

14-18 JULY 2025, LONDON

Cultural Tours

We have created three different cultural tours to give attendees the opportunity to explore the city's rich history, art, architecture, and diverse heritage. These tours can be purchased at the time of registering or you can purchase at a later date through the website.

The Walking Tour

Date: Friday 18th July 2025
Location: London
Transport: Walking
Time: 08.45hrs - 17.15hrs
Ticket Price: £20

This walking tour is a wonderful way to experience the heart of London, especially if you're keen on discovering the iconic landmarks of the West End. Led by friendly, knowledgeable English-speaking volunteers, this bespoke route takes you through some of the city's most famous and historically significant areas. Here's what you can expect on this unforgettable tour:

Highlights of the Walking Tour:

- **Big Ben and the Palace of Westminster:** You'll start by soaking in the grandeur of Big Ben (the Elizabeth Tower) and the Houses of Parliament, two of London's most iconic symbols of British history and democracy.
- **Westminster Abbey:** This majestic Gothic cathedral is the site of many royal weddings, coronations, and funerals. It's a place of deep historical significance.
- **Buckingham Palace:** The official residence of the British monarch in London and one of the most iconic landmarks in the city. You can admire the exterior of the residence and perhaps even catch the Changing of the Guard ceremony if timing allows.
- **Victoria Market Halls:** A vibrant indoor market offering a range of food stalls, shopping, and local vendors – perfect for a quick bite or souvenir hunting.
- **St James Park, The Mall and Admiralty Arch:** St James's Park is one of London's most famous and beautiful parks, located right in the heart of the city. It covers around 57 acres and is bordered by key landmarks like Buckingham Palace to the west, the Horse Guards Parade to the east, and the Mall to the north. As you leave the park there is a short walk along the famous Mall and a chance to see Admiralty Arch.
- **Trafalgar Square:** Home to Nelson's Column and surrounded by statues and fountains, this lively square is a key gathering point in the city. Whilst in this area there is an option to visit the National Gallery. If you're interested in art, this world-class museum in Trafalgar Square is a must-visit, offering a rich collection of European paintings from the 13th to the 19th centuries.
- **Horse Guards Parade:** Here you can see the Household Cavalry, the oldest active regiment in the British Army, and maybe get your photo taken alongside the King's horses.
- **Downing Street and Whitehall:** Get a glimpse of the official residences and offices of the British Prime Minister, as well as the government buildings along Whitehall.
- **The Cenotaph:** A moving war memorial dedicated to those who died in the two World Wars and subsequent conflicts. A poignant stop in the heart of the city.

You'll also receive an electronic brochure providing lots of information about the history of the landmarks you visit.

With local volunteers guiding you, you'll get insider stories, fun facts, and a deeper connection to London's history and culture. Whether you're exploring London for the first time or rediscovering its beauty as a local, this walking tour lets you soak in the sights, sounds, and atmosphere of London's most iconic district.

Dress Code

Comfortable, practical clothing and shoes for walking. UK weather can be unpredictable so please assess whether a jacket is required on the morning of the tour. This is a medium paced walking tour so you do not require a high level of fitness, but must be mobile and able to walk for a few hours throughout the day.

The Boat Tour

Date: Friday 18th July 2025
Location: London
Transport: Thames River Boat/Tube Train
Time: 09.00hrs – 16.30hrs
Ticket Price: £30

A fantastic way to experience the heart of London! Starting with the Thames cruise, you'll get a unique view of some of the city's most iconic landmarks. The route from Westminster Pier to Tower Bridge will let you take in the Houses of Parliament, the London Eye, St. Paul's Cathedral, and of course, the majestic Tower Bridge.

The 30-minute cruise gives you plenty of time to appreciate the city's skyline and landmarks from the water, whether you're in the enclosed lower deck or enjoying the open-air upper deck for a breeze and great photo opportunities.

