

LONDON

Destination guide



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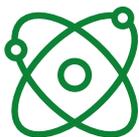
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An introduction to London

"When a man is tired of London, he is tired of life..." said Samuel Johnson in 1777. A brilliant quote that some 240 year on is still said to be true. What it really refers to is the infinite variety of experiences this enormous metropolis can offer.

"In London you will find people, places and events that share your passion"

Yes, it is very much the capital of England and the United Kingdom and headline attractions such as the Tower of London, The Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace are quintessentially British and a must see. But whatever your particular interest, no matter how obscure, in London you will find people, places and events that share your passion.

Students of all subjects in the curriculum will benefit from a school tour to London; History, Music, Drama, Art, Science and Business Studies could all follow a packed itinerary. Alternatively, you may prefer a more general sightseeing tour. It's a world renowned city within easy reach for British schools that's guaranteed to deliver lifetime memories.

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For the most accurate prices bespoke to your group size and travel date, please contact a Voyager School Travel tour coordinator at schools@voyagerschooltravel.com





The Tower of London

The Tower of London is a must for all those wishing to understand the life and soul of British history over the last 1000 years. Kings and Queens of England lived, died and made their legacies at the Tower. London's most historic landmark oversaw imprisonment, torture, execution and murder.



Visit the torture chambers, see where the collection of Crown Jewels are housed and take a stroll down to Tower Bridge, which offers excellent views over the Thames.

hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london

Price	Student group rate £16.10pp Adult group rate £21.00pp
Opening times	Nov - Feb Tues - Sat: 09:00 - 13:00 Sun - Mon: 10:00 - 16:30 Mar - Oct Tues - Sat: 09:00 - 17:30 Sun - Mon: 10:00 - 17:30

Buckingham Palace

Buckingham Palace has served as the official Royal London Residence for the British monarchy since 1837 and it is still the administrative Headquarters for the Queen. Buckingham Palace has 775 rooms in total, 19 of which are State Rooms, 52 of which are Royal and Guest bedrooms and 188 of which are staff bedrooms.

Although the Queen's bedroom is obviously out-of-bounds, there are some times during the year when visitors have the opportunity to see some of the State rooms. A very popular excursion is going to see the Changing of the Guard.

royalcollection.org.uk

Price	Standard tour group rates Under 17s £12.20pp Students £19.80pp Adults £21.60pp + Garden tour group rates Under 17s £17.70pp Students £27.90pp Adults £29.70pp
Opening times	21 Jul - 31 Aug: 09:30 - 19:00 Sept: 09:30 - 18:00

Trafalgar Square

Trafalgar Square is one of London's most vibrant open spaces. It is a wonderful place to soak up London's buzzing atmosphere and from there you can easily access the National Gallery, the National Portrait Gallery and the West End theatres.

The square is also home to Nelson's Column, which commemorates his triumph at the Battle of Trafalgar, though his victory cost him his life.

The Houses of Parliament

For those of you who are interested in politics and its history, the Houses of Parliament should be at the top of your list. If this is something you would be interested in doing, then write a letter to your local MP, who should be able to help you gain admission. But remember not to sit on the seats in the House of Commons! Your MP should be able to organise a tour for you that takes you round the Chambers and up into Big Ben's clock tower. When the Houses are sitting, visitors can even sit in the galleries to observe committee meeting debates.

parliament.uk

Opening times	Check website for visiting requirements
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Saint Paul's Cathedral

The cathedral is one of the most famous and recognisable sights of London, with its dome, framed by the spires of Sir Christopher Wren's City churches, dominating the skyline for 300 years. At 365 feet, it was the tallest building in London from 1710 to 1962.

stpauls.co.uk

Price	Student group rate £14pp Adult group rate £16pp
Opening times	Mon - Sat: 08:30 - 16:30

Hampton Court Palace

Hampton Court Palace was originally built by Thomas Wolsey in the sixteenth century, but when Henry VIII saw it, he was so jealous of the Cardinal's home that Wolsey felt compelled to give it to the King as a present.

hrp.org.uk

Price	Under 16s £9.10pp Students £14.60pp Adults £18.10
Opening times	25 Mar - 27 Oct Every day: 10:00 - 18:00 28 Oct - 30 Mar Every day: 10:00 - 16:30

Windsor Castle



Windsor Castle is the oldest and largest inhabited castle in the world. It has been the family home of British kings and queens for almost 1,000 years. The Queen spends most of her private weekends at Windsor and takes up official residence for a month over Easter (March to April), known as Easter Court. The Queen is also at Windsor for one week each June, when she attends Royal Ascot and the service of the Order of the Garter.

