



# London and Paris Discovery

featuring the Eurostar

Tour Dates: April 30 – May 8, 2025



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See Westminster Abbey on a panoramic orientation tour



Leeds Castle – where history comes to life

**DAY 1 Depart the USA:** Depart the USA on your overnight flight to London, England.

**DAY 2 London, England:** Welcome to England! Upon arrival at London's Heathrow Airport, you'll be met by a representative of Mayflower Cruises and Tours and transferred to your hotel. Flights should arrive by 3:00pm. The remainder of the day is at leisure for you to become acquainted with your new surroundings and begin discovering "merry ole England"! This evening, join your traveling companions for an included dinner, hosted by your Tour Manager. **Meal: D**

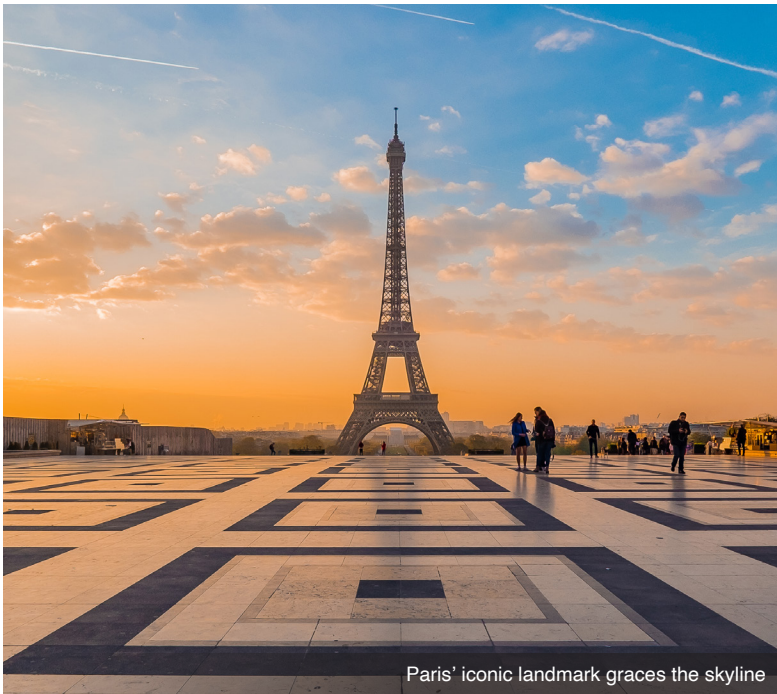
**DAY 3 London:** Begin the day with a panoramic orientation tour of London. Your local guide brings history to life as you depart by coach to see the historical sites and architectural wonders throughout the city. Monuments abound from the impressive Marble Arch to the Nelson Column in Trafalgar Square. Intricate façades decorate Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament. Big Ben and the postcard-perfect Tower Bridge stand guard over the Thames River. The Victoria Memorial is showcased in front of Buckingham Palace. In contrast, the London Eye and the Shard are contemporary highlights to the skyline. All await your discovery! Once you have the lay of the land, the afternoon is free to explore on your own. **Meal: B**

**DAY 4 London:** Enjoy a full day at leisure to pursue independent interests or join the optional excursion to Windsor Castle. Perhaps you'll choose to visit the Tower of London, explore local markets, visit some museums, take a ride on the London Eye, shop for souvenirs, see a show at one of

the many theatres, or simply relax at a local pub. Your Tour Manager will be available to assist with your plans. **Meal: B**

**DAY 5 Leeds Castle and Dover:** Depart on a full-day excursion with your local guide for a visit to the 900-year-old Leeds Castle. Located in a picturesque countryside setting, and still surrounded by a moat, it has been called the 'loveliest castle in the world'. Originally built as a Norman stronghold, the castle has evolved into one of the most visited historic buildings in Britain. From its military beginnings to uses as a palace by Henry VIII, private residence by royalty and political agendas, the local guide will tell tales of the history held within its walls. After visiting the castle, continue by coach to the Eastern coast to witness the majestic "White Cliffs of Dover". Known around the world for their place in history, as well as scenic beauty, they are considered England's most spectacular natural phenomenon. Return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. **Meal: B**

**DAY 6 London – Paris, France:** It's time to say "cheerio" to London as you depart for the station where it's "all aboard" the *Eurostar*. Sit back and relax during this high-speed train ride under the English Channel via the "Chunnel" to Paris, France. Upon arrival in the "City of Light", your coach will be waiting to take you on an orientation tour. Your local guide will provide commentary as you drive along the Champs-Élysées and see other famous sites such as the Arc de Triomphe, Place de la Bastille, Opera Garnier, Place Vendôme, Les Invalides, the Latin Quarter, the Louvre and Place de la Concorde. Enjoy a photo stop at the iconic Eiffel Tower. The tour ends at the hotel for check-in and an evening at leisure. **Meal: B**



Paris' iconic landmark graces the skyline

**DAY 7 Paris:** Discover what it was like to live in a castle during today's visit to Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte. The guided tour through this privately owned château will highlight the period furnishings, beautiful paintings, tapestries and household items used in daily life. After the tour, attend a private workshop on "French Etiquette... the Art of Receiving". Learn how the staff was trained to properly greet guests, how seating plans were created for dinners at the château, the art of setting a formal table, appropriate manners, dress code and more. Before departing, enjoy an included lunch at the château. Upon returning to the hotel, the rest of the day is left free of planned activities. This evening, sample French cabaret entertainment on an optional excursion to *Paradis Latin* - one of the most historic cabaret venues in Paris. **Meals: B, L**

**DAY 8 Paris:** Today's included excursion begins with a journey by coach with a local guide to the opulent 17th-century Palace of Versailles. While visiting the palace, discover the former royal residence restored to its original grandeur. See the sleeping quarters of France's kings and queens, the rooms where elegant soirees were held, and the famous 'Hall of Mirrors' where the Treaty of Versailles was signed in 1919. After the excursion, return to the hotel for the remainder of the day and the final evening at leisure. **Meal: B**

**DAY 9 Paris / USA:** Having visited two historic yet cosmopolitan capital cities, bid 'au revoir' to Paris as you depart on the transfer to Charles de Gaulle Airport for your flight home. **Meal: B**



## Tour Highlights

- 9 meals: 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 1 dinner
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Panoramic city tour of London
- Excursion to Leeds Castle and the Cliffs of Dover
- High-speed rail journey between London and Paris aboard the *Eurostar*
- Panoramic tour of Paris
- Learn about life in a château at Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte
- Discover the secrets to French etiquette at a private workshop
- Visit the regal Palace of Versailles
- All excursions with local English-speaking guides

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Days 2 through 5** – Holiday Inn Kensington High Street, London, England

**Days 6 through 8** – Crowne Plaza Republique or similar, Paris, France

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Opulence abounds in the Palace of Versailles

Tour Departure	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
April 30, 2025	\$4,109	+ \$1,499

**Pricing includes land, air from Harrisburg International airport and transfers to and from Harrisburg with 10 or more travelers.**

### Optional Excursions\*

Windsor Castle (London): \$175 per person  
 Paradis Latin Cabaret Show (Paris): \$200 per person  
 \*Note: minimum number of participants needed to operate

### Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – \$449 per person

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- 91 days or more Deposit Amount
- 90 to 45 days prior 20% of tour cost
- 44 to 15 day prior 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior 50% of tour cost
- Day 1 of departure 100% of tour cost
- or early departure from tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour



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