

London to the Coast

ITINERARY NIGHTS: London (2), Paris (2), Bordeaux (1), San Sebastian (1), Madrid (2), Seville (2), Costa del Sol (2)

HIGHLIGHTS: Windsor Castle • London City Tour • Westminster Abbey • Canterbury Cathedral • Paris City Tour • Notre Dame • Bordeaux City Tour • Grand Théâtre • Tapas Dinner • Madrid City Tour • Prado Museum • Toledo City Tour • Evening Walking Tour • Cordoba City Tour • Mosque Cathedral • Seville City Tour • Granada City Tour • The Granada Alhambra and Generalife Gardens

OPTIONS: London Theatre



DAY 1 Fly overnight to London!

DAY 2 LONDON Welcome to England, where your TSA Tours guide waits to escort you on a visit to the world's largest inhabited castle, **Windsor Castle**, the weekend home of Her Majesty the Queen. See the Round Tower built by Henry II, the State Apartments and Queen Mary's Dolls' House. Visit St. George's Chapel to see the great wealth of treasures and also the tombs of King Henry VIII and Charles I. Return to London and check in to your hotel. The rest of the day is free for discovery.

DAY 3 LONDON Discover the city on a **London Tour** with your guide. See Piccadilly Circus, Tower Bridge, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Fleet Street, the Houses of Parliament, St. Paul's Cathedral and Big Ben. Continue for a visit to formidable **Westminster Abbey**. See the Coronation Chair, the monument of the Unknown Warrior, and Poets' Corner with its tributes to Chaucer, Milton, Longfellow and Thomas. As an **option**, attend a West End London performance this evening.

DAY 4 PARIS Drive through Kent, the "Garden of England" with its lush fields and pretty villages, to medieval Canterbury. Its splendid Norman cathedral was the scene of the murder of Thomas Becket in 1170 when he was the Archbishop of Canterbury. Visit



Canterbury Cathedral before whisking under the English Channel and through the French countryside to Paris, the "City of Lights."

DAY 5 PARIS Today begins with a **Paris City Tour**. See the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, the Place de la Concorde, the Tuileries, and other highlights. Also visit Notre Dame Cathedral, site of stunning rose windows and snarling gargoyles. Your afternoon is free for discovery. In the evening take a **Bateaux Mouches** cruise on the romantic Seine. 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—guaranteed to come true.

DAY 6 BORDEAUX Start your day aboard the *Train à Grande Vitesse* (TGV), the high-speed train that zips you through the French countryside to Bordeaux, where you'll see the highlights of the "Wine Capital of the World" on a **Bordeaux City Tour**. Tour the **Grand Théâtre**, whose soaring Corinthian columns



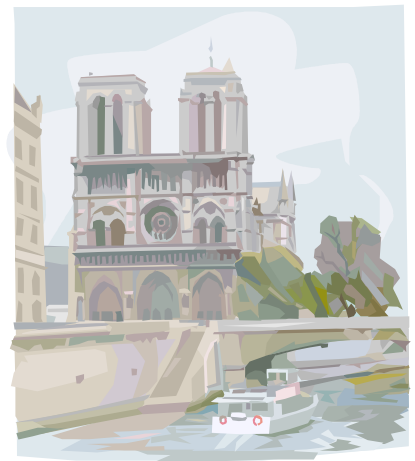
and statues make it an excellent example of classical styling. This evening, discover why this lovely city has lured artists, writers and conquering kings.

DAY 7 SAN SEBASTIAN Transfer through Biarritz, the principal resort on the Côte Basque, where the Empress Eugenie built a palace on the beach. Cross the Pyrenees to Spain, and arrive in San Sebastian, a city made for walking!

DAY 8 MADRID Transfer via Burgos, where the gothic Cathedral holds the coffin of Spain's epic hero, El Cid. Arrive in Spain's vibrant capital and enjoy a delicious **Tapas Dinner**.

DAY 9 MADRID Start the day with a **Madrid City Tour**. See the Plaza de España, the statue of Cervantes, the Royal Palace, and Plaza Mayor. Take a guided tour of the world-renowned **Prado Museum**, then travel to historical Toledo, a picturesque town with a ring of Gothic and Moorish walls. See masterpieces by El Greco in the Cathedral, the Old Synagogue, the Church of Santo Tomé, and visit a **sword workshop**. This evening, take a **Walking Tour** with your guide, winding through the streets to the Plaza Mayor.

DAY 10 SEVILLE See the windmills of Don Quixote's La Mancha area, then tour



Córdoba where you'll see the two famous gates of La Calahorra and Puerta del Puente. Continue to the Alcázar of Catholic Kings and visit the Old Mosque (*Mezquita*), the most beautiful and original building in Spain. Arrive in Seville, Spain's fourth largest city and the center of bullfighting and Flamenco music.

DAY 11 SEVILLE This morning's **Seville City Tour** takes you to see the Torre del Oro and the Parque de María Luisa. Also visit the **Giralda** and the **Cathedral** where Christopher Columbus is buried. The afternoon is free to experience more monuments and museums of the capital of Andalusia.

DAY 12 COSTA DEL SOL Your journey continues via a city of beautiful Moorish buildings, luminous skies and a luxuriantly green setting. Tour Granada to see the Royal Chapel, visit the red-walled **Alhambra** and the Alcaiceria. Walk through the Generalife Gardens, then transfer to the Costa del Sol (Sunshine Coast), an area of whitewashed villages that stretches along Andalusia's Mediterranean shore.

DAY 13 COSTA DEL SOL Today is free to enjoy the sun, sand and surf of the Costa del Sol's world-famous beaches.

DAY 14 DEPART Return to the Malaga airport, and jet home with a lifetime's fabulous memories of your excursion from the seat of the British Empire to the capitals of the Sun!

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