



# GET AWAY FRIENDS ADVENTURE TO PARIS AND LONDON

Featuring - London, Paris

21 May, 2025 - 30 May, 2025

<b>DURATION</b> 8 Nights / 10 Days	<b>GROUP SIZE</b> 25 People	<b>AIRPORT</b> Los Angeles	<b>PRICE STARTING FROM</b> Twin Occupancy Price Per person - \$ 5,499.00 Single Supplement Price Per Person - \$ 1,459.00
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## OVERVIEW

From the majestic heights of Paris' Eiffel Tower to the grandeur of London's Westminster Abbey, embark on a memorable tour of these iconic cities. Begin with a 4-night stay in Paris, the City of Lights, where you'll tour the Eiffel Tower and visit its second level for stunning views. Delve into the rich heritage of African American history. Next, journey to London, where you'll enjoy a half-day orientation tour featuring the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Kensington Palace, and the Royal Albert Hall. Witness the Changing of the Guard ceremony at Buckingham Palace. Spend the following day at your leisure, exploring the city or the picturesque English countryside.

## ACCOMMODATION

CITY	HOTEL NAME	NO. OF NIGHTS
Paris	Hotel Elysees Regencia	5 Nights
London	Riu Plaza London, Victoria	3 Nights



## TOUR PRICE INCLUSIONS

- ◆ Round trip airfare in economy class ex Los Angeles
- ◆ Baggage fees, Airport taxes and fuel surcharge
- ◆ 05 Nights in Paris in Twin/DBL sharing basis at listed hotel or similar
- ◆ 03 Nights in London in Twin/DBL sharing basis at listed hotel or similar
- ◆ Daily breakfast
- ◆ Return Airport Group transfers.
- ◆ Paris - London in Eurostar train in Standard Class
- ◆ Paris city tour including visit to Eiffel Tour
- ◆ Louvre Museum visit with transfers
- ◆ African American History tour in Paris
- ◆ Full day London Sightseeing tour including London Eye and Thames river cruise
- ◆ Transfers to /fro Train Station in London and Paris
- ◆ 2 Lunches in Paris, 1 Lunch in London
- ◆ Services of English speaking guide during the sightseeing tour
- ◆ Applicable taxes

## TOUR PRICE EXCLUSIONS

- ◆ All other meals & other sightseeing or Services
- ◆ Gratuities for meals, tourist guides, drivers
- ◆ Porterage& Visa Fee & Travel Insurance
- ◆ Personal expenses such as alcoholic and other beverages, telephone calls, and laundry
- ◆ Any other services or Items not mentioned above as included
- ◆ Local city taxes EUR 4-7to be paid directly at hotels upon check out

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## DAY 1 | 21 May, 2025

Depart Los Angeles [/-/-]

Prepare yourself! You are leaving today for London to start your Best of London and Paris explorer tour.

## DAY 2 | 22 May, 2025

Paris Arrival [-/-/-]

Upon arrival in Paris, claim your bags and proceed towards the arrival hall. Our representative will meet you and assist you with your transfer to the hotel. (Standard check-in time is 3:00 pm)

If you have arrived early, you might like to take a stroll on the streets of London

Overnight in Paris

## DAY 3 | 23 May, 2025

Paris - City sightseeing including Eiffel Tower [B/L/-]

After breakfast, Embark on a captivating sightseeing tour through the enchanting streets of Paris, experiencing the city's iconic landmarks and vibrant ambiance.

Your day commences with a visit to the awe-inspiring Eiffel Tower, the quintessential symbol of Paris. Ascend to remarkable heights and revel in breathtaking panoramic views of the city from this magnificent iron lattice structure. Take in the sweeping vistas of Parisian landmarks, capturing memorable moments from one of the most famous vantage points in the world.

Continuing the tour, you'll explore the grandeur of the Champs-Élysées, an iconic avenue lined with fashionable boutiques, theaters, and cafes. Pass by the majestic Arc de Triomphe, a historic monument commemorating France's victories, and admire its striking architecture.

Next, delve into the rich history and architecture of Paris as you visit Notre-Dame Cathedral, an exquisite example of French Gothic architecture with its intricate facade and captivating interiors. Though undergoing restoration after the fire, Notre-Dame remains a symbol of Parisian heritage.

The journey continues to the vibrant Latin Quarter,

renowned for its lively atmosphere, bohemian culture, and historic streets. Stroll along charming cobblestone alleys and soak in the artistic and intellectual ambiance of this eclectic neighborhood.

