

London Royal Palaces
6 days - 5 nights
London
Fun, Relaxation, History, Culture

This program may be operated for individual or for groups
This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize

Official residence of Queen Elizabeth II, Buckingham Palace is one of London's most visited landmarks. The spectacle of the famous changing of the guard and the exterior of the palace is worth a look but if you can, take the guided tour in August or September to see the 19 splendid official apartments housing some treasures of the royal collection. A stone's throw away, Kensington Palace, home of Prince William and Kate Middleton, is also worth a visit for its cupola room and collections of royal ceremonial clothes and 17th century paintings. Immerse yourself in 500 years of royal history at Hampton Court! The state apartments of Henry VII are really incredible, special mentions for the great hall with its huge tapestries and the Royal Chapel. The taste buds are panicked in the vast Tudor kitchens, the haunted gallery makes its effect and the 25-hectare park is enchanting. It is famous for its labyrinth in yew where it is good to get lost! Visits in period costumes are organized daily.

Day 1: London

Upon arrival in London, your driver and private car will meet you and transfer you to your hotel in London. The balance of the day is free to explore the city.

Day 2: London

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel you're off to experience London using your Hop On / Hop Off bus tour pass. Our routes serve over 60 stops along the routes covering all the main central London sights including; See Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Tower Bridge, Big Ben, St Paul's Cathedral and so much more as your live guide informs and entertains every step of the way! With our free River Thames Boat Ride, you can have a break from the bus and spend some time sightseeing from the water! This relaxing boat ride passes some top London riverside attractions giving an attractive alternative perspective on the city. (Valid one way from Embankment or London Eye Pier to Tower Pier or vice versa.) Your pass also includes the option to explore London on foot with the Royal Walking Tour! [B]

Day 3: London

Today is yours to plan as you wish. We suggest visiting any of London's great museums but especially the Victoria & Albert (V&A) the British Museum National Portrait Gallery and/or The Queen's Gallery at Buckingham Palace. You may wish to use your prepaid entrance ticket to Kensington Palace (don't miss Queen Victoria's wedding gown) and enjoy a stroll in the surrounding gardens). Make your way to the London Eye where your prepaid Fast Track ticket gets you to the front of the line for a truly exciting turn on the Eye to see the best vistas of the city! [B]

Day 4: London

Today offers a unique opportunity to experience "Royal London". See the best that royal London has to offer in a single morning! Begin your day at the famed and somewhat infamous Tower – former prison and execution site of three Queens of England. Our early morning visit means you will be among the first to enter the Jewel House and view the spectacular crown jewels, which have been held here and locked up for safekeeping every night for the last 600 years. These are the official regalia and vestments used by the Sovereign of the United Kingdom during the coronation ceremony and other noble appearances. This priceless collection includes magnificent orbs, swords, rings, and of course, crowns and scepters. During your visit you will also be able to see the famous white tower, where it is said that the 'Princes in the Tower' were held and supposedly murdered by their Uncle Richard III to usurp the throne from their father, King Edward IV. Then it's time to step aboard a relaxing river shuttle as the tour heads up the Thames. Enjoy the sights as your guide points out major landmarks as you coast by.

Arrive at the embankment and follow your guide on a short stroll to see the changing of the guards. This world-famous ceremony takes place either at Buckingham Palace or at Horse Guards Parade depending on the day. Your guide will make sure you are in a prime position to enjoy the best views at this crowded event. Your guide will bring this experience to life with colorful commentary that other travelers miss regarding the history and pageantry behind the ceremony as the Queen's Foot Guards with their red tunics and unmistakable bearskin hats march to Buckingham Palace. (Please note that this experience is subject to weather conditions and days held.) End your tour at Buckingham Palace the residence of Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh. See the famous balcony where the royal family appears during major events. This tour is the best way to spend a morning in London – learning and laughing along with your local guide. Today might be a good time use your prepaid entrance and visit Banqueting Hall the oldest remaining structure of the famous (and no longer standing) Whitehall Palace. [B]

Day 5: London

If you're ready for a truly royal experience have your hotel concierge can assist you with securing rail tickets and depart for Henry VIII's "Hampton Court Palace." No royal experience is complete without a visit to this monumental palace where history comes alive at every turn. Use your prepaid entrance ticket and step back in time as you wander the same halls as Henry VIII and his daughter Elizabeth I. If you're traveling with children make sure to visit the children's area where costumes and games await! This evening the Medieval Banquet Dinner awaits as a perfect royal farewell to London. [B]

Day 6: London, USA

Your driver and private car will meet you at your hotel and transfer you to the airport. [B]

[B] = Breakfast



Your Tour Includes:

- Round-trip airfare USA-LON
- Round trip private car transfers
- 5 nights' accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- Comprehensive sightseeing including:
 - Half-day "Royal London" tour
 - Visit to the "London Eye" with Fast Track access
 - Medieval Banquet dinner
 - Hop On-Hop Off Tour Bus pass including walking tours
 - Thames River Cruise

- Entrance fees to:
 - Kensington Palace
 - Hampton Court Palace
 - Banqueting House
- Hotel taxes and service fees

Tour does not include:

- Airfares taxes & fees
- Travel insurance
- Meals not mentioned under inclusions
- Tips to guides or drivers
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Any item not mentioned as "Included"

Note: All included tours may be replaced by private tours with driver/guide

Suggested Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Tourist Class		
London	Arosfa	4.5
	The Hide	4.5
	Luna & Simone	4.5
First Class		
London	Montague on the Gardens	5
	Nadler Soho	5
	Radisson Blu Edwardian Mercer St.	4.5
Deluxe		
London	Chesterfield Mayfair	5
	Ambar Hotel Charing Cross	5
	9 Hertford St.	5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Note: *Additional nights in London available upon request*

Tour Prices:

From: \$1,609 including airfare

Add-ons available from all US gateways.

Prices are per person and may change without notice

This program can be customized for individuals and groups.

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

• **Airfare**

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

• **Program**

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

• **Other options**

- The program was designed with private services; however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

• **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

Group Quotations

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.