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london, paris, brussels & amsterdam

GROUP INFORMATION

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Total Fee: * \$3,298.00

Tour Quote Breakdown

The following fees apply to your full-paying participants:

Tour Fee*	\$2,756.00
Lifetime Membership Fee	95.00
Airport fees, taxes, and airline fuel surcharges (Subject to Change)	447.00
Weekend Supplement (Returning)	35.00
Weekend Supplement (Returning) Waived	-35.00

Total Fee* \$3,298.00

OR 6 monthly payments of \$533.83

After initial payment of \$95.00

* Valid until December 1, 2010

Additional Adult Fees

The following additional fees apply only to full-paying participants 23 and older and are not included in the total price listed above.

Adult Supplement	\$125.00
Twin Room Upgrade	300.00
Additional Adult Fee	\$425.00

TOUR ITINERARY (DETAILED)

Day 1 Start Tour

Day 2 Hello London

Meet your Tour Director and check into hotel
 London City Walk
 Thames River, Trafalgar Square, British Museum visit, Piccadilly Circus, Covent Garden, Leicester Square, Soho
 Fish & chips dinner

Details: 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.

TOUR FEE INCLUDES:

- Round-trip airfare
- Overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms
- Full European breakfast daily
- Dinner daily

Details: British Museum visit

Founded in 1773, the British Museum houses some of the best antiquities and cultural treasures gathered from countries across the globe. Explore the museum to see the hieroglyphic-decoding Rosetta Stone, the famous Greek Elgin marbles and more.

Details: Fish & chips dinner

Nothing's more British than fish and chips—there are eight fish and chip shops ("chippies") for every McDonald's in the country. Head to an authentic pub with your Tour Director for a taste of this national food, generally served with malt vinegar.

- Full-time services of a professional Tour Director
- Guided sightseeing tours and city walks as per itinerary
- Visits to select attractions as per itinerary
- High-speed Eurostar Chunnel crossing
- Tour Diary™
- Please note: Dinner included on arrival day, breakfast on day of departure

Day 3 London Landmarks

London Guided Sightseeing Tour

Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Tower Bridge, Hyde Park, St. Paul's Cathedral

Highgate Cemetery visit

Visit Tower of London

Details: London Guided Sightseeing Tour

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 the slightly more democratic Speakers' Corner of Hyde Park, where anyone can pull up a soapbox and orate to his heart's content. You'll see the changing of the guard (season permitting), 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.

Details: Visit 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. Scary: See the headless skeletons of Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard (Henry VIII's former wives who were executed here). Shiny: 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 4 Oxford

Oxford half-day excursion

Brasenose College visit

The Cotswolds

Day 5 London--Paris

Eurostar Chunnel crossing

Paris City Walk

Ile de la Cité, Notre Dame Cathedral visit, Ile St.

Louis, Latin Quarter visit

Dinner in Latin Quarter

Details: Eurostar Chunnel crossing

Take the Eurostar under the English Channel. Faster than you can say... anything, in French, you'll whiz through a tunnel and arrive in Paris.

Details: Paris City Walk

This city was made for walking. Stroll grand boulevards with sweeping views of the city, pristine parks with trees planted in perfect rows, and narrow streets crowded with vendors selling flowers, pastries and cheese. Then head to the Île de la Cité, a small island in the Seine, to see Notre Dame Cathedral. Look up at the great stone buttresses, grotesque gargoyles, and massive stained-glass windows.

Details: Latin Quarter visit

Visit one of the original college towns. Since the Sorbonne's founding in the 1100s, the Left Bank has attracted not only intellectuals but also the cafés, bookstores, and cinemas that tend to accompany them. It's also attracted its fair share of famous residents – a plaque marks one of Hemingway's apartments on rue du Cardinal-Lemoine, and the imposing neoclassical Panthéon holds the tombs of Voltaire, Rousseau, Victor Hugo, and Marie Curie.

Day 6 Paris Landmarks

Paris & Versailles Guided Sightseeing Tour

Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées, Eiffel Tower, Champ de Mars, École Militaire, Les

Invalides, Conciergerie, Tuileries, Place Vendôme, Opera House, Versailles guided excursion

Dinner at a crêperie

Details: Paris & Versailles Guided Sightseeing Tour

What's that huge white arch at the end of the Champs-Élysées? The Arc de Triomphe, commissioned by Napoleon in 1806 after his victory at Austerlitz. Your licensed local guide will elaborate on this, and other Parisian landmarks. See some of the most famous sites, including the ornate, 19th-century Opera, the Presidential residence, the ultra-chic shops of the Rue du Faubourg St-Honoré, and the gardens of the Tuileries. You'll pass the Place de la Concorde, where in the center you'll find the Obelisk of Luxor, a gift from Egypt in 1836, and the Place Vendôme, a huge square surrounded by 17th-century buildings. Spot chic locals (and tons of tourists) strolling the Champs-Élysées. Look up at the iron girders of the Eiffel Tower, built for the 1889 World's Fair to commemorate the centenary of the French Revolution. See Les Invalides (a

refuge for war wounded), the École Militaire (Napoleon's alma mater), and the Conciergerie (the prison where Marie Antoinette was kept during the French Revolution).

