

LONDON: Dance Tour

(Note: This is only a sample tour)

Day 1: Depart for London.

Day 2: Arrive in **London** and will be met at the airport by your guide who will escort you on a city orientation tour. Visit **Westminster Abbey**.

Day 3: Your world of Shakespeare begins with a guided visit to the historic Elizabethan replica of **Shakespeare's Globe Theatre**. Most of Shakespeare's post-1599 plays were staged at the original Globe Theater which perished in the 1613 fire that occurred as a result of a cannon misfire during a performance of Henry the Eighth. It hosts authentic old time performances of Shakespeare's plays with no amplification but it can be toured when there are no plays. Today you will visit the theatre and museum. The Globe is located in London's **Southbank** Area, an eclectic area that is the year round cultural heart of the city. Stop at **Borough Food Market** for some delectable eats before you make your way to the Tower of London for a visit. The tower has a dark history with tales of torture, public executions, confinement and haunting. This historic fortress houses the best display of crown jewels on the earth.



Day 4: Today is your first **dance class** at one of London's premier dance studios. Whether you are looking for ballet, contemporary, tap, hip hop or even if you are hoping to perform on the West End theatre or Broadway, or in commercials, music videos, TV series, feature films and much more, the studio has it all. Covent Garden's is famous for its fashionable boutiques, street performers, and is recognized as one of London's premier entertainment and leisure destination. Plan your lunch here and a bit of shopping or just wandering and catching the entertainment, before your guided backstage tour of the **Royal Opera House**. Hopefully see a ballet class in progress and the magnificent backstage technology in operation. Tonight enjoy a **professional dance show**.



Day 5: Today is a visit to **London's Royal National Theatre**, a wonderful venue to see a show, attend a talk, listen to music, take a backstage tour, enjoy an outdoor performance in the summer, browse and shop in the bookstore, sit and relax in the foyer and have a cup of coffee, a snack, lunch or dinner. Today enjoy a backstage tour to the unseen parts of the building. Discover the history of the building, visit the three auditoriums and backstage areas and see the workshops where the sets and props are created. Afterwards enjoy a workshop. London is home to numerous world class museums including The National Gallery, Tate Modern, Tate Britain, Victoria and Albert Museum, Natural History Museum, The Science Museum, Museum of London, The Royal Academy, and The National Portrait Gallery, or British Museum. This afternoon visit one museum of your choice. Or visit **Buckingham Palace** to see the Changing of the Guard.

Day 6: This morning you are schedule for a special **dance injury clinic**. Then use your tube pass to visit some of London's notable street markets. Don't miss Petticoat Lane, Portobello Road and **Camden Markets**. After dinner travel back in time to the Autumn of 1888 when a series of brutal murders brought terror and panic to the streets of London's East end. Your **Jack the Ripper Walking Tour** will follow Jack's trail on the dark, deserted crooked cobblestone alleyways of Whitechapel to follow Jack the Ripper's bloodstained trail of terror.



Day 7: Board the tube for the Victoria and Albert for your visit to the **Museum Theatre Performance Collection**. The V&A's Theatre Collections holds the UK's national collection of material about live performance in the UK since Shakespeare's day, covering drama, dance, musical theatre, circus, music hall, rock and pop, and other forms of live entertainment. Here you will also experience a Workshop or a second dance class of your choice. Tonight after dinner you will make your way to the west end to attend a London Theatre performance. London showcases the greatest talent and variety in the world in this famous district.

Day 8: Alas your visit to London has come to an end and you must head for home. You will be transferred to the airport for your transatlantic flight home.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Return airfare to London
- London coach transfers – return airport
- Assistance upon arrival in London
- 6 nights hotel accommodation with private facilities
- 6 Breakfasts
- 3 dinners
- Walking tours:
 - o Guided orientation walking tour
 - o Guided Jack the Ripper Tour
- Entrances/visits:
 - o Westminster Abbey
 - o Tower of London
 - o 1 West End Theatre
 - o Dance performance
 - o Globe Theatre backstage tour
 - o V & A Museum Theatre performance collection
 - o 2 dance classes
 - o Dance injury Clinic
 - o Royal National Theater backstage tour
 - o Royal National Theatre dance workshop
 - o Backstage tour Royal Opera House
 - o Entrance to Museum of choice
- 6 day tube pass for London

