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London & Paris Cultural Walking Adventure



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A TALE OF TWO CITIES

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 evening visit to Stonehenge. 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.) 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 delightful high tea experience**

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 enjoy a delightful afternoon tea experience with sweets and savories.

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

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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 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, L

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, 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

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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

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Trip Essentials

TRIP LENGTH	7 Days, 6 Nights
START	Lobby of the Ampersand Hotel, London, England
END	Lobby of Hotel Au Manoir St. Germaine, Paris, France
TERRAIN	Easy to Moderate

What's Included

- Award-winning boutique hotels that provide you unlimited access to the people and places, culture and history you came to experience
- 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

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- Privileged Access Events

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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 & Paris...

- Accepting an invitation for a private, after-hours sunset visit at Stonehenge
- Enjoying the sweet and savory delights of an afternoon 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 excels in providing exceptional guides familiar with the local area."

-Bert and Jo Ann E.,