



Paris and London: Iconic Capitals

7 Days

This vacation itinerary allows your group to experience two distinctly different and iconic European capital cities and their respective charms. Often referred to as “The City of Light,” Paris is an energetic, cosmopolitan capital city that somehow maintains a provincial ambience in some of its loveliest neighborhoods. In Paris, one can discover the **Moulin Rouge**, neighborhood **cafés**, **fashion**, and incredible **art** collections. There are also wonderful **food markets** playing host to daily shoppers and local vendors selling everything from oysters to Camembert cheese. As the capital city of England and the United Kingdom, London oozes culture, cosmopolitanism and fascinating history. Home to some of the **world’s best museums**, a fantastic **theater scene**, and beautiful **city parks** — some of history’s best characters called London home — including Charlie Chaplin, Alfred Hitchcock, and Virginia Wolff, to name a few.

Highlights

- ★ Guided City Tours of the Louvre Museum and the Palace of Versailles
- ★ Walking Tour in Paris’ Historic Latin Quarter
- ★ Admission Inside the Eiffel Tower or the Montparnasse Tower
- ★ Guided Tour of the Tower of London and Thames River Cruise

Itinerary Details

Day 1 - 4

- ✈ International Arrival
- 🚗 Transfer to the Hotel by Private Coach. En Route Panoramic Tour of Paris

3 Nights

Paris

Paris, the enigmatic and iconic City of Light, exudes timeless charm along the romantic banks of the Seine River. Its streets are adorned with quaint cafés, elegant tree-lined avenues, and bustling riverside promenades, creating an enchanting atmosphere that has inspired poets, artists, and lovers for centuries. Paris is not merely a city but a cultural epicenter that has spearheaded revolutions in art, fashion, gastronomy, and cinema, shaping the world’s cultural landscape. Among Paris’s treasures are its world-renowned museums, including the Louvre, home to masterpieces such as Leonardo da Vinci’s “Mona Lisa” and Eugène Delacroix’s “Liberty Leading the People.” Strolling through the Louvre’s hallowed halls is a journey through centuries of artistic brilliance, offering a glimpse into humanity’s creative spirit. In Paris, every corner tells a story and one can savor the simple pleasure of a coffee at a quintessential Parisian café while watching the world go by. Artists sketching the majestic Arc de Triomphe or fashionistas strolling down the illustrious Champs-Élysées add to the city’s vibrant tapestry of life. In the words of Voltaire, Paris truly embodies “the best of all possible worlds,” offering a harmonious blend of history, romance, and modernity. Whether wandering through the charming streets of Montmartre, admiring the grandeur of Notre-Dame Cathedral, or immersing oneself in the bohemian ambiance of the Latin Quarter, every moment in Paris is imbued with a sense of magic and wonder. With its rich cultural heritage and timeless beauty, Paris remains an irresistible destination for travelers seeking to experience the essence of French art de vivre.

Included activities

Day 1: Arrival in Paris

Welcome Paris, France’s fashionable, dynamic — and very historic capital city! Upon arrival, the local guide will meet you at the airport and escort you on a panoramic city tour of Paris by private coach en route to the hotel. Your group will see the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs-Élysées, and the Notre Dame on the way. Guests will travel along the River Seine, which is a highlight in itself, and also go past the Hotel Invalides, and the Louvre museum. During the tour, your group will also ascend either the Eiffel Tower or the Montparnasse Tower (admission

included) to appreciate the spectacular view of Paris. The tour will finish at the hotel and guests will have time to freshen up before their Parisian welcome dinner at a nearby local restaurant. (Please note that admission tickets to either Eiffel Tower or Montparnasse Tower will be included.)

Day 2: Paris

This morning, your group will meet its local guide in the lobby for a guided tour of the world renowned Louvre Museum, the most visited museum in the world. Guests will see celebrated works of art, including Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa, the Nike of Samothrace, and Jacques-Louis David's The Coronation of Napoleon, among others. Afterward, guests will be transported to the Latin Quarter, where they will enjoy lunch on their own and then embark on a guided tour of the vibrant neighborhood. Later, they will be escorted back to the hotel and enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure.

