



# **London & Paris**

# 9 days | 11 days with Paris extension

Take in all the local highlights on citywide tours of London and Paris before going off to create your own experiences. Keep an eye out for royals from a double-decker bus. Sit in the shadow of the Eiffel Tower while sipping your café au lait. Then, get up-close to cultural icons in world-class museums.



#### Your tour package includes

7 nights in handpicked hotels
7 breakfasts
2 dinners with beer or wine
2 sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach
1 train ride

# Included highlights

Trafalgar Square
Big Ben
Buckingham Palace
Eurostar train ride
Eiffel Tower photo stop
Place de la Concorde

# 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** → 4 nights

#### Day 2: Arrival in London

Included meals: welcome 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 Baroquestyle 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,
   Tower Bridge, 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 an excursion.

+ Stonehenge & Oxford

# Day 5: Free day in London

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a free day in London or add excursions.

- + Tower of London
- + London Eye & Pub Dinner

# **Paris** $\rightarrow$ 3 nights

# Day 6: Eurostar train ride to Paris & sightseeing tour

Included meals: breakfast

Board the famed high-speed Eurostar train, and be whisked beneath the English Channel as you journey to Gare du Nord in Paris, France. Then, 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

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 7: Free day in Paris

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a free day in Paris or add excursions. Please note: On some departures, the Versailles Palace & Gardens excursion may be offered on day 8.

- + Versailles Palace & Gardens
- + Dinner in Paris & Seine River Cruise

#### Day 8: Free day in Paris

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner Enjoy a free day in Paris or add an excursion. Please note: On some departures, the Montparnasse Tower Lunch excursion may be offered on day 7.

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

+ Montparnasse Tower Lunch

# **Flight Home**

#### Day 9: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay to continue exploring Paris.

# + Paris extension

Paris is always a good idea, so extend your trip to keep exploring. Take a couple of days to museum-hop, stroll along the boulevards, brush up on your français, and let your expert Tour Director point you toward the crème de la crème.

# **Paris** $\rightarrow$ 2 nights

### Day 9: Free day in Paris

Included meals: breakfast
Spend a free day in Paris or add an excursion.

+ Food of Paris Walking Tour

## Day 10: Free day in Paris

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a free day in Paris or add excursions. This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.

- + Monet & the Landscapes of Giverny
- + Paris Home-Hosted Dinner

# Flight Home

# Day 11: 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/LPA | 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 longestinhabited 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: Stonehenge & Oxford

\$190CAD (9.5 hours, departs in the morning) Pay a visit to Oxford, home to one of the most prestigious universities in the world. You'll admire the charming city's spire-studded architecture and learn more about its academic legacy during a visit to New College at Oxford University. Founded in the 14th century, this college is one of the oldest institutions in the city, and you'll discover its extensive history during your visit. Then, enjoy free time for lunch before continuing on to Stonehenge, perhaps England's most mysterious landmark. The origin and purpose of this ring of stones, which dates back an estimated 5,000 years, is unknown, though most believe it was a temple and observatory. Take some time to explore the intriguing stone formations and visit the newly opened exhibition and visitor center before heading back to London. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

# Day 5: 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 5: 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 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 8: Montparnasse Tower Lunch**

\$199CAD (3 hours, departs in the morning, lunch included)

Head to Montparnasse Tower and take an elevator ride to Le Ciel de Paris restaurant, located over 650 feet above Paris. You'll enjoy private access to the restaurant and observation deck, which offer panoramic views of the city skyline. Sit down to enjoy a three-course, fine dining lunch experience featuring seasonal cuisine with drinks. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

#### **Extension excursion options**

# Day 9: Food of Paris Walking Tour

\$149CAD (2.5 hours, departs in the morning)

Meet up with a local guide for a culinary-themed walking tour through Le Marais. This chic district is located on the Right Bank of the Seine and is home to some of the city's best boutiques, cocktail bars, and restaurants. You'll walk through Marché des Enfants Rouges, the city's oldest covered market, stopping to sample fresh fruit, cheese, and crepes. Then, watch locals go about their daily lives as you stroll along the charming cafe-lined streets. Your guide will talk about the various flavors and cooking techniques that have come to define French cuisine as you taste fresh pastries and macaroons at local shops. After your tour ends, opt to stay in the area where you can shop and eat lunch or travel back to your hotel. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

#### Day 10: Monet & the Landscapes of Giverny

\$149CAD/\$159CAD\* (6 hours, departs in the morning)

The village of Giverny was home to Claude Monet from 1883 until his death in 1926. On a visit to Monet's home and gardens, discover the subtle palette of colors that inspired his Water Lilies series and gave rise to a new way of seeing. Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs from April through October.

#### Day 10: Paris Home-Hosted Dinner

\$129CAD (3 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Join a local at their home in Paris to enjoy traditional dishes and dine like a true Parisian. During this dinner, you'll receive an authentic understanding of your host's day-to-day life while learning about French 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.

\*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