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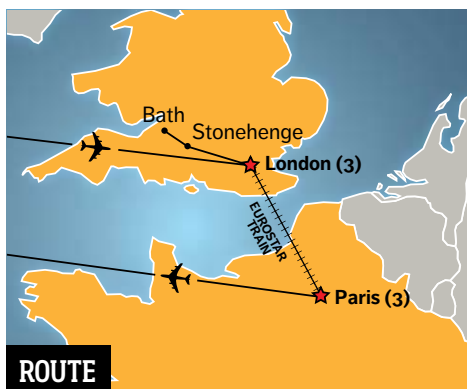
8 DAYS

England // France

PROGRAM FEE INCLUDES:

- Round-trip airfare
- Hotels
- Travel between cities
- Welcome dinner
- Farewell drink
- Breakfast daily
- Full-time tour director
- Walking tours
- Sightseeing tours
- Entrance to select attractions

Itinerary subject to change



DAY 1 FLIGHT

OVERNIGHT FLIGHT TO EUROPE

DAY 2 LONDON

ARRIVE IN LONDON • Welcome to London! After clearing customs, you'll meet your full-time tour director and the rest of your group. What can you say about London? It's huge, it's multi-cultural, and it's brimming with famous sights, fun pubs, great music venues and endless things to do.

WALKING TOUR OF LONDON • Get to know London on a walk around town with your tour director. Walk along the banks of the Thames and head to Trafalgar Square, once famous for its pigeon population. Continue to bustling Leicester Square, a popular hangout filled with restaurants and clubs. Then make your way to Covent Garden, a busy shopping area where street performers entertain the crowds.

DAY 3 LONDON

HOP-ON, HOP-OFF DOUBLE-DECKER BUS TOUR • See London at your own pace from a double-decker bus. For 24 hours you can get off and back on whenever you want. Tour routes take you to all the big sights, including St. Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London. You'll also cruise by Piccadilly Circus, Whitehall and Trafalgar Square, as live commentary tells you all there is to know about this storied city.

FREE TIME LONDON (day) • Top 5 suggestions:

- 1. Covent Garden** • Seek out bargains at this bustling covered market; souvenirs, clothes, crafts and much more.
- 2. Tower of London** • Trace England's bloody history and see the legendary Crown Jewels.
- 3. Abbey Road** • Probably the world's most famous crosswalk, it's a must-see for any Beatles fan.
- 4. Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum** • Be amazed by frighteningly real wax dummies of your favorite celebrities.
- 5. Tate Modern** • Visit one of the world's premier modern art museums.

(For more ideas and details, see the Lonely Planet city guide for London at efcollegebreak.com.)

WELCOME PUB DINNER • Get to know the other travelers in your group over dinner at a traditional English pub. Eat classic English fare and soak in the local atmosphere.

DAY 4 LONDON

OPTIONAL EXCURSION TO STONEHENGE AND BATH (extra cost) • Head out into the countryside and see the mysterious giant stones in the middle of the field at Stonehenge. The



origin and purpose of the ring of stones is unknown, though most think it was a temple and observatory. You'll also visit Bath, a favorite vacation spot for early Romans and 18th-century English aristocracy. The baths themselves were built by the Romans in the first century, and today they're the best Roman ruins in Britain.

FREE TIME LONDON (night) • Top 5 suggestions:

- 1. West End Theatre district** • Catch a play in London's version of Broadway.
- 2. Soho** • This lively neighborhood is famous for its nightlife, with pubs, clubs, live music, whatever you're looking for.
- 3. Comedy Store** • Laugh till you can't anymore at the heart and soul of the UK comedy scene.
- 4. Fabric** • This huge underground dance club has three dance floors, plus some mellower spaces.
- 5. Shepherd's Bush Empire** • This popular medium-sized music venue has hosted the likes of Björk, Cold War Kids and Cee Lo Green.

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DAY 5 PARIS

EUROSTAR TRAIN TO PARIS • Ride a high-speed train under the English Channel to Paris. The French capital is visited by more than 30 million people a year, drawn by the famous monuments, the great food, and some of the world's best art. Drink some wine, have some cheese, and see the newest fashions before anyone else does.

FREE TIME PARIS (day) • Top 5 suggestions:

- 1. Musée d'Orsay** • This amazing museum is a runaway favorite for many.
- 2. Champs-Élysées** • The famous boulevard is best known for its shopping and unbeatable people-watching.
- 3. Arc de Triomphe** • Built to commemorate Napoleon's Grande Armée, this famous arch has amazing views.
- 4. Père Lachaise Cemetery** • Pay your respects to many famous figures, including Marcel Proust and the legendary Doors front man Jim Morrison.
- 5. Montmartre** • This cool artists' haven at the top of a hill has amazing views and the unique Sacré Coeur church.

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EVENING SEINE CRUISE AND EIFFEL TOWER • Float past Notre Dame Cathedral and under some of Paris's famous bridges. Then go up to the top of the most famous tower in the world for panoramic views of the city all lit up at night.

DAY 6 PARIS

SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF PARIS (LOCAL GUIDE) • Go on a sightseeing bus tour around Paris. A local guide will tell you all about the city as you see its most well-known sights. Drive down the Champs-Élysées and see the Arc de Triomphe. You'll also stop at the Eiffel Tower to take some photos. The Tower was built in 1889 for the World's Fair and was supposed to be torn down afterwards—when they realized it could be used for radio communication, they decided to keep it.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION TO VERSAILLES (extra cost) • Spend the afternoon at the over-the-top palace of Louis XIV. Not far from Paris, this is where French royalty reveled in its extravagant lifestyle in the decades before the Revolution. At one point, 1,000 nobles were attended by 4,000 servants inside the palace, while 15,000 soldiers and servants lived in the annexes. Walk through the landscaped gardens, tour the State Apartments of the King, and see the Hall of Mirrors.

DAY 7 PARIS

WALKING TOUR OF PARIS • Take a walk around town with your tour director. Go through the Latin Quarter, an area packed with French college students, and make your way along the Seine. Check out *les bouquinistes*, the little stalls that sell old books, maps, art prints and postcards. They're a great place to pick up some souvenirs.

LOUVRE MUSEUM • The world's most famous museum was actually once a royal palace. The museum is huge—you could spend days wandering the halls looking at the priceless works of art. Today you'll hit all the highlights, including the *Venus de Milo* and the always popular *Mona Lisa*.

NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL • Go inside the famous medieval cathedral, which was built over the course of 200 years. It was incredible then, and it's incredible now. Look up in awe at the giant stained-glass windows and the seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings.

FAREWELL DRINK • Share some last laughs (and maybe shed a few tears) over a farewell drink with the group.

DAY 8 PARIS

FLIGHT HOME

DON'T WANT TO GO HOME?

Plan beforehand, and you can change your return ticket and explore more of Paris on your own, or visit another city and fly home from there. Contact us for details.