Immerse yourself in the beauty, history, and culture of Paris on this comprehensive sightseeing tour, capturing the essence of this magnificent city and creating lasting memories of its timeless charm.

Overnight in Paris

## DAY 4 | 24 May, 2025

Paris - Black Paris Tour [B/L/-]

Enjoy your morning meal, then at approximately 9:30 AM, your day in Paris steeped in Black history begins with a pickup from your hotel. We'll board a bus and start our exploration at the Arc de Triomphe, where your guide reveals the stories of African Americans arriving in Paris during the 1800s. Discover the notable history of Black soldiers in World Wars I and II, and visit the Champs Elysees Mansion, where Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings began their 38-year relationship in 1787.

A brief bus ride takes us to the stunning Parc Monceau, retracing the steps of Frederick Douglass, Dr. W.E.B. Dubois, Henry O. Tanner, and other prominent figures. We'll stand before a monument commemorating France's abolition of the African slave trade, honoring Napoleon's famous Black general and his son, Alexandre Dumas, a renowned French writer. Learn about Toussaint L'ouverture and Haiti's historic revolt, passing by author Dumas' former residence and the church dedicated to African Saint Augustine, a Catholic Church founder.

Witness Josephine Baker's church funeral at Place de la Madeleine and pause at Place Concorde, once home to the guillotine during the French Revolution, now housing the US Embassy. Explore the African Obelisk, the oldest Parisian monument brought from Luxor in 1831, an astronomical device used at the Temple of Thebes.

Our next stop, the Olympia Concert Hall, hosted legendary African American musicians like Louis

Armstrong, Nina Simone, and Ray Charles. Continue to the Opera Garnier, where celebrated Black operatic talents graced the stage.

We'll visit "Little Africa" at Chateau Rouge, experiencing its vibrant outdoor market. Drive through historic Montmartre, once dubbed "The Harlem of Paris," then explore lesser-known corners in the Latin Quarter, Montparnasse, Lower Montmartre, and the Champs Elysées, recalling James Baldwin, Richard Wright, and Diaspora intellectuals.

Relish lunch at La Creole, followed by a visit to the Church of the Black Madonna, housing the Notre Dame de Bonne Dédicace, a significant Black Madonna statue from the 14th century.

Stop for a group photo at Place Josephine Baker in the 14th Arrt before your return to the hotel around 5:30 PM. Spend your evening exploring Paris's charming boulevards and lanes, savoring a café au lait while immersing yourself in the city's sophisticated ambiance.

Overnight in Paris

**DAY 5 | 25 May, 2025** Paris - Visit to Louvre [B/-/]

Morning meet your guide and visit the Louvre Museum.

This iconic masterpiece offers unique insights into each work. Delve into the former residence of the Kings of France, now one of the world's oldest and most visited museums, showcasing art from ancient civilizations to the mid-19th century. Follow a curated route through the Louvre's highlights. Experience close encounters with renowned sculptures like the Venus de Milo and The Winged Victory of Samothrace, an iconic Hellenistic statue representing Nike, the Greek goddess of victory. Marvel at the Mona Lisa, the world's most famous Renaissance portrait, whose 1911 theft contributed to its legendary status. Explore both celebrated and lesser-known artworks deserving of admiration. Discover treasures from the Renaissance, ancient Greece, and paintings spanning the 13th to 19th centuries, along with prints from the Royal Collection. Delve into the Louvre Palace's basement to see the foundations of its medieval origins and uncover its rich history. Post tour return back to the hotel and relax

**Optional " Seine River Cruise with Dinner "**  
**Per person (minimum 15 Pax)**

Evening we have ensured a memorable night out in Paris with a gourmet dinner cruise along the Seine River. Float past the city's famed monuments, such as the Eiffel Tower, Louvre Museum, and Ile de la Cité aboard a luxury Bateaux Parisiens riverboat. Soak up the magic of Paris from an onboard dining room while enjoying a gourmet 3-course meal. Please note that Champagne and live music are also included on select 8:30pm departures. Evening cruise along the Seine River Sip on a glass of Champagne when you board your boat (for 8:30pm dinner cruises only) Enjoy a 3-course à la carte dinner with wine See iconic Paris attractions that line the Seine's UNESCO World Heritage-listed riverbanks.

**DAY 6 | 26 May, 2025** Paris - Day free at leisure [B/-/]

Day is free at leisure. Spend the day soaking up the sights and sounds of this elegant European capital. You may wish to experience a full-day Optional Experience to Palace of Versailles and Garden tour. Spend your evening at leisure exploring the city's glittering sights at night.

