

# LONDON & PARIS: Fashion Tour

(Note: This is only a sample tour)

**Day 1:** Depart today on your flight to London.

**Day 2:** Arrive in **London** and transfer to your hotel. Meet guide for your sightseeing tour. **Visit Westminster Abbey, see Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and 10 Downing Street.**

**Day 3:** Day 3: Meet your guide in East London for a **full day of exciting fashion activities**. Many of the radical changes in fashion that occurred in the 1960's and 70's developed in the streets of London. Designers such as Mary Quant pioneered the mini skirt in the 60's, while punk with the ripped T shirts and Doc Martens dominated the 70's. In complete contrast was Laura Ashley who popularized the nostalgic long flouncy skirts and high necked blouses in floral prints. Your guide will take you on a walking tour through the area including Brick Lane and Spitalfields Market for some rare fashion delights. Later you will be escorted to a local design studio where you will participate in a hands on workshop from a designer whose mandate is sustainable styling. Learn the successful secrets to deconstructing, recutting and completely transforming ready to wear. After lunch on your own, **meet a designer and visit the studio** where the magic happens.



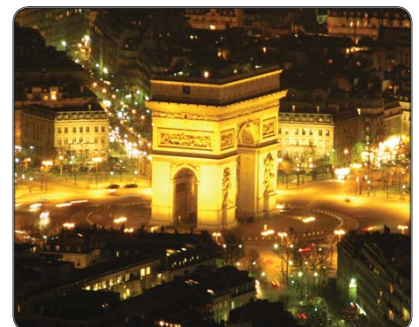
**Day 4:** Today is a half day immersed in the **London fashion scene** in Soho and Covent Gardens. Covent Gardens is famous for its fashionable boutiques, street performers, restaurants and the Royal Opera House and is recognized as London's premier entertainment and leisure destination. Soho's patchwork of streets is also famous as an entertainment district and has gone through dramatic alterations since its origins at the time of Henry VIII. Meet and talk with a store owner and a fashion blogger. Later visit some of London's notable street markets such as Petticoat Lane, Portobello Road and Camden Markets. Tonight is your **West End Theatre performance**.

**Day 5:** This morning visit the **Tower of London**. The tower has a notorious history of murder, confinement and intrigue and has served as a castle in wartime, a king's residence in peace, and as a prison and execution site and houses the best display of crown jewels on earth. Later cross the Thames to the Southbank Area, home to attractions, theatres, restaurants, exhibitions, festivals and all sorts of family fun activities. As you explore the Southbank, be sure to stop at Borough Food Market for some delectable lunchtime eats. Walk to the Fashion Museum for a visit or attend the Globe Theatre Exhibition and Tour. Tonight shop till you drop along Oxford Street and Dover Street Market.



**Day 6:** Make your way to **Buckingham Palace** to catch the changing of the guard. Then travel to the Victoria and Albert Museum with its fabulous costume exhibit. The Victoria and Albert Museum has collected dresses since its earliest days and its collection includes fashionable dress from the 17th century to the present day. The V & A collections also include accessories such as jewelry, gloves and handbags. Later today transfer to the train station where you will transfer via Eurostar to Paris. Bonjour **Paris**.

**Day 7:** Walking orientation tour of the city. Your guide will leave you in the Latin Quarter or near Notre Dame Cathedral. The Latin Quarter got its name because at one time Latin was spoken here. Today it is a lovely place to stroll as it is brimming with cafes, restaurants, little bookstores, tourist shops all of which add to the lively and attractive ambiance of the neighborhood. Visit **Notre Dame Cathedral**, and Ste Chappelle and possibly the Conciergerie, all of which are located on the Ile de La Cite. Ste Chappelle was founded by King Louis IX who constructed it as a royal chapel and to house precious relics. The Conciergerie was built in the early 14th century and became the first prison of Paris. During the French Revolution nearly 3000 of the condemned, including Marie Antoinette, spent their last days here.. Today you can visit the Prisoners Gallery where cells have been reconstructed according to the time as well as a few mementos of the French Revolution.



Board the metro to see the famous cabaret, Moulin Rouge. Continue to Montmartre, one of the most picturesque quarters of the city. It is a working class, colorful, crowded and lively area dominated by souvenir shops, cafes, and inexpensive clothing and multitude of fabric and notions stores. Climb or take the funicular up to **Sacre Coeur**, a beautiful white basilica, magnetically towering from the highest point in Montmartre. This evening visit Paris's grands magasins (department stores) Galeries Lafayette and Printemps department stores.

**Day 8:** Full day of fashion related activities learning from fashion professionals who are familiar with the fashion world and will provide you with knowledge and skills of the world of French Haute Couture. Enjoy a walking tour of the most important fashion areas of this glorious city followed by a visit to a Parisian Fashion School and visits to independent fashion designers. Later tonight after dinner you will ascend the **Eiffel Tower**.

**Day 9:** Today a guided visit to the **Louvre** and the Musee des Arts Decoratifs, housing 35,000 fashion accessories and pieces of fabric illustrating the evolution of clothing. Then see Place de la Concorde, Place Vendome and Palais Royale. Walk the Champs Elysee, Ave de Montaigne, Rue du Faubourg, and Saint Honore, widely cited as the most fashionable streets in the world. See the Arc de Triomphe. Tonight a Seine Cruise.

**Day 10:** Cheerio. Time to depart for home.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Return airfare to London return Paris
- One way Eurostar London - Paris
- Coach transfers:
  - o London & Paris – return airport and train station transfers
- Assistance upon arrival in London
- 8 nights hotel accommodation with private facilities
- 8 Breakfasts
- 4 dinners
- Guided orientation tours
  - o Walking in London
  - o Walking in Paris
- Entrances/visits:
  - o Westminster Abbey
  - o Tower of London
  - o 1 West End Theatre
  - o V&A Museum
  - o Fashion Museum or Globe Theatre Backstage tour
  - o Guided Louvre visit
  - o Musee Des Arts Decoratif
  - o Eiffel Tower
  - o Seine River Cruise
- Fashion Activities
  - 1 ½ days in London including
    - o Walking tour of the east end
    - o Hands on workshop
    - o Visit to designer and studio
    - o Guided visit to Soho and Covent Garden fashion scene
    - o Information session with store owner
    - o Information session with Fashion blogger
  - 1 day Paris
    - o Walking tour of fashion streets
    - o Independent fashion designer visits
    - o Possible fashion school visit
- 5 day tube pass for London
- 3 day metro pass for Paris

