



# DUBLIN, LONDON & PARIS



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10 DAYS

# Dublin, London & Paris

Ireland • England • France



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



Dublin's Ha'Penny Bridge earned its nickname from the half-penny toll once charged to cross the river.

## Program Fee includes:

- Round-trip airfare
  - 8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms
  - European breakfast and dinner daily (lunch instead of dinner on Day 5)
  - Full-time EF Tour Director
  - 3 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides:  
Dublin • London • Paris
  - 1 sightseeing tour led by your tour director: Stratford
  - 3 walking tours:  
Dublin • London • Paris
  - 7 visits to special attractions:  
*Book of Kells*/Trinity College Library • St. Patrick's Cathedral • Welsh castle • Anne Hathaway's cottage  
Shakespeare's birthplace • Notre Dame Cathedral  
Louvre
  - Whisper headsets
- OPTIONAL:**
- Westminster Abbey • Versailles

## Day 1 Flight

**Overnight flight to Ireland** • Spend the night flying across the Atlantic.

## Day 2 Dublin

**Arrival in Dublin** • Touch down in literary Dublin, one-time home of James Joyce, George Bernard Shaw, Samuel Beckett and W.B. Yeats! Dublin is also the setting for Joyce's *Ulysses*, one of the 20th century's greatest literary works. After clearing customs, you are greeted by your EF Tour Director, who will remain with you throughout your stay.

**Walking tour of Dublin** • Join your EF Tour Director for a stroll through "Dublin's fair city." Originally a Viking settlement, Baile Átha Cliath, Dublin's original Gaelic name, which means "town of hurdles," is situated on the banks of the River Liffey, which divides the city north and south. This informative orientation is perfect for your first day in the historic capital of Ireland. Keep an eye out for Dublin's famous Georgian-era (18th-century) architecture as you stroll through the city. Walk down the brick-lined Grafton Street, the city's premier shopping street; visit the striking greenery of St. Stephen's Green, simply called Stephen's Green by local Dubliners; and make your way through Temple Bar, Dublin's hippest neighborhood. (Order of sights visited may vary.)

## Day 3 Dublin

**Guided sightseeing of Dublin** • For a city of only 1 million people, Dublin has offered the world a disproportionately large number of great literary works. See what inspired writers such as Joyce, Beckett, and Yeats during your guided tour of Ireland's capital, scenically situated between Dun Laoghaire (pronounced "dun leery") and the rocky peaks of Howth Head. Pass by the residence of the president of Ireland as you journey through Phoenix Park. Then continue down O'Connell Street, a wide, tree-lined avenue named for one of Ireland's most famous nationalists.

**See the *Book of Kells* at Trinity College** • Your tour also includes a visit to Trinity College, established by Queen Elizabeth I in 1592. Trinity alumni include playwright Samuel Beckett and satirist Jonathan Swift. In the Long Room of the Old Library, view the illuminated 8th-century *Book of Kells*, written by Irish monks and found buried in the ground in 1007. You'll also see a harp that originally belonged to the famous Irish warrior Brian Boru.

**Visit St. Patrick's Cathedral** • Ride past the banks of the River Liffey to the 800-year-old St. Patrick's Cathedral, built to honor the patron saint of Ireland, who brought Christianity to the country in the 5th century. Jonathan Swift once served as dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Then see the famous doors of Dublin as you ride through the city's elegant Georgian squares. You'll also pass an ancient Viking site (the Vikings founded Dublin in the 9th century).

#### Day 4 Dublin • North Wales

**Travel to Holyhead** • Ferry across the Irish Sea to Wales. Land at Holyhead and enjoy wonderful vistas as you cross the island of Anglesey to the mainland.

**Visit a Welsh Castle and Snowdonia National Park** • While on the island, visit either Beaumaris Castle, a fortification dating from the 13th century that once guarded the Menai Straits, or Conwy Castle, Edward I's medieval masterpiece. Then continue through the scenic mountains and valleys of Snowdonia National Park to the Llangollen region in North Wales.

#### Day 5 North Wales • London

**Take a tour of Stratford** • "It is something, I thought, to have seen the dust of Shakespeare." As you travel to London, stop and discover what inspired Washington Irving's famous words as you tour Stratford-upon-Avon, where Shakespeare was born, raised and buried. Step back into the Elizabethan age as you visit the half-timbered home in which the Bard was born, as well as see the old-fashioned English gardens and orchard of Anne Hathaway's Cottage, a picturesque thatched farmhouse where Shakespeare's wife spent her childhood.

#### Tour director-led sightseeing of Stratford

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#### Day 6 London

**Take a guided tour 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).

**Take a walking tour of London** • Stroll through the heart of London on a 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.)

**Fish and chips dinner** • Enjoy a traditional British meal of crispy battered fish and thick fried potatoes—a popular dish with sailors and landlubbers alike.