Windsor is still very much a working royal palace. The Castle is used regularly for ceremonial and

State occasions. It is here that The Queen often hosts state visits from overseas monarchs and presidents.

royalcollection.org.uk

Price	Under 17s £12.30pp Students £19.30pp Adults £21.20
Opening times	Mar - Oct Every day: 09:30 - 17:15 Nov - Feb Every day: 09:45 - 16:15

The British Museum

Home to a huge array of famous artefacts including the Rosetta Stone, the key to deciphering Egyptian Hieroglyphics, and the Elgin Marbles, it's advisable to schedule at least a whole morning, if not a day here to get a sense of the size of the collection.

britishmuseum.org

Price	Free
Opening times	Every day: 10:00 - 17:30 Fri: 10:00 - 20:30

Royal Museums Greenwich

At the National Maritime Museum discover a history of British sea adventure that dates back 500 years. Hear the personal stories of Britain's past voyagers and see the uniform Nelson was wearing when he was fatally shot at the Battle of Trafalgar.

The Royal Observatory of Greenwich is the home of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) and the Prime Meridian of the World, making it the official starting point for each New Year. It is also home to London's only planetarium and the UK's largest refracting telescope.

rmg.co.uk

Price	Free
Opening times	Every day: 10:00 - 17:00 Jul - Sept extended openings

The Imperial War Museum

The Imperial War Museum's permanent exhibition on the WWI trenches is fantastic and gives an idea of what everyday life was like for First World War soldiers on the French battlefields. There is also an extremely moving and informative WWII Holocaust exhibition.

iwm.org.uk

Price	Free
Opening times	Every day: 10:00 - 18:00



London Transport Museum

The London Museum of Transport offers a wide variety of exhibitions, talks and activities – ranging from design workshops to information past, present and future of London’s transport.

ltmuseum.co.uk

Price	Group sessions £40-£80
Opening times	Mon - Thurs/Sat - Sun: 10:00 - 18:00

The Science Museum

The Science Museum has everything from space technology to how a toilet works. Much of what the museum has to offer is interactive, from simulated earthquakes and 3D cinemas to using a computer to see what you will look like at 60.

sciencemuseum.org.uk

Price	Free + additional exhibition charge
Opening times	Every day: 10:00 - 18:00

The Natural History Museum

The Natural History museum is home to life and earth science specimens comprising some 70 million items within five main collections: Botany, Entomology, Mineralogy, Palaeontology and Zoology. The museum is a world-renowned centre of research and is particularly famous for its exhibition of dinosaur skeletons, and ornate architecture. Marvel at the building itself and the animals peering down at you from the roof.

nhm.ac.uk

Price	Free + additional exhibition charge
Opening times	Every day: 10:00 - 17:50

SEA LIFE London Aquarium

Housed in the magnificent County Hall and home to many endangered species, the SEA LIFE Aquarium is a great way to spend an afternoon if the weather is inclement.

visitsealife.com

Price	Student group rates Sept - Feb: £8.95pp Mar - July: £10.95pp
Opening times	Mon - Fri: 10:00 - 18:00 Sat/Sun: 09:30 - 19:00

London Zoo

Found on the north side of Regent’s Park, London Zoo is the world’s oldest scientific zoo. Take a half day here to enjoy meeting the collection of 755 species of animals, the statue of Guy the Gorilla, the zoo’s most famous resident, and a Grade I listed telephone box!

zsl.org

Price	Under 16s £8pp Students £9pp Adults £13.25pp
Opening times	Every day: 10:00 Closing times vary

Shakespeare's Globe



For those of you who don’t want to miss out on London’s most famous playwright, then take a trip down to the river banks and see Shakespeare’s Globe Exhibition. The museum explores the life of the man, the London he lived in and the theatre for which he wrote. A guided tour will tell you all about the fascinating reconstruction of the Globe and will attempt to explain why it works as such a dynamic theatre space.

shakespearesglobe.com

Price	Group rates Under 16s £9pp Students £12.50pp Adults £16pp
Opening times	Exhibitions Every day: 09:00 - 17:00 Theatre tours Mon: 09:30 - 17:00 Tues - Sat: 09:30 - 12:30 Sun: 09:30 - 11:30





