



New Year's Eve in London with Paris & Rome

11 days | 14 days with Madrid extension

Whether you're raising a glass in a local pub or taking in the spectacular fireworks display over the Thames, New Year's Eve in London is an event not to be missed. Join revelers in the English capital to ring in the new year before setting off to explore Paris and Rome. On this sweeping tour, iconic landmarks like Big Ben, the Eiffel Tower, and the Colosseum are just the beginning of what you'll see.



Your tour package includes

- 9 nights in handpicked hotels
- 9 breakfasts
- 4 dinners with beer or wine, including a celebratory New Year's Eve dinner with Champagne toast
- 3 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach
- 1 train ride
- 1 on-tour flight

Included highlights

- New Year's Eve in London
- Big Ben
- Buckingham Palace
- Eurostar train ride
- Place de la Concorde
- Eiffel Tower photo stop
- 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: dinner

Welcome to England! Meet your Tour Director and 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 and weddings
- 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 & New Year's Eve celebration

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Spend a free day in London or add an excursion.

This evening, ring in the new year with your fellow travelers with a celebratory dinner and Champagne toast.

+ Tower of London & Thames River Cruise

Paris → 3 nights

Day 5: Eurostar train ride to Paris

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Board the famed, high-speed Eurostar train and travel beneath the English Channel as you journey to Gare du Nord station in Paris.

Later, sit down for an included dinner with your group.

Please note: Porterage is not included for the train transfers. Travelers must be comfortable lifting and carrying all luggage over steps, onto platforms, and into luggage storage

Day 6: Sightseeing tour of Paris

Included meals: breakfast

A guided tour introduces you to the architecture, scenery, and history of the City of Light's many neighborhoods, called *arrondissements*.

- Drive down the sycamore-lined Champs-Élysées to view the Arc de Triomphe
- Pass Pont Neuf and the legendary Notre-Dame Cathedral, located on an island in the Seine River
- See the Eiffel Tower, the Palais Garnier opera house, and Place de la Concorde, the city's grandest square
- Marvel at the iconic architecture of the Louvre and Hôtel des Invalides

Day 7: Free day in Paris

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a free day in Paris or add excursions.

+ Versailles Palace & Gardens

+ Dinner in Paris & Seine River Cruise

Rome → 3 nights

Day 8: Flight to Rome

Included meals: breakfast

Fly to Rome, Italy this morning. Then take the rest of the day to explore the city at your leisure.

Day 9: Free day in Rome

Included meals: breakfast

Spend a free day in Rome or add excursions. *(Please note: Iconic Sights: Vatican City excursion may be offered on day 10, depending on the day of the week.)*

+ 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 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 Palatine Hill, see where ancient Romans raced chariots at Circus Maximus, and view the Baths of Caracalla

Enjoy a free afternoon in Rome or add an excursion. *(Please note: Ancient Rome: St. Paul's Basilica & the Catacombs excursion may be offered on day 9, depending on the day of the week.)*

Tonight, celebrate your trip with your group at a farewell dinner.

+ 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 this morning and enjoy free time in the Spanish capital 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/LP6 | 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 & Thames River Cruise

\$205CAD (6 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. Later, step aboard a riverboat for a cruise down the Thames and take in views of the London skyline, Tower Bridge, Southbank, and more from the water. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 7: Versailles Palace & Gardens

\$199CAD (5 hours, departure time varies)

The reign of Louis XIV, known as the "Sun King," set new standards for decadence among the crowned heads of Europe. It took 50 years and 35,000 workers to turn Versailles, once a small hunting lodge, into the most magnificent château in all of France and the envy of royalty worldwide. On this excursion, you'll see the palace in all its glory as you tour the State Apartments and the glittering Hall of Mirrors. Then, stroll through the lavish gardens to admire their fine statuary, splendid fountains, and colorful flowerbeds. Please note: Versailles Palace is closed on Mondays. The optional excursion may be moved to a different day on tour to accommodate schedules. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 45 days prior to departure.

Day 7: Dinner in Paris & Seine River Cruise

\$175CAD/\$185CAD* (5 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Take in the nighttime allure of the City of Light on a special evening excursion. The event begins with dinner at a local restaurant. After you dine, board a boat cruise along the Seine. As you coast along the river and under Paris' bridges, you'll behold the illuminated monuments of the city glittering alongside the riverbanks. Please note: The dress code may vary depending on the restaurant for your dinner. Your Tour Director will advise you on what to wear, but shorts and sneakers are likely to be considered inappropriate attire.

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 pillow 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 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.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.ca/terms