#### Day 7 London

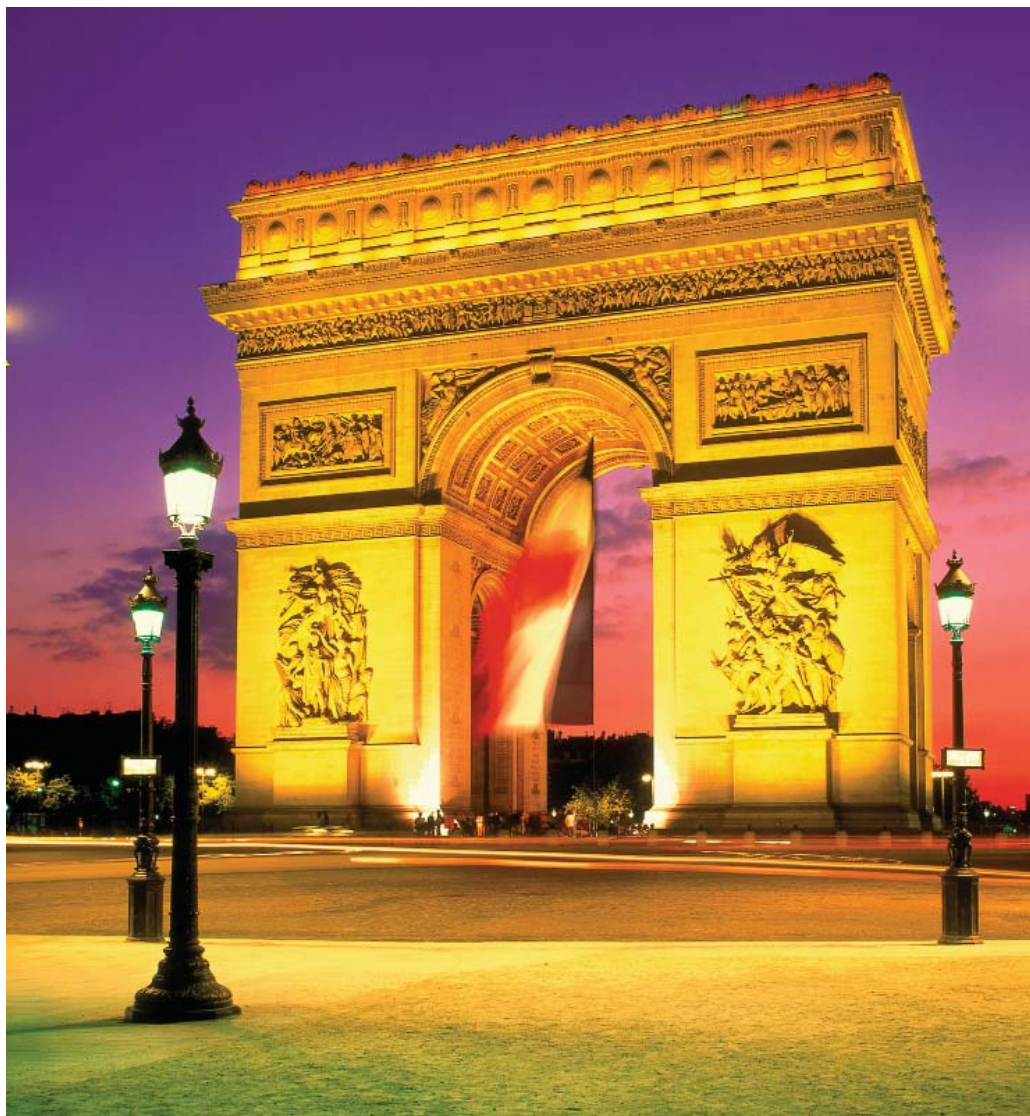
#### Enjoy a free day in London

**Optional: Westminster Abbey** • Located just to the west of the Palace of Westminster, this large, mostly Gothic church has been host to British coronations, weddings, and funerals for nearly a millennia. See King Edward's Chair where English and British sovereigns have been seated at coronation since 1308. View the burial sites of many Kings and Queens of England, writers and poets, generals, admirals, doctors, and scientists, Westminster Abbey has a long tradition of weddings, most recently the marriage of Prince William of Wales to Catherine Middleton.

#### Day 8 London • Paris

**Travel on the Eurostar train 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.

Napoleon commissioned the Arc de Triomphe in 1806.





**Take a guided tour of Paris** • Discover the city on the Seine: from the imposing Arc de Triomphe, commemorating Napoleon's Grande Armée, to the Île de la Cité, birthplace of Paris. Take a drive down the elegant Champs-Élysées to the Place de la Concorde. Pass the Conciergerie, where prisoners of the Revolution 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.

**Visit the 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.

### Day 9 Paris

**Take a walking tour of Paris** • Our walking tour takes in the chic Opéra district and the Rue du Faubourg St. Honoré, famous for its haute couture boutiques. Stroll through the Place de la Concorde, the city's largest public square, built to honor Louis XV. During the Revolution, this was the location of Joseph Guillotin's famous machine; the next Louis, Marie Antoinette and many others were beheaded here. Continue through the geometric gardens of the Tuileries as you make your way to the Place Vendôme, a vast square surrounded by elegant 17th-century façades. Pass the Ritz hotel at no. 15, a favorite haunt of Ernest Hemingway. (The exact walking route may vary depending on your hotel location and other activities.)

**Visit 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.

**Optional: 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, 4,000 servants inside the palace attended to 1,000 nobles, 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 10 Home

**Depart for 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 Condition**

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