



*Tour:* **London Calling**  
*Destination:* London, England, United Kingdom  
*Specialization:* Arts, History & Culture  
*Itinerary:* 8-days / 7-nights total trip

London Calling				
Day	Morning	Afternoon		Evening
1	Travel overnight to London, England; meals in flight			
2	Arrive London; clear Customs	London City Tour	Welcome, Safety & Orientation	Welcome Dinner
3	Hop On/Off Sightseeing Bus Tour & Thames River Cruise		Local Dinner	The London Eye
4	Warner Brothers - Harry Potter Studio Tour		Local Dinner	West End Theatre
5	Local School Visit / Leadership Training Course & Lunch		Free Time	Local Dinner
6	The Tower of London	Shakespeare's Globe - Master Class & Tour	Tate Modern Museum	Local Dinner
7	The British Museum		Free Time	Farewell Dinner
8	Depart London, England for Home			



As with all sample itineraries, please be advised that this is an 'example' of a schedule and that the activities and hotels shown may be variable dependent upon dates, weather, special requests and other factors. Itineraries will be confirmed prior to travel.



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*London...* As one of the world's top destinations,

London is a bevy of English bobbies, an ocean of black umbrellas, and an unconquered continuance of more than 2,000 years of history. Now an uber-cool city, London remains history-steeped. There's sufficient antiquity and historic splendor around every corner... London's buildings are eye-catching milestones in the city's unique and compelling biography. There's more than enough funky innovation to put a crackle in the air, but it never drowns out London's well-preserved, centuries-old narrative. Architectural grandeur rises up all around you, ancient remains dot the city and charming pubs punctuate the Thames riverside. A tireless innovator of art and culture, London is a city of ideas, imagination, art and history all rolled into one. It's all here!



The Crown Jewels, Buckingham Palace, Camden Market... In London, history collides with art, fashion, food, and good British ale. Londoners are fiercely independent thinkers so the creative milieu is naturally streaked with attitude, from theatrical innovation to contemporary art, pioneering music, writing and design. A perfect day is different for everyone: culture hounds hit the Tate Modern and the Royal Opera House. Clotheshorses will drool over Oxford Street shops. For foodies, cream tea at Harrod's or crispy fish from a proper chippy offers classic London flavor. Music and book buffs will freak over Abbey Road and the Sherlock Holmes Museum.

And while English may be the national tongue, over 300 languages shape London's linguistic soundscape. These languages also represent cultures that season the culinary aromas on London's streets, the clothing you glimpse and the music you hear. It can seem like the whole world has come to town. Museums have collections as diverse as they are magnificent, while flavors at markets range across the gourmet spectrum. London's diverse cultural dynamism makes it quite possibly the world's most international city, while being somehow intrinsically British.

### *Did you know?*

- ✓ Most people have an impression that Big Ben is the name of the world-famous clock, or perhaps the tower that houses it. The name actually refers to the 13-ton bell. The tower is known as St. Stephen's Tower.
- ✓ The city that is presently known as London has gone through a variety of names during its history. At the time of the Roman Invasion, it was called Londinium. In Saxon times, it became known as Lundenwic. And during the kingdom of Alfred the Great, the city was known as Lundenburg.
- ✓ Her Majesty the Queen is not allowed to go into the House of Commons because she is not a commoner.
- ✓ Rumor has it that Windsor Castle is haunted by a range of ghosts, including King Henry VIII, Queen Elizabeth I, Mad King George, and Charles I.
- ✓ About sixteen percent of the UK's restaurants are located in London, and there are more Michelin-rated restaurants in London than in any city except for Paris.



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- ✓ London is highly diverse ethnically and culturally; around one in three Londoners is a foreign national. Over 300 languages are spoken in London, more than in any other city in the world.
- ✓ The Queen's official residence, Buckingham Palace, was built in 1702... on the site of a notorious brothel!
- ✓ Harrods, London's most famous shop, once used a cobra to guard a valuable pair of sandals. They were priced at £62,000 and were covered in diamonds and sapphires.
- ✓ In England, people drive on the left side of the road...except for one road: Savoy Court in London. Here, cars are legally required to drive on the right; originally created in 1902 so that fancy folk could get straight out of their carriages into the Savoy Theatre. The law was never changed.
- ✓ Cab drivers in London are special. To become a taxi driver, they must pass 'The Knowledge Test.' Taking two to four years to study, they must memorize 25,000 streets and 20,000 landmarks.
- ✓ The London Underground (known as the Tube) is the oldest and longest metro in the world, with over 270 stations and 400 km of tracks.

# LONDON

## Day 1

*Meals in flight, on own*

### Depart on your jet across the pond!

Most groups will depart the USA in the evening hours for an overnight flight, but it will depend upon your origination and your flight routing. Dependent upon your air carrier, meals may be available for purchase or may be included. Best practice is for students to plan to purchase meals until your flights are confirmed and all inclusions are stated.

