

London, England 2008: Optional Sightseeing

Sunday, Nov. 9: Depart Paris for Eurostar Chunnel to London

Upon arrival in London we will be transferred to our hotel.

Jack the Ripper Tour (evening)

In 1888, London was subjected to a reign of terror by Jack the Ripper who stalked the streets selecting and murdering his victims. Our tour begins with a drive past some of London's most iconic sights such as the Houses of Parliament, which in 1605 Guy Fawkes tried to blow up in the famous Gunpowder Plot, and old Tyburn, scene of public hangings. We'll then enter London's notorious East End, home of the legendary East End gangsters, the Krays. Driving through Fleet Street, we will hear tales of the famous demon barber-Sweeney Todd, and about the grave robbers and body snatchers, and more! We'll then enjoy a 2 course dinner at a local restaurant. Following dinner we join our guide for a walking tour retracing the steps of the 'Ripper' and visiting the murder sites.



Cost (including dinner): \$95.00

Monday, Nov. 10: **Historic and Modern London** (full day)



Our city tour will begin in London's West End with a drive past many of London's famous monuments – the Houses of Parliament with Big Ben, Downing Street, the official London residence of the British Prime Minister, Trafalgar Square with the statue of Lord Nelson, Pall Mall and more, including a photo stop at Westminster Abbey. Then we'll proceed to Buckingham Palace for the Changing of the Guard or the Horseguards Parade whichever ceremony is scheduled. After a stop for lunch on your own, we'll enjoy a short walking tour of Covent Garden, a wonderful Italian style piazza lined with shops, street entertainers and restaurants in the heart of London's theatre district. Driving through the financial centre we will learn about the Great Fire of 1666 and the Blitz of 1940-41, and see the Bank of England and the home of the Lord Mayor – The Mansion House. Our next stop will be St Paul's Cathedral to tour Sir Christopher Wren's masterpiece. We will continue on to the Tower of London. During its 1000-year history this fortress has been a royal palace, prison, mint and zoo. It has seen three Queens of England beheaded, and the torture of numerous prisoners, stretched on the rack and crushed in the Scavenger's Daughter. We will also see the famous Crown Jewels including the dazzling Cullinan diamonds and the exquisite Koh-i-Noor, as well as the Bloody Tower, Traitors' Gate, the Royal Chapel and the White Tower, built by King William the Conqueror in 1078.

Cost: \$145.00

Tuesday, Nov. 11: Windsor Castle, Bath and Stonehenge (full day)

Windsor Castle, the largest and oldest occupied castle in the world, is the home of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We will visit the magnificent State Apartments, furnished with some of the finest works of art and still used for State occasions; St George's Chapel, where the tombs of many kings and Queens lie, notably Henry VIII and his third wife Jane Seymour; and Queen Mary's Dolls House, the most famous dolls house in the world.



From Windsor we'll continue to Stonehenge. 5,000 years ago these 40 ton rocks were dragged to the lonely windy plain of Salisbury Hill, and their secrets continue to tantalize and intrigue scholars and visitors to this day. Some say that Stonehenge was a religious temple, others that it was an astronomical clock, or a Bronze Age burial ground. Then we'll visit Bath. Standing on the slopes of the River Avon, this beautiful Georgian city was the first city in England to be designated a World Heritage Site. On our panoramic tour you will see Bath Abbey, where the first British King was crowned in 973AD, the famous Pulteney Bridge modeled on the Florentine Ponte Vecchio and the stunning architecture of the Royal Crescent. We will visit the Roman Baths that made the city famous, the best preserved Roman Spa from the ancient world, but then tantalizingly hidden from view until the 1870's.

Cost: \$175.00

London Travelcard

Valid for 3 days of unlimited travel, from 9:30am till 4:00am the following day, throughout London zones 1-6 on city buses and zones 1-2 on the Tube. (Note: most tourist attractions and hotels are located within zones 1 & 2).

Cost: \$55.00 (including delivery)

Note: Schedule of tours subject to change based on availability.

Tours may not be exclusive to the TCI group, depending on participation

Sightseeing purchased after arrival in Europe is subject to a 20% surcharge.

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

_____ Jack the Ripper Tour	\$95.00 x _____ persons = \$ _____
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_____ Windsor Castle, Bath and Stonehenge	\$175.00 x _____ persons = \$ _____
_____ London Travelcard	\$55.00 x _____ persons = \$ _____

Total\$ _____

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