



Tour: **The Lights of London**
Master Class Tour

Destination: London, England, United Kingdom

Specialization: Theatre & Dance

Itinerary: 8-days / 7-nights total trip

Lights of London - Master Class Tour					
Day	Morning	Afternoon		Evening	
1	Overnight travel to London, United Kingdom				
2	Arrive London, England; clear Customs	London Driving Tour	Welcome, Safety & Orientation	Welcome Dinner	
3	Master Class 1	Warner Brothers Studio Tour - Harry Potter		Local Dinner The London Eye	
4	Hop On/Off Sightseeing Bus Tour & Thames River Cruise		Local Dinner	West End Theatre	
5	Master Class 2	Shakespeare's Globe Master Class & Tour	The National Theatre Backstage Tour	Local Dinner Jack the Ripper Walking Tour	
6	Master Class 3	British School Visit / Outdoor Education Leadership Training Course & Lunch			Local Dinner
7	Master Class 4	The British Museum	The Tower of London	Farewell Dinner West End Theatre	
8	Depart London for Home				



As with all sample itineraries, please be aware that this is an “example” of a schedule and that the activities included 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.



- ✓ 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

Rise and shine London! Today is the day to kick off with Performing Arts! After breakfast at our hotel, we'll head to our first Master Class!

Performing Arts Master Class 1 – Jump into training with your first Master Class. Options are available for Dance, Drama or Song and may be built upon a technical aspect or a show-specific theme.



DANCE

Musical Theatre
Commercial/Street
Tap
Ballet

Strictly Style - Ballroom & Latin
World Dance - Dance styles from around the world
Jazz



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DRAMA

General Drama - This workshop is lots of fun and great to boost confidence within the group. Work on improvisation skills, character building, text and voice.

Working With A Director - This workshop explores the relationship between the actor and the director. Your group will learn what is expected during a rehearsal of an original West End production and a takeover cast.

Stanislavski & Brecht - Learn about Stanislavski or Brecht in a fun, engaging and practical way. Perfect to complement drama studies at school, college or university.

Shakespeare - Learn how to approach and perform Shakespeare text in this exciting workshop. Or we can devise a workshop based around a play you are studying.

Greek Drama - Learning through drama is a fantastic way for your students to absorb and explore this topic. Topics learnt include Greek Chorus ensemble skills, an introduction to mask work, and text exploration.

Acting For Camera - Discover the basics of film and TV acting whilst we focus on performance choices and the differences between theatre and television. The group will then get to learn what happens at a TV casting and practice a mock audition.

Stage Combat - Taught by a qualified stage combat instructor, get to grips with the basics of stage combat and discover how actors make a fight look convincing. The workshop will include unarmed combat techniques, how to perform stage fight choreography and how to fight safely.

Puppetry - Learn the basics of puppetry and how to create a puppet character in this fun workshop taught by an experienced puppeteer.

Public Speaking - Work with a West End cast member on communication skills, voice, confidence and public speaking.

World Book Day - Celebrate World Book Day by giving your pupils a workshop based on a top book. Ideas include: Matilda, Charlie And The Chocolate Factory, Oliver Twist, Mary Poppins and War Horse.

SONG

Sing like a West End professional in our West End singing workshop. Your group will be provided with a lyric sheet or sheet music from a West End show of your choice while working on technique, harmony, acting through song and performance.

SHOW-SPECIFIC

Our most popular workshops are our West End show workshops where you get to work on scenes, choreography or staging based on the top West End shows! Workshops can be made up of a mixture of acting, singing or dance, or you can choose a specific area to work on. We can adapt workshops to suit any age group and your requirements. You can pick any West End show past or present, but here are some of our most popular requests:



Les Miserables - Wicked - The Lion King - Mamma Mia! - Matilda - Phantom Of The Opera - Chicago - Shrek - Aladdin - Blood Brothers - Avenue Q - Annie - The Play That Goes Wrong - Hairspray - War Horse - Cats – School Of Rock - Grease - Legally Blonde

Following our first morning’s Master Class, we off to learn about the making of the Harry Potter movies!

Warner Brothers Studio Tour – People the world-over have been enchanted by the Harry Potter films since they came out. The wonderful special effects and amazing creatures have made this iconic series beloved to both young and old. During your visit you’ll have the chance to go behind-the-scenes and see many 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. Secrets will be revealed!



