



London: The City Experience with OLLI

9 days (September 6-14, 2025)

London was once considered the capital of the world—and it shows. It has a history that stretches back 2,000 years, and a culture as rooted in the local pub as it is in world-class museums. Get acquainted with this city at your own pace, whether that means strolling through Kensington Gardens, entering Westminster Abbey, or seeing Big Ben up close.



Your tour package includes

- 7 nights in a well-located hotel
- Breakfast daily
- 2 dinners with beer or wine, including a signature farewell dinner experience and ride on the London Eye
- 4 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director
- 6-day Tube pass
- Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- Trafalgar Square
- Big Ben
- Buckingham Palace
- The Royal Opera House
- West End walking tour
- The Globe Theatre
- Kew Gardens
- Ride on the London Eye
- Charming pubs & eclectic eateries

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 1.5 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with few hills or stairs.

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to London today.

London → 7 nights

Day 2: Arrival in London

Included meals: welcome dinner

Welcome to England! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of London

Included meals: breakfast

View the regal landmarks of England's vibrant and cosmopolitan capital on a guided sightseeing tour.

- Pass the grand Trafalgar Square and Baroque-style St. Paul's Cathedral, perched atop Ludgate Hill.
- See Westminster Abbey, the setting for royal coronations, weddings, and funerals.
- View icons like Big Ben, the London Eye, Tower Bridge, and the Tower of London.
- Stop by Buckingham Palace, where you may catch the Changing of the Guard.

Enjoy a free afternoon in London or add an excursion.

+ Windsor Castle

Day 4: Sightseeing tour of the Royal Opera House

Included meals: breakfast

This morning, journey to Covent Garden for a behind-the-scenes look through the Royal Opera House with an expert guide leading the way.

- Beginning in the cloakroom on the ground floor, set off with your guide to discover some of the secrets and spaces typically off limits to the public.
- Walk through rehearsal studios where the Royal Opera and Royal Ballet performers practice, as well as the costume and production workshops where seamstresses and craftsman create ornate and extravagant clothes and sets.
- Take a deep dive into the history of the theatre from 1731, through World War II, to present day.

The rest of the day is yours to spend however you would like.

Day 5: Free day in London

Included meals: breakfast

Get to know London at your leisure or add an excursion.

+ Stonehenge & Salisbury

Day 6: Theatre walking tour of London

Included meals: breakfast

Known for its exclusive shopping districts and professional theater performances, catching a show in the West End is one the best things to do in London. Embark on a walking tour today with a local guide—who's deeply involved in the theatre scene—leading the way through the West End's to learn about some of the city's most celebrated theatres. Along the way you'll see famous theatres like The Duke of York's, Noël Coward, Theatre Royal Haymarket, and so many more as you hear stories from the past 400-years of the English stage.

Enjoy free time for the rest of the afternoon, or add an excursion.

+ Westminster Abbey & Afternoon Tea

Day 7: Sightseeing tour of the Globe Theatre

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a relaxing morning of free time, or add on an excursion.

Spend the afternoon inside the world-renowned Globe Theatre, where many of Shakespeare's plays were performed. You'll join a local guide for a tour and interactive lecture of the theatre followed by free time to explore the theatre.

+ Tower of London

Day 8: Kew Gardens, the London Eye & farewell dinner

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

Visit Kew Gardens, London's largest UNESCO World Heritage site and home of the most diverse biological collections in the world.

- Explore the gardens with an award-winning guide, learning about the history and work that goes into caring for the plants.
- Visit the glasshouses to identify different species of exotic plants.
- Enjoy free time to explore on your own or enjoy refreshments in the cafe.

This evening, take in spectacular views of the city's skyline from the London Eye. Take a tour through the Covent Garden area of the West End before celebrating your trip with your group at a farewell dinner.

Flight Home

Day 9: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: goaheadtours.com/YLW | 1-800-597-0350

Day 3: Windsor Castle

\$125 (5 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Led by a Blue Badge Guide, you'll travel to Windsor for a guided tour of the world's largest and longest-inhabited castle. Founded by William the Conqueror in 1070, Windsor has been the British Royal Family's preferred retreat for the past 900 years. Step inside the State Apartments and St. George's Chapel, where knighting ceremonies of the Most Noble Order of the Garter take place. View the exhibit of royal treasures within the castle. You'll then have time to stroll through the town of Windsor and have a look at Eton College, a prestigious prep school attended by Princes William and Harry. Please note: When the Windsor Castle excursion falls on a Wednesday, entrance will be replaced by an excursion to Hampton Court. For any departures where the Windsor Castle excursion falls on a Tuesday, the excursion will be moved to another day on tour or cancelled. Additionally, St. George's Chapel is closed to the public on Sundays. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Jewels as you go. Explore exhibitions about the Royal Mint and old armaments before watching a live historical reenactment and visiting the White Tower. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 5: Stonehenge & Salisbury

\$149 (7 hours, departs in the morning)

After a scenic drive through gently rolling countryside, arrive at Stonehenge, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of England's most recognizable icons. Get an informative overview of the its history at the visitor's center before exploring the monument. Then, head to the nearby town of Salisbury to peruse its famed Charter Market and visit Salisbury Cathedral, home to one of the four surviving original copies of the Magna Carta. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 6: Westminster Abbey & Afternoon Tea

\$159 (5 hours, departs in the afternoon with tea and snacks)

Visit Westminster Abbey, the famous Gothic church near the Houses of Parliament. With a local guide leading the way, you'll discover Westminster's storied history. Learn about its service as a coronation church for the monarchy since 1066 and resting place of many important Britons, from Queen Elizabeth I to Isaac Newton and Charles Dickens. Then, sit down for afternoon tea where you will enjoy the classic English tradition accompanied by specialties like finger sandwiches, scones and clotted cream, and pastries. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 7: Tower of London

\$109 (3 hours, departs in the morning)

Enter the Tower of London, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for its dark history of treason, imprisonment, and beheadings. With a local Blue Badge Guide leading the way, you'll explore the nooks and crannies of this royal castle, seeing ancient coin collections, suits of armor, and the glittering Crown

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.com/terms