



Day 1: Fly to England

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

Day 2: London

Arrive in London: Welcome to the cosmopolitan city of London. This city has been a theater hub for hundreds of years, from royal court performances to Shakespeare's Globe to the modern bright lights of the West End.

Explore London: Stretch your legs as you set out on a walking tour of the city with your Tour Director. Time permitting, you'll explore Trafalgar Square, Covent Garden, the Strand, and Leicester Square.

Dinner: Enjoy an authentic fish and chips dinner with your group.

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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 regal splendor of Buckingham Palace. 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.

Guided tour of the Victoria and Albert Museum: The design of any theatrical production is key to the audience experience. During this guided tour, you'll discover how craftspeople of the theater, opera, and ballet gain creative inspiration for theatrical spaces, costumes, and props. As you grow your understanding of how these artists transform their ideas into reality, you'll use the V&A's unrivaled collection of decorative arts to explore how influences from advertising, to furniture and painting are brought to life for today's stage.

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Free time in London: The morning is yours to explore the city at your own pace. You may want to nibble on scones at a local cafe, take a bicycle ride through the city, or enjoy the peace and quiet of London's many parks and green spaces.

Guided tour of the Globe Theatre: Built just 200 yards from its original site, London's new Globe Theatre transports visitors back to Elizabethan England. Those were the days when rowdy groundlings hurled rotten food at the actors to express their displeasure with a performance, and villains like *Othello's* Iago were mercilessly heckled by the enthusiastic crowd.

Evening theater performance: This evening, enjoy a live theater performance at the Globe Theatre (May-October) or in the West End (November-April).

Day 5: London

Participate in a theater workshop: Try out your acting skills in a lively workshop in a local theater.

Free time in London: Explore the city at your own pace. You may want to visit a few of London's many free museums, take a ride on the London Eye, or choose to head out on a history of theater walk.

📍 **Windsor Castle:** Sometimes you just need 13 acres of castles, towers, and gardens to really unwind—or at least you do if you're a British royal. Wander onto this tremendous retreat favored by the Royal Family for the afternoon, and explore what is essentially a small town. Behind the walls of its exquisite architecture you'll find treasures that date back to its origins in 1070—from original sketches by Da Vinci to the royal remains of monarchs past.

Day 6: London

Backstage tour of the National Theatre: Learn what it takes to put on a successful theatrical performance through a backstage tour of the National Theatre. Your guide will show you three auditoriums, scenic workshops, and backstage areas. Watch crew members design, paint, and build their sets. If you're lucky, you may even see some of the cast rehearsing for their next performance.

Free afternoon: London is yours to explore this afternoon.

Evening theater performance: Cap off your day with an evening theater performance in London.

Day 7: London | Stratford-upon-Avon

Travel to Stratford-upon-Avon: Arrive in this market town, the birthplace of William Shakespeare.

Sightseeing tour of Stratford-upon-Avon: Tour the half-timbered house where Shakespeare was born. Continue to Anne Hathaway's Cottage, a picturesque farmhouse where the Bard's wife spent her childhood. The cottage grounds include a classic English garden that boasts a variety of colorful flowers.

Dinner: Enjoy dinner with your group.

Evening theater performance: Enjoy an evening theater performance in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Day 8: Stratford-upon-Avon | Oxford | London

Travel to Oxford: Travel to the world-renowned city, home of the oldest university in the English-speaking world.

Visit Blenheim Palace: One of England's largest houses, Blenheim Palace holds the unique title of family home, a mausoleum, and national monument and sits among a classic English garden.

Afternoon tea: A visit to England is not complete without high tea. Today, do as the royals do as you enjoy tea, finger sandwiches and homemade scones at Blenheim Palace.

Travel to London: Return to England's capital city.

Day 9: Depart for home