best known for circumnavigating the earth between 1577 and 1580)

The Clink Prison Museum

The Globe Theater

The Tate Modern Art Museum.

A Prison, a Dungeon, or a Bridge with Tombs – Oh, MY!

If you’re interested in visiting such Non-Potter Places as these, here are a few tips for choosing between them. Clink Prison offers the cheapest, fastest, and lowest-tech experience; a good choice if you have very young children with you. The London Dungeon, and the London Bridge with Tombs, offer lots of high-tech gore, live actors and rides – but, at more than twice the cost, even with discounted advance tickets purchased via the Internet. Traveler Reviews for *all three* of these attractions found on the **Trip Advisor** website seem evenly split between “**well worth a visit!**” and “**a complete rip-off!**” See for yourself at: <http://www.tripadvisor.com/>



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The Clink Prison Museum

<http://www.clink.co.uk/>

Built on the foundations of a notorious 12th century London prison that was burned to the ground by rioting Protestants in 1780, Clink Prison’s name was derived from the *clinking* noise made by the various manacles, fetters, and chains worn by its prisoners. In fact, Clink Prison is the origin of the phrase, “*in the clink.*”

Plan to spend 30 to 45 minutes here.

Open Mon – Fri, 10am-6pm; Sat & Sun, 10am-9pm.

2009 Admission: Adults £5 (\$8); Children under 16, Seniors over 60, and Students with an ID, £3.50 (\$6).

The London Bridge Experience and the London Tombs

<http://www.thelondonbridgeexperience.com/>

According to the official website, you will; “See, hear, feel, taste even smell what London Bridge was like over the ages. ... Experience London of old with Romans, Vikings and the odd pick-pocket or two! ... The Tombs are not for the faint hearted! Its an adrenalin pumping experience ... When you venture down from the vaults, you will enter the real tombs of the bridge.” Allow about 45 minutes for the London Bridge Experience, and an additional 25 minutes if you continue to the London Tombs tour. **Open** Mon – Fri, 10am-5pm; Sat & Sun, 10am-6pm; Dec 24 – Jan 1, 11am-4pm; Closed Christmas Day & Boxing Day. **2009 Tickets** ranged from £16.95/£12.95 (\$28/\$21) Adult/Child online, to £21.95/£16.95 (\$36/\$28) at the gate.

The London Dungeon

<http://www.thedungeons.com/en/london-dungeon/index.html>

From the official website: “In the dark and dingy underbelly of the capital the London Dungeon dwells, waiting to scare the life out of you and any willing visitors brave enough to cross the threshold. Confront your fears,

face your worst nightmares and uncover the gory truth behind some of history's most horrific events!" The London Dungeon tour lasts approximately 60 to 90 minutes. **Open** Mon – Fri, 10:30am-5pm; Sat & Sun, 10am-5pm; Dec 26, 11am-4pm (£22.95 / \$38); Closed Christmas Day. Tickets must be purchased for specific time slots. **2009 Tickets** ranged from £16.95/£10.95 (\$28/\$18) Adult/Child online, to £21.95/£16.95 (\$36/\$28) at the gate.

Nearby Potter Places

The Death Eaters' Bridge (Site #) 😊 About a 10 minute walk.

The Leaky Cauldron; Sorcerer's Stone (Site #) 😊 About a 15 minute walk.

Going to The Leaky Cauldron; Prisoner of Azkaban Site

From 🚇 London Bridge Tube Station: Likely a 7 minute walk from your train, but only about a 2 minute walk from the street exit.

🚶 Follow station signs to the Borough High Street *WEST* exit. Upon reaching the street, walk straight ahead (southwest) to Stoney Street. ♦ Turn right and walk northwest to Chez Michele – the Leaky Cauldron! ♦ If you accidentally leave the London Bridge tube station from its main exit on Duke Street Hill, head west and follow the directions from the Big Bus Stop **46 / 19**, below.

From Big Bus Stop 46 / 19 (an Original Tour Bus stop): About a 9 minute walk.

🚶 Head northwest on Tooley Street, continuing as it curves west and becomes Duke Street Hill. At the end of Duke Street Hill, cross to the west side of King William Street. ♦ Turn left and walk southwest as King William Street becomes Borough High Street. Continue until Bedale Street. ♦ Turn right and walk northwest. The Borough Market entrance will be on your left. ♦ Shop your way south through the market. When you reach Stoney Street, look left for the railway bridge above Chez Michele – the Leaky Cauldron!

From The Death Eaters' Bridge (Site #): About a 10 minute walk.

🚶 From the south bank of the Millennium Bridge (or the north entrance of the **Tate Modern Art Museum**), head east on the walkway along the Thames River. As you near the **Globe Theater**, head away from the river and walk east on Bankside Jetty. Continue east as Bankside Jetty becomes Bankside. At Southwark Bridge, follow Bankside to the right as it goes south and then east again, under the bridge. ♦ On the other side of the bridge, turn left and go back toward the river, then turn right to walk east on Thames Path, continuing as it turns right and heads southeast, becoming Bankside again. Continue until Bankside ends at Bankend. ♦ Turn right and go south to Clink Street. ♦ Turn left and walk east passing under the railway bridge. (You'll see the **Clink Prison Museum** ahead of you.) Continue east to Stoney Street. ♦ Turn right and walk south until you see the Market Porter and the railway bridge over Chez Michele.

From the Leaky Cauldron; Sorcerer's Stone (Site #): About a 15 minute walk.

🚶 Go west from any place in Leadenhall Market to Gracechurch Street. ♦ Turn left and walk southwest down the east side of Gracechurch Street to its end at Eastcheap. ♦ Cross to the south side. Turn right and walk west to follow the sidewalk as it curves south and becomes the east side of King William Street. Continue southwest, over the new London Bridge. [**TIP:** From the bridge's east side you can take pix of **Tower Bridge** without traffic in the way!] After you reach the south side of the Thames River, cross to the far west side of King William Street (a right turn before Duke Street Hill). ♦ Turn left and walk southwest, until King William Street becomes Borough High Street. Continue to Bedale Street. ♦ Turn right and walk northwest. The Borough Market entrance will be on your left. ♦ Shop your way south through the market. When you reach Stoney Street, look left to see the railway bridge above Chez Michele – the Leaky Cauldron!