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“Classic Journeys provides unbeatable access to experiences around the globe.”

— *Travel + Leisure*

THE PERFECT INTRODUCTION TO

London and Paris are much more than two of the world's most famous and beautiful capitals. For many travelers, these two accessible and easily walkable cities are where they first discovered their love of travel. This trip is a modern-day tale of two cities, a perfectly paced journey hand-crafted to create that same opportunity for all of the generations of your family. In London, you'll see the sights, of course. But then you'll go even further with a private-access visit to Stonehenge at sunset and a Harry Potter-style afternoon tea. In Paris, you'll skip to the head of the line at the Louvre Museum, cruise the Seine and go for a bike ride in the vast gardens of the Palace of Versailles. Based in perfectly located luxury hotels and in the constant company of expert local guides, you'll explore with seamless ease and have fun every step of the way.

DAY 1

LONDON / STONEHENGE

- Watch the sunset over Stonehenge on a private visit

You'll meet your local guide this afternoon at your hotel in the very heart of London. Tomorrow, you'll explore the city in depth. But to get your vacation off to an incredibly awesome start, you're headed out to the vast, rolling plains of Stonehenge. This is not just any visit. Unlike the tourists, you'll arrive after the site is closed to the public. With your special access, you'll be right up next to the megaliths. Your guide will fill you all in on the history and myths on how the site came to be. Then, you'll see and feel Stonehenge change as the sun sinks to the horizon. It's an amazing start to a week full of experiences created just for you and your family.

OVERNIGHT: LONDON
MEALS: D

DAY 2

LONDON EYE

- Get thrilling views at the top of the London Eye
- See the world-famous landmarks on a guided walking tour

The London Eye is the mammoth observation wheel that sits on the banks of the Thames. At the top, you're 443 feet above the ground and the views are the best in town. You'll ride up in one of the glassed-in passenger capsules. They move at a leisurely pace, so you have plenty of time to pick out the landmarks you'll visit at street-level later.

There's so much to see in London, and on a guided walk you'll find yourself in places you've always heard about. You'll see the Houses of Parliament, of course, and Big Ben. There's Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral with its huge dome, Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square and more.

Right when everyone starts to tire, you'll take a break for lunch at a traditional British pub. (Maybe you can try your hand at a game of darts.) Afterward, you'll enjoy a time-travel detective game along Regent Street. Back at the hotel, you'll have some time to rest up before heading out to dinner at nearby restaurant.

OVERNIGHT: LONDON
MEALS: B, L, D

DAY 3

LONDON

- Go for a guided tour of the Tower of London
- Walk on Tower Bridge
- Dive into a Harry Potter-style afternoon tea

The Tower of London is home to the crown jewels and the place a few kings and queens lost their heads in centuries past. Today, you may know it for the red-coated Beefeaters who are the ceremonial guards. On a guided visit, you'll learn about the long, regal history of the fortress. Then you'll take a stroll across the Thames on nearby Tower Bridge. (Though it is London's most iconic bridge, many visitors are surprised to learn that it's not the London Bridge in the song.)

The tradition of an elaborate high tea has never been quite like the experience you'll have this afternoon. Leaving London's busy streets behind, you'll head to The Potion Room, don your capes and enjoy a procession of drinkable and edible potions, plus an assortment of sweet and savory treats. Hosted by your own Potions Master, it's a chance to discover your inner Harry Potter in distinctively British style.

OVERNIGHT: LONDON
MEALS: B, D

DAY 4

LONDON / PARIS

- Take a train through the Chunnel to Paris
- Skip the line for easy entry to the Louvre Museum
- See Paris by night on a Seine River cruise

Today you'll journey from London to Paris in style, aboard the Eurostar train. The trains reach top speeds of 186 mph, keeping our journey time to about two and a half hours or so, thanks to the engineering marvel that is the Channel Tunnel. Your local guide for France will greet you at the train station.

A lot of tourists stand in line for hours to get into the Louvre Museum and see *Mona Lisa*. Not you! To welcome you to Paris, your guide will arrange skip-the-line access that whisks you right inside. This is just the way museum-going ought to be with simple access to the wonderful treasures that also include the Winged Victory and Venus de Milo sculptures that everyone has heard about.

Paris looks its very best at night as you'll see this evening when you board a *bateau mouche* for a cruise on the Seine. As you glide under the many bridges, you'll get a wonderful look at the lit landmarks from the Eiffel Tower to Notre Dame cathedral.

