

London: A Royal Experience

March 24 – April 1, 2018

4 Hours Graduate Level Credit Available

Cost: \$3,475 - Includes airfare, ground transportation, entry fees, theater tickets for one night, all lodging with full English breakfast and day trips to Windsor, Stonehenge and Bath. 4 hours credit. \$3300 without tuition - \$2200 without airfare or tuition.

Day 1 – Saturday – March 24, 2018 - Fly to Heathrow

Day 2 - Sunday - March 25, 2018 - Check in to our hotel by Victoria Station. Use a double decker Hop-on, Hop-off bus for two days to check out the sights in London. This is a stress free way to get your bearings. We will stop at Trafalgar Square and the National Portrait Gallery, a who's who of British history featuring portraits of the nation's most important historical figures. On to the Tower of London for a tour with the Beefeaters and then a long hard look at the Royal Jewels. Take time to ponder the executioner's block in the yard that dispensed with troublesome heirs to the throne and a couple of Henry VIII's wives. Eat dinner at the Hung, Drawn and Quartered near the tower. Back to our hotel area for an early bedtime. Sleep at Lime Tree Hotel

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Day 3 - Monday - March 26, 2018 - Back to the hop on , hop off bus. Walk to Buckingham Palace to view the Changing of the Guard. Stop at Westminster Abbey, the greatest church in the English speaking world while listening to the chimes of Big Ben. Then we will tour the Royal Mews for a look at the royal stables and to view some of the queen's carriages. Back on the bus to stop at St. Paul's Cathedral, Christopher Wren's masterpiece and where Prince Charles and Diana were married. Do an evening river cruise on the River Thames. Back to the hotel area for dinner.

Day 4 - Tuesday - March 27, 2018 - a day trip to Windsor and Windsor castle, the queen's favorite place of residence. View the burial sight of Henry VIII and his favorite wife, Jane Seymour plus many other royals. Off to the town of Windsor for exploring the small city and for lunch.

Back to Piccadilly Circus in London to pick up theater ticket for this evening. Eat near the theater.

Day 5 - Wednesday - March 28, 2018 - Off to Kensington Palace with exhibits on Queen Victoria and William and Mary, also the home of Kate and Will. Will they invite us in for tea??? Kensington Palace is located in Hyde Park, Henry VIII's hunting grounds. Hyde Park also has a Princess Diana memorial fountain. Next stop is Victoria and Albert Museum. After this museum we will walk down the street to Harrods for a shocking look at how the other half lives. Have cream tea in their tea room and visit the memorial to Dodi and Princess Di in Harrods.

Day 6 - Thursday - March 29, 2018 - go to the National Gallery in the morning that houses works by Leonardo, Botticelli, and Rembrandt. Then off to the British Museum where we can view the Rosetta Stone and the Parthenon's Elgin Marbles. Back to our hotel area for dinner or off to another theater experience.

Day 7 - Friday - March 30, 2018 - Take a tour of Stonehenge and marvel at this unique landmark that has had the world stumped for 5,000 years. Off to beautiful Bath, the first City in England to be designated an UNESCO World Heritage site where we will visit the Roman Baths built 2000 years ago. We will take a 2 hour walking tour in the afternoon to take in the gorgeous 15th century Bath Abbey, the stunning Georgian architecture of the city and the romantic Pulteney Bridge modeled on Florence's Ponte Vecchio. Back to London for dinner

Day 8 - Saturday - March 31, 2018 - Visit the British Library, an impressive collection of the most important literary treasures of the Western world. Then take in the Tate Modern Museum with works of Monet, Matisse, Dali, Picasso and Warhol. Left to see is the Natural History Museum, 10 Downing Street, a walk in Hyde Park or St. James Park or the Churchill War Rooms and the Imperial War Museum or the Queen's Gallery. So much to see and so little time.

Day 9 - Sunday - April 1, 2018 - fly home.