Exploring the lesser known gems in and around ...

LONDON

5 days – 4 nights. £825 per person*

Our Tour

What's included

* Executive coach travel
* 3 nights bed & breakfast accommodation in Kensington
* Two lunches
* Dorney Court
* Strawberry Hill
* Leighton House
* Sambourne House
* Syon Park
* Thames boat trip
* Gratuities for driver & guides

Extras

* Single supplement – £175 per person (twin/double for sole use)

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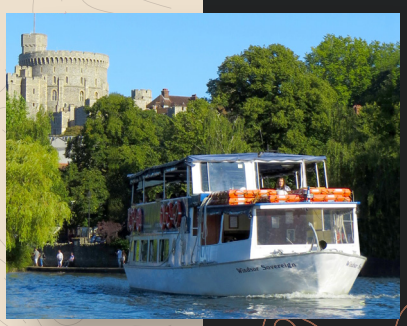

*Based on two sharing a twin/double room and a minimum of 35 members travelling.

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Our Itinerary

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Day 1 - Departing Cardiff, we travel towards London, with appropriate comfort stops before arriving in the Windsor area for an included lunch. After lunch, we visit **Dorney Court**, First and foremost, Dorney Court is a family home to the Palmers, as it has been for nearly 500 years. However it has been used many times as a film set, most recently in Bridgerton. Grade 1 listed, it is arguably one of the finest Tudor Manor Houses in England and is designated as being of outstanding architectural and historical interest.

Day 2 - After breakfast we set off on foot to visit Sambourne House & Leighton House, which are within a 10-15 minute walk from the hotel. **Sambourne House** is the former home of Punch cartoonist Edward Linley Sambourne, his family and their servants. Theis fascinating house gives an insight into the lives of the family, and is a rare example of what was known as an 'Aesthetic interior' or 'House Beautiful' style. **Leighton House** is the former home and studio of the leading Victorian artist Frederic, Lord Leighton (1830-1896), President of the Royal Academy. The house is truly unique and remarkable, often described as like stepping into a world of artistic imagination, and includes an iconic Arab Hall, with a golden dome and calming fountain. The museum houses an outstanding collection of high Victorian art, including works by Leighton himself. After time to obtain lunch (not included) in the nearby Kensington Hight Street, our coach will meet us for a visit to **Strawberry Hill House & Garden.** Created by Horace Walpole in the 18th century, Strawberry Hill House & Garden has been open to visitors for over 250 years. This extraordinary building is internationally famous as Britain's finest example of Georgian Gothic revival architecture and home to an increasingly important collection of paintings and objects. This 'little Gothic castle' is home to fireplaces and gilded ceilings like medieval tombs and vaults, plus painted glass with rustic and biblical scenes and heraldry.

Day 3 - This morning we visit **Syon Park House & Gardens,** the London home of the Duke of Northumberland. Designed by Robert Adam, its classical interiors are home to an array of original art and furniture. The Gardens are renowned for their extensive collection of rare trees and plants landscaped by Capability Brown during the mid 18th century, plus the spectacularGreatConservatory, built in the 1820s. Returning to central London after the visit, the afternoon will be free to explore independently.

Day 4 - Checking out of the hotel after breakfast we head to Windsor where after a busy few days we can relax and enjoy the scenery on board a River Thames 2 hour cruise. A light lunch onboard is included. After the cruise we commence the return to Cardiff.

The order of excursions is subject to change. Most of these venues are used in filming and should any visit not be possible as a result, alternatives will be arranged.

This tour will involve a considerable amount of walking - a reasonable degree of mobility and appropriate footwear are recommended.

Our Hotel

We have opted for location with 3 nights bed & breakfast at the **Holiday Inn Kensington High Street,** located in a quiet spot a few minutes walk from the nearest underground station and shops. The hotel has a swimming pool and to the rear a lovely private garden.

How to book

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