

# THE TRAVEL CLUB

## London & Paris

**9 DAYS: Tuesday, January 7-Wednesday, January 15, 2020 \$3,319**

**Saturday, February 15-Sunday, February 23, 2020 \$3,369**

**Saturday, March 21-Sunday, March 29, 2020 \$3,369**

**Single Reservations: January \$4,119; February & March \$4,169**

**Includes round-trip airfare, fuel surcharge and all air taxes and fees. Fuel surcharge, air taxes and fees subject to change. Passport required. Per person deposit is \$450.**

Slip away for a stay in two of Europe's leading capital cities.

Take in all the local highlights on citywide tours of London and Paris before going off to create your own experiences. Keep an eye out for royals from a double-decker bus. Sit in the shadow of the Eiffel Tower while sipping your café au lait. Then, get up-close to cultural icons in world-class museums.



### Your tour package includes

7 nights in handpicked hotels, 7 breakfasts, 2 dinners with beer or wine

2 guided sightseeing tours, Expert Tour Director & local guides, Private deluxe motor coach

1 train ride

### Included highlights

Trafalgar Square, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Eurostar train ride, Eiffel Tower photo stop

Place de la Concorde

### Overnight Flight 1 night

#### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to London today.

# London 4 nights

## Day 2: Arrival in London

**Included meal: Dinner**

Welcome to London! Meet your fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

## Day 3: Sightseeing tour of London

**Included meal: Breakfast**

Take a guided tour of the regal landmarks of the English capital with a local expert leading the way.

- 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

### **Optional Excursion Windsor Castle (additional cost)**

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 the Knights of the Garter ceremony takes place. View the exhibit of royal treasures on display 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: Windsor Castle is occasionally closed when in use by the Royal Family; a visit to Henry VIII's Hampton Court will be substituted when necessary. Additionally, St. George's Chapel is closed to the public on Sundays. Must book 20 days before departure

## Day 4: Free day in London

**Included meal: Breakfast**

Spend a free day in London or add an excursion.

### **Optional Excursion Stonehenge & Oxford (additional cost)**

Pay a visit to Oxford, home to one of the most prestigious universities in the world. You'll admire the charming city's spire-studded architecture and learn more about its academic legacy during a visit to New College at Oxford University. Founded in the 14th century, this college is one of the oldest institutions in the city, and you'll discover its extensive history during your visit. Then, enjoy free time for lunch before continuing on to Stonehenge, perhaps England's most mysterious landmark. The origin and purpose of this ring of stones, which dates back an estimated 5,000 years, is unknown, though most believe it was a temple and observatory. Take some time to explore the intriguing stone formations and visit the newly opened exhibition and visitor center before heading back to London. Must book 20 days before departure

## Day 5: Free day in London

**Included meal: Breakfast**

Take another day to explore London at your leisure or add excursions.

### **Optional Excursion Tower of London & Thames River Cruise (additional cost)**

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 Jewels as you go. Later, step aboard a riverboat for a cruise down the Thames and take in views of the London skyline, Tower Bridge, Southbank, and more from the water. Must book 20 days before departure

### **Optional Excursion London Eye & Pub Dinner (additional cost)**

Glide through London's skyline on the London Eye. As the world's third-tallest observation wheel, the London Eye lifts its passengers 450 feet above the River Thames on a 30-minute ride in an enclosed gondola. In clear weather, you can see for 25 miles around the city center. Afterward, take a brief tour of London's West End before venturing to a local pub for dinner. Must book 20 days before departure

## **Paris**      3 nights

### **Day 6: Eurostar train ride to Paris      Included meal: Breakfast**

Board the famed high-speed Eurostar train, and be whisked beneath the English Channel as you journey to Gare du Nord in Paris, France. Spend free time in Paris or add an excursion.

### **Optional Excursion      Dinner in Paris & Seine River Cruise      (additional cost)**

Take in the nighttime allure of the City of Light on a special evening excursion. The event begins with dinner at a local restaurant. After you dine, board a boat cruise along the Seine. As you coast along the river and under Paris' bridges, you'll behold the illuminated monuments of the city glittering alongside the riverbanks. Please note: The dress code may vary depending on the restaurant for your dinner. Your Tour Director will advise you on what to wear, but shorts and sneakers are likely to be considered inappropriate attire.

### **Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Paris      Included meal: Breakfast**

A guided tour introduces you to the architecture, scenery, and history of the City of Light's many neighborhoods, called *arrondissements*.

- Drive down the sycamore-lined Champs-Élysées to view the Arc de Triomphe
- Pass Pont Neuf and the legendary Notre-Dame Cathedral, located on an island in the Seine River
- See the Eiffel Tower, the Palais Garnier opera house, and Place de la Concorde, the city's grandest square
- Marvel at the iconic architecture of the Louvre and Hôtel des Invalides

Enjoy a free afternoon in Paris or add an excursion.

*(Please note: Versailles Palace & Gardens excursion may be offered on day 8, depending on the day of the week.)*

### **Optional Excursion      Versailles Palace & Gardens      (additional cost)**

The reign of Louis XIV, known as the "Sun King," set new standards for decadence among the crowned heads of Europe. It took 50 years and 35,000 workers to turn Versailles, once a small hunting lodge, into the most magnificent château in all of France and the envy of royalty worldwide. On this excursion, you will see the palace in all its glory as you tour the State Apartments and the glittering Hall of Mirrors. Then, stroll through the lavish gardens to admire their fine statuary, splendid fountains, and colorful flowerbeds.

Must book 45 days before departure

### **Day 8: Free day in Paris      Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Enjoy a free day in Paris.

## **Flight Home**

### **Day 9: Departure      Included meal: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)**

Transfer to the airport for your flight home, or extend your stay to continue exploring Paris.