After disembarking at Tower Bridge, the walk along the Thames promises a delightful mix of history, culture, and vibrant city life. You'll be able to explore:

- **Tower Bridge:** One of London's most recognizable structures, with its iconic bascule design.
- **The Tower of London:** Guarded by the famous Beefeaters, also known as Yeoman Warders and home to the Royal Crown Jewels (additional cost for entry).
- **Sky Garden:** A stunning public space located atop the Walkie Talkie building. It's one of the city's most unique and easily accessible gardens, offering panoramic views of the London skyline.
- **Borough Market:** A lively spot for food lovers, offering everything from fresh produce to gourmet street food.
- **Tate Modern:** A world-renowned contemporary art museum housed in a former power station, with stunning views of the Thames from the museum's café.
- **Southbank:** A vibrant cultural hub with theatres, bars, and often street performers, offering a fantastic riverside promenade.

This tour combines the best of both worlds – scenic views from the water and a closer, more personal exploration of the city on foot. It's a great way to discover London in a short amount of time!

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The Bus Tour

Date: Friday 18th July 2025
Location: London
Transport: BIG Bus Tour / Walking
Time: 09.00hrs – 17.00hrs
Ticket Price: £30

Experience the best of the city with our unique combined tour! This combined bus and walking tour offers a fantastic way to experience the best of London in an engaging way. Starting with the iconic red open-top bus, you'll get a great introduction to the city's major landmarks, all from a comfortable vantage point with panoramic views. The prerecorded commentary will guide you through the city's rich history and give you insights into the places you'll be passing by. Key sights you'll see on the bus portion include:

- **Fleet Street:** the historical home of the newspaper industry, you'll pass historical buildings, including the Royal Courts of Justice and Temple Bar.
- **St. Paul's Cathedral:** A masterpiece of architecture designed by Sir Christopher Wren, with a remarkable dome.
- **London Bridge:** the bus will pass along the Thames, with views of the Shard, Tower Bridge, and the Tower of London.
- **Tower Bridge and the Tower of London:** Two of the most iconic structures in London, steeped in history. The Tower of London is home to the Crown Jewels and Yeoman Warders (also known as Beefeaters).
- **Parliament Square:** where you'll see Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, and several statues of famous political figures.
- **Westminster Abbey:** the abbey has stunning architecture and the tombs of monarchs and historical figures like Charles Darwin and Isaac Newton.
- **Buckingham Palace:** the official residence of the British monarch. The bus will stop at the palace for a brief walk about. You can enjoy the views of the grand façade and the famous Victoria Memorial.
- **Piccadilly Circus:** Known for its bright lights, bustling atmosphere, and famous Shaftesbury Memorial Fountain (Eros) .
- **The Strand:** drive along one of London's most iconic streets, lined with theatres, historic buildings, and cultural venues like the Royal Courts of Justice.
- **Covent Garden:** the tour will terminate at Covent Garden with its lively market atmosphere, theatres, street performers and the Royal Opera House. A great spot for break, some lunch and to enjoy the hustle and bustle that this energetic area brings.

After this scenic bus tour, and exploration of Covent Garden, we'll move to the walking portion of the tour. This gives you a chance to get closer to some of London's most exciting and dynamic spots that the bus can't reach. You'll explore:

- **Trafalgar Square:** Home to Nelson's Column and the National Gallery, a hub for events and gatherings.
- **Horse Guards Parade:** Here you can see the Household Cavalry, the oldest active regiment in the British Army, and maybe get your photo taken alongside the King's horses.
- **Downing Street and the Cenotaph:** Get a glimpse of the official residences and offices of the British Prime Minister and a poignant stop at the Cenotaph, a moving war memorial dedicated to those who died in the two World Wars and subsequent conflicts.

This combination of bus and walking creates a well-rounded tour that's enjoyable, informative, and engaging, giving you a great overview of London's major landmarks while also providing plenty of opportunities to immerse yourself at street level and see some iconic sights. This tour is an excellent way to get to know the city's charm and culture.

Dress Code

Lunch stops will be scheduled as part of the tour but must be purchased at delegates' own cost.

Disclaimers

Event timings and content may be subject to changes.

No food is included in these tours.

Any tube train fares are paid by delegates.

There is a minimum number for the Bus Tour to go ahead. If minimum numbers are not reached, the tour will be cancelled and delegates will be refunded.