



# SERA Presents: *Highlights of London*



**December 1 – 7, 2022**

**\$2499 double occupancy • \$5648 single occupancy**

## PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Round-trip motor-coach transportation between Harrisburg and PHL Airport
- Return air transportation between London and PHL Airport via British Airways
- Complimentary meals and beverages served aloft
- 5 nights accommodation at Copthorne Tara Hotel, London, United Kingdom
- Exclusive services of an English-speaking Tour Manager
- All transportation by deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- 5 Breakfasts
- Entrance fee for included features
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhance touring
- Baggage handling (for one bag per person) at hotel
- Exclusive services of a Gate 1 Travel escort (based on 30 passengers)

## SPECIAL FEATURES:

- Panoramic Sightseeing tours of London
- Tour of Tower of London

For additional information and to get registered on the tour call a reservation specialist at 215-572-7676 or check the tour details and register on line via this webpage link:

<https://www.gate1travel.com/Cms/Package/2016413>



## ITINERARY

### DAY 1, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2022

#### - DEPART PHILADELPHIA, USA

Depart the USA via an overnight flight to London.

### DAY 2, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2022 - ARRIVAL WITH PANORAMIC TOUR

Arrive in London. Upon arrival, you will be met by a local Gate1 Tour Manager and taken on a panoramic sightseeing tour of London. You will see sites such as Buckingham Palace, Harrods Department Store, the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, the National Gallery, and more. With any luck, you may even be able to watch part of the Changing of the Guards at Buckingham Palace (if taking place on the day and depending on your flight arrival time). Then you will be taken to your hotel for check-in. If rooms are not ready you may leave your bags with the bellmen and begin to explore London on your own or have lunch on own at the hotel or any number of nearby restaurants. The balance of the day is free to relax or explore London on your own.

**Overnight:** London

**Meals:** N/A

### DAY 3, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022

#### - HALF-DAY SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF LONDON & AFTERNOON AT LEISURE

This morning you will enjoy a tour visiting two of the most impressive monuments within London's original "Square Mile". Visit the Tower of London, a former fortress and Royal Palace that has witnessed 1000 years of history most notoriously as a prison. Now the Crown Jewels are kept here and you will have a viewing of these, as well as seeing the iconic Tower Bridge. In the afternoon you are at leisure. Perhaps you might like to visit Portobello Road Market which only takes place on Saturday and Sunday. This street, in the Notting Hill section of London, is closed to traffic and becomes a vibrant street market selling everything from antiques to food and fashion, household goods, vintage clothing, collectible, bric-a-brac, furniture, and probably even the proverbial kitchen sink. Street entertainers add to the lively atmosphere of this spirited event. You can certainly find souvenirs here for family and friends back home. Alternatively, you can continue to explore London's world-class museums or take an interesting walking tour. Another wonderful activity is the War Rooms - the underground bunker that protected the staff and secrets at the heart of the British government during World War II - from which Churchill helped plot the route to Allied victory

**Overnight:** London

**Meals:** Breakfast





**DAY 4, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022 - FREE DAY AT LEISURE OR TAKE AN OPTIONAL TOUR!**

Today is a free day to explore and enjoy London on your own.

**Optional tour to Stonehenge & Bath:** \$159 per person (*minimum of 20 passengers required for the tour to operate*)

Visit Stonehenge, the most famous prehistoric monument in the world, and now a world heritage site. Its origins date back nearly 5,000 years and it has been home to pagan religion and spiritual worship, not to be mentioned in public debate ever since. Next, we head to Bath, a beautiful Georgian city with delightful crescents, terraces, and architecture. Following our scenic drive into the heart of the city, enjoy a tour of the Roman Baths. Following the tour, there will be plenty of time to explore at your leisure and eat lunch independently. You could visit Bath Abbey, Pulteney Bridge, the Jane Austen Centre, and the elegant Assembly Rooms built-in 1771. You can also shop, explore and take afternoon tea in the Pump Rooms while listening to live classical music.

**Overnight:** London

**Meals:** Breakfast

**DAY 5, MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022 - FREE DAY AT LEISURE IN LONDON**

Today spend the day at leisure on your own. Continue to explore the endless pleasures of London. There are many world-class museums including the National Gallery, British Museum (both of these museums are within walking

distance from your hotel), Victoria & Albert Museum, Natural History Museum, and more. Don't miss Westminster Abbey and perhaps enjoy the views of London from the London Eye. There are many famous shopping streets and stores, and fascinating neighborhoods to explore. London comes alive in the evenings with seemingly countless theatrical performances and concerts

**Overnight:** London

**Meals:** Breakfast

**DAY 6, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022 - DEPART TO USA**

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

**Meals:** Breakfast



**NOT INCLUDED:**

Porterage at airports, meals unless specified, optional tours, gratuities, and anything not mentioned in the 'package includes' section

**Entry Requirements:**

Passengers traveling abroad require a passport valid for six months beyond their travel dates. All travelers are responsible to check if a visa is required for all countries on their itinerary. For visa information, check our Visas page

**DEPOSIT/PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Deposit: \$300 per person on / or before June 2, 2022

Balance of payment: September 2, 2022

**Reservations can be made via webpage** <https://www.gate1travel.com/Cms/Package/2016413>

**Or by calling: Gate 1 Travel 215-572-7676**

**Cancellation Penalties**

91 days or more days prior to departure

(01 SEP 2022): \$300 per person.

