GO AHEAD TOURS



London, Amsterdam & Rome

11 days | 14 days with Madrid extension

English pub crawls, Dutch bike rides, and Italian café culture all get their due on this variation of our best-selling London, Paris & Rome tour. Begin as usual, in the cosmopolitan English capital of London, before crossing the North Sea and touching down in Amsterdam. After a few days of tulip-laden bliss, move on to Rome, the "Eternal City" that has withstood millennia. Can't wait to cross another capital off your list? Add the extension to Madrid and see what all the fuss about tapas is about.



Your tour package includes

9 nights in handpicked hotels
9 breakfasts
3 dinners with beer or wine
3 sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach
2 on-tour flight

Included highlights

Trafalgar Square
Buckingham Palace
Amsterdam canal cruise
Van Gogh Museum
Colosseum
Roman Forum

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 1 hour daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with few hills or stairs.

Group size

15–38

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day
Board your overnight flight to London today.

London → 3 nights

Day 2: Arrival in London
Included meals: welcome dinner
Welcome to England! Meet your fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of London
Included meals: breakfast
Take a guided tour of the regal landmarks of the English capital with a local expert leading the way.

- Pass the grand Trafalgar Square and Baroque-style St. Paul's Cathedral, perched atop Ludgate Hill.
- See Westminster Abbey, the setting for royal coronations, weddings, and funerals.
- View icons like Big Ben, the London Eye, and the Tower of London.
- Stop by Buckingham Palace, where you may catch the Changing of the Guard.

Enjoy a free afternoon in London or add an excursion.
+ Windsor Castle

Day 4: Free day in London
Included meals: breakfast
Spend a free day in London or add excursions.
+ Tower of London
+ London Eye & Pub Dinner

Amsterdam → 3 nights

Day 5: Flight to Amsterdam & sightseeing tour of Amsterdam
Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Travel to the airport for your flight to Amsterdam, Netherlands. When you arrive in the Netherlands, take to the water on today's sightseeing tour as your local guide introduces you to Amsterdam's unique character.

- Cruise by icons like the Dutch National Opera house and the Skinny Bridge.
- Reflect on the city's history as you pass by a former Jewish neighborhood.
- See the dancing houses, the narrowest houses in Amsterdam, and "flower bikes" decorated by a local known as the Flower Bike Man.
- Disembark near the Rijksmuseum, and stroll to the iconic Van Gogh Museum for a tour with an audio guide.

Then, sit down for an included dinner.

Day 6: Free day in Amsterdam
Included meals: breakfast
Spend a free day in Amsterdam or add excursions.
+ Food of Amsterdam Walking Tour
+ Keukenhof Gardens

Day 7: Free day in Amsterdam
Included meals: breakfast
Spend a free day in Amsterdam or add an excursion.
+ A Day in Charming Delft

Rome → 3 nights

Day 8: Flight to Rome
Included meals: breakfast
Transfer to the airport for a flight to Rome, Italy. Then, take the rest of the day to explore the Eternal City.

Day 9: Free day in Rome
Included meals: breakfast
Spend a free day in Rome or add excursions.
(Please note: On some departures, the Iconic Sights: Vatican City excursion may take place on day 10 and the Rome sightseeing tour and the Ancient Rome: St. Paul's Basilica & the Catacombs excursion may take place on day 9.)
+ Iconic Sights: Vatican City
+ Pasta-Making Class & Dinner

Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Rome
Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner
Follow in the footsteps of the ancient Romans on a guided tour of the Eternal City.

- Soak up over 2,000 years of history in Imperial Rome, viewing the Arch of Constantine and the Arch of Titus.
- Enter the Colosseum, the largest amphitheater of the Roman Empire.
- Stop at the ruins of the Forum, once the setting of parades, elections, and trials.
- Pass by Palatine Hill to see Circus Maximus, the stadium where ancient Romans raced chariots, and the Baths of Caracalla.

Enjoy free time in Rome or add an excursion.
(Please note: On some departures, the Rome sightseeing tour and the Ancient Rome: St. Paul's Basilica & the Catacombs excursion may take place on day 9 and the Iconic Sights: Vatican City excursion may take place on day 10.)
This evening, join your group for a farewell dinner. As you dine, you'll be treated to a multi-course traditional Italian meal with a live musical entertainment.
+ Ancient Rome: St. Paul's Basilica & the Catacombs

Flight Home

Day 11: Departure
Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay to visit Madrid, Spain.

+ Madrid extension

Keep the adventure going and add another European capital to your trip. Fly to Madrid to see how the city buzzes with energy on local guide-led visits to Puerta del Sol and the Prado.

