

Ghosts & GALLOWS



Highlights

- London City Tour
- Tower of London
- British Museum
- London Dungeon
- Jack the Ripper Tour
- Canterbury
- Paris City Tour
- Paris Sewer Tour
- Paris Catacombs
- Castle of Chillon
- Medieval Crime Museum
- Rothenburg Night Watchman Tour

Options

- Bateau Mouche

Itinerary

London (2), Paris (2), Montreux (2), Rothenburg (2)

DAY 1 Fly overnight to London.

DAY 2 LONDON Welcome to England, where your private bus and driver wait to escort you on a London City Tour. See the highlights of the largest city in Europe, including Buckingham Palace, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, Big Ben, and visit formidable Westminster Abbey. Drive past Marble Arch, the spot where the infamous Tyburn Gallows once stood. Visit the Tower of London to meet the Beefeaters in their Tudor uniforms, see the fabulous Crown Jewels, hear the legend of the ravens and some spine-tingling tales from the Tower's 900-year history.

DAY 3 LONDON Tour the British Museum, home of the Rosetta Stone, the Elgin Marbles, and the unparalleled collection of mummies, coffins and Books of the Dead. Next stop: London Dungeon, the world's first medieval horror museum. As the night sets in, you'll follow the crooked, cobbled alleyways of Whitechapel on your Jack the Ripper Tour. Your expert guide will spirit you back to an era of gaslit Victorian horror.

DAY 4 PARIS