90 to 61 days prior to departure

(02 SEP - 01 OCT 2022): 40% of Land cost

60 to 31 days prior to departure

(02 OCT - 31 OCT 2022): 70% of Land cost

30 days or less prior to departure

(01 NOV 2022): 100% of cost

*Minimum of 30 passengers required to allow the tour to operate at the promoted rate*

**Seat Assignments**

Seats will be requested per your completed passport name list and confirmed no earlier than 40 days prior to departure. Every airline has different group seating policies. Any name change may result in that seat being revoked by the carrier. Bulkhead and exit row seats are considered at airport check-in only. Domestic flights are blocked for group seat requests. Seats are always a request and never a guarantee. Your final seating will be determined by the airlines.

**Currency Fluctuation**

All prices are based on the rates of exchange in effect at the time of price quotation. In the event that the US dollar devalues, Gate 1 reserves the right to increase prices accordingly. Your final invoice(s) for tour participants will reflect increases resulting from currency devaluation.

**Group Harmony**

To ensure the desired group synergy, Gate 1 Travel reserves the right to accept, reject or expel any individual who is deemed disruptive or incompatible with the interests of the group, including, but not limited to, individuals who are intoxicated and/or under the influence of drugs leading to a negative experience for the remainder of the group. Expenses, including cancellation fees and/or costs for alternate travel plans or to return home, will necessarily be borne by the passenger. All unused services are non-refundable.

**Luggage**

All Gate 1 escorted tour buses allow one piece of luggage per person, plus carry-on bag. Additional baggage will be subject to a handling charge of \$100 per piece. As Gate 1 will not be responsible for loss or damage to luggage and personal belongings, you MUST report any loss or damage immediately at the time of the incident and obtain a written report from the local authority for submission to your insurance provider. If your luggage is lost or damaged by the airlines, a baggage claim form MUST be filed with the carrier before leaving the airport. We recommend that you use brightly colored luggage tags, straps or other identifiers to help you locate your luggage upon arrival or to describe it in the event that it is lost. Please visit [gate1travel.com/luggage.aspx](https://www.gate1travel.com/luggage.aspx) for complete luggage guidelines.

**Travel Protection (Insurance)**

Missing a vacation is bad enough. Losing the money you paid for your vacation is even worse. Trip insurance is therefore highly recommended

by Gate 1 Travel. Your premium is related to your trip cost, so you don't have to worry about being over-insured. Trip Protection Plan premiums are non-refundable. Travel Protection becomes effective at the time of receipt of the Travel Protection premium and may not be purchased after final payment has been made. Travel Protection (Insurance) premiums are not covered by the initial deposit. Insurance premiums may be paid at any time prior to or with final payment and become effective on the date payment is received.

**Optional Travel Protection Insurance**

Full details of coverage are available at this link: <https://www.gate1travel.com/insurance/>

**Late Payment**

Full payment should be received no later than the Final Payment date listed your final group statement. Late payment fees will be assessed and are payable in full to confirm all services; for payments received more than 5 days after the Final Payment Date a 1% fee of the outstanding balance will be added, and more than 10 days after the Final Payment Date a 2% fee of the outstanding balance will be added.

Individual reservations with outstanding balances after the final payment date listed on the passenger invoice will be subject to automatic service cancellation. A service reinstatement fee of \$50 per reservation will be added to each outstanding invoice and must be paid in advance in order to apply for reconfirmation of services.

**Reservation Changes**

"Changes to an existing reservation, whatever the cause, will incur \$50 per person plus any additional supplier fees. This includes name changes\* and removal of any services such as optional tours and transfers.

\*Please note that name changes to airline reservations are subject to full cancellation and rebooking. Changes or additions after departure are subject to local rates at the time of amendment and must be paid directly by the passenger to the service provider. There are no refunds for unused services.

Note: All cancellations must be made in writing. Tour cancellation insurance will be made available to all passengers. The State Employees Recreation Association, its officers, directors, representatives and members, expressly disclaims all responsibility or liability of any nature whatsoever for loss, damage or injury to property or to the person due to any cause whatsoever, occurring during or attributable to the tour, or tours, described herein and purchaser/participant by his or her subscription to or participation in the travel opportunity, does release SERA from such liability or responsibility. Without limiting the foregoing, SERA is not and shall not become liable or responsible for accidents, loss, detention, annoyance, delays and expenses arising from quarantine, strikes, force major, failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled, disturbances, government restrictions or regulations, discontinuances or change in transit or hotel accommodations and/or services and other causes over which they have no control. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser and/or participants of this tour. SERA is not responsible, and the Purchaser and/or participant waives all claim against SERA, for all of the aforesaid conditions as well as loss or damage resulting from delays, cancellations or substitutions of equipment, financial conditions, or any act, omission, negligence, or any other faults by the travel agent, carriers, hotel or any other transportation or service providers or companies, their agents, servants, employees and sub-contractors or other causes. In the event that, in the opinion of SERA, it becomes necessary or advisable for the comfort and/or well being of the passengers, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary of this tour, including the airline and type of equipment, accommodations and/or service utilized, SERA reserves the right to do so at its sole discretion and without notice. SERA is a non-profit organization, comprised of volunteers, for the benefit of all Commonwealth employees, active or retired, their relatives and friends. It is solely responsible for its own affairs and completely independent of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**State Government Assistance**

Tour participants requiring assistance or accommodation for disabilities should contact the travel agency to discuss your specific requirements and what accommodation is possible.