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LONDON CITY STAY



With a seemingly endless supply of monuments, museums, shops, pubs, clubs, and more, London stands as an absolute giant. No other city in the world matches the history, culture and entertainment to be discovered in England's capital. Famous sights like Big Ben and Buckingham Palace keep you busy by day. Shopping meccas like Camdentown and Piccadilly Circus not only assure you go home well-souvenired, they also give a glimpse into the hip culture London is known for. And by night, the friendly corner pubs, bumping clubs, and West End Theatre shows keep anyone happy until long after dark.



9 DAYS

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London's famous Big Ben

Red Phone Boxes in London

HIGHLIGHTS

- Trafalgar Square
- Piccadilly Circus
- Covent Garden
- Buckingham Palace
- Big Ben
- Tower Bridge
- Windsor Castle
- Tower of London
- St Paul's Cathedral

INCLUDED

- Round-trip airfare
- Hotel Accommodation
- Private transportation
- Breakfast & Dinner Daily
- Tour Director
- Guided sightseeing tours
- Walking Tours
- Entrances to attractions
- Awards dinner
- 2 Rugby games
- 1 Rugby practice

Day 1 > Overnight Flight to London

Board your transatlantic overnight flight bound for London. After a movie and a few hours of sleep through the quick night you will descend for exciting London where you will be met by your tour director next morning.

Day 2 > London City Walk

Step outside your hotel, for a stroll through the streets of the heart of the English-speaking world. In this city of nearly seven million, you'll see everything from 12th-century fortifications to modern skyscrapers, formal parks to punk rockers. Your Tour Director will lead you to some of the most famous sites. Walk along the Thames River. Cross Trafalgar Square. See bustling Piccadilly Circus. Pass trendy shops and cafés in Bohemian Soho on your way to Covent Garden, a 13th-century fruit and vegetable garden transformed into a maze of narrow streets and pedestrian walkways burgeoning with street performers, open-air markets and boutiques.

Day 3 > London Sightseeing

Join a licensed local guide for an in-depth look at London, from the royal haunt of Buckingham Palace (the official London residence of Queen Elizabeth II) to see the changing of the guard (season permitting), to the clock tower of Big Ben with its 14-ton bell, and Westminster Abbey, where almost every English king and queen since William the Conqueror has been crowned. After a stop at the Houses of Parliament, continue on to the magnificent St. Paul's Cathedral, the masterpiece of London architect Christopher Wren.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY GAME ONE

Day 4 > Windsor Castle

See how the Queen relaxes on this guided tour of the royal weekend estate, originally built as a fortress in the 11th century under William the Conqueror. Tiptoe through the tulips (and other flowers) in the East Terrace Gardens, marvel at the Gothic St. George's Chapel, or peek into the rooms of Queen Mary's doll house with its gallery of pint-size perfect furniture. Get decorating tips for your own country estate (or dorm room, as it may be).

Day 5 > Free Time in London

Make the most of a free day-this could be the perfect opportunity to hang out in Hyde Park, catch up on the world of contemporary art at the Tate Modern or shop London's famous High Street...the city is yours to explore. Tonight, you could check out the youthful, bustling scene in Leicester Square, a central meeting spot for mirthful revelers and home to plenty of pubs, bookstores and restaurants.

RUGBY PRACTICE

Day 6 > Tower of London

Get up close and personal with the Tower of London. Towers, rather. Twenty stone towers, as well as tunnels, winding staircases and narrow passageways comprise this huge fortress covering 18 acres on the banks of the Thames. A royal residence from the 11th - 16th centuries, the Tower also served as a jewel safe and a prison. See the headless skeletons of Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard (Henry VIII's former wives who were executed here). The Crown Jewels are housed here, including the largest cut diamond in the world (530-carats). Safe: Beefeaters (guards) lead tours through the Tower.

Day 7 > Game Day & Post-Game Party

Enjoy your game today against your British opponents. Be cheered on by the welcoming home crowd and socialise with your fellow team mates and your host team at our post-game celebration event.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY GAME TWO

Day 8 > Free time in London

Complete your stay at our special awards dinner this evening.

Day 9 > Flight Home