Madrid → 3 nights

Day 11: Flight to Madrid
Included meals: breakfast
Fly to Madrid, Spain this morning. Then, spend free time exploring the city at your leisure or add an excursion.
+ Madrid Home-Hosted Dinner

Day 12: Sightseeing tour of Madrid
Included meals: breakfast
Get acquainted with Spain's cosmopolitan capital city with the help of a local guide.

- View the Royal Palace, Spain's largest royal residence.
- Pass by the Temple of Debod, a reassembled temple from ancient Egypt.
- View the city's many squares, including Plaza de España and the bustling Puerta del Sol.
- Explore the Prado, a world-class art museum that began as the private collection of the Spanish monarchy and is home to the works of Goya, Velásquez, and more.

Enjoy a free evening in Madrid or add an excursion.
+ Traditional Spanish Evening

Day 13: Free day in Madrid
Included meals: breakfast
Spend a free day in Madrid or add an excursion. This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.
+ Toledo

Flight Home

Day 14: Departure
Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save $10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: **goaheadtours.ca/LNR | 1-800-754-5066**

Day 3: Windsor Castle
$175CAD (5 hours, departs in the afternoon)
Led by a Blue Badge Guide, you'll travel to Windsor for a guided tour of the world's largest and longest-inhabited castle. Founded by William the Conqueror in 1070, Windsor has been the British Royal Family's preferred retreat for the past 900 years. Step inside the State Apartments and St. George's Chapel, where knighting ceremonies of the Most Noble Order of the Garter take place. View the exhibit of royal treasures within the castle. You'll then have time to stroll through the town of Windsor and have a look at Eton College, a prestigious prep school attended by Princes William and Harry. Please note: When the Windsor Castle excursion falls on a Wednesday, entrance will be replaced by an excursion to Hampton Court. For any departures where the Windsor Castle excursion falls on a Tuesday, the excursion will be moved to another day on tour or cancelled. Additionally, St. George's Chapel is closed to the public on Sundays. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 4: Tower of London
$149CAD (3 hours, departs in the morning)
Enter the Tower of London, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for its dark history of treason, imprisonment, and beheadings. With a local Blue Badge Guide leading the way, you'll explore the nooks and crannies of this royal castle, seeing ancient coin collections, suits of armor, and the glittering Crown Jewels as you go. Explore exhibitions about the Royal Mint and old armaments before watching a live historical reenactment and visiting the White Tower. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 4: London Eye & Pub Dinner
$195CAD (5 hours, departs in the evening with dinner)
Glide through London's skyline, 450 feet above the River Thames, on the London Eye—the world's fourth-tallest observation wheel. Settle into an enclosed gondola for a 30-minute ride and take in the view of the city below. (In clear weather, the panorama stretches for 25 miles.) Afterward, take a brief tour of London's West End before ending your outing with dinner at a local pub. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 6: Food of Amsterdam Walking Tour
$129CAD/$139CAD* (2.5 hours, departure time varies)
Get a taste of sweet and savory Dutch dishes on a culinary walking tour through Amsterdam. Meet your local guide at Beursplein Square, which is located in front of the Amsterdam Stock Exchange, and walk through the old city center, an area once known as the Red Light District. Make your way to your first stop, a chocolate and spice shop set along Amsterdam's oldest canal. There, you'll taste award-winning chocolate and an iconic Dutch sweet, the stroopwafel, as you learn about Amsterdam's role in the 17th-century spice trade. Continue on to a cheese shop to sample several varieties made by a local family. Next, follow the bustling Zeedijk (or sea dike, in Dutch) through the heart of Chinatown and visit a family of fishmongers who have been in business since 1938. There, taste raw herring and kibbeling, or battered, fried fish. Wrap up your tour with a visit to an award-winning microbrewery, where you'll enjoy beer and a selection of Dutch snacks. Spend some free time in the city before heading back to your hotel. Please note: This excursion is only offered from mid-May through December.

Day 6: Keukenhof Gardens
$149CAD/$159CAD* (6 hours, departs in the afternoon)
With millions of flowers growing on 70 acres of gardens, Keukenhof has been a showplace for the Dutch floral industry for more than half a century. On this excursion, you may be able to view more than six million flowers in bloom, including daffodils, croci and hyacinths, as well as thousands of tulip varieties. Please note: Peak tulip season varies with the weather. This optional excursion is seasonal and runs only from late March through May. Travelers should be prepared for a fair amount of walking.