Guided Tour of the Louvre Museum and Latin Quarter

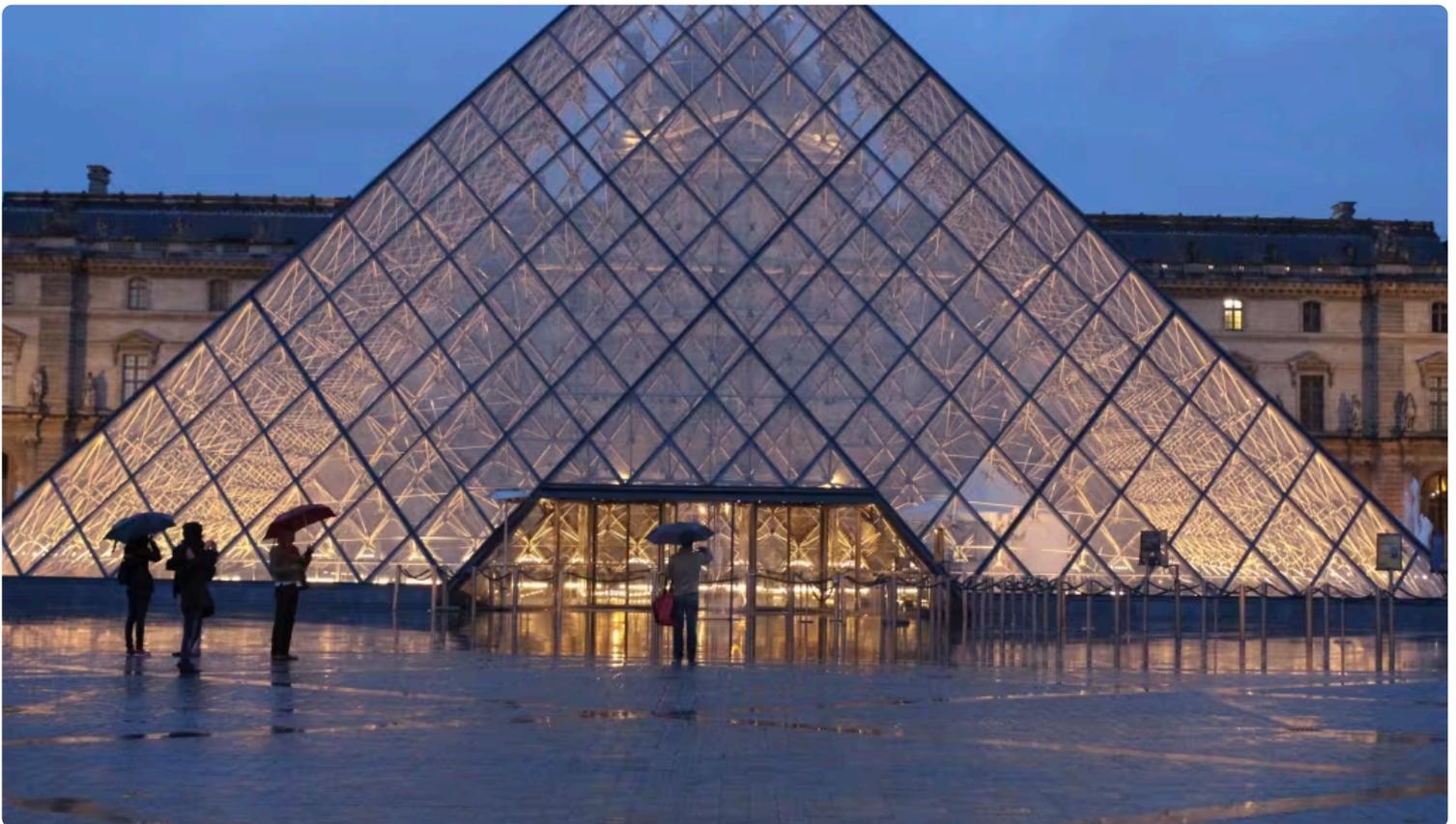
Art and history converge the Louvre, which is undoubtedly one of the world's most visited museums. Your group will navigate through its vast galleries, discovering masterpieces like the Mona Lisa and Venus de Milo. Guests will have the chance to immerse themselves in the stories behind each artwork as they explore the museum's rich collection. After the museum visit, your group will be dropped off at the Latin Quarter. There will be time for lunch, after which, guests will enjoy a 90-minute walking tour of the historic heart of Paris. Here, in the 5th arrondissement, this Parisian neighborhood was buzzing with life during the Roman times, on through the Middle Ages, and right up to the present. Guests will see the Boulevard St-Michel, the Sorbonne, and the Caveau de la Huchette jazz club, among others. Once the walking tour is finished, the group will be dropped back at the hotel.