**Optional - Palace of Versailles and Garden tour -**  
**Per person (Minimum 15 pax)**

Travel from Paris on this half-day trip to Versailles. Save time with skip-the-line tickets, a convenient return transfer, and an engaging tour of Versailles Palace and its historic rooms and chambers. Upon arrival, access the palace through a separate entrance. Then, discover the opulence, beauty, and history of the palace on an interactive guided tour. During the 90-minute tour, see the State Apartments, the King's Bedroom, and the emblematic Hall of Mirrors. Learn about the main figures of the French monarchy, from King Louis XIV to Marie Antoinette. Hear about the many fascinating historical events that took place in the palace's rooms. After your tour of the palace, take some free time to stroll around the beautiful French Gardens. Enjoy a guided tour of the gardens Finally, hop back on the bus for your journey back to your hotel

Overnight in Paris

**DAY 7 | 27 May, 2025** Paris - London [B/-/]

Morning enjoy your breakfast at leisure. Its time to say good bye to French Capital and proceed to London. You will be transferred to Gare du Nord station later this morning in time to board the Eurostar train and be whisked beneath the English Channel as you journey to Pancras station, London

*(Travelers should be prepared for an early morning train departure. Porterage is not included for the train transfers. Travelers must be comfortable lifting and carrying all luggage over steps, onto platforms, and into luggage storage)*

Upon arrival in London, you will be transferred to your hotel. Spend rest of the evening at leisure.

Overnight in London

DAY 8 | 28 May, 2025

London - Full day London sightseeing including lunch [B/L/-]

Embark on an engaging guided excursion through London's vibrant streets, where the fusion of history and contemporary life paints an exhilarating portrait of the city.

Kickstart your London adventure with a panoramic guided tour showcasing the capital's beloved landmarks. Passing by the historic Westminster Abbey in Parliament Square, we'll then explore the impressive St Paul's Cathedral. Take a break to wander through this commanding church adorned with tombs, memorials, and intricate mosaics, learning about Sir Christopher Wren's architectural masterpiece and its significance as the wedding venue for Princess Diana and Charles.

Experience the regal elegance of Buckingham Palace and witness the timeless Changing of the Guard ceremony, accompanied by ceremonial music and faultless military precision. Our journey continues to the magnificent Westminster Abbey, where the intricate architecture and the final resting place of influential figures from British history bring bygone eras to vivid life.

Step into one of the iconic glass capsules of the London Eye, soaring 135 meters above ground level for

unparalleled views of the city. From this elevated perspective, you can spot earlier visited London attractions, with the potential to even glimpse Windsor Castle on clear days.

Post the London Eye experience, we'll transition to a serene River Thames Boat Ride coupled with Lunch, allowing you to relax and absorb the essence of London's landmarks along the waterway, ending at Tower Pier.

Our final stop brings us to the historic Tower of London, an ancient fortress steeped in royal history and home to the illustrious Crown Jewels. Uncover the fortress's hidden stories as our guide regales you with captivating tales from its intriguing past.

The remainder of the day beckons you to leisurely stroll through historic streets, where street performers add charm to the ambiance amidst delightful shops and bustling cafes.

Overnight in London

DAY 9 | 29 May, 2025

London - Day free at leisure [B/-/-]

Take advantage of your free day in London to relax and explore. Spend some time unwinding in Hyde Park, where you can rent a paddleboat on the Serpentine Lake or take a leisurely stroll through the beautiful gardens. Next to Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens features the Serpentine Gallery and Kensington Palace, the residence of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

For some shopping, head to Oxford Street, one of the world's most famous shopping streets with over 300 stores. Be sure to visit Regent Street as well, known for its elegant architecture and flagship stores, including the renowned Hamleys toy store.

When it's time to eat, Soho offers a wide range of dining options, from trendy restaurants to cozy bistros. Experience the quintessential British tradition of afternoon tea, with luxurious options like The Ritz or unique venues such as Sketch. This vibrant district also boasts cuisines from around the world.

For entertainment, catch a world-class musical or play in London's West End, with popular shows like "The Lion King," "Hamilton," and "Les Misérables."

Alternatively, consider booking one of our suggested add-ons to enhance your London experience.

