

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-Departure Itinerary

London

Saturday, September 22 – September 28, 2012

With four World Heritage Sites—The Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, Maritime Greenwich, Kew Royal Botanic Gardens—over two hundred free-admission attractions, 6,000 restaurants, more than 40,000 shops and 83 major street markets, Royal London, glorious parks, pubs and the best theater scene on the planet, this exciting and eminently walkable city awaits both the first-time visitor and travelers, who, like us, just can't stay away! This independent program—perfect for London—lets you decide what you must see, but we've also arranged a group of popular optional tours from which to choose. And, since 2012 marks the first time since 1948 that London has hosted the summer Olympic Games—not to mention the recent Royal Wedding—the city will sparkle just like the Crown Jewels in the Tower!

Includes

- Round-trip regularly scheduled flights from Boston to London
- Five nights' Four -star accommodations: **Park Plaza Country Hall** (or similar)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Round-trip, airport/hotel transfers
- Services of a professional tour director

Rates

\$1,939 per person double occupancy
\$2,249 for single reservations
Add \$175 for current air taxes and fees. Passport required. Per person deposit is \$500.

Optionals

City Sightseeing half day, Windsor Castle half day, Stonehenge & Bath full day, St. Paul's & Westminster Abbey half day, Stratford & the Cotswolds full day, London Eye & Pub Dinner half day

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1 - London

Your trip begins with a regularly scheduled overnight flight to London aboard an internationally recognized airline.

Day 2 - London

Welcome to London! After clearing customs and collecting your bags, look for the Hotel by Bus Transfer desk. They will be providing transfer to your hotel. This evening, enjoy an included Welcome Dinner. **Included meals: breakfast (in flight), dinner**

Day 3 - London

Embark on a panoramic sightseeing tour of London today, as your tour bus glides past Piccadilly Circus, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and more. This afternoon, join an optional excursion to Windsor Castle. **Included meals: breakfast**



\$85 USD Windsor Castle Optional Excursion

Travel to Windsor for a guided visit to the world's largest inhabited castle. Founded by William the Conqueror in 1070, Windsor has been the preferred royal retreat for the past 900 years and is still in use by the Royal Family.

Please note: Windsor Castle is occasionally closed when in use by the Royal Family; a visit to Hampton Court will be substituted when necessary.

Day 4 - London

Today, you can stroll through Kensington Gardens to view some of London's most famous statues, or enjoy a taste of nostalgia at Pollock's Toy Museum. Alternatively, embark on a full-day optional excursion to see Stonehenge, one of England's most mysterious landmarks, followed by a stop in Bath, England's most restorative city. **Included meals: breakfast**



\$99 USD Stonehenge & Bath Optional Excursion

Visit Stonehenge, perhaps England's most mysterious landmark. The origin and purpose of this ring of stones, which dates from the Neolithic period (about 4,000 years ago), is unknown, though most believe it to have been a temple and observatory. Next stop is Bath, where your Tour Director shows you the town's major sights.

Day 5 - London

If London's literary side interests you, plan a stop at the Dickens House Museum and tour the newly reconstructed Globe Theater, a replica of where Shakespeare himself often appeared on stage.

Alternatively, join our St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey optional excursion. **Included meals: breakfast**



\$115 USD St. Paul's & Westminster Abbey Optional Excursion

On a tour of London's famed churches, visit St. Paul's Cathedral, globally renowned for its magnificent dome and glittering mosaics. Continue on to Westminster Abbey, located near the Houses of Parliament. The site also serves as the burial ground for numerous politicians, sovereigns and artists, including Charles Darwin and Sir Isaac Newton.

Day 6 - London

For shoppers, a leisurely visit to Harrods—15 acres of tempting merchandise, ranging from silk scarves and soap to the world's most meticulously decorated cakes—is a must. Also consider joining an excursion to Stratford and the Cotswolds. This evening, savor a traditional pub dinner followed by a ride on the London Eye on an optional excursion. **Included meals: breakfast**



\$109 USD Stratford & the Cotswolds Optional Excursion

Spend a relaxing day strolling through the luxurious landscape of England's Cotswolds region. This unforgettable excursion includes entrance to Shakespeare's birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon. During your visit, you will also have the chance to explore Blenheim Palace, a magnificent country residence of the Marlborough family and the birthplace of Winston Churchill.



\$115 USD London Eye & Pub Dinner Optional Excursion

Glide through the London sky on the London Eye Ferris Wheel. The world's highest observation wheel, the London Eye lifts its passengers 450 feet above the River Thames for a 30-minute ride in an enclosed gondola. In clear weather, you can see for 25 miles around the city center. Afterward, enjoy a mini-tour of London's West End before venturing to a local pub for dinner.

Day 7 – London

A representative escorts you to the airport for your return flight home. **Included meals: breakfast**

Proof of Citizenship: *US citizens require a passport with at least six months' validity for entry into Europe. Passports are the responsibility of the traveler.*

PLEASE NOTE: *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.*

PLEASE NOTE: *This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2–3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.*