



# London, Paris & Rome for Solo Travelers

9 days | 11 days with Rome extension

With their storied (and at times stormy) pasts, distinctive cultural offerings, and time-honored culinary traditions, London, Paris, and Rome are a powerhouse European trio. On this guided tour, join fellow solo travelers for an exploration of each city's iconic sights, from Big Ben to the Eiffel Tower to the Trevi Fountain. Between visits to these notable landmarks and others, get to know your fellow travelers over shared, immersive experiences, including traditional afternoon tea and a pasta-making class. If you're craving even more Roman culture, extend your stay in the Eternal City to explore the Colosseum and other important ancient landmarks.



## Your tour package includes

- 7 nights in a private room at handpicked hotels
- 7 breakfasts
- 3 dinners with beer or wine
- 2 food tastings
- 1 Italian pasta-making class with wine
- 3 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach
- 1 train ride
- 1 on-tour flight

## Included highlights

- Covent Garden in London
- Traditional afternoon tea
- Eurostar train ride to Paris
- Eiffel Tower photo stop
- Montparnasse Tower dinner
- Gelato tasting in Rome
- Pantheon visit in Rome
- Trevi Fountain in Rome
- Italian pasta-making class with wine

## 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

15-28

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## Overnight Flight → 1 night

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to London today.

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## London → 3 nights

### Day 2: Arrival in London

*Included meals: welcome dinner*

Welcome to England! Settle in to your hotel. Then, gather with your Tour Director and fellow group members for a mixer in the Shard, the United Kingdom's tallest skyscraper which resembles a shard of glass. Enjoy panoramic, bird's-eye views of the bustling capital city and try to spot St. Paul's Cathedral, Big Ben, Tower Bridge, and other well-known London landmarks. Then, get to know your group at tonight's welcome dinner.

### 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 square that's surrounded by museums, galleries, and historic buildings—and St. Paul's Cathedral, the Baroque-style Anglican cathedral atop Ludgate Hill whose history dates back to the seventh century.
- 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.
- Walk through Covent Garden, a lively shopping and entertainment hub in London's elegant and culturally rich West End.

Enjoy a free afternoon in London or add an excursion.

+ Windsor Castle

### Day 4: Free morning in London & afternoon tea

*Included meals: breakfast, tasting*

Enjoy a free morning in London, or add an excursion.

Later this afternoon, join your fellow travelers for afternoon tea. The national pastime was introduced in Britain in the 19th century as a tea

ritual and evolved as a light meal intended to quiet rumbling stomachs ahead of late dinners. Snack on finger sandwiches, scones with clotted cream and jam, and fresh pastries and cakes, and sip a warm cup (or cuppa, as locals casually say) of England's national drink.  
+ Tower of London

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## Paris → 2 nights

### Day 5: Eurostar train ride to Paris & Montparnasse Tower

*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 and to Paris' Gare du Nord station.

This evening, head to the Le Ciel de Paris restaurant in Montparnasse Tower, which soars more than 650 feet above the City of Light.

- Enjoy panoramic views of Paris' skyline, as well as the Eiffel Tower's blinking, twinkling, and dazzling light show.
- Sit down for an included dinner with panoramic views of Paris as your backdrop.

*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—built in the 16th century, it's the oldest stone bridge in Paris—and Notre-Dame Cathedral, which is situated on Île de la Cité, 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.
- 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.

+ Versailles Palace & Gardens

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## Rome → 2 nights

### Day 7: Flight to Rome & tour of the city's highlights

*Included meals: breakfast, tasting*

Transfer to Paris' airport for a flight to Rome, Italy's historic capital city. Upon arriving in the Eternal City, take a guided walk to discover its beautiful, centuries-old squares and fountains.