Details: Versailles guided excursion

The ultimate palace, Versailles was built by Louis VIX, and housed the royal family and its groveling court from 1582, when the Sun King moved in, to the French Revolution. Everything in Versailles is worth a look, from the 250-foot-long Hall of Mirrors, with themed salons-"war" and "peace"-on either side, to Marie Antoinette's faux country hamlet. When being a queen became too much to bear, she would pretend to be a commoner, tending her sheep and wearing peasant clothes. (Please note Versailles is closed on Mondays.)

Day 7 The Art of Paris

Louvre visit

Seine River Sightseeing Cruise

Details: Louvre visit

The world's largest art museum, the Louvre is housed in a medieval fortress-turned-castle so grand it's worth a tour itself. You walk through the 71-foot glass pyramid designed by I.M. Pei and added in 1989, and step into another world-one with carved ceilings, deep-set windows, and so many architectural details, you could spend a week just admiring the rooms. But check out the art on the walls. The Mona Lisa is here, as well as the Venus de Milo and Winged Victory (the headless statue, circa 200 BC, discovered at Samothrace). The Louvre has seven different departments of paintings, prints, drawings, sculptures and antiquities. Don't miss the Egyptian collection, complete with creepy sarcophagi, or the collection of Greek ceramics, one of the largest in the world. (Please note the Louvre is closed on Tuesdays.)

Details: Seine River Sightseeing Cruise

See the city from the water on an hour-long cruise along the River Seine. The Seine cuts right through Paris, dividing the city in half. See the Eiffel tower rising up on the Left Bank, the walls of the Louvre on the Right Bank. A guide will point out other monuments and architectural marvels as you pass, many of which are illuminated by clear white light at night.

Day 8 Paris--Brussels

Travel to Brussels via Waterloo

Waterloo guided visit

European Union Headquarters visit (Group-Leader arranged, pending availability)

Brussels Tour Director-led Sightseeing Tour

Grand Place, Manneken Pis

Details: Brussels Tour Director-led Sightseeing Tour

Chocolate and comics (home of Tin Tin creator Herge).

Surrealism. French fries. The headquarters of the European

Union. Art Nouveau. Brussels combines Hapsburg-era elegance with modern business and big-city bustle. See the city's historical heart on a walking tour led by your Tour Director. Start at the cobblestone Grand-Place, a central square lined with ornamental gables, medieval banners, and gilded façades. Look at the 15th-century Town Hall and the King's House, lining the Place. Then walk to the Manneken-Pis, a statue of a boy shooting water from his . . . well, bring a camera. Tired from so much strolling? Buy a bag of Belgian pralines for fortification.

Day 9 Belgian Landmarks

Travel to Bruges (via Leuven)
St. Anthony's Chapel visit
Ardennes American Cemetery & Memorial
Tour Director-led Sightseeing of Bruges

Details: Ardennes American Cemetery & Memorial

"Band of Brothers" depicted the difficult terrain and frequently isolating fog that made the Ardennes forest inhospitable ground on which to fight the Battle of the Bulge. The German surprise attack began December 16, 1944, and while they moved forward quickly they also ran into more Allied resistance than they had expected. The Germans were slowed, then stopped, and then finally retreated from Bastogne on January 13, 1945. The Ardennes American Cemetery and Memorial contain the graves of 5,328 American soldiers and the names of 462 Americans missing, many of whom died during the Battle of the Bulge.

Day 10 Brussels--Amsterdam

Travel to Amsterdam via Hague
International Court of Justice visit

Day 11 Amsterdam Landmarks

Amsterdam Tour Director-Led Sightseeing Tour
Canal guided cruise, Diamond factory visit, Anne Frank's house visit
Rijksmuseum visit
Traditional Dutch Pannenkoeken Dinner

Details: Amsterdam Tour Director-Led Sightseeing Tour

Canals and crocuses. Bicycles and bluebells. With more canals than Venice (and more flower merchants than perhaps any other city in the world), downtown Amsterdam is an explosion of colour and light reflecting off the water. Take a glass-topped canal boat ride--the best way to see the gabled houses and nearly 1200 bridges. Visit a diamond factory to see how the stones are cut. And take a tour of Anne Frank's house, where three different Jewish families hid for more than two years during World War II. See the bare rooms where they lived before being betrayed and deported to concentration camps

Details: Canal guided cruise

Take a glass-topped canal boat ride down the flower-lined canals of Amsterdam for an amazing view of the gabled houses and nearly 1,200 bridges.

Details: Anne Frank's house visit

Take a tour of Anne Frank's house, where three different Jewish families hid for more than two years during World War II and where Anne's famous diaries were discovered. See the bare rooms where they lived before being betrayed to the Nazi's and deported to concentration camps.

Details: Rijksmuseum visit

Amsterdam's most popular art museum opened in 1885 to house William V's personal art collection. It now holds an unbelievable collection of Rembrandts, Vermeers, and other Dutch masters, plus an extensive collection of Asian and decorative arts. Upstairs there's a collection of 17th- and 18th-century dollhouses, furnished just as real houses of the time would have been.

Details: Traditional Dutch Pannenkoeken Dinner

Enjoy a traditional Dutch dinner of pannenkoeken, a large thin pancake similar to a crepe, that can be topped with anything from bacon to apples or raisins and finished with a drizzle of stroop, which is a dark thick syrup.

Day 12 End Tour

