

LONDON & PARIS

Spend 6 nights in two of the world's most famous capital cities. Begin in London with its history, palaces and Royal connections. Then cross the Channel to Paris, the City of Lights, with its fashions, fantastic art museums and mouthwatering cuisine. This is an ideal introduction to both cities, and bound to inspire students to return and explore each in greater depth.

Day 1 – London

Depart Heathrow airport and transfer into central London. En route the tour director will provide an overview of the geography and history of the city and its traditions. Check into the hotel. This afternoon you take a 2 hour walking tour, which may be themed if you wish (subjects include Literary London, History of London Theatre, Sherlock Holmes or Jack the Ripper). Return to the hotel for dinner.

Overnight London



Day 2 – London

Morning in-depth motorcoach tour of the City of London. See the financial centre and visit St. Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London. Then walk across Tower Bridge and continue along the South Bank to the Shakespeare's Globe Theatre to enjoy a tour of this wonderful replica of the original style of Elizabethan theatre. Return to the hotel, stopping en route at some of the famous sights of the West End; Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben, Trafalgar Square and Hyde Park. The balance of the afternoon is at leisure for independent study.

Overnight London

Day 3 – London & Windsor

This morning drive about 45 minutes west of London to Windsor. See Eton School, Britain's premier independent school. It is here that many of Britain's Royalty and most famous politicians and luminaries received their high school education. The highlight however will be Windsor Castle, said to be The Queen's favourite weekend residence. Tour the State Apartments and St. George's Chapel. Early afternoon return to central London. This afternoon we visit London's brand new attraction, the British Music Experience. Located in the O2 Centre, it offers 22,000 sq feet of interactive exhibitions tracing the history of British music. From Queen and the Beatles to The Sex Pistols and Coldplay you have the opportunity to play with them on your own Gibson guitar. Truly the newest and coolest activity in London.



Overnight London

Day 4 – London & Paris

Depart from the new Eurostar terminal for the 3 hour high speed train ride into central Paris. The motorcoach transfer to the hotel will provide an introduction to one of the most artistic and romantic cities in Europe. See the Eiffel Tower, Champs-Elysees, Louvre Museum and Notre Dame Cathedral. This afternoon enjoy a walking tour of the artists area of Montmatre visiting Sacre Coeur Basilica, the highest point in the city. Dinner at the hotel followed by a cruise on the Seine River to enjoy the illuminations of the City of Light.

Overnight Paris



Day 5 – Paris

Start the morning at the Louvre Museum, home to some of the world's most famous works of art, nearly 400,000 in total. Perhaps the most famous is da Vinci's Mona Lisa. This afternoon is available for independent study. For those who wish, reservations can be made to visit the Musee D'Orsay, home to some of the finest impressionist paintings.

Overnight Paris

Day 6 – Paris & Versailles

Drive approximately one hour outside of Paris to visit the home of the Sun King, Louis XIV. In it's time, the most lavish palace the world had ever seen, Versailles became the centre of his Court of some 20,000 people. Tour the Kings Chambers, the famed Hall of Mirrors, plus the extensive formal gardens. Early afternoon return to Paris. This afternoon we take an elevator ride to the top level of the iconic Eiffel Tower. Bring your camera and capture these awesome lasting memories of your European adventure. This evening we gather in a local bistro for a farewell dinner.

Overnight Paris

Day 7 – Departure

After breakfast, we depart for the airport and return flight home.

Included Highlights

Accommodations:

6 Nights Hotel

Meals:

6 breakfasts, 6 dinners

Sightseeing:

London walking tour, St. Paul's Cathedral, Tower of London, Globe Theatre, The West End, Windsor, Eurostar train. Paris' Montmartre, Sacre Coeur, Seine cruise, Versailles, Eiffel Tower, Louvre Museum

Also Included:

Airport-hotel transfers, hotel and local taxes, touring by deluxe private motorcoach, services of a professional tour manager, local specialist guides.