- Stroll past the Spanish Steps, where Bernini's Baroque-style fountain has stood since the 1600s, and head to the intricately carved Trevi Fountain, which was completed in the 18th century and is one of the world's—certainly Rome's—most famous fountains.
- Enjoy a gelato tasting before entering the Pantheon, a circular, columned former temple that's topped by the world's largest unreinforced concrete dome.
- Learn about ancient Romans' engineering skills and how they constructed this well-preserved temple, which was first built in 27 BC and completely rebuilt between 118 AD and 128 AD.
- End at Piazza Navona—the elegant public square's unique, elongated shape is attributable to its location on the same site where the Stadium of Domitian once stood—and see the Fountain of the Four Rivers, a revered, 17th-century work by Bernini that was once a source of potable water for Romans.

### Day 8: Free day in Rome & pasta-making class

*Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner*

Enjoy a free day in Rome or add an excursion.

This evening, join your group for a special pasta-making class and dinner. You'll craft handmade pasta, such as gnocchi, ravioli, and fettuccine, alongside a local chef. Then, enjoy the meal you've prepared and raise a toast to your trip with local wine.

+ Iconic Sights: Vatican City

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## Flight Home

### Day 9: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to Rome's airport for your flight home or continue to explore the city.

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### + Rome extension

With its history dating back nearly 3,000 years, Rome offers up ancient temples, amphitheaters, monuments, and more around practically every turn. Dive even deeper into the storied city's past as you visit the iconic Colosseum, marvel at what remains of Circus Maximus, and explore the Jewish Ghetto, with its enduring cultural traditions.

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## Rome → 2 nights

### Day 9: Sightseeing tour of Rome's historic sites

*Included meals: breakfast, tasting*

Follow in the footsteps of the ancient Romans on a guided, immersive tour of the Eternal City.

- Meet your local guide at the Arch of Constantine, which was built in the fourth century to celebrate Constantine's victory over his rival, Marcus Aurelius Valerius Maxentius, and is one of three surviving ancient Roman triumphal arches in the city.
- View the iconic Colosseum, a nearly 2,000-year-old amphitheater that is both a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the Seven New Wonders of the World.
- Traverse the evocative ruins of the Forum, once the pulsating heart of Roman life. Imagine the echoes of parades and gripping trials as you explore the remnants of this ancient marketplace.
- Climb aboard your coach and enjoy a driving tour, with highlights including the ancient chariot-racing stadium Circus Maximus, the

round and columned Temple of Hercules Victor, and the Theatre of Marcellus, which was commissioned in the first century BC by Julius Caesar and is said to have seated up to 40,000 audience members.

- Visit Rome's Jewish Ghetto neighborhood and step inside a local shop to taste Roman Jewish delicacies.
- End your tour at the Portico d'Ottavia, which was built in the first century BC and housed a Roman fish market from the Middle Ages until the 19th century.

### Day 10: Free day in Rome

*Included meals: breakfast*

Enjoy a free day in Rome or add an excursion. Later this evening, gather with your group to celebrate your trip with a farewell drink.

+ Castel Gandolfo & Wine Tasting

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# 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.com/LR6](https://goaheadtours.com/LR6) | 1-800-597-0350

## Day 3: Windsor Castle

\$125 (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

\$109 (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 6: Versailles Palace & Gardens

\$139 (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 chateau 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 8: Iconic Sights: Vatican City

\$125 (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 Madonna della 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.

## Extension excursion options

### Day 10: Castel Gandolfo & Wine Tasting

\$155/\$165\* (5 hours, departure time varies)

Leave the city behind and enjoy an afternoon in Lazio's wine country. Begin your excursion with a stop at Castel Gandolfo, a gorgeous village located on the shores of Lake Albano. You'll have the opportunity to stroll through the square that's home to the Papal Palace, the Pope's summer residence, which you can step inside and explore. Later, you'll travel to a vineyard for a wine tasting, where you'll sample a variety of wines as well as homemade olive oils and other specialties.

\*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.com/terms](https://goaheadtours.com/terms)