



LONDON, PARIS & ROME



Tours for
Girl Scouts®



Discover the Global Classroom

10 DAYS

London, Paris & Rome

England • France • Italy



Number of overnight stays in parentheses. This tour may also be reversed.



Rising above the modern streets and buildings of Rome, the Colosseum testifies to the city's longevity as an important capital.

Program Fee includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms plus 1 night couchette accommodations
- European breakfast and dinner daily
- Full-time EF Tour Director
- 4 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides:
 - London • Paris • Rome • Vatican City
- 2 walking tours: London • Paris
- 6 visits to special attractions:
 - Louvre • Notre Dame • Colosseum
 - Forum Romanum • Sistine Chapel
 - St. Peter's Basilica
- Visit to WAGGGS Centre: Pax Lodge
- Eurostar high-speed train

OPTIONAL:

London Eye and Thames Cruise • Versailles

Day 1 Flight

Overnight flight to London • Spend the night flying across the Atlantic.

Day 2 London

Arrival in London • Touch down in London, Europe's largest city. After clearing customs, you are greeted by your EF Tour Director, who will remain with you throughout your stay.

Walking tour of London • Stroll through the heart of London on our walking tour, which begins along the banks of the River Thames. These shadowy waters gave the city its name, which derives from Llyn-Dyn, Celtic for "city of the lake." Walk along the Strand and see the spot considered to be London's geographic center; all measurements of distances to London end here. Enter Trafalgar Square and pause at Nelson's Column, built to commemorate his 1805 victory in the Battle of Trafalgar. Continue on to Leicester Square, where duelists once fought to the death. Then saunter through London's tiny Chinatown. Your walk ends at chic Covent Garden, where you'll enjoy watching street performers (or "buskers") amuse the lively crowds. (The exact walking route may vary, depending on your hotel location and the day's other activities.)

Day 3 London

Guided sightseeing of London • A local guide leads you on a panoramic tour of London. Begin in Grosvenor Square, which is sometimes called "Little America" because it's the site of the U.S. embassy and the house where Eisenhower once lived. Continue to Hyde Park Corner, located at the southeast corner of Hyde Park, one of London's largest parks. At bustling Piccadilly Circus, the intersection of five busy streets, check out the bright lights and big-city displays before heading to Trafalgar Square. Pass Speaker's Corner, where anyone with something to say is invited to speak his or her mind. Snap a photo of the Houses of Parliament and continue along London's South Bank for views of the famous Tower of London and London Bridge. Stroll across the Millennium Bridge for an orientation of St. Paul's Cathedral, the magnificent 17th-century Baroque church designed by Sir Christopher Wren. Finally, witness a London tradition—the Changing of the Guard (subject to scheduling).

Optional London Eye and Thames River cruise • Opt to see London's sights from a different angle by taking a ride on the London Eye. Before boarding your capsule, enjoy the new 4D Experience, a three-dimensional film that follows a little girl's London Eye journey, complete with in-theater special effects, including wind, bubbles and mist. Then soar into the London sky aboard the enormous 32-capsule observation wheel, which offers spectacular 360-degree views of the city as far as 25 miles in each direction. The idea for the wheel was originally conceived to mark the millennium celebration in 2000 and took six years to build. Afterwards, enjoy a cruise down the Thames.

Day 4 London

Visit to the Pax Lodge • Get ready for a very memorable visit to London's own Pax Lodge. This World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) World Centre is the birthplace of the Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting Movement. Discover lasting friendships at this international Centre and share the spirit with Girl Scouts from around the globe. You will take part in a special Girl Scout Program, where you will bond with your troop and gain insight into the history of the Movement.

Day 5 Paris

Transfer via the Eurostar from London to Paris • In London, board the high-speed Eurostar, an 18-car train that runs through the tunnel connecting Britain with continental Europe. Completed in May 1994, the Channel Tunnel provides travelers with easy access to and from the continent. Enjoy state-of-the-art technology as you glide under the English Channel to France.

Arrival in Paris • Disembark in Paris, cosmopolitan City of Light.

Day 6 Paris

Guided sightseeing of Paris • Discover the city on the Seine, beginning with the imposing Arc de Triomphe, commemorating Napoleon's Grande Armée. Take a drive down the elegant Champs-Élysées to the Place de la Concorde. Pass the Conciergerie, where prisoners of the Revolu-

tion spent their final days, and see Les Invalides, Louis XIV's grand retirement home for wounded soldiers. You'll also see the École Militaire, where Napoleon graduated to lieutenant and was told he'd go far if circumstances allowed. Next, make a photo stop at the Eiffel Tower to marvel at the 6,000-ton centerpiece for the 1889 World's Fair. You'll hear the story of how this impressive—but once highly controversial—symbol of Paris was spared the wrecking ball in 1909. Pass the Opéra Garnier, where the famous Phantom of the Opera haunted his dear Christine, and marvel at Église de la Madeleine, designed as a temple of glory for Napoleon's army. Continue past the geometric gardens of the Tuileries as you make your way to the Place Vendôme, a vast square surrounded by elegant 17th-century façades.