Tate Modern

As a former power station, the Tate Modern has a structure that is entirely unique to art galleries in London. It receives around 4.7 million visitors each year, and as such is the most visited modern art gallery in the world. Yet it rarely feels crowded because of the large open spaces that give the Tate Modern its character. Dozens of eminent 20th century artists are represented such as Dali, Liechtenstein, Mondrian, Duchamp and Damien Hirst.

tate.org.uk/visit/tate-modern

Price	Free + additional exhibition charge
Opening times	Sun - Thurs: 10:00 - 18:00 Fri/Sat: 10:00 - 22:00

Tate Britain

For a taste of some more British-centric art, visit the Tate Britain, which documents artistic development in the UK from 1500 until the present day. If you would like to see both Tate museums in one day, then why not try the Tate boat which takes you from one Tate museum to the other in a matter of minutes.

tate.org.uk/britain

Price	Free + additional exhibition charge
Opening times	Every day: 10:00 - 18:00

The National Gallery

The National Gallery in Trafalgar Square houses one of the greatest collections of European paintings dating from 1250 to 1900. With 2,300 paintings on display, you'll want to allocate enough time to get the full experience.

nationalgallery.org.uk

Price	Free
Opening times	Every day: 10:00 - 18:00 Fri: 10:00 - 21:00

The Victoria and Albert Museum

Those interested in fashion will no doubt enjoy the V&A, the world's leading museum of art and design.

There are works by luminaries such as Michelangelo, Donatello, Rodin and Raphael, but the majority on display is dedicated to fashion and design: you'll see everything from Mongolian dress to the wedding dresses of previous Queens of England.

vam.ac.uk

Price	Free + additional exhibition charge
Opening times	Every day: 10:00 - 17:45 Fri: 10:00 - 22:00

The Saatchi Gallery

Over the years, the gallery has been responsible for launching the careers of the likes of Damien Hirst, and Tracey Emin. More than 2000 schools organize visits here annually, and with good reason. Saatchi's philosophy of exhibiting unknown young artists gives inspiration to young creative minds.

saatchigallery.com

Price	Free
Opening times	Every day: 10:00 - 18:00

London Eye



The London Eye is a fantastic way to achieve a full appreciation of London's beauty and geographical layout. At the top, you will have the advantage of 135m high 360 degree views. One turn on the wheel lasts half-an-hour - plenty of time for photos!

londoneye.com

Price	Students £9.95pp
Opening times	Check website for availability

Thames River Trip

Why not see London on an unforgettable boat cruise? Not only will you pass some of London's most important buildings, but an expert will be on-board to give a comprehensive history of them. Go from Westminster Pier to Greenwich and get the full low-down on Somerset House, the Oxo building, the Savoy Hotel and everything in between.

thamesriverservices.co.uk

Price	Contact your Voyager salesperson
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Madame Tussauds

Madame Tussauds is one of the most visited attractions in London. The eternal appeal of getting up close to life-like wax effigies of famous people continues unabated; expect queues on weekends and school holidays unless you have a reservation. madametussauds.com/london

Price	Children £9.95pp Students £18pp Adults £24.50pp
Opening times	See website for opening times

The London Dungeon

The frightening fun led by brilliant live actors is, in fact, built on riveting historical tales and stories of London's murky underworld. Located in County Hall with the Aquarium and next to the London Eye, this could be part of a whole day's activity on the South Bank. thedungeons.com/london

Price	Students £12.95pp Adults £21pp
Opening times	Mon - Weds: 10:00 - 17:00 Thurs: 11:00 - 17:00 Frid: 10:00 - 17:00 Sat: 10:00 - 18:00 Sun: 10:00 - 17:00

Oxford Street

Every world capital has it's shopping 'mecca' and Oxford Street is certainly where to head if you are in need of retail therapy. Almost 1.5 miles long from Marble Arch to Tottenham Court Road, the street is home to Selfridge's, the flagship TopShop store and over 300 others. oxfordstreet.co.uk

Covent Garden



One can imagine that standing amidst the

sophisticated hustle and bustle of Covent Garden that you're in another European capital, not the heart of London. Another centre for retail, a little higher end than Oxford street possibly, with boutiques and jewelery stores aplenty, the atmosphere is always convivial with street performers wowing their audiences and cafe culture in full bloom on a sunny day. coventgarden.london