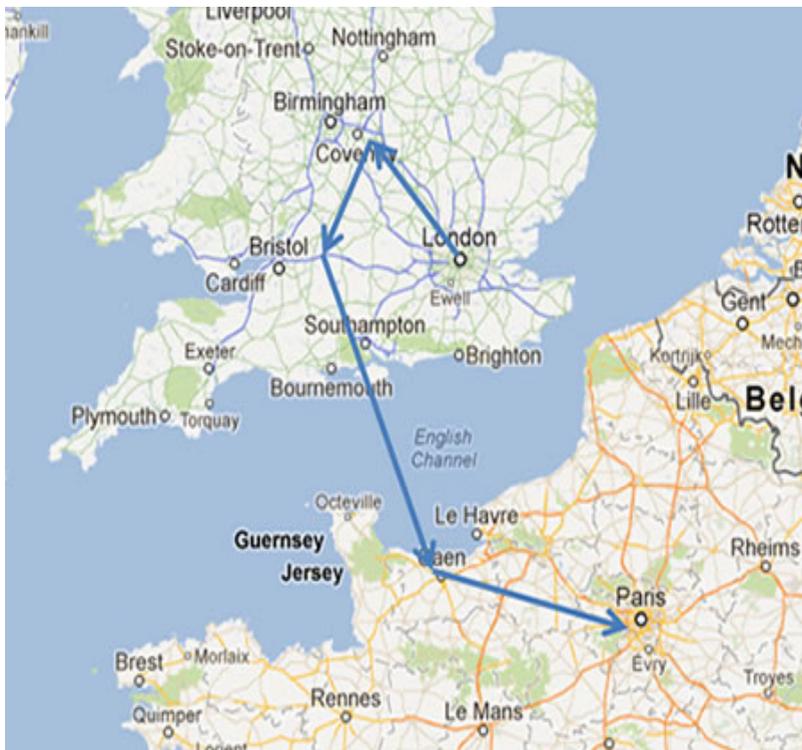


LONDON  
&  
PARIS

13  
DAYS

Explore hidden gems, connect with locals and discover what only the locals know as you immerse yourself in the tale of two cities – London and Paris.

Separated by the English Channel, these two cities share a long and colorful history as personified by the Charles Dickens novel of the same name. Delve deep into the history and culture of England as you explore the horrid histories of its many fortresses and experience the traditions and popular culture of London. Step into the shoes of a British student during a visit to an English School and build on your confidence and communication skills in a drama workshop. Experience the history and culture of Paris as you explore the street artists in Montmartre, the masterpieces of the Louvre and marvel at the magnitude of the Chateau de Versailles before your trip culminates with a magical experience at Disneyland Paris. All of this and much more in this fantastic 13 day programme.



### Tour Highlights

- ✓ Parliamentary Briefing
- ✓ Drama Workshop
- ✓ School Visit
- ✓ Medieval Encampment & Re-enactment
- ✓ Normandy Beaches
- ✓ Memorial de Caen
- ✓ Artist Workshop in Paris
- ✓ Eiffel Tower
- ✓ Chateau de Versailles
- ✓ Disneyland Paris
- ✓ London Eye
- ✓ River Thames Cruise
- ✓ West End Show
- ✓ Warwick Castle

### Essentials

- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Homestay options (where noted)
- ✓ 24-Hour Tour Manager
- ✓ Daily Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- ✓ Transfers
- ✓ Traditional Fish & Chips Lunch



# Itinerary

## Day 1

### Arrival in London

Welcome to England! Introductions to your Tour Manager and motor coach driver mark the commencement of your programme. Time permitting (dependent on flight arrivals) visit the John F Kennedy Memorial at Runnymede where in 1215, King John sealed the Magna Carta, the basis of England's present constitution.

### Coca-Cola London Eye

Enjoy one of the most amazing views of London from the Coca-Cola London Eye, the tallest observation wheel in the Western Hemisphere. Take in the panoramic views of the city from one of the 32 enclosed air-conditioned capsules, 443ft in the sky.

## Day 2

### Tower of London

Explore the must-see Tower of London and make sure you take in a viewing of the 23,000 gems that make up the Crown Jewels collection. As a prison, The Tower of London was home to a number of famous prisoners such as Anne Boleyn the beheaded 2nd wife of Henry VIII, Guy Fawkes who plotted to blow up the Houses of Parliament and William Wallace who led the Scottish against the English whilst fighting for independence. Also during your visit to the Tower of London you will notice the Yeoman Warders, or "Beefeaters", who guard the tower and are caretakers of the mysterious ravens. Legend has it that if the ravensever leave the Tower, the Kingdom will fall! Talk to the warders and discover if the legend is true!