Optional excursion to Versailles • Join an optional excursion to Versailles, the elaborate palace of Louis XIV. Here, the Sun King held court in the most lavish style imaginable. At one point, 1,000 nobles were attended by 4,000 servants inside the palace, while 15,000 soldiers and servants inhabited the annexes. Stroll through the elegantly landscaped gardens, designed by André Le Nôtre, tour the State Apartments of the King himself, walk through the historic Hall of Mirrors and admire the ornate decor of the State Apartments of the Queen. (Please note: Because of the extreme popularity of Versailles, guided visits of the interior cannot be guaranteed during peak seasons. In this case, your group will hear a presentation from your guide before entering the

palace. Please also note that Versailles is closed on Mondays. Participants must enroll in this excursion no later than 50 days prior to departure.)

Day 7 Paris • Night train

Visit to the Louvre • Built to defend the city in the 13th century, the Louvre today safeguards one of the world's greatest art collections. Enter the museum through world-renowned architect I.M. Pei's glass pyramid, constructed in 1989. Inside, discover priceless antiquities from Asia, Greece and Rome. You'll also see precious objects from the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, as well as iconic European paintings such as the *Mona Lisa*.

Walking tour of Paris • Meander through the Latin Quarter, an area dominated by the Sorbonne, Paris' most famous university, founded in 1253. As you stroll, look for the Panthéon, created by Louis XV because of a promise he made to build a church dedicated to Sainte-Geneviève if he survived a severe illness. You'll also explore Boulevard St. Michel and spend some time browsing the stacks at the famous Shakespeare and Company bookstore, which published James Joyce's *Ulysses* in 1922. As you make your way along the Seine, you'll also have the chance to browse the literary materials sold at *les bouquinistes*, the bookstalls that sell old books, maps, art prints and postcards. It's the perfect place to pick up some authentic souvenirs!

Visit to Notre Dame Cathedral • Built between 1163 and 1361 over the remains of an ancient Roman temple, it was here that Napoleon crowned himself emperor in 1804. Victor Hugo once described the sculptured façade of Notre Dame as "a vast symphony in stone." However, had it not been for the creation of his famous hunchback, Quasimodo, the cathedral might never have returned to its former glory. Hugo's novel *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* helped inspire a 23-year restoration of the cathedral that began in 1841. Step inside to admire the stained-glass rose windows and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings.

Transfer to Rome • Tonight catch up on some sleep on couchettes aboard your overnight train bound for Rome.

Day 8 Rome

Arrival in Rome • Arrive in bella Roma, the Eternal City. Here, Charlemagne was crowned emperor by the pope in A.D. 800.

Guided sightseeing of Rome • Get to know Imperial Rome on a panoramic tour. Then spend time exploring the mighty Colosseum, Rome's largest amphitheater. Its elaborate construction spanned two emperors—building began between A.D. 70 and 72 under Vespasian and was completed in A.D. 80 under Titus. Originally built to

Notre Dame Cathedral is a sight to behold—from any angle.



accommodate nearly 50,000 spectators, the Colosseum played host to some of the most incredible spectacles of the day, including gladiatorial combat, mock sea battles, animal hunts, executions and even dramatic performances based on classical mythology. Later, visit the legendary Forum Romanum, once the heart of the Roman Empire and the place where ancient Romans once sacrificed their victims. Even though many of the temples that once stood here are in ruins (as the Forum was used as a quarry for many years), it is not hard to imagine Caesar delivering great speeches here.

Day 9 Rome

Visit to Vatican City • Today, you will explore Vatican City, the world's smallest country. Begin at the Vatican Museum, where elaborate galleries filled with one artistic masterpiece after another lead you directly to the Sistine Chapel. Between 1508 and 1512, Michelangelo painted some of the world's finest pictorial images on the chapel's ceiling. This was his first attempt at working in fresco, which he did by standing up and craning backward from a scaffold. Next, tour St. Peter's Basilica, erected on the site where the saint was martyred. Enter the basilica under the watchful

eyes of the brightly dressed Swiss Guard. Inside, admire Michelangelo's *Pietà*, the only sculpture he ever signed.

Self-guided walking tour of Rome • With an EF map in hand, you will navigate the streets of Rome to find some of the city's most famous landmarks on your own. Stop at the Trevi Fountain and make sure to toss in a coin to ensure your return to Rome. Then view the Pantheon, one of the best-preserved ancient buildings in the city, commissioned by the Emperor Hadrian around A.D. 120. This temple to "all the gods" features the second-widest dome in Rome. Continue to the Piazza Navona and finish at the Spanish Steps.

Day 10 Home

Return home • Your tour director assists with the transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

For complete financial and registration details, please refer to the Booking Conditions.

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