



London, Paris & Rome

11 days | 14 days with Madrid extension

Perhaps no cities have influenced or shaped the world more over the last 2,000 years than London, Paris, and Rome. And while these European capitals all have cachet and clout, they couldn't be more different from one another—in the best of ways. On this guided tour, get to know each city of the cities in depth, from their storied pasts and enduring culinary traditions to their pop-culture trends. Along the way, soak in the grandeur of icons like Big Ben, the Eiffel Tower, and the Colosseum. For a taste of yet another cosmopolitan capital city with a rich history and modern offerings all its own, extend your tour and visit Madrid.



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
- 1 train ride
- 1 on-tour flight

Included highlights

- Trafalgar Square
- Westminster Abbey
- Buckingham Palace
- Eurostar train ride from London to Paris
- Eiffel Tower photo stop
- Place de la Concorde in Paris
- Roman 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! Settle in at your hotel, then join your Tour Director and fellow travelers for a welcome dinner served with beer or wine.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of London

Included meals: breakfast

Join a local guide for a panoramic tour of London's regal landmarks, soaking in centuries of history and culture along the way.

- Pass stately Trafalgar Square—a popular public plaza surrounded by museums, galleries, and historic buildings—and St. Paul's Cathedral, the Baroque-style Anglican church whose history dates back to the seventh century
- See Westminster Abbey, a UNESCO World Heritage Site built in the 13th century not only as a great monastery and place of worship, but also as a site for royal coronations, weddings, and burials
- View icons like Big Ben and the London Eye, and marvel at the Tower of London, which has served as a royal palace and a prison and now houses the Crown Jewels
- Stop by Buckingham Palace—the official residence of the ruling monarch—where you might 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

Paris → 3 nights

Day 5: Eurostar train ride to Paris

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Make your way to St. Pancras International, a bustling railway station and shopping, dining, and cultural hub in central London. There, board a high-speed Eurostar train, which will whisk you under the English Channel en route to Paris' Gare du Nord station.

This evening, join your group at a local restaurant for an included dinner, served with beer or wine.

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

Meet up with a local guide, who will introduce you to the architecture, character, and history of the City of Light's many neighborhoods (or arrondissements) and its most recognizable landmarks.

- Drive down the sycamore-lined Avenue des Champs-Élysées—a symbol of Paris that's lined with majestic monuments, glitzy restaurants, and glamorous storefronts—and view the Arc de Triomphe
- Pass Pont Neuf—the oldest stone bridge in Paris—and Notre-Dame Cathedral, built on an island in the Seine River
- Make a photo stop at the Eiffel Tower, then view the Palais Garnier opera house and the Place de la Concorde, the city's grandest square
- Pass by the Louvre—with its iconic, I.M. Pei-designed glass pyramid—and marvel at the Hôtel National des Invalides, a 17th-century, gold-domed structure that's staggering in its size and scale

Enjoy a free afternoon in Paris or add an excursion.

Please note: On some departures, the Versailles Palace & Gardens excursion may be offered on day 7.

+ Versailles Palace & Gardens

Day 7: Free day in Paris

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a free day to discover Paris at your leisure or add an excursion.

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+ Dinner in Paris & Seine River Cruise

Rome → 3 nights

Day 8: Flight to Rome

Included meals: breakfast

Transfer to the airport in Paris for a flight to Rome, Italy's historic capital. Then, spend the rest of the day exploring the Eternal City at your own pace.

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 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—and soak up more than 2,000 years of imperial history—on a guided, immersive tour of the city.

- Meet your local guide at the fourth-century Arch of Constantine—built to celebrate Constantine's victory over his rival, Marcus Aurelius Valerius Maxentius—one of three surviving ancient Roman triumphal arches in the city the Arch of Titus
- Make your way inside the iconic Colosseum, a nearly 2,000-year-old amphitheater that's both a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the Seven New Wonders of the World
- Stop at the ruins of the Roman Forum—a plaza that played host to parades, elections, and trials—and the first-century, honorific Arch of Titus
- Continue exploring the city aboard your coach, passing by Palatine Hill, the Circus

Maximus chariot-racing stadium, and the Baths of Caracalla, which are estimated to have been built in the third century and served as an important leisure and social hub in ancient Rome

Enjoy free time in Rome or add an excursion.

Please note: On some departures, the Rome sightseeing tour and 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 served with beer or wine. You'll enjoy a traditional, multi-course Italian meal, as well as 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 Rome's airport for your flight home, or extend your stay and visit Madrid, Spain.

+ Madrid extension

Keep the adventure going—and add another European capital to your trip while you're at it. With its world-class museums (hello, Prado), elegant restaurants, sprawling plazas, and bustling food markets—not to mention its fascinating royal history—Madrid is one city you won't want to miss.

Madrid → 3 nights

Day 11: Flight to Madrid

Included meals: breakfast

This morning, fly to bustling Madrid, a city latticed with elegant boulevards and blanketed with vast, manicured parks. 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 with the help of a local guide.

- View the 18th-century, Baroque-style Royal Palace (a.k.a. Palacio Real)—Spain's largest royal residence

- Pass by the Temple of Debod, which was built in Egypt in the second century B.C. and donated to Spain by Egypt's government in an effort to save it from floods following the construction of the Aswan High Dam
- View some of 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 contains works by Goya, Velázquez, and more iconic artists

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 Madrid's 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/LPR | 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: 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

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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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