

# LONDON, PARIS & MADRID

**ITINERARY NIGHTS:** London (3), Paris (3), Night Train (1), Madrid (3)

**HIGHLIGHTS:** London City Tour • Windsor Castle • Tower of London • Canterbury Cathedral • Paris City Tour • the Louvre • Versailles • Bateaux Mouches • Madrid City Tour • the Prado • Toledo City Tour • Segovia • Avila • El Escorial • Valley of the Fallen

**OPTIONS:** Flamenco Performance



**DAY 1** Depart for Europe.

**DAY 2 LONDON** Welcome to England! Your TSA Tours representative will meet you at the airport and escort you to your hotel or introduce you to your host family. Later, on your **London City Tour**, see Piccadilly Circus, Tower Bridge, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Fleet Street, the Houses of Parliament, St. Paul's and Big Ben. Continue to Westminster where you'll tour the formidable Westminster Abbey, site of numerous royal weddings and coronations. The first King crowned at Westminster was William I in 1066. Highlights include the Coronation Chair and Screen, the monument of the Unknown Warrior and Poet's Corner with its monuments to Chaucer, Milton, Longfellow and Thomas.

**DAY 3 LONDON** Explore **Windsor Castle**. You'll see the Round Tower, Henry VIII's Gateway, and St. George's Chapel. Then cross an actual drawbridge to the **Tower of London**. Originally constructed by William I in 1067, the Tower fortress was intended to dissuade citizens from

revolution. The Tower has also housed the Royal Mint and served as a prison. Today it houses a noteworthy collection of royal and historical artifacts. Hear the legend of the ravens and see

the fabulous Crown Jewels, some of which date back to 12th century. Also on display is the Star of Africa in the Royal Sceptre. At 530 carats, the Star of Africa is the largest diamond in the world. Before leaving, be sure to have your picture taken with a Beefeater in his Tudor uniform.

**DAY 4 LONDON** Enjoy a free day to discover more of the largest city in Europe with your advisors. You may wish to pick up a few souvenirs or venture over to lively Covent Garden to check out the street performers.

**DAY 5 PARIS** En route to Paris, visit Canterbury, a city rich in medieval atmosphere and home of the majestic **Canterbury Cathedral**, ecclesiastical capital of England. Transfer to France via the Channel Tunnel.

**DAY 6 PARIS** Bienvenu à Paris, the most magical city in the world! On a **Paris City Tour** see the Eiffel Tower, the Champs-Élysées and l'Etoile with the Arc de Triomphe.



Stop at the Gothic masterpiece, Notre Dame Cathedral, to see its collection of snarling gargoyles and fabulous rose windows. You'll also visit the **Louvre**, the largest museum on earth. Later, enjoy a **Bateaux Mouches Cruise** on the Seine. View the monuments of France from a unique perspective as you take in the brilliance of the lights of Paris after nightfall. Sail past the Alexandre III Bridge, the Pont Neuf, the oldest bridge in Paris and the Petit Pont, the smallest bridge in the city. Glide between the Ile de la Cité and the Ile St.-Louis and be sure to make a wish as you pass under the Pont Marie- it's guaranteed to come true!

**DAY 7 PARIS** Enjoy a free day to explore the Musée d'Orsay, the Pompidou Center, Montmartre or other sights.

**DAY 8 NIGHT TRAIN** Tour the Palace of **Versailles**, home of Louis XIV, the Sun King. Walk through its fabulous galleries, including the Hall of Mirrors, where the Treaty of Versailles was signed ending World War I. Enjoy a stroll through the sumptuous formal gardens to see the many fountains and statues. Then board your night train with couchettes (four to a compartment) and travel to the capital of Spain.

**DAY 9 MADRID** Enjoy a **Madrid City Tour** to the Plaza de España, Royal Palace, Gardens of Sabatini, the Plaza de Oriente, the Royal Church of San Francisco el Grande, Puerto de Toledo and the Atocha. Visit the elegant **Prado Museum** and



be sure to see Goya's *Majas* and *Three Graces* by Rubens.

**DAY 10 MADRID** Today you'll visit **Toledo**, a city rich in religious, political and artistic history. The layout of the city, with its irregular pattern of narrow streets and numerous blind alleys, reflects its Moorish past. See the El Greco masterpieces in the Cathedral, the Old Synagogue, and the Church of Santo Tomé. You'll also visit a sword workshop. In the evening you have the **option** of attending a Flamenco Performance.

**DAY 11 MADRID** Journey into the ancient city of **Ávila** - city of stones, city of saints - with its amazingly well preserved 12th century walls. Next stop at **El Escorial**, site of the beautiful Monastery of San Lorenzo el Real. Then visit the **Valley of the Fallen**. Located in the Guadarrama Mountains, this monument was built to honor those slain in the Spanish Civil War. Continue to **Segovia** to see its magnificent Roman aqueduct and visit the imposing Alcázar.

**DAY 12 DEPART** Return home with your cherished memories of London, Paris and Madrid.

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