



No, dude, not that kind of bongs. Your travel4seniors.com editor does a night-time selfie with the famous clock. Above the Houses of Parliament in Westminster by the Thames River, it's the world-famous 315-foot tower. It's familiar chimes will be silent for expansive repair work until 2021.

The original Big Ben was cast in 1856, but cracked and was replaced. The current clock first began to operate and the bell sounded in 1859. When operating, Big Ben chimes loudly on the hour, with a bit quieter peal on the quarter hour.

Of course, loyal fans will pine to hear the great chimes during construction. Many websites and YouTube can bring recorded Big Ben sights and bongs to your yearning ears and eyes.