

5 DAY



LONDON ITINERARY

Day One

Big Ben & Houses of Parliament

Interior tours hard to get; view from Victoria Embankment or Westminster Bridge.

Churchill War Rooms

Book ahead during peak tourist season. Plan for at least 1 hour. (option to do this on day 4 also)

Westminster Abbey

Book ahead during peak tourist season. Plan for at least 1 hour.

The London Eye

Book ahead during high seasons.

Lunch on Southbank

Have a lovely lunch with a view.

Trafalgar Square

Visit the National Gallery or National Portrait Gallery - both free and incredible.

Explore Covent Garden, Chinatown & Soho

Wander and shop in this historic, fun area. Dinner at Seven Dials Market or Chinatown is a must.

Helpful Guides

- [How to get into London from every airport](#)
- [Best Oyster Card tourist options](#)
- [How to ride the bus](#)
- [How to use the London Underground](#)
- [Packing List for London](#)
- [The Best Navigation App for London](#)

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Day Two

The Tower of London

Book ahead; arrive at opening (9 or 10am). Plan for at least 2 hours **minimum**.

Tower Bridge

Book a tour ahead during peak times, or see from the riverbank for great views.

St Dunstan in the East

Free to wander & explore the ruins.

Lunch at Leadenhall Market

Osteria Del Mercato for adults, Pizza Express for families. No booking required.

Skyscraper Views

Pick Sky Garden, Garden at 120, Horizon 22, or The Lookout. Free but try to book ahead.

London Mithraeum

Free. Book ahead during peak seasons. Plan for at least 1 hour.

Classic Pub Meal

Try the Hung, Drawn & Quartered, The Hoop & Grapes, or the Ten Bells or White Hart (of Jack the Ripper victim fame).

Jack the Ripper Tour

Book ahead if you can. Usually start around 7pm and go for ~2 hours.

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Day Three

The British Museum

Free, no booking required. Plan for at least 2 hours minimum.

Shopping on Oxford Street

Don't miss Liberty & Hamleys. Posher shops are on Regent Street and Bond Street; high street shops are on Oxford Street.

Afternoon Tea

Usually offered ~12pm-5pm. Book ahead at fancy places. Sometimes there's a dress code.

Explore the Royal Parks

Walk around Hyde Park or St James's Park (or both!).

Pre-Theatre Meal

Try Seven Dials Market for a casual feast, or The Palomar for a more posh (but affordable) affair.

West End Show

Book ahead or use TodayTix for last-minute deals.

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Day Four

Pick a “Big 3” Museum

Choose the Natural History Museum, Victoria & Albert Museum, or the Science Museum. All Free. No booking required. Minimum 2 hours each

OR Churchill War Rooms (if you didn't do it on day 1)

Book ahead. Plan for at least 1 hour.

Harrod's

The iconic London department store also has great restaurants and food halls.

Kensington Palace

Book ahead during peak times. Plan for at least 2 hours.

Notting Hill

See the pretty pastel houses & Portobello Road Market

Little Venice

Wander Regent's Canal and see the houseboats and charming village surroundings.

Canalside Meal

Find the nearby Warwick Castle, The Summerhouse, or The Prince Alfred for a cosy canalside meal.

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Day Five

Tate Modern

Free. Plan for at least 2 hours. Don't forget the top floor viewing platform!

Shakespeare's Globe

Tours available multiple times a day. Book ahead.

Borough Market

This ancient market gets packed during weekends, but it's worth exploring and eating your way through.

The Old Operating Theatre

Original operating theatre & museum. Not accessible.

OR Clink Prison Museum

See the original gruesome site of this medieval prison.

The Shard

See London from the tippy top at the View From the Shard, or any of the restaurants and bars at the top.

Walk Across Tower Bridge & to Shoreditch

Take in the incredible views and wander to the East End.

Explore Shoreditch & Spitalfields

This artsy and historic neighborhood is great to wander, eat, and take in the London ambiance for your last night.