Day 7: A Day in Charming Delft
$175CAD/$185CAD* (8 hours, departs in the morning)
Pay a visit to the world-famous flower market at Aalsmeer for a close-up look at one of Holland's best-known national exports: its brilliantly hued tulips. Continue to Delft, a charming town of canals, cobbled alleyways and medieval architecture. Visit the Old and New Churches on a guided tour, and then enjoy free time to grab lunch and explore the town, perhaps visiting the former home of the famous painter, Vermeer. Please note: A visit to the Hague will replace the flower market on days when the market is closed.

Day 9: Iconic Sights: Vatican City
$175CAD (3.5 hours, departure time varies)
This guided tour takes you inside Vatican City—a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most sacred places in Christendom. This independent city-state within Rome serves as the headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church and is home to the Pope. Upon arrival, turn on your pre-distributed headset and dive into the Vatican's rich history with your local guide. First, visit the Vatican Museums, which are more than 500 years old and house many of the world's most important Classical- and Renaissance-era sculptures. Next, step inside the Sistine Chapel, whose frescoed ceiling is arguably Michelangelo's greatest masterpiece. Finally, pay a visit to the enormous St. Peter's Basilica, the epicenter of the Roman Catholic faith. The artists who have contributed to its glory are some of the best Italy has ever known: Bramante, Peruzzi, Raphael, and Michelangelo. Masterpieces await at every turn, from Bernini's magnificent bronze canopy to Michelangelo's Pietà.
Please note: Should this excursion fall on a Sunday, it'll be moved to another day of the tour. Backpacks aren't allowed in the Vatican, and shorts and sleeveless shirts are strictly prohibited. Due to closures of certain entrances and pathways, wait times may extend to several hours during busy travel months. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 70 days prior to departure.

Day 9: Pasta-Making Class & Dinner
$175CAD/$185CAD* (4 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)
In this hands-on cooking class led by an experienced Italian chef, you'll learn to make pasta—perhaps pillowy ravioli or castellane, a ridged shell pasta that's rolled into a long, oval shape—using traditional techniques you can keep on practicing when you get back home. Then, sit down for dinner and enjoy the dishes you've prepared, along with wine.

Day 10: Ancient Rome: St. Paul's Basilica & the Catacombs
$125CAD/$135CAD* (4 hours, departure time varies)
Descend into Rome's ancient catacombs, where early Christians buried saints and popes alongside commoners. A local guide will lead you through the burial chambers before your visit to St. Paul's Basilica, one of the four most important basilicas of Rome. Originally founded by Constantine the Great, the Basilica also houses the tomb of St. Paul.
Please note: Shorts and sleeveless shirts are not permitted within the Basilica. Also, this excursion involves extensive walking and may be challenging for claustrophobic travelers.

Extension excursion options

Day 11: Madrid Home-Hosted Dinner
$125CAD (3 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)
Join a local at their home in Madrid to enjoy traditional dishes and dine like a true Spaniard. During this dinner, you'll receive an authentic understanding of your host's day-to-day life while learning about Spanish culture and traditions from a new perspective. Please note: Your Tour Director will not attend this excursion. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 12: Traditional Spanish Evening
$165CAD/$175CAD* (3 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)
Start the evening with a stroll through Plaza Mayor. Your Tour Director will tell you about the history of the square, where you'll see locals and travelers alike. On your way to dinner, walk through the illuminated streets of Madrid, taking in the local neighborhood ambiance in

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the evening light. Then, enjoy conversation, camaraderie, and live music at one of the oldest restaurants in the city. Between traditional Castilian courses, you'll be entertained by tuno music, an artistic tradition with its roots in Spain's universities.

Day 13: Toledo
$145CAD/$155CAD* (8 hours, departure time varies)
Today, discover Toledo, the clifftop city often referred to as La Ciudad Imperial ("The Imperial City"). Upon arrival, you'll have some free time to explore. Later in the afternoon, you'll kick off a guided tour at Toledo Cathedral: a massive Gothic structure housing a treasure trove of stained glass windows and golden artifacts. Gaze upon its sacristy, containing masterpieces by the likes of Van Dyck, El Greco, Rubens, and Titian. After exploring the labyrinth of medieval alleyways in the heart of the city, you'll visit the Church of Santo Tomé—a former mosque, dating to the 12th century, graced by one of El Greco's finest works, "The Burial of the Count of Orgaz." End your day with a stop at Santa María la Blanca, a museum that ranks as one of the oldest synagogues in Europe. Please note: This tour involves some walking over uneven terrain. Also, depending on the day of the week, the sites you visit may change.

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