OVERNIGHT: PARIS
MEALS: B, L, D

DAY 5

PARIS

- Step into the vastness of Saint Chapelle Cathedral
- See the Eiffel Tower close up
- Go for an evening stroll on the Left Bank

Fuel up on croissants and fruit this morning for the ultimate Parisian day. Your guide will time your arrival to Saint Chapelle so that you beat the crowds and have the best opportunity to explore the more than 750-year-old cathedral. You'll learn about the way it was built and see the amazing stained glass in the rose windows.

Parisians shop in markets the crop up in neighborhoods all over the city, and you'll have a chance to prowl in one and meet the vendors who sell everything from snails to sweaters. Resist the chocolates if you can because next, you'll be visiting a chocolatier where you can see how they're made and have a taste.

You've all seen so many pictures of the Eiffel Tower but being there in person is a whole other thing! It stands at the end of a long lawn called the Champs de Mars instead of being surrounded by buildings. And here's a secret you'll learn that most people never know: The best views in Paris aren't on the tower's crowded observation platforms. For a high and wide vista of Paris, you'll ascend Montparnasse

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Tower. From there, you can see the entire city with unobstructed views of the Eiffel Tower.

This evening, join the locals for a stroll in the Saint-Germain-des-Prés neighborhood around your hotel. The café scene is legendary, and it's a wonderful way to go with the Parisian flow.

OVERNIGHT: PARIS
MEALS: B

DAY 6

VERSAILLES

- Take a bike ride in the palace's sculpted 2,000-acre gardens
- Enjoy a guided visit to Versailles's elaborate interior including the Hall of Mirrors
- Farewell Dinner

How grand is Versailles? And how much fun to visit? You get the answers today as you head to the Palace of Versailles, home of Louis XIV and Marie Antoinette. But your visit is about more than frescoed ceilings and the Hall of Mirrors. The day begins outside with an easy bike tour of the gardens that cover almost 2,000 acres. The grounds – with lakes, fountains, tree-lined avenues, flowers and ornate topiary hedges – are beautiful to see, and easy too because

the paths are level. Your bikes and helmets are included so there's no extra cost. E-bikes are available, too.

This afternoon, your visit moves inside so you can see the ornate, over-the-top interiors and learn more about the history of the palace. (After your morning in the gardens, it's interesting to see them through the windows of the palace to understand how they were laid out to create the manicured views.

Back in Paris, you'll be treated to a wonderful farewell dinner to celebrate this amazing week.

OVERNIGHT: PARIS
MEALS: B, L, D

DAY 7

PARIS / DEPARTURE

- Enjoy a final breakfast before departure home or to continue on your journey.

After breakfast, you'll transfer independently to the Paris airport for onward travel with fun memories and shared experiences of our time in Europe.

OVERNIGHT: NONE
MEALS: B



Tour Hotels



The Ampersand Hotel

Completely reimaged in 2012, this luxury boutique hotel is in London's world-famous South Kensington neighborhood near Hyde Park. This 19th-century property uses bold graphics to put a lively contemporary spin on Victorian concepts.

OVERNIGHT: LONDON | NIGHTS: 3



Au Manoir Saint Germain

Located across from the cathedral of St. Germain des Prés and close to the Montparnasse train station. Rooms at the back enjoy the quiet of the courtyard, and double-paned windows block the noise from rooms overlooking the boulevard.

OVERNIGHT: PARIS | NIGHTS: 3

Tour Dates & Prices

Tour Dates	Price per Person	Price per Person
	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
July 12-18, 2020	\$5,495	\$6,490
July 12-18, 2020	\$5,495	\$6,490
August 2-8, 2020	\$5,495	\$6,490
July 11-17, 2021	\$5,495	\$6,490
August 1-7, 2021	\$5,595	\$6,590

Want a different date? Or your own date? Visit [CLASSICJOURNEYS.COM/PRIVATE](https://www.classicjourneys.com/private) to learn more about private journeys.

Trip Essentials

TRIP LENGTH: 7 Days, 6 Nights

START: 2:00 PM Lobby of the Ampersand Hotel, London, England

END: 9:00 AM Lobby of Hotel Au Manoir St. Germaine, Paris, France
Guests will be able to depart at their leisure after breakfast.

