

## Spotlight on London

# Highlights...

Tower of London • Westminster Walking Tour • River Bus Along the Thames • Greenwich • Culinary Walking Tour • Kensington Palace



7 Days • 8 Meals: 5 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 2 Dinners

#### **Cultural Connections**

- Immerse yourself into London's history with a local expert.
- Take a local transport river bus along the River Thames to Greenwich.

### Must-See Highlights

- Explore the famous Tower of London.
- Take a peek into the State Apartments at Kensington Palace.

#### **Culinary Experiences**

- Sample British fare on a culinary walking adventure through London's village of Greenwich
- Enjoy dinner in a modern English restaurant.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Get ready for a trip to one of the world's trendiest cities, full of history, charm, and regal flair.

### Day 2: London, England

Welcome to London, a metropolis that is both timeless and sophisticated. Beautiful gardens hidden behind bustling city streets. Museums, monuments, and grand theaters tell a rich story that you'll uncover on your journey. With no scheduled activities today, you can explore London's busy streets at your leisure. This evening, join your new travel companions at a modern English restaurant, and kick off your tour with a welcome dinner. *Today dinner will be included*.

#### Day 3: London

There's no better way to start the day than at the Tower of London, the iconic UNESCO World Heritage Site steeped in a dark and fascinating history. After free time for lunch, a local expert shows you the exteriors of the most famous buildings, which include Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Parliament, and Westminster Abbey, on this afternoon's two-hour walking tour. The evening is yours to immerse yourself further into this eclectic and vibrant city. *Today breakfast will be included.* 

#### Day 4: London

This morning, visit Kensington Palace, the birthplace of Queen Victoria and the home to many young royals for over 300 years. Walk in their footsteps as you explore the staterooms and gardens. This afternoon, it's your choice! Take afternoon tea at one of London's finest establishments -OR- enjoy a matinee show and discover why many consider London theater to be the best in the world. Enjoy the evening to continue exploring this exciting city independently. Today breakfast will be included.

#### Day 5: London - Greenwich - London

Take the local transport river bus along the River Thames en route to Greenwich to change up the view; the skyline looks spectacular from the water. Then, it's your choice! Explore the attractions with your Greenwich Pass that allows entrance into four of the wonderful museums in the vicinity -OR- visit the Old Royal Naval College, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to 600 years of naval history. This afternoon, join a local guide for a walking culinary tour, sampling the best of the local eateries and foods of traditional and ethnic London, experiencing the pretty streets like a local. Today breakfast and lunch will be included.

#### Day 6: Londor

Today, you do you, London style. A free day means independent exploration of London's treasures. Perhaps join an optional tour to Windsor Castle, home to kings and queens for over 900 years and the oldest royal residence still in use today. This evening, join your new friends for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included* 

#### Day 7: London - Tour Ends

It's time to go home... with new friends, countless memories, and souvenirs from your London adventure. Today breakfast will be included.

#### Experience It! Tower of London

First built in the 11th century, the Tower of London has been a staple of London history and is a must-see for visitors. The fortress is located along the River Thames – a fascinating piece of architecture nestled amongst the 21st century buildings of the city beside it. Over the course of its storied past, the Tower has changed ownership and roles multiple times; it has been a prison, treasury, armory, museum, and more. Today, it houses the Crown Jewels and is the permanent home to the Beefeaters, the keepers of the Tower. Your visit recounts the legends and facts, walking you in the footsteps of past prisoners and esteemed royals.

### Your itinerary at a glance

## Important Tour Information:

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Days 2 - 6

DoubleTree by Hilton - Tower of London. London

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Single-hotel Stays: Unpack just once and explore the world's most iconic cities during Spotlights' single-hotel stays. The leisurely pace offers you the chance to get to know these destinations like a local. Must-see cultural highlights are always included, plus there's plenty of time to explore independently, creating your own unique adventure.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

#### Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).

The walking tour of the Westminster area is 2 hours long with periods of standing in place for up to 10 minutes.

The foodie walking tour lasts for around one and a half hours and includes elements of eating while standing.

The walk up to the Royal Observatory is via a steep hill at a gradual elevation of 223 feet/68 meters.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the

necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Days of features are interchangeable.

The specific London theater performance will be determined approximately 2 weeks prior to departure. Performances are selected based on availability and timing.

City-located hotels often have smaller-size rooms and air conditioning is not always available.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

Triple accommodations and adjoining rooms are not typical in London hotels and may not be available.

London is completely cashless on public transport, so it is recommended to bring a suitable contactless bank card for transactions. American Express is not widely accepted in London.

This tour uses public transportation. On the London Underground, select stations do not have handicapped accessible facilities and travelers will need to use stairs.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

## Travel Requirements:

#### IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit <a href="https://www.travel.state.gov">www.travel.state.gov</a> for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

An ETA is required for travel to the UK. Applications are accepted online or through the UK ETA app, at the approximate cost of £16, subject to change based on governing authority. For more information please visit: https://www.gov.uk/quidance/apply-for-an-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta.

# Important reservation information:

\*Airfare: For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all tour packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Preassigned seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

Checked Baggage Charges: Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 90-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure; cancellation fee of 75% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). The Travel Protection Plan Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. However, the Part B travel insurance includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons as detailed in Part B. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement. Cancellation waiver protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. Cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you chose to partially cancel your vacation, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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