

UNITED KINGDOM

Discover the Hidden Treasures of London

7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS

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DAY 1

Good Day

- * Welcome to the old part. Our local team will meet you at the airport and escort you to our hotel in London's still chic Soho district. Soho is the West End's lively night district packed with quirky boutiques, great restaurants, sophisticated bars and nightclubs of every persuasion. Close to everything, it's a great place to call home for the next week. We'll meet early in the evening to head to our restaurant for our Welcome Dinner and then explore locally for the rest of the night.

DAY 2

Yaas Queen Slay

- * After enjoying our English breakfast, it's off to see the icons. Even if you have only watched one episode of "The Crown", you'll still feel at home today. It's postcard after postcard, as we spend the day visiting Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus, Buckingham Palace, Covent Garden, Westminster Abbey and Big Ben among others. We will show the best spots for pictures with angles most tourists just don't find plus we'll hit places like Buckingham Palace in time for the Changing of the Guard and other cool things to experience. There will be a few surprises along the way, a delightful lunch and plenty of great stories from our local guide. Back to the hotel and it's a free night to explore.



DAY 3

Hey Neighbor

- * Today we explore the many fabulous neighborhoods that make London special. We will check out the indie stores, chic cafes, and thriving art scene of Peckham. We will head to Brixton where Brixton Village is a giant market with shipping containers as pop up stores and Electric Brixton is crammed with live music and DJ venues. We'll head to hip Hackney Wick to watch the barges chug up and down the canal while we explore the re-purposed warehouse spaces that have become art galleries, restaurants, and craft breweries alongside the Olympic Park site. We will find some of the scruffy, original bohemian charm of Notting Hill that was famous before the movie. And on that topic, plenty of movie sites will be encountered today including the famous Harry Potter 9 ¾ Platform in Kings Cross.
- * Tonight is about having some fun with history. We are going to hit the streets where we will be joined by a lifelike incarnation of Charles Dickens to lead us to some of his favorite watering holes. We will visit some of the oldest and most famous pubs in London, sites that were frequented by great 19th and 20th century poets and writers including Brendan Behan, Anthony Burgess, Karl Marx, George Orwell, Dylan Thomas, and Virginia Woolf. There will be a few re-enactments of key moments in Britain's literary history and we'll hear of the incidents and mishaps that shaped some of British literature's most famous works all surrounded by living history.

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DAY 4

Don't be Druidish

- * It's off to the countryside today on our private bus to experience a number of England's highlights. You'll tour Windsor Castle, the largest occupied castle in the world. The Royals moved in 900 years ago and just won't leave. We'll stop in the town of Bath, creatively named after the Roman Baths that were used until the end of Roman rule in Britain in the 5th Century AD and occupied since the 14th century.
- * Sometime between 3000 BC and now, you might have heard of Stonehenge. Well, today is the day you get to actually see the standing stones. We'll hear all about the history of this British cultural icon and grab a few gram worthy shots before heading back into London. Been a long day so you deserve the night off.

DAY 5

Towering over the City

- * We hit the water today with a river cruise to catch some of the icons we haven't visited yet. Lots of great photo ops cruising under the London and Tower Bridges plus the city looks a bit different from the water. After lunch we venture to the O2 Arena to take in one of London's newest adventure activities. Strapped in, we walk the stairs to the top of the Arena for some fabulous views of the city. Spot of tea you say? Don't mind if we do. It's the most British of things to do, sipping afternoon tea and enjoying pastries the Great British Bake-Off would be proud of. Pinkies up and don't break the china.
- * Back to the hotel, freshen up for dinner and then it's the West End. The London theatre scene is legendary, and you really can't visit the city without taking in a show.

DAY 6

Are you free Mr Humphries? I'm free, Mrs Slocombe.

- * Today is your free day. Whether it's punting on the Thames, shopping at Harrods or grabbing a bargain at the markets, today is your day. Get it Governor.
- * Tonight we meet for our farewell feast at a favorite of the locals for some traditional British fare then its off to dance the night away with some local university students who are going to show you the local haunts.

DAY 7

Cheerio

- * A free morning for any last minute bits and pieces and then its off to the airport.



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INCLUSIONS

- * Transportation to and from airport
- * Activities listed in itinerary
- * Daily breakfasts at hotel and select other meals
- * A full-time professional WorldStrides Tour Director
- * Hotels as noted, double occupancy
- * Transportation between locations

EXCLUSIONS

- * Airfare to and from London
- * Any activity or meal not specified in itinerary

PRICE (BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

- * \$2,695