Day 3: Paris

After breakfast in the hotel, travel to the Palace of Versailles for a half-day excursion. The afternoon is free for guests to explore Paris as they wish. Guests will reconvene at the hotel in the early evening for a sightseeing cruise on the River Seine. After embarking at the base of the Eiffel Tower, they will see the Cathedral of Notre Dame, Ile de la Cite, and the city's beautiful bridges. After the cruise, your group will proceed to a local restaurant for dinner.

Half-Day Tour of Versailles

This morning, your group will experience the grandeur of Versailles on a short, guided tour. Constructed primarily in the 17th century, this magnificent royal palace of Versailles was home to Marie Antoinette and Louis XIV, the Sun King. On this tour, your group will explore the majestic chateau, including the Grands Appartements, the Chapel, and the Hall of Mirrors with its 357 shimmering mirrors. Outside, guests will find meticulously landscaped gardens with its beautiful fountains and sculptures. Afterward, guests will be escorted back to Paris in the private coach.



Day 4 - 7

-  Group Transfer by Private Coach to the Train Station
-  First Class Travel by Train From Paris to London
-  Transfer in a Private Coach to the Hotel. En Route Panoramic Tour of London

3 Nights

London

London, a city steeped in history and brimming with cultural treasures, offers an unforgettable journey through time and tradition. From the moment travelers set foot in this iconic metropolis, they are greeted by images of grandeur, from the towering spires of Westminster Abbey to the majestic silhouette of Buckingham Palace. UNESCO World Heritage sites such as the Tower of London and the Royal Observatory in Greenwich stand as testaments to the city's rich heritage, inviting visitors to delve into centuries of royal history and scientific discovery. Beyond its historic landmarks, London is known for its energy and diversity. A stroll through Hyde Park or Hampstead Heath provides a welcome respite from the urban hustle, offering a breath of fresh air amidst lush greenery and scenic vistas. Meanwhile, the vibrant streets of Borough Market beckon with a tantalizing array of flavors, showcasing London's multicultural tapestry through its diverse culinary offerings. For those with a penchant for retail therapy, Oxford Street and Knightsbridge offer a shopping extravaganza like no other. From high-end boutiques to luxury brands and department stores, including the iconic Harrods, these bustling thoroughfares cater to every style and taste. London's cultural scene is equally captivating, with world-class museums, theaters, and entertainment venues at every turn. History enthusiasts can immerse themselves in the Tudor era at the Globe Theater, where Shakespeare's timeless plays come to life in an authentic setting. Meanwhile, Harry Potter aficionados can embark on a magical journey behind the scenes at Warner Bros Studio, discovering the wizarding world's secrets and marveling at iconic film sets and props. In every corner of London, from its historic streets to its modern marvels, the city offers a kaleidoscope of experiences that promise to captivate and inspire travelers from around the globe.

