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**LONDON
THE CITY EXPERIENCE**



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Navigating the biggest city in the European Union can be daunting, but take this tour at your own pace. Wander the smoky Dickensian streets of cobblestone and hanging lamps, or stroll through the massive halls of the British Museum.

If you prefer motion to museums, lead the march through Westminster Abbey—a living pageant of royalty and iconic beauty. Deliver a monologue of your own after an evening at the theatre, or discover

the wonders of Stonehenge and spark a curious discussion that no classroom could hold.

If you're interested in local art, stop by the up-and-coming East End and spot unique work in contemporary galleries—right there on the street. If you get tired of fish and chips, head to Northeast London and try the most culturally diverse foods in Britain. It doesn't take long to discover that there is more to London than the royal palaces.



Day 1: Fly to Great Britain

Meet your group and travel on an overnight flight to London.

Day 2: London

Arrive in London: Welcome to the cosmopolitan city of London, truly one of the world's great cities. Depending on your arrival time, you may have free time to settle in and explore on your own.

Explore London: Ready to see London on foot? Stretch your legs and set out through Trafalgar Square, Covent Garden, the Strand and Leicester Square on a walking tour of the city.

Day 3: London

Sightseeing tour of London: From Big Ben to the Houses of Parliament, Great Britain's royal tradition and rich history greet you at every turn. Admire architectural marvels like St. Paul's Cathedral, and check out the five-way intersection at Piccadilly Circus and the urban greenery of Hyde Park. You may even get a chance to witness the ceremonial Changing of the Guard. Cap off your tour at the River Thames and snap photos of the Tower of London.

Windsor Castle: At this former fortress, see priceless objects in the State Apartments, like paintings by Rubens and Holbein. Encounter the Gothic splendor of St. George's Chapel, final resting place of many monarchs. Discover Queen Mary's Dolls' House, where castle items are replicated in 1/12th scale—including a working lighting system and functional plumbing.

Day 4: London

➦ **Stonehenge and Bath:** Discover the United Kingdom's most mysterious landmark on your visit to Stonehenge. This configuration of massive boulders seems to rise out of nowhere on the misty hills of Wiltshire. Before returning to London, you'll also visit the acclaimed Roman baths, built by the Romans in the 1st century to enjoy the hot springs. Today, these baths remain the finest Roman ruins in Britain. Those who do not participate in the optional excursion will enjoy a free day in London.

Day 5: London

Sightseeing tour of Tower of London: Enter through thick defensive walls and take a look behind the Tower of London's imposing stony façade. Henry VIII banished two of his wives to this former prison, where Guy Fawkes also spent his final days. But the Tower's most famous occupant—the Crown Jewels—still resides here today. On your tour, behold this jaw-dropping collection of ornate rings, scepters, swords and royal vestments.

Sightseeing tour of British Museum: London's British Museum houses one of the greatest collections of human cultural history in the world. Perusing the world's first public museum, you'll marvel at reliefs from the Athenian Parthenon (the Elgin Marbles) and the Rosetta Stone (which enabled archaeologists to decipher Egyptian hieroglyphics). But the museum doesn't neglect Great Britain—you'll also see the ancient bog-preserved body of the Lindow Man and other relics of the British Isles.

Theater performance: Celebrate London's vibrant drama scene by attending a theater performance this evening.

Day 6: London

Free day in London: London is yours to explore as you wish. Grab some friends and browse new and vintage wares at Notting Hill's Portobello Market or simply relax in one of the many green spaces the city has to offer. Alternatively, get lost in the Tate Modern's stunning collections of contemporary art.

➦ **Select your excursion:** Today, you can also choose to participate in one of three optional excursions. In a British healthcare Q & A, you can take part in an informative question-and-answer session examining the British healthcare system, or during a business visit, enjoy a visit to a leading company in London, a city known for its prominent role in the global market. Alternatively, you might choose to go on a Dickensian walking tour, during which a literary expert traces the history of Charles Dickens and the inspiration behind the author's most famous works, including *A Tale of Two Cities*, *Oliver Twist* and *David Copperfield*.

Indian dinner: Discuss the highlights of your excursion with fellow travelers over an Indian dinner this evening.

Day 7: Depart for home

Transfer to the airport and check in for your return flight home.

➦ 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Day 7: Paris

Travel to Paris: Board a Eurostar train and travel to the City of Light.

Explore Paris: Take a walking tour of Paris and discover the city's Latin Quarter, so named for the one-time prominence of the language in the area. You'll also visit the Louvre and spectacular Notre Dame Cathedral before unwinding over a delicious dinner.

Day 8: Paris

Sightseeing tour of Paris: Ride down the famous Champs-Élysées, an elegant boulevard packed with high-fashion boutiques. Pass the Place de la Concorde and the Arc de Triomphe and strike a pose in front of the Eiffel Tower. Your guide shares insight into Parisian culture and stories of the city's military history when you continue past Les Invalides.

➦ **Versailles:** On your excursion to this lavish estate, explore the State Apartments and the magnificent Hall of Mirrors. Walk through the meticulously landscaped gardens and marvel at dozens of ornate fountains. Louis XIV hosted his royal court here to rein in their power and prevent their political rise. Those who do not go to Versailles will enjoy free time in Paris.

Day 9: Depart for home

Transfer to the airport and check in for your return flight home.

INCLUDED ON TOUR:

 Round-trip flights on major carriers

 Full-time Tour Director

 Land transportation

 Hotels with private bathrooms

 Light breakfast daily; 2 local dinners or 3 with extension

 **Sightseeing tours**
London; Windsor; Tower of London; British Museum; *With extension: Paris*

 **Entrances**
Windsor; Tower of London; British Museum; Evening theater performance; *With extension: Louvre; Notre Dame*

➦ **Optional**
Stonehenge and Bath; Dickensian walking tour; British healthcare Q&A; Business visit; *With extension: Versailles*

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