### River Thames Cruise

Cruise the River Thames taking in many of the city's famous sights. It is here on the River Thames that the beautiful Tower Bridge is located. You may remember, that during the London Olympics, the Olympic rings hung on this bridge making this iconic beauty even more spectacular.

### Meet with Political Leaders

Attend a prestigious London academic venue for your Parliamentarian Briefing. Today is all about politics, you will take part in an exclusive meeting with a current or former Member of Parliament. This unique opportunity, exclusive to ECE, explores the British Constitution and discusses the respective roles of the House of Commons, the House of Lords and the Monarch, and England's long standing political relationship with the US.



## Day 3

### **Drama Workshop**

Take part in a fun and interactive and personalised Drama Workshop with a LAMDA trained actor. Learn the importance of core drama skills such as improvisation and storytelling. The workshop encourages students to develop creativity, improve communication skills and build confidence in a fun and inviting atmosphere.

### **Cabinet War Rooms**

Explore the underground bunker used by Churchill and his cabinet to strategise during the Second World War, today it is a fascinating, revealing and interactive museum.

### **West End Show**

Spend some time in Covent Garden which is home to many of London's amazing and historical theatres; join the throngs of other theatre goers at one of the many restaurants for dinner before you take to your seats at one of London's popular west end shows.

## Day 4

### **Discover London with a Blue Badge Guide**

A Blue Badge Guide - an expert on England's capital, will guide you through London's many world famous sites, attractions and buildings often seen in the movies. See the lions in Trafalgar Square, the magnificent Palace of Westminster, St. Paul's Cathedral, Tower Bridge and the most famous clock in the world, Big Ben.

### **Changing the Guard**

Witness the splendour of the Changing the Guard, military ceremony at Buckingham Palace, London home of the British Monarch, Queen Elizabeth II. The ceremony encompasses a colourful spectacle and British pageantry and is a must see for visitors to London.

### **Warwick Castle & Medieval Encampment**

Spend the afternoon exploring the grounds of the exquisite Warwick Castle and experience 1100 years of jaw-dropping history. See the state-rooms, visit the gardens and watch the displays with the birds of prey. In the evening enjoy an exclusive Medieval encampment re-enactment led by Knights and warriors who will instruct you in battle manoeuvres, sword play, bill drill and the art of archery! The day will end with a bang as you witness the amazement of the world's largest trebuchet (Catapult) firing over the grounds of this historic castle.



## Day 5

### **Orientation of Stratford upon Avon**

Discover the city of Stratford, birthplace and home of William Shakespeare arguably the most well-known of all British playwrights and studied by literature students worldwide; Discover the town centre on an orientation led by your delegation manager.

### **School Immersion Experience**

Make the most of this unique opportunity to mix with British Students at an English School. Experience traditional lessons and lunch in the school canteen on a day designed to fully immerse you in the daily life of British school children.

### **Punting in Oxford**

Take in the beauty of Oxford, the city of dreaming spires on board a traditional punting boat on the River Cherwell. Glide past Christchurch College and under Magdalen Bridge as you soak up the atmosphere of the English university town.

### **Orientation of Oxford**

Discover the city of Oxford, one of the oldest university towns in the world, and home to one of the most renowned universities in the world, during an orientation led by your tour manager.

## Day 6

### **Outdoor Pursuits Challenge**

Test your resolve during an outdoor pursuits experience including rafting, obstacle challenges and manoeuvring the ultimate assault course. Use your ingenuity to turn a pile of poles, rope and barrels in to a raft to keep you and your fellow students afloat!

### **Roman Baths**

Visit Britain's only natural hot spring, discovered in 860 BC. The extensive remains and a Roman museum lie beneath the Pump Room and Abbey Church Yard in the centre of Bath.

## Day 7

### **Salisbury Cathedral**

Visit Salisbury Cathedral, home to the tallest Church spire in England; nestled in a picturesque close in the centre of Salisbury this vibrant cathedral is instantly recognisable as one of the leading examples of early English architecture. The Chapter House contains the original Magna Carta available for all visitors to study.

### **Stonehenge**

Take in the sights of one of the wonders of the medieval world and the best-known prehistoric monument in Europe. Learn all about its history at the interactive visitor centre. The stones have inspired many legends and folklore over the centuries as people try to explain the origins and function of the henge.