This evening we’ll have dinner out and then a visit to the London Eye!



The London Eye – Bring London to life with an experience on the London Eye. Astonish and amaze pupils with an incredible perspective of London that is at once 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

Good morning Britain! After breakfast at our hotel, today is the day for some serious sightseeing!

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. Founded over 60 years ago, the Original Tour is the most popular open-top sightseeing red bus operator in the world! With over 80 stops, 3 main sightseeing routes and countless photo opportunities, this tour is the best 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 theatre!

LONDON WEST END

West End Theatre – This evening is our first show! Groups will choose from a variety of shows in advance of travel. West End theatre is mainstream professional theatre staged in the large theatres in and near the West End of London. Along with New York City's Broadway theatre, West End theatre is usually considered to represent the highest level of commercial theatre in the English-speaking world.

Day 5

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

Rise and shine London! After breakfast, we'll participate in our second Master Class. In the afternoon, we'll explore Shakespeare's Globe and check-out the National Theatre. It's going to be an amazing day!

Performing Arts Master Class 2 – Enjoy your second Master Class. Options are available for Dance, Drama or Song and may be built upon a technical aspect or a show-specific theme.

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.



Backstage Tour at The National Theatre - Explore the backstage life of the National Theatre! The National Theatre is a working building, producing around 20 new productions every year. Rehearsals, prop and costume-making all happen onsite. No two tours are ever the same! Knowledgeable and entertaining guides will lead you through the backstage areas of the three theatres, following in the footsteps of the greatest actors and directors of the last 40 years, and revealing the secrets that bring the theatre's work to stage.



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This evening, we'll enjoy a local dinner and then it's off to learn about London's dark history!

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 original Jack the Ripper 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!



Afterwards, we'll have dinner locally and then the evening is free for fun!

Day 6

Breakfast, lunch & dinner included

Hello London! Today will kick off with training. Get ready to stretch!

Performing Arts Master Class 3 – This morning will be our third specialized West End class. Are you ready?! Options are available for Dance, Drama or Song and may be built upon a technical aspect or a show-specific theme.



This afternoon will be one of the highlights of our trip as we blend outdoor training with a local school. Get to meet the British students, tour the school and participate in a coordinated leadership exercise.

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, and 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.



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Day 7

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

Good morning Britain! After breakfast we'll have our **4th and final Master Class**. In the afternoon, we'll depart for the world-famous British Museum. One of the top museums in the world, this museum's exhibits are simply spectacular! Later, we'll take a look back into British history.

Performing Arts Master Class 4 – Jump into training with your final Master Class. Options are available for Dance, Drama or Song and may be built upon a technical aspect or a show-specific theme.

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!



The Tower of 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 armory and a powerful fortress. Don't miss Royal Beasts and learn about the wild and wonderful 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 armor!



After our full day of learning and fun, we'll head out for dinner and then our final West End performance!

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Day 8

Breakfast included, dependent upon departure time

Good morning Britain! After breakfast in our hotel we will formally check-out and then load our luggage for departure; starting to say goodbye to this wonderful city! We will wave to our new friends as we leave for the airport and hopefully, take away memories that will last a lifetime!



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LIGHTS OF LONDON

Minimum Booking Numbers:

20 students

What's Included:

Round-trip international flights

6-nights' accommodation in the London area

Breakfasts & dinners daily

1 Lunch

Airport transfers and transportation to activities shown

4 West End Master Classes

Dance, Drama, Song, Show-Specific or combination

2 London West End Theatrical Performances

The National Theatre's Backstage Tour

Shakespeare's Globe Master Class & Tour

Warner Brothers Studio Tour – Harry Potter

The London Eye

The British Museum

London Hop On/Off Sightseeing Tour

Thames River Cruise

Jack the Ripper Walking Tour

The Tower of London

Visit with a Local School & Outdoor Education Leadership Course

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

Transportation for activities not shown in the itinerary

Lunches with the exception of Day 6

Cost of visas, full or collective passports

Cost of inoculations or medication required for travel

Sightseeing / Entertainment options not shown

Hotel incidental deposits & bills – mini-bar items,
purchases billed to room, etc.

Any gratuities – coach drivers, maid service, area guides, tour
ambassador

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.

