GO AHEAD TOURS



London & Rome

9 days | 12 days with Athens extension

Want some more time to familiarize yourself with two sprawling cities? This spin on our best-selling London, Paris & Rome tour has you covered. Start your trip in London, enjoying a healthy mix of guided activities and free time, before transferring to the Italian capital of Rome for group moments, self-exploration, and plenty of espresso shots. The extension to Madrid follows the same formula, giving you even more chances to discover your own niche in these quintessential European cities.



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 on-tour flight

Included highlights

Trafalgar Square
Big Ben
Buckingham Palace
Colosseum
Roman Forum
Palatine Hill

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 1.5 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved sidewalks and cobblestone streets, with some uneven ground.

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 English capital's regal landmarks with a local expert leading the way.

- Pass grand Trafalgar Square and the 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, Tower Bridge, and the Tower of London.
- Stop by Buckingham Palace, where you might just 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
Enjoy a free day in London or add excursions.
+ Tower of London
+ London Eye & Pub Dinner

Day 5: Free day in London
Included meals: breakfast
Spend a free day in London or add an excursion.
+ Stonehenge & Oxford

Rome → 3 nights

Day 6: Flight to Rome
Included meals: breakfast
Travel to the airport for your flight to Rome, Italy. Enjoy a free evening in the city or add an excursion.
+ Pasta-Making Class & Dinner

Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Rome
Included meals: breakfast
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 a free afternoon 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 8 and the Iconic Sights: Vatican City excursion may take place on day 7.
+ Ancient Rome: St. Paul's Basilica & the Catacombs

Day 8: Free day in Rome
Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner
Enjoy a free day in Rome or add an excursion. Then, join your group at tonight's farewell dinner. Tonight, you'll be treated to a multi-course traditional Italian meal along with live musical entertainment.
Please note: On some departures, the Iconic Sights: Vatican City excursion may take place on day 7 and the Rome sightseeing tour and the Ancient Rome: St. Paul's Basilica & the Catacombs excursion may take place on day 8.
+ Iconic Sights: Vatican City

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 visit Athens.

+ Athens extension

All those ancient myths? Continue your trip to Athens, and you'll practically walk right into them. Fly to the Greek capital and discover the city's famous ancient ruins with your Tour Director and local guide.

Athens → 3 nights

Day 9: Flight to Athens
Included meals: breakfast
Board your flight to Athens, Greece. Enjoy free time in the city or add an excursion.
+ Athens Home-Hosted Dinner

Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Athens
Included meals: breakfast
A local guide introduces you to the highlights of this bustling ancient capital, home to the world's first democracy.

- Pass by the Olympic Stadium, Syntagma Square, and the Arch of Hadrian.
- View the sixth-century Temple of Zeus.
- See the classically inspired Old Royal Palace, home of the Hellenic Parliament, and drive through the Plaka district.
- Set off on a walking tour around the ancient Acropolis, site of the Parthenon, Temple of Athena Nike, and Erechtheion.

Enjoy a free afternoon in Athens or add an excursion.
+ Cape Sounion

Day 11: Free day in Athens
Included meals: breakfast
Spend a free day in Athens or add an excursion. This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.
+ The Greek Islands: Aegina, Poros & Hydra

Flight Home

Day 12: 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/LRO | 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 5: 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 6: 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 7: 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.

Day 8: 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.

Extension excursion options

Day 9: Athens Home-Hosted Dinner
$109CAD (3 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)
Join a local at their home in Athens to enjoy traditional dishes and dine like a true Grecian. During this dinner, you'll receive an authentic understanding of your host's day-to-day life while learning about Greek 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 10: Cape Sounion
$89CAD/$99CAD* (4.5 hours, departure time varies)
Journey to the southern tip of the Attica Peninsula to take in the sights of the Poseidon Coast, including sandy beaches, natural and manmade harbors, and, of course, the Aegean Sea itself. High above the sparkling shoreline, the Temple of Poseidon dominates the landscape. Of the original structure, 16 elegant Doric pillars remain. Afterward, decide how you'd like to spend your free time. Take a moment to look out from the lofty cliffside vantage point, where you can see five Aegean islands on a clear day. You may also choose to enjoy a coffee, stop in the souvenir shop, or stroll through the area. Please note: This excursion involves some walking on uneven terrain.

Day 11: The Greek Islands: Aegina, Poros & Hydra
$225CAD (10 hours, departs in the morning, lunch included)
Board a boat at Athens' Piraeus port for a day spent island hopping. Start your adventure on Aegina, where you'll have free time to explore its streets and markets. Enjoy an included lunch as you cruise to Poros for a brief visit before heading on to your last stop of this excursion. A popular destination for artists, Hydra boasts a spectacular waterfront. Take in the beauty of its port, visit the shops, or go for a swim (depending on the season) before cruising back to the mainland. 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