### **Optional – Windsor Castle, Oxford and Stonehenge Tour including lunch**

Embark on a coach day trip to explore significant historical landmarks across the UK, delving into the intriguing history of the royal family, English culture, and witnessing breathtaking countryside vistas. Journey to the impressive Windsor Castle, a functional royal residence that was Queen Elizabeth II's beloved weekend retreat. Situated near the charming Windsor town and overlooking the Thames, this opulent fortress has stood for almost a millennium. Inside the lavish State Apartments, inhabited by 39 monarchs since its construction, discover priceless artwork by masters like Leonardo da Vinci and Rembrandt. Explore St George's Chapel, the site of royal weddings and the resting place of monarchs like Queen Elizabeth II and the infamous Henry VIII. Spot the enigmatic Stonehenge as you approach Salisbury Plain, offering an up-close encounter with this 5,000-year-old Neolithic monument. Situated prominently in the landscape, Stonehenge has puzzled experts for centuries. Explore the site and its intriguing theories, attempting to decipher its mysteries. Don't miss the exhibition featuring 250 archaeological objects shedding light on its history.

Wander the quaint, cobblestone streets of Oxford on a guided walking tour, immersing yourself in this historically rich city. Traverse charming college courtyards, including the famous Christ Church, recognizable from various Harry Potter scenes. Visit the renowned 17th-century Bodleian Library, a vast repository of knowledge. Explore Oxford University, the oldest English-speaking university, boasting alumni like T. S. Eliot, Hugh Grant, and Bill Clinton.

### **Optional – Shakespeare's Stratford and the Cotswolds including lunch**

Explore an unforgettable day trip to Stratford-upon-Avon and the Cotswolds, whether you're on a literary quest, seeking historical adventures, or simply aiming to experience one of England's most stunning regions. Our journey commences in the picturesque and historically rich town of Stratford-upon-Avon, birthplace of the esteemed playwright William Shakespeare. Delve into the charming half-timbered house where the legendary writer was born, with our expert guide offering insights into Shakespeare's childhood and the lifestyle of that era. Next, we visit Anne Hathaway's cottage and gardens, the home of Shakespeare's bride. This unassuming thatched farmhouse preserves numerous original family furniture pieces, including the famed Hathaway bed. Surrounded by exquisite gardens, experience the very place where Shakespeare courted his future wife. Step into Shakespeare's schoolroom, where the journey of the world-renowned writer began. Explore the inspiring environment that fueled his path to becoming the remarkable playwright we know today! Follow in the Bard's footsteps and discover the lessons that shaped his early life, gaining a captivating insight into Shakespeare's formative years. Venture into the Cotswolds, an officially designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty adorned with breathtaking landscapes and quaint English villages straight out of a storybook. Capture the beauty of Bibury, lauded by William Morris as 'the most beautiful village in England,' and visit Bourton-on-the-Water, nicknamed 'Little Venice' for its charming low bridges and picturesque stone architecture, perfect for memorable photo stops.

Overnight in London

DAY 10 | 30 May,  
2025

London - Departure [B/-/-]

And it's time to say goodbye! Today you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight home. Thank you for spending the time with us.

## Payment Policy

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**Deposit: US\$ 500 per person [Non-refundable / Non-transferable]**

Booking date: 31st July 2024

50% Deposit: 13th Dec 2024

Full Balance: 21st Feb 2024

(Once the deposit is paid, the travelers can then pay any amount on any date. Travelers to ensure that the payment deadlines are met as above)

## INSURANCE AND GET AWAY FRIENDS BOOKING AGREEMENT

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We consider adequate travel insurance to be essential. Travel insurance is widely available to purchase. It is the personal responsibility of each traveler to ensure that they have adequate travel insurance coverage. Please read the policy details carefully. It is each traveler's personal responsibility to ensure that the insurance cover purchased is suitable and adequate for their particular needs. Voyages Hub will not be responsible or liable for any consequence of any nature arising from the failure to comply with the responsibility of providing adequate travel insurance cover.

Please contact Jean Freeman for your Travel Insurance Needs

**Please refer to the Get Away Friends Booking Agreement. Your booking and payment constitute acceptance of those terms.**

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## Cancellation Policy

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- ◆ Starting from the booking date until December 13, 2024, a cancellation will incur a **\$500** per person non-refundable/non-transferable deposit fee plus any interruption insurance costs if bought.
- ◆ From December 14, 2024 to February 21, 2025, canceling will result in cancellation of 50% of the tour price
- ◆ From February 21, 2025 to May 22, 2025, canceling will result in the full tour price being charged as cancellation with no possibility of a refund.

### **Note:**

A person becoming single because of the roommate's cancellation must pay the single supplement

All payment cut-off dates are firm, and missing deadlines without approved extensions will result in cancellations without refunds being offered.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

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