TERRAIN: Easy to Moderate

What's Included

- Memorable accommodations for 6 nights
- All breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 5 dinners
- Full-time experienced guide(s) who are with you throughout the trip and handle behind-the-scenes logistics
- Admissions to tastings, historic sites and other scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- Gratuities for hotels, meals, and baggage
- All land transportation during the trip

Above & Beyond Benefits

- **Invisible Check-In**
- **Privileged Access Events**

READY TO BOOK?
CLICK TO MAKE A RESERVATION

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Kids GET A PRICE BREAK

When sharing a room with two full-paying guests, kids and teens ages 11-16 receive a \$500 discount; ages 7-10 receive a \$750 discount; ages 3-6 receive a \$1250 discount, and ages 2 and younger receive a \$1750 discount. When sharing a room with one full-paying guest, kids receive a \$250 discount.

TRAVEL WORRY-FREE!

It's easy with insurance from Travel Guard. Your policy can cover trip cancellation, travel delays, lost luggage, medical emergencies, and more. If you are traveling with kids, add them to your policy at no extra cost. [Click here](#) or call 800-826-4919 for details.

AMBASSADOR CLUB

As a Classic Journeys guest, you are invited to join the Ambassador Club after your first Classic Journeys tour. As a member, you'll have access to [a whole suite of Ambassador benefits](#) you can use immediately and as often as you like.

ENJOY THE UNEXPECTED

When you travel with Classic Journeys, you can expect handcrafted surprises built into every trip, but some things just can't be anticipated. Unusual weather, a once-a-year festival or an unscheduled site closing will inspire us and your local guide to improvise and modify this itinerary. Likewise, the hotels named here are used on the majority of our trips, but occasionally one of them can't accommodate us. If that happens, you can count on us to let you know before departure and make sure you're in a hotel of equal or better quality. It's our goal to make your trip exceptional!

**Any discount offered cannot be combined with other offers, and only applies to published (regularly scheduled public) departure dates in our catalogs or on our website.

THE Classic Journeys Difference

HANDCRAFTING TRIPS OF A LIFETIME.



At the end of the day, we fundamentally believe that every guest on every departure of every trip should have a trip of a lifetime. We're fortunate to play the role of well-connected friend, linking our guests with amazing guides, artisans, winemakers, hoteliers, restaurateurs, naturalists, and too many others to list here.

That's what motivates me and our team — in our La Jolla HQ and around the world — every day. Join Us!

President & Founder



You can expect the highest standards:



Luxurious Lodgings:

Ours include coveted properties that appear in "World's Best" and "Gold List" rankings.



Included Activities:

You'll never be surprised with add-on fees on your activities that include snorkeling to cooking lessons.



Local Guides:

Your guides are locals who are always at your side like well-connected friends.



Small Group Travel:

With an average of just 10-12 guests, it's a small footprint that guarantees you access that's off-limits to larger groups.



Amazing Cuisine:

From Michelin-starred restaurants to lunch in a farmhouse kitchen, you'll have a seat for the region's signature dishes.



Unmatched Value:

"Excellent value" and "unbeatable access" are two of the reasons that Travel + Leisure has consistently voted us a World's Best Tour Operator.

You'll enjoy these handcrafted travel experiences in London and Paris...

- Accepting an invitation for a private, after-hours sunset visit at Stonehenge
- Drinking bubbling potions at a Harry Potter-style high tea
- Skipping the line to get into the Louvre and see the Mona Lisa
- Tasting chocolate truffles or pastries in a Parisian candy shop
- Biking in the incredible gardens of the Palace of Versailles

"Classic Journeys has turned out to be a fantastic company to travel with - one I highly recommend. I truly feel as if I have been on vacation this past week."

—Marcia B.

Let's Go!

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England

Cotswolds, Stonehenge & London

Culture + Walking

PICTURE YOURSELF...

- Walking between villages of honey-colored stone
- Rambling hillsides studded with stately homes
- Approaching Stonehenge like a Bronze Age pilgrim

For more information, visit <https://www.classicjourneys.com/londonstonehengecotswolds/>.



Ireland

Killarney Lakes & Dingle Peninsula

Culture + Walking

PICTURE YOURSELF...

- Walking breathtaking peninsulas and sandy shores
- Exploring centuries-old ruins on a remote island
- Socializing with locals at colorful pubs

For more information, visit <https://www.classicjourneys.com/ireland/>.



Scotland

Edinburgh & the Highlands

Culture + Walking

PICTURE YOURSELF...

- Exploring the iconic ruins of Urquhart Castle
- Tasting single malt whisky at an artisanal distillery
- Gliding between highland mountains on the waters of Loch Ness

For more information, visit <https://www.classicjourneys.com/scotland/>.

