



# RAINBOW EDUCATIONAL TOURS

## Proposed Itinerary for:

**PARIS & LONDON**

**10 days/ 8 nights**

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### Paris (4) London (4)

**Day One-:** Leave **Calgary** International airport via wide-bodied jet to **Paris**, France. Enjoy in flight meals and services.

**Day Two -:** The group will arrive at the futuristic **Charles de Gaulle** airport where you will be met by the **RAINBOW EDUCATIONAL TOURS** Representative in Paris. You will be taken to your coach, then you will have morning sightseeing takes you around the major monuments of Paris: the **Tour Eiffel** (get your cameras ready at the **Palais de Chaillot** photo stop), the **Arc de Triomphe** by day, the **Madeleine**, the sumptuous **Opera Garnier**, the **Ile de la Cite** with **Notre Dame** and la **Sainte Chapelle** and many other sights. Transfer to your hotel. Continental Breakfasts and dinners (except one) are included throughout the tour. Your orientation includes the famous Parisian Metro and the area where you are staying. The Metro in Paris consists of 18 lines, over 350 stations and transports over five million people each weekday! You will soon feel confident about travelling on the convenient Paris metro. Take an evening stroll in the **Place de la Concorde** for your first glimpse of the floodlit monuments of Paris, notably the **Arc de Triomphe** at the head of the long **Champs Elysees** and the fountains and obelisk of **Concorde**. As you gaze around the spacious Place it is hard to imagine the guillotine set up here during the French Revolution and the many heads that rolled. You will have dinner and overnight Paris.

**Day Three -:** Today, you will travel by RER to Euro Disney. There you will be provided with passes for the day and you will be responsible for your own dinner. You will return to Paris late that night.

**Day Four -:** This morning you will have a guided tour of the **Louvre**, where you will see the **Mona Lisa** and the **Venus de Milo** and after lunch you will board your coach for the excursion to the Palace and Grounds of the **Sun King at Versailles** for a guided tour. See the **Grands Appartements** of the royal living quarters and the beautiful **Galerie des Glaces** also known as the **Hall of Mirrors**. You will time to wander through parts of the exquisitely landscaped grounds with the many fountains. You will have dinner and then you will go to the third level of the Eiffel Tower. **Overnight Paris.**

**Day Five –:** This morning you will have a tour of the old **Opera Garnier** building Later you will return to **Notre Dame Cathedral and climb to the top.**, Then you will stroll the renowned **Champs-Elysees**. By now you will feel at ease in the city and able to travel on foot or by metro like a Parisian! You will have time for lunch. Then you will travel by Metro and climb the steps up to **Montmartre** where the white **Basilica of Sacre Coeur** gleams high above Paris. Visit the Basilica and then go round the corner to the nearby **Place du Tertre** where artists have set up their easels, and perhaps have your portrait sketched. You will have your final dinner in Montmartre and then return to your hotel to pack,

**Day Six -:** Early departure for the ferry crossing of the English Channel from **Calais to Dover**. En route stop at **Vimy Ridge** to visit the Canadian Memorial and the trenches of World War I. Be warned! You must get up **VERY EARLY** to make sure you have time for the visit and also time to catch the ferry to Dover. After disembarking at Dover, you will be met by and then continue on to the quaint city of **Canterbury**, seat of the Archbishop of the Church of England. It was here that Thomas A Beckett was murdered in the reign of Henry II. The king's grief and remorse led him to build a shrine, which became the centre for pilgrimages. In Chaucer's Canterbury Tales chronicles, the anecdotes were told by a group of pilgrims to while away their time as they journeyed to the shrine. You will have time to visit the Cathedral precinct with its beautiful historic setting. Travel to London where upon arrival, you check into your hotel and then give you an orientation of the area including a lesson on using the **London Tube**. You will have dinner and overnight in London.