### **Travel to France**

Tonight cross the English channel on an overnight ferry from Portsmouth to Caen in France. Sleep well as you travel across the English Channel.



## Day 8

### Memorial de Caen

Walk through the timeline of World War II in an interactive exhibit that brings history to life. Enhance your understanding of the causes and origins of World War II as you contemplate the desolation of war and how you can contribute to achieving a peaceful future. Learn the real story of Saving Private Ryan.

### Guided Tour of Normandy

See the important historical and moving sights on this guided tour of the Normandy beaches from which allied forces began "Operation Overlord" - the invasion of northwest Europe - on June 6th, 1944. Wander through thought provoking cemeteries and across long, empty stretches of sand, exploring the museums, monuments and scattered remnants of this vast military undertaking.

### Omaha Beach Wreath Laying

Take part in a moving and heartfelt commemorative wreath laying ceremony at the Memorial Monument.

## Day 9

### Guided Tour of Chateau de Versailles & Gardens

Experience the outstanding beauty of The Chateau de Versailles - the creation of Louis XIV, The Sun King, who took his father's hunting lodge and transformed it into a work of wonder and excess and moved the whole court and government of France from Paris to Versailles in 1682. Your guided tour will include the Hall of Mirrors, the King's Grand Chambers, the Grand Trianon and Marie-Antoinette's famous estate.

## Day 10

### Guided Tour of Paris

Arrive in Paris, the French capital city and explore the centre by coach on a professionally guided tour; drive along the Champs Elysee and see famous attractions such as the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Elysee Palace, Tuileries Gardens, The Museums that line the River Seine and much more.

### Visit the Arc De Triomphe

Explore the Arc De Triomphe built in honour of those who fought for France, in particular, those who fought during the Napoleonic Wars. Stop and reflect at the monument's tomb of the unknown soldier a poignant reminder of the futility of war.

### Visit the Eiffel Tower

Take two elevators up to the third level observatory's upper platform 906 feet above ground to experience the dazzling views of Paris at the city's most iconic landmark.

### Visit Notre Dame

Visit the iconic 900 year old breathtakingly impressive Notre Dame Cathedral on the Ile de la Cité the centre of ancient Lutetium, medieval Paris and the contemporary capital.



## Day 11

### Visit the Musee du Louvre

Explore the world most visited museum of art and learn about the artwork on display during an interactive quiz. See Leonardo's masterpiece, Mona Lisa, and discover other famous artworks throughout this amazing collection

### Visit Montmartre

Spend some time exploring the artists area of Montmartre; take some time to climb the stairs to see the Sacre Coeur Basilica a sacred Roman Catholic church located at summit of the butte Montmatre.

### Artist Workshop

Learn French artists techniques under the guidance of a Parisian artist.

## Day 12

### Disneyland Paris

Get ready for a day of pure magic and fun at Disneyland Paris filled with classic attractions, shows and street parades.

## Day 13

### Departure Day

Pack your suitcases for the last time and board the coach to the airport with a wealth of knowledge about the Traditions of Europe and a lifetime of memories.

## Tour Learning Objectives

- Learn about the British Royal Family and their impact on the social evolution of Britain
- Learn about the role of the monarchy in British government and experience a session with a government officer who will explain the British constitutional system today
- Learn about Britain's medieval history in a Live history re-enactment at a Medieval Encampment
- Learn about the history and importance of some of Britain's most iconic landmarks
- Learn about the leadership of Great Britain during the second world war, the iconic Prime Minister Winston Churchill and how British and European lives were affected by the decision making of the government at the time
- Immerse yourself in an English School experience as you learn side-by-side with British school children
- Build on confidence and communication skills in a drama workshop led by a LAMDA actor.
- Build on leadership and communication skills in a number of individual and group challenging adventure experiences
- Learn French artistic techniques from a Parisian artist in a unique workshop
- Visit the Museum dedicated to Peace and resolution in Caen where a poignant visit to the vast cemeteries and Normandy Beaches are a reminder of the consequences of war and the importance of learning about conflict resolution in a peaceful way
- Learn about artistic styles, techniques and the importance of artistic accomplishment in a visit the Louvre



### Testimonial

**I came to know about different cultures and traditions.. learnt new languages... my thinking... my knowledge is no longer just confined to my main stream education but it has broadened up my horizon.**

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