## Day 2

*Dinner included*

Hello London! Arrive in London, England in the morning. Clear customs and transfer to your hotel. En route, we'll take advantage of our motorcoach for a driving tour to show us around this beautiful city. In the afternoon, catch up on some rest and get acclimatized to your new time zone, or go out and explore! This evening we'll have our Welcome, Safety & Orientation Meeting followed by dinner. Get ready for a fabulous week!



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Please know that we are able to offer hotel classes to fit every budget. Accommodation options range from hostel-type accommodation (which are very good in the UK), through 4-star properties. Please let us know your preference. Below is an example of a moderate 3-star property.



**Sample Hotel – Bayswater Inn London** - This budget-friendly hotel is located on the edge of Notting Hill, one of London's trendiest districts. You'll be within easy walking distance of Hyde Park as well as Bayswater and Queensway stations, putting you a tube ride from the sights of central London. There are shops and places to eat nearby, and Bayswater Inn is convenient for Portobello Road Market and shopping at Knightsbridge.

**Welcome, Safety & Orientation Meeting** – This is our group meeting to set your team up for success. Your Ambassador will go over everything from safety to weather, your itinerary, plus a fire drill. Have questions, want to celebrate a birthday or want to add something to your itinerary? Your Ambassador is appointed to serve your group throughout your stay in the United Kingdom.



### Day 3

*Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own*

Today is a day for sightseeing! Are you ready? We'll take the London Hop-On/Off Sightseeing Tour complete with a cruise on the Thames!

**The Original Sightseeing Tour** - The Original Tour is the essential introduction to London. Experience the magical sights and sounds of London in comfort and safety aboard this hop-on / hop-off bus tour. From historic sites and attractions to some of the most famous views in the world, this tour will take you where you want to go. With over 80 stops and 3 main sightseeing routes, this tour is the finest way to see London and her landmarks. Sit back, relax and take in the sights, sounds and iconic views of the city, both ancient and modern.



**Thames River Cruise** – In conjunction with your hop-on/hop-off sightseeing tour, your ticket will also include a Thames River Cruise. See London from a fresh perspective, and sail along the River Thames! Cruises depart from Westminster Pier (Big Ben) and the Tower (of London) Pier. The passes are valid within the same 24 hours as your bus ticket. Commentary is generally available in English, French, German, Japanese, Mandarin and Spanish.

After our fun-filled day of exploration, we'll have dinner locally and then it's off to the London Eye.



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**The London Eye** – Astonish and amaze pupils with an incredible perspective of London that is a history lesson, geography lesson, cultural lesson and a lesson in engineering and design. From every angle, the London Eye is an exceptionally useful and inspiring educational tool. This is because so many different disciplines went into its creation and there are so many ways in which it can be used to exemplify aspects of learning - whether in specific areas such as design, technology, architecture and engineering, or more broadly to promote numeracy and literacy, commercial or community issues.

#### Day 4

*Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own*

Today we're in for a movie fun at the London Warner Brothers Studios.

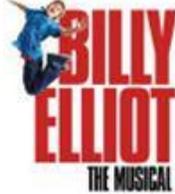
**Warner Brothers Studio Tour** – People the world-over have been and still are enchanted by the **Harry Potter** films. The wonderful special effects and amazing creatures have made this iconic series beloved to both young and old – and now, the doors are open at the studio where it first began. You'll have the chance to go behind the scenes and see things the camera never showed. From breathtakingly detailed sets to stunning costumes, props and animatronics, Warner Bros. Studio Tour London provides a unique showcase of the extraordinary British artistry, technology and talent that went into making the most successful film series of all time.



This evening we'll have an early dinner and then we'll travel to London's famous West End for a night of theatre.

## **LONDON WEST END**

**West End Theatre** –Groups may choose from a variety of shows and workshops. Let us know your preferences! We'll confirm which theatre options are available to you after registration. At that time, you will pick one theatre experience for your group to enjoy.



## Day 5

*Breakfast, lunch & dinner included*

Today will be an amazing day as we blend our education with a local school. Get to meet the British students, tour the school and participate in a coordinated leadership exercise. We've had the privilege to serve schools from all over the UK so promise this will be an amazing experience for your staff and pupils!

***Berkhamsted School*** – An independent day school in Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, England. In 1541, John Incent, Dean of St Paul's, was granted a license by Henry VIII to found a school in Berkhamsted, Incent's home town; Berkhamsted School was born. The school is noted for its distinctive collegiate and pastoral structure, a varied sporting, outdoor education and cultural co-curricular program and participation in the life of the local community. Visiting groups will participate in an Outdoor Education Leadership Development Course along with touring the school and mixing with the pupils for a cultural experience.



This evening, we'll have dinner locally and then the evening is free for us to enjoy.

## Day 6

*Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own*

Today is a day for wonderful historic sightseeing! We'll start with the infamous Tower of London, visit Shakespeare's Globe, check-out the Tate Modern Museum and cap it off learning about Jack the Ripper!