**Day Seven -:** This morning, at **8:30 AM**. Meet your London guide for a sightseeing tour of the highlights of the city on foot and by Tube. First stop will be to see one of the most historic buildings in London- **Westminster Abbey**. The Abbey dates from the 11th century and the start of the Norman Conquest of William the Conqueror; you will see a cavalcade of the ages on tombs and portraits. See **Big Ben**, the **Parliament Buildings**, **#10 Downing Street** and continue down **Whitehall** past the Admiralty where you will see the famous Horse Guards. Continue through St. James's Park and up the Mall to **Buckingham Palace**. If today is a guard change day, you will watch the ceremony of the **Changing of the Guard**. You will walk past the palace; to **Hyde Park Corner** there you will take the Tube to **Covent Garden**, the former market square of London. Time for lunch, before, you continue walking to the **Tower of London** where your guided visit includes entrance to the **Jewel House** to see the **Crown Jewels of the Royal Family**. You will have dinner and then you have tickets to a live **West End Theatre** performance

**Day Eight-:** This morning, (8 AM) you will have a full day excursion with your guide to **Stratford-Upon-Avon**. Upon arrival, you will have a tour of this picturesque city. You will see some of the **Shakespearean Properties** (including entrance to **Anne Hathaway's Cottage**), the river **Avon**, **Holy Trinity Church**, **English Teahouses** and more. You will continue to **Warwick**. **Warwick** has probably the most popular **Castle** in England for visitors. Its setting and its excellent state of preservation make it a highlight of the tour.

**Day Nine-:** Today you have a reservation and entrance to visit **Madame Tussaud's** famous waxworks. This is your last day to make the most of London. Your groups will have made choices to do some of the following. A visit to the **British Museum** should not be missed. Here you will see a copy of the **Magna Carta** and **Admiral Nelson's logbook** amongst other famous papers and manuscripts. You will find priceless collections of Egyptian, Greek and Roman antiquities

including the Elgin Marbles from the Parthenon in Athens and the Rosetta stone which assisted archaeologists interpret Egyptian script. Visit the Mummy halls where sarcophagi are stacked almost ceiling high and the mummification process is clearly illustrated. Look for mummies with even their fingers and toes individually wrapped. Shoppers in the group will no doubt want to spend time in the famous department stores **HARROD'S** and **SEFRIDGE'S**. **Oxford Street** and **Regent Street** and **Camden Lock** are also popular shopping destinations. You will visit the **Portobello Road Market** and you may also decide to visit the **War Museum**. If you have budgeted for extra entrance fees, you might want to go over to the macabre **London Dungeon**. Dinner and then you will have a **Ghost Walk** and overnight in London

**Day Ten -:** This morning you will have some time to do some last minute shopping before you are transferred to the airport for the return flight to Canada.

**Included in the Cost of the Tour:**

- Airfare Calgary/Paris returns London/Calgary via scheduled airlines such as Air Canada.
- All transfers
- Continental Breakfast and dinners daily (except one) in Paris and London
- 8 nights Tourist Class Accommodation in multi bedded rooms
- Services of the RAINBOW representatives in Paris and London
- Entrances and guided sightseeing tours as outlined in the day-to-day itinerary
- Tickets to West End Theatre
- Ghost Walk
- Entrance to Madame Tussauds
- Boat Ride on the Bateaux Mouches
- Carnet (10) of Metro Tickets for Paris
- Ferry ticket for the trip across the channel.
- Tube passes in London for the one day of sight seeing
- Services of the RAINBOW Educational consultant before departure including materials for the students
- RER tickets and passes to Euro Disney
- Airport Taxes

**Not Included:**

- Expenses of a personal nature
- Passport
- Visa Fees (if necessary)
- Beverages with meals
- Optional tours, excursions and activities
- Gratuities for tour managers, guides, coach drivers and in restaurants.
- Comprehensive Insurance: Excess Medical, Trip Cancellation, and Baggage
- Single supplements for any single hotel room accommodation required
- Fuel surcharges if applied by the airlines
- Any additional taxes imposed by any authority before departure.

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