

London Paris & Amsterdam



Itinerary

London (3), Paris (2), Amsterdam(2)

Highlights

- London City Tour
- Westminster Abbey
- Windsor Castle
- Stonehenge
- Bath and Pump Room
- Canterbury Cathedral
- Paris City Tour
- The Louvre
- Brussels
- Amsterdam Canal Boat Tour
- Anne Frank's House
- Volendam Tour

Options

- West End Theatre Performance

DAY 1 Jet overnight to London!

DAY 2 LONDON Your TSA Tours guide will meet you at the airport, then accompany you on a London City Tour. See Piccadilly Circus, Tower Bridge, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Fleet Street, the Houses of Parliament, St. Paul's Cathedral, Big Ben and other highlights. Tour the glorious Westminster Abbey, scene of numerous royal weddings and coronations.

DAY 3 LONDON Travel to Windsor Castle to view the Round Tower built by Henry II, St. George's Chapel, the State Apartments and Queen Mary's Dolls' House. Return to London for a free afternoon of discovery. Option: In London, "the play's the thing." It is Europe's greatest theatre city with an array of shows. Enjoy a fabulous theatre performance at one of London's famous historic West End Theatres.

DAY 4 LONDON Journey to the mystical past with a visit to Stonehenge, Britain's most important prehistoric monument. It is a mystical site consisting of two concentric rings of standing stones surrounding a smaller horseshoe formation of stones. While contemplating the sculptural majesty of the standing stones, your mind is crowded with questions. Who built this 5,000-year-old Neolithic monument, and why? How were the massive bluestones transported over a distance of some 135 miles from Wales? What was the function of the structure as a whole? Legend has it that King Arthur's wizard Merlin is responsible for its construction. Continue on through the lovely rolling hills and honey colored villages of the Cotswolds to the Georgian city of Bath—one of Britain's most elegant towns, famous since Roman times for its mineral baths and hot springs. It also has elegant architecture, history, beautiful scenery and grand terraces of mellow stone houses. You'll tour the Roman Baths and the ancient Pump House. Also worth exploring are Bath's myriad of quaint antique shops and the Guildhall Market, which has been trading since 1289.

DAY 5 PARIS En route to Paris, stop in Canterbury, the ecclesiastical capital of England, to visit Canterbury Cathedral, destination of Chaucer's pilgrims. Then travel to France via the Chunnel under the English Channel, one of the greatest engineering marvels in history.

DAY 6 PARIS Your day begins with a Paris City Tour. See the Arc de Triomphe on the Champs Elysées, the Place de la Concorde, the Tuileries, the Eiffel Tower, and drive past haute couture palaces nestled around the Place de l'Opera. Also visit the gothic glory of Notre Dame, the cathedral Victor Hugo chose for his tragic love story. Your last tour is the Louvre Museum—from I. M. Pei's modern pyramid to the ancient Egyptian sarcophaguses, the Louvre is the largest museum on earth! The Louvre was originally constructed in 1200 as a fortress. In the 17th century, the Louvre served as Louis XIII's palace and a favorite haunt of Alexandre Dumas' Musketeers. After the French revolution, the Louvre was opened as a museum and its fabulous collection was rightfully made accessible to the public. Among the priceless art treasures to see are the beautifully proportioned Venus de Milo, Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa and the Winged Victory of Samothrace.

DAY 7 AMSTERDAM Travel to the Netherlands through Belgium, with a stop to see the country's capital city of Brussels. Arrive in Amsterdam in the afternoon, and have the evening free to begin exploring this vibrant capital with your advisors.

DAY 8 AMSTERDAM Get acquainted with this historic city on an Amsterdam Canal Tour. Glide past elegant merchants' mansions, old churches and warehouses dating back to the 16th and 17th centuries. The city's rich mansions are characterized by narrow, relatively tall facades, crowned by ornamented gable tops. Meander up and down the Herengracht and down through the Amstel, with opportunities for a peek or two into some of the Prinsengracht's 3,000 houseboats. Also visit one of the most famous sights in Amsterdam, the Anne Frank House, war-time hiding place of the young Jewish girl and her family, made famous by her diaries. This afternoon, take a guided tour of Volendam, a perfectly restored fishing village perched on a dike, overlooking the inland sea. With its narrow canals and drawbridges, quaint houses and charming little harbor dotted with typical Dutch boats, the village is a delight to explore. Some of the women still wear white, gull-winged lace caps, and many residents continue to don traditional Dutch costumes.

DAY 9 DEPART Return home, with excellent memories of three of the finest cities in Europe.



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