***The Tower of London*** – Officially Her Majesty's Royal Palace and Fortress of the Tower of London, the Tower of London is a historic castle located on the north bank of the River Thames in central London. Despite the Tower of London's grim reputation as a place of torture and death, within these walls you will also discover the history of a royal palace, an armoury and a powerful fortress. Don't miss Royal Beasts and learn about the wild and wonderous animals that have inhabited the Tower, making it the first London Zoo. Discover the priceless Crown Jewels, join an iconic Beefeater on a tour and hear their bloody tales, stand where famous heads have rolled, learn the legend of the Tower's ravens, storm the battlements and get to grips with swords and armour!



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This afternoon, if time permits, we can walk the **Tower Bridge** and explore the **River Thames** areas on both sides. Visit the shops, try the street food, enjoy!

**Shakespeare's Globe: Master Class & Private Tour** - Shakespeare's Globe is a faithful reconstruction of the open-air Elizabethan playhouse associated with William Shakespeare, designed in 1599 and a unique international resource dedicated to the exploration of Shakespeare's work and the playhouse for which he wrote. You and your students can unlock Shakespeare's themes, characters and stories inspired by the unique setting of the Globe as you see Shakespeare's life and works come alive. Includes a 1-hour Master Class led by a Globe Education Practitioner and based on any Shakespeare play of your choice, plus a half-hour guided visit to the theatre.



**The Tate Modern Museum** – The Tate Modern is an institution that houses the UK's national collection of British art, international modern and contemporary art. It is known as the home of British art from 1500 to the present day and is one of the largest museums of modern and contemporary art in the world. Tate Modern was opened by Queen Elizabeth on 11 May 2000. In its first year, Tate Modern received 5.25 million visitors.

To finish our day, we'll have a little fun and excitement! We'll have dinner locally and then....



**Jack the Ripper Walking Tour** – As twilight unfolds across the sinister thoroughfares of London's East End and as the shadows lengthen across its cobblestone courtyards and tucked away passageways, this tour sets off into the dark alleyways and darker recesses of Whitechapel to follow the ripper's blood-stained trail of terror. Step-by-bloodcurdling-step you will find yourself spirited back in time to the dark autumn nights of 1888 when Jack the Ripper prowled the very streets and people walked in fear!

## Day 7

*Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own*

It's our last day to explore London! This morning we'll get a chance to visit the incredible British Museum!

**The British Museum** - The British Museum is a public institution dedicated to human history, art and culture. Its permanent collection numbers some 8 million works and is among the largest and most comprehensive in existence, having been widely sourced during the era of the British Empire and documenting the story of human culture from its beginnings to the present. A brilliant experience not to be missed!



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We've purposefully left this last afternoon open to explore the places that are important to you and your students. Let us know if you would like to book something specifically, or we can just enjoy traveling around London on the tube and exploring things as we come to them. Some ideas for extra activities include:

- The Beatles Walking Tour
- Buckingham Palace or Kensington Palace
- The National Theatre – Backstage Tour
- Sea Life London Aquarium
- Sightseeing Cruise with Afternoon Tea
- Victoria & Albert Museum
- Madame Tussauds
- Imperial War Museum
- Cutty Sark | Royal Museums Greenwich
- Covent Garden, Nottingham or Chinatown visit
- Wimbledon & the All England Lawn Tennis Club & Museum

We'll have our farewell dinner locally this evening.

### Day 9

*Breakfast included dependent upon departure time*

Today we'll end our tour and travel home, taking memories away with us that will last forever.



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**Minimum Booking Numbers:**

20 students

**What's Included:**

Roundtrip international flights  
7-nights hotel accommodations in London area  
Breakfasts & dinners daily starting with dinner on Day 2 and ending with breakfast on departure day (time permitting)  
London Driving Tour  
Warner Brothers Harry Potter Studio Tour  
The London Eye  
Hop On-Off London Sightseeing Tour  
Thames River Cruise  
London West End Theatre Production  
Visit with a Local School & Outdoor Education Leadership Course  
Jack the Ripper Walking Tour  
The British Museum  
The Tower of London  
Tower Bridge & River Thames free time  
Tate Modern Museum  
Shakespeare's Globe Master Class & Tour  
Personal Tour Ambassador  
Fund-a-Forest: A tree is planted in the name of each guest  
Dollar\$ For Scholars: \$2 donation in the name of each guest  
24-hour emergency cover

**What's Not Included:**

Fully comprehensive insurance (mandatory)  
Transfers to/from home airport  
Lunches and other meals/snacks/beverages not indicated  
Cost of visas, full or collective passports  
Cost of inoculations or medication required for travel  
Sightseeing / Entertainment Options not shown  
Hotel incidental deposits & bills – meals, mini-bar items, recreation, purchases billed to room, etc.  
Any gratuities – drivers, hotel services, Ambassador, guides

As always, our staff are always available to you to answer any questions you may have regarding programming. If we may serve you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