“Enthusiasm is Contagious”

AS TRAVEL + LEISURE NAMES CLASSIC JOURNEYS THE WORLD'S BEST TOUR OPERATOR FOR 2019, FOUNDER EDWARD PIEGZA REVEALS HOW IT FEELS. ENTHUSIASTICALLY.



EDITOR'S NOTE: Just before publication of this issue, Travel + Leisure magazine announced that its readers have voted Classic Journeys the World's Best Tour Operator for 2019. It's the second time Classic Journeys has won that recognition and the 14th consecutive year the company has been in the Top 10.

Congratulations! How did you get the news?

I received a top-secret email and phone call from the editor of *Travel + Leisure* a few weeks ago with orders not to tell ANYONE. Friends and neighbors must have wondered why my smile has been so extra big lately. Now they know.

And how does it feel to be the World's Best Tour Operator again?

Awesome. Humbling. So, so satisfying. Deeply gratifying to learn that we have achieved what we set out to do which is to handcraft trips of a lifetime for every guest who travels with us. I'm known as long-winded, so I could probably come up with 10 or 15 more ways to describe it if you want me to keep going.

Why do you think *Travel + Leisure* gave you this recognition?

Actually, it isn't the *T+L* editors who make the decision. That's the best part. Their readers cast the votes. So the people who do the traveling, the guests who explore the world with us and our competitors — they are the ones who raised their hands to tell *T+L* that Classic Journeys is the World's Best Tour Operator based on their own experiences. Let me say it right here: "To all of you who voted for us, you are the World's Best Guests!"

What do you think makes your guests the World's Best Guests?

That's easy. They are curious. They care about connecting with people of different cultures and immersing themselves in the world. They treasure experiences more than things. Like the old ad slogan went, they go for the gusto and crave the chance to have one-of-a-kind moments. They are incredibly interesting and interested people, and all of us at Classic Journeys count it as a real privilege to share in their passion for travel. And we feel that way on the

other 364 days of the year when we're not celebrating recognition like this.

I guess this is what you meant when you told me that "Enthusiasm is contagious."

Absolutely. That's not our official motto, but it could be. We love what we do. We enjoy helping guests figure out how to invest their precious time and budget. I can honestly say that all of us feel that way — the Guest Services folks who interact with you while you're planning your trip, the Tour Operations team members who plan all of the logistics, the local guides who lead each one of our trips full time. There's just a huge amount of positive energy in what we do, and I think it truly is hard to resist. We'd climb into every one of our guest's suitcases and go along with them if we could. Because we can't, we call each guest while they're on tour just to be sure they are having a trip of a lifetime.

Has anyone ever called Classic Journeys obsessive?

I hope so, because we are. Everything is in the details. For instance, we've created a special tour for the total eclipse of the sun which is going to pass over parts of South America in 2020. We've already analyzed likely traffic patterns in the most remote areas and figured out how to structure our itinerary so that our guests will be in place in the path of totality while the people who don't plan ahead will be stuck in jams on remote dirt roads. We enjoy obsessing about details like that so that our guests never have to.



How can you top this?

Oh, we never let ourselves think of it that way. We just continue to approach every single guest on each and every departure like the most important guest we've ever had. It seems to be working! Of course, we keep looking for new ways to win more converts. For 2019, we've launched a new series of Classic Journeys that are based from

"I voted for you!"

We've heard that expression so many times lately from guests who registered their votes with *Travel + Leisure*. Given the results, we know it's true ... and you know that your votes really count!

STAFF AND GUIDES

"I always feel like I'm traveling with a best friend. I prefer your local guides to the ones that other companies fly in."

ITINERARIES AND DESTINATIONS

"If it's on my bucket list, you always seem to go there. Of course, with so many options you always seem to make my list longer and longer!"

ACTIVITIES

"On your trips, I've cooked with Michelin chefs, sung songs with Quechua schoolchildren, and walked on glaciers with the descendants of Vikings. Fun doesn't begin to describe it."

ACCOMMODATIONS

"How you manage so many 5-star properties on these trips shocks me. But please, please, please keep it up!"

FOOD

"I have never eaten so well so often so happily. When you people claim that you are foodies, you aren't kidding."

OVERALL VALUE

"We have never had a better vacation at any price."

river cruise boats. On a different note, seeing how many travelers can't always find as much vacation time as they really want, we have developed a series of 6-day or shorter quick trips that go as far afield as Iceland, the Galápagos and Morocco.

Final thoughts?

It's always an honor to win recognition. But, for all of us at Classic Journeys, the biggest privilege is to share the dreams of our guests and make those dreams come true. That connection is the best feeling of all.