Included activities

Day 4: Arrival in London

This morning, your group check-out of the hotel in Paris and travel by private coach to the train station. They will travel first class by train to London, the capital of England and the United Kingdom. As the train pulls into the station, a local guide will be waiting to meet your group on the platform and escort them on a panoramic city tour of London's best sites en route to the hotel. Guests will see Buckingham Palace, the royal seat, the iconic Big Ben clock tower, and the iconic London Eye as they make their way across the city. Also on the itinerary is the stunning Westminster Abbey, and St. Paul's Cathedral, and a drive past the beautiful Hyde Park and the Houses of Parliament. The tour will finish at the hotel, where guests will have time to relax, freshen up, and explore further before their welcome dinner in the hotel's restaurant.

Day 5: London

After breakfast, your group will travel by private coach with a local guide to the fascinating Tower of London for a guided tour. The morning will be spent exploring this historic monument, and there will be free time for lunch, followed by a Thames river cruise. The tour will end back at the hotel with the rest of the afternoon at leisure for participants to unwind or step out to explore on their own. The evening offers a perfect opportunity for guests to dive into London's excellent theater scene, with a performance planned for your group.

Guided Sightseeing Tour of the Tower of London

The Tower of London dates back to the 11th century, and today, this imposing fortress is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. Accompanied by the guide, your group will begin the tour with a visit to see the Crown Jewels, which have been on display at the Tower since the 17th century. The Tower was the site of numerous executions, including that of Henry VIII's second wife Anne Boleyn, Lady Jane Grey, the queen of England for 9 days in the 16th century, and Margaret Pole, who was accused of treason. Guests will hear captivating tales of intrigue and revisit centuries of history. Afterward, there will be free time for lunch, and guests may want to consider "fish & chips" or "steak & kidney pie" at a local pub. Later, they will walk down to the Tower Pier on the River Thames, where prisoners were traditionally brought into the Tower. A boat will be waiting to take them out for a cruise down to Westminster Pier. Once the guests disembark at the pier, the private coach will pick them up and transfer them to the hotel.

Day 6: London

After breakfast in the hotel, your group will have a guided tour of one of London's terrific museums. The options are many - from the Tate Modern in Bankside to the iconic British Museum in Bloomsbury. After the tour, guests will have free time for lunch, shopping and relaxing. Later, your group will reconvene to enjoy a traditional afternoon tea, an enduring custom in the British Isles. The last evening in London is free for guests to revisit some of its iconic sights. They may want to take a walk down the bustling Oxford Street, go up on the London Eye for a bird's eye perspective, or simply wander in some of the atmospheric neighborhoods, such as Soho, Camden Town or Shoreditch.

Guided Tour of a London Museum

This morning, your group can enjoy a guided tour to one of London's several excellent museums. The list to choose from includes the Victoria & Albert Museum for art and design, the British Museum for a range of antiquities and historic collections, Shakespeare's Globe Exhibition, a reconstruction of the iconic Globe Theatre. The National Portrait Gallery houses numerous portraits of famous Britons, while the Tate Modern has a stunning collection of contemporary art. Based on the museum selected, the group will be transported to the location by private coach and enjoy an immersive, guided tour with commentary and insights shared by an expert. Afterward, they will be free to linger on, or step outside the museum to explore more on their own. (Please note that your group will need to select the museum in advance before the vacation begins so that necessary arrangements can be made.)

Day 7: London

This morning, your group will be transferred by private coach to one of the airports in London for their return flight home.

-  Transfer From the Hotel to the Airport by Private Coach
-  International Departure



Inclusions

Includes

- Activities and excursions, as specified in the itinerary
- Accommodations: Paris (3 nights) - London (3 nights)
- Meals: Daily breakfast, and lunch and dinner as specified
- Ground transportation via air conditioned luxury coach
- English speaking assistants and guides
- Admission tickets as specified in the itinerary

Not Included

- Tips and personal expenses
- Visa and tourism charges
- Travel, health, and cancellation insurance