

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-Departure Itinerary

New Year's Week in London

Monday, December 27, 2010 - Sunday, January 2, 2011

London is the perfect place to count down the seconds and watch the old year turn into the New Year. The streets of London are never more peaceful than after Christmas and You'll discover you love this quieter London as much as the bustling city. The **Copthorne Tara Hotel** is situated in the heart of the Royal Borough of Kensington Chelsea, and area of enormous historic and architectural interest. The **Royal Albert Hall** and **Harrods** are only a 15 minute walk while **Kensington Gardens** is nearby. We've included two day passes for underground and bus transportation. And a day "out of town" as well. We've made arrangements for a full-day tour that includes visits to Leeds Castle, Canterbury Cathedral and the White Cliffs of Dover. On New Year's Eve you'll enjoy a three-course dinner at **Maggie Jones's Restaurant** - rumor says this traditional English eatery was named for Princess Margaret. Known for its warm and comfortable atmosphere - and well-worn charm - Maggie Jones' is just a short walk from your hotel. You'll finish in time to catch the mid night fireworks display. Next day you'll want to pick your spot to watch the **New Year's Day Parade** which starts at Parliament Square when **Big Ben** strikes noon.

Includes

- Round-trip non-stop regularly scheduled Virgin Atlantic flights from Boston to London
- Five nights' four-star deluxe accommodations: Copthorne Tara
- Coffee and snack on morning of arrival
- English breakfast daily
- New Year's Eve Three-Course Dinner at Maggie Jones's Restaurant in Kensington
- Full-day tour to Leeds Castle, Canterbury and White Cliffs of Dover
- Two day public transportation (tube/bus) passes
- Round-trip private airport/hotel transfers with assistance

Rates

\$1,399 per person double occupancy
Triples unavailable
Add \$406 for current air taxes, fees, charges and surcharges. Passport required.

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The Copthorne Tara Hotel is one of the most well known 4 star hotels in London, It is ideally located in a quiet corner of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and offers convenient access to other areas of London.

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Monday, December 27, 2010 – Departure from Boston

Depart this evening from Boston on your non-stop Virgin Atlantic flight to London.

Day 2: Tuesday, December 28, 2010 – Arrive London

Upon arrival at Heathrow you'll retrieve your luggage and clear customs and immigration. You'll be met by our local representative who will assist with the motorcoach transfer to the Copthorne Tara Hotel. Upon arrival we have arranged coffee and a breakfast snack while you wait for room assignments and check-in. The rest of the day is at leisure to get acquainted with the hotel and surroundings. (S)

Day 3: Wednesday, December 29 – London

Enjoy an English breakfast at the hotel this morning then set off to discover London at your own pace. You may want to utilize your two-day public transportation tube and bus pass. London is one of the culture capitals of the world and is

brimming with exciting things to see and do. Take a breathtaking trip on the London Eye, explore the amazing collections in museums as diverse as the Tate Modern and Natural History Museum or immerse yourself in the history of the city at Westminster Abbey or the Tower of London. <http://www.londontown.com> (B)

Day 4: Thursday, December 30, 2010 – Kent County

Enjoy breakfast and depart for a full-day sightseeing tour to discover the treasures of county Kent: Leeds Castle, Canterbury Cathedral and the White Cliffs of Dover. Your tour will begin and end at the Cophorne Tara Hotel. One of the highlights of your day will be the fairytale Leeds Castle and its beautiful gardens. Once described by Lord Conway as the “loveliest castle in the world” it is set in the middle of a natural lake surrounded by 500 acres of parklands and gardens. Continue traveling through Kent, the county known as the Garden of England and you will soon make your way to Canterbury. The magnificent Cathedral is the most important church within the worldwide Anglican faith. Next your coach will proceed through quaint little villages on way to Dover to view the famous White Cliffs – standing 400 feet above sea level. Return to the hotel in the early evening. **(Entrance fees to Leeds Castle and Canterbury Cathedral are not included.) (B)**

Day 5: Friday December 31, 2010 – London – New Year’s Eve

Enjoy breakfast and this last day of 2010 is yours to continue exploring London on your own. This evening – New Year’s Eve – you’ll experience an exceptional evening of dining at Maggie Jones’s. This unique English restaurant (reputed to have been named after Princess Margaret) is within walking distance of your hotel. Make memories and ring in 2011 with your fellow travelers. **(B,D)**

Day 6: Saturday, January 1, 2011 – New Year’s Day – London

Begin today with a leisurely breakfast at the hotel. Remember --- at the stroke of noon, **London’s New Year’s Day** Parade begins and winds its way past Whitehall, Trafalgar Square, Pall Mall, Regent Street and Piccadilly Circus. This event you won’t want to miss. **(B)**

Day 7: Sunday – January 2, 2011 – Flight to Boston

After breakfast you will have a morning transfer to the London airport for your non-stop Virgin Atlantic flight to Boston. **(B)**

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.*