

LONDON TO THE ALPS

ITINERARY NIGHTS: London (2), Paris (2), Lucerne (2), Heidelberg (1)

HIGHLIGHTS: London City Tour • Windsor Castle • Paris City Tour • Highlights of the Louvre • Palace of Versailles • Lucerne City Tour • Heidelberg Castle

OPTIONS: London Theatre Performance • Bateaux Mouche • TGV to Switzerland • Mt. Pilatus



DAY 1 Fly through the night to London.

DAY 2 LONDON Welcome to England! Arrive in Europe's largest city, where your TSA Tours representative will meet you at the airport and escort you to your hotel. **Option:** In London, "the play's the thing." It is Europe's greatest theatre city with an arrow of shows. Enjoy a fabulous theatre performance at one of London's famous historic West End Theatres.

DAY 3 LONDON On today's **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. Then travel to Windsor on the southern bank of the Thames.

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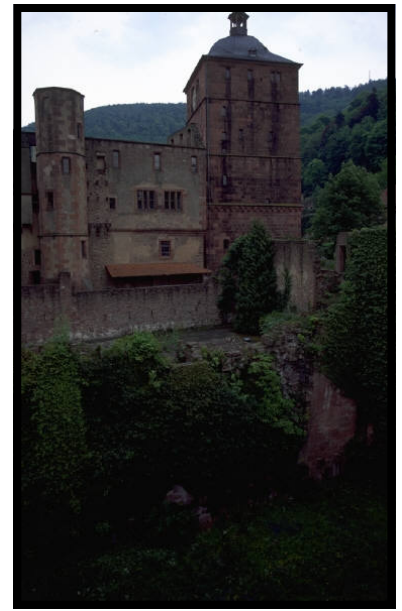
inhabited. See the Round Tower built by Henry II, St. George's Chapel, and Queen Mary's Dolls' House.

DAY 4 PARIS En route to Paris, visit Canterbury, site of the Canterbury Cathedral and the spiritual center of the Anglican community. Then cross the English Channel by way of the Channel Tunnel to France and discover the *City of Lights* with your advisor. You may want to visit the Right Bank and stroll through the bustling Les Halles or cross the Pont Marie to the Ile St-Louis to sample the world's best ice cream, Berthillon. **Option:** Enjoy a Bateaux Mouche cruise on the romantic Seine. View the monuments of France from a unique perspective as you take in the brilliance of the lights of Paris after nightfall. There is no better way to see the famous sights of Paris and her beautiful skyline, boulevards and bridges. Sail past the Eiffel Tower, the Trocadero, the Grand Palais, the Petit Palais, the Palais du Tokyo, the Pont Alexandre III, the Pont Neuf—the oldest bridge in Paris, and the Petit Pont—the smallest bridge in the city. Glide between Ile de la Cite and

the Ile St Louis and be sure to make a wish as you pass under Pont Marie—it's guaranteed to come true!

DAY 5 PARIS Enjoy a guided **Paris City Tour**. Visit the gothic masterpiece Notre Dame, made famous by Victor Hugo's *Hunchback*. The Eiffel Tower is also on your agenda today. Built in 1889, *La Tour Eiffel* was immediately detested by Parisians and was scheduled to be torn down in 1909. It was saved only because of its radio antennae. Today, it is impossible to imagine Paris without it. Also see the highlights of the **Louvre**, the largest museum in the world. Next, venture to the **Palace of Versailles**, home of the Sun King, Louis XIV, who remodeled this former hunting lodge into one of the most spectacular buildings in the world.

DAY 6 LUCERNE Travel by coach to the town of Lucerne, Switzerland. Situated on the northwestern tip of Lake Lucerne, this city is famous for its ancient churches and covered bridges. **Option:** Journey to Switzerland on the high-speed TGV train and enjoy extra time in Lucerne.



DAY 7 LUCERNE Tour the beautiful city of **Lucerne** today. See the historic Old Town, the the 8th century Hofkirche and the seven medieval bridges across the Reuss. Also visit the *Verkehrshaus* or Transportation Museum to witness the history of transportation in Switzerland. As an **option**, travel on the world's steepest cog railway and cable car up to Mt. Pilatus for spectacular alpine views.

DAY 8 HEIDELBERG Journey to Germany and the ancient town of Heidelberg celebrated in song and poetry. See the Old University, the little 15th century St. Peter's Church, and visit magnificent **Heidelberg Castle**. Climb up to the famous ruined castle where you'll see an 18th century wine barrel which holds 49,000 gallons of wine! Stroll down the town's avenues along the banks of the Neckar River and luxuriate in the old world charm of its shops and cafés.

DAY 9 DEPART Travel to Frankfurt to board your flight home, filled with fabulous memories of your European adventure, from London to the Alps!

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