

CULTURAL WALKING ADVENTURE

London & Paris

Capital Cities & Countryside

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provides unbeatable
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around the globe.”*

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TRAVEL + LEISURE

A Tale of Two Cities

London and Paris are much more than two of the world’s most famous and beautiful capitals. For many travelers, these two accessible and easily walkable cities are where they first discovered their love of travel. This trip is a modern-day tale of two cities, a perfectly paced journey hand-crafted to create that same opportunity for all of the generations of your family. In London, you’ll see the sights, of course. But then you’ll go even further with a private-access visit to Stonehenge at sunset and a Harry Potter-style afternoon tea. In Paris, you’ll skip to the head of the line at the Louvre Museum, cruise the Seine and go for a bike ride in the vast gardens of the Palace of Versailles. Based in perfectly located luxury hotels and in the constant company of expert local guides, you’ll explore with seamless ease and have fun every step of the way.

The Classic Journeys Difference

- ACTIVE HIKING & WALKING
- LOCAL WELL-CONNECTED GUIDES
- PREMIERE HOTELS
- FOODIE FOCUSED
- HANDCRAFTED TRIP DESIGN
- MORE IS INCLUDED

What's Included

- All breakfasts, 3, lunches, and 5 dinners
- Full-time experienced guide(s) who are with you throughout the trip and handle behind-the-scenes logistics
- Admissions to tastings, historic sites and other scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- Gratuities for hotels, meals, and baggage
- All land transportation during the trip

Above & Beyond Benefits

→ INVISIBLE CHECK-IN

When your group arrives, we whisk you and your bags to your room immediately. No waiting – no tipping.

→ PRIVILEGED ACCESS EVENTS

One-of-a-kind access to remarkable people, places and activities arranged just for you.

Terrain

Easy to Moderate

CLASSIC JOURNEYS ITINERARIES MAY BE SUBJECT TO SLIGHT CHANGES, HOTEL SUBSTITUTIONS, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS.

DAY 1 »

London

You'll meet your local guide this afternoon at your hotel in the very heart of London. Today you are headed to the iconic Windsor Castle. The late Queen Elizabeth II spent most weekends here hosting ceremonies and entertaining guests from around the world in the opulent state apartments. Stroll through the halls and rooms of the largest occupied castle in the world while soaking in more than 1,000 years of royal history.

Venture outside and take in the sights along The Long Walk, which is the beautifully tree-lined avenue extending from Windsor Castle grounds to Windsor Great Park. This path allows for picturesque views of the castle as your expert guide shares stories of British history along the way.

MEALS: B, D

OVERNIGHT: LONDON

DAY 2 »

London / Stonehenge

Fortified from breakfast, you'll be ready to head out to the vast, rolling plains of Stonehenge. This is not just any visit. Unlike the tourists, you'll arrive after the site is closed to the public. With your special 'only with Classic Journeys' access, you'll be right up next to the megaliths. Your local guide will fill you all in on the history and myths of how the site came to be. Walk and wander among the stone circle as Bronze Age pilgrims did. Then walk away before the madding crowds ever arrive. It's one of those experiences that you'll be dreaming about... and bragging about... for years to come.

MEALS: B, L, D

OVERNIGHT: LONDON

DAY 3 »

London Eye

The London Eye is the mammoth observation wheel that sits on the banks of the Thames. At the top, you're 443 feet above the ground and the views are the best in town. You'll ride up in one of the glassed-in passenger capsules. They move at a leisurely pace, so you have plenty of time to pick out the landmarks you'll visit at street-level later.

There's so much to see in London, and on a guided walk you'll find yourself in places you've always heard about. You'll see the Houses of Parliament, of course, and Big Ben. There's Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral with its huge dome, Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square and more.

Right when everyone starts to tire, you'll take a break for lunch at a traditional British pub. (Maybe you can try your hand at a game of darts.) Back at the hotel, you'll have some time to rest up before heading out to dinner at a nearby restaurant.

MEALS: B, D

OVERNIGHT: LONDON

DAY 4 »

London / Paris

Today you'll journey from London to Paris in style, aboard the Eurostar train. The trains reach top speeds of 186 mph, keeping our journey time to about two and a half hours or so, thanks to the engineering marvel that is the Channel Tunnel. Your local guide for France will greet you at the train station.

A lot of tourists stand in line for hours to get into the Louvre Museum and see Mona Lisa. Not you! To welcome you to Paris, your guide will arrange skip-the-line access that whisks you right inside. This is just the way museum-going ought to be with simple access to the wonderful treasures that also include the Winged Victory and Venus de Milo sculptures that everyone has heard about.

Paris looks its very best at night as you'll see this evening when you board a bateau mouche for a cruise on the Seine. As you glide under the many bridges, you'll get a wonderful look at the lit landmarks from the Eiffel Tower to Notre Dame Cathedral.

MEALS: B, L, D OVERNIGHT: PARIS

DAY 5 »

Paris

Fuel up on croissants and fruit this morning for the ultimate Parisian day. Your guide will time your arrival to Saint Chapelle so that you beat the crowds and have the best opportunity to explore the more than 750-year-old cathedral. You'll learn about the way it was built and see the amazing stained glass in the rose windows.

Parisians shop in markets that crop up in neighborhoods all over the city, and you'll have a chance to prowl in one and meet the vendors who sell everything from snails to sweaters. Resist the chocolates if you can because next, you'll be visiting a chocolatier where you can see how they're made and have a taste.

You've all seen so many pictures of the Eiffel Tower but being there in person is a whole other thing! It stands at the end of a long lawn called the Champs de Mars instead of being surrounded by buildings. And here's a secret you'll learn that most people never know: The best views in Paris aren't on the tower's crowded observation platforms. For a high and wide vista of Paris, you'll ascend Montparnasse Tower. From there, you can see the entire city with unobstructed views of the Eiffel Tower.

This evening, join the locals for a stroll in the Saint-Germain-des-Prés neighborhood around your hotel. The café scene is legendary, and it's a wonderful way to go with the Parisian flow.

MEALS: B,L OVERNIGHT: PARIS

DAY 6 »

Versailles

How grand is Versailles? And how much fun to visit? You get the answers today as you head to the Palace of Versailles, home of Louis XIV and Marie Antoinette. But your visit is about more than frescoed ceilings and the Hall of Mirrors. The day begins outside with an easy bike tour of the gardens that cover almost 2,000 acres. The grounds – with lakes, fountains, tree-lined avenues, flowers and ornate topiary hedges – are beautiful to see, and easy too because the paths are level. Your bikes and helmets are included so there's no extra cost. E-bikes are available, too.

This afternoon, your visit moves inside so you can see the ornate, over-the-top interiors and learn more about the history of the palace. (After your morning in the gardens, it's interesting to see them through the windows of the palace to understand how they were laid out to create the manicured views.

Back in Paris, you'll be treated to a wonderful farewell dinner to celebrate this amazing week.

MEALS: B, D OVERNIGHT: PARIS

DAY 7 »

Paris / Departure

After breakfast, you'll transfer independently to the Paris airport for onward travel with fun memories and shared experiences of our time in Europe.

MEALS: B OVERNIGHT: NONE

Tour Hotels



[The Ampersand Hotel](#)

Completely reimagined in 2012, this luxury boutique hotel is in London's world-famous South Kensington neighborhood near Hyde Park. This 19th-century property uses bold graphics to put a lively contemporary spin on Victorian concepts.

NIGHTS: 3 nights



[Au Manoir Saint Germain](#)

Located across from the cathedral of St. Germain des Prés and close to the Montparnasse train station. Rooms at the back enjoy the quiet of the courtyard, and double-paned windows block the noise from rooms overlooking the boulevard.

NIGHTS: 3 nights

Arrival & Departure

→ ARRIVAL DETAILS

START LOCATION: **Lobby of the Ampersand Hotel**
START CITY: **London**
START TIME: **1:00 PM**

→ DEPARTURE DETAILS

END LOCATION: **Lobby of Hotel Au Manoir St. Germaine**
END CITY: **Paris**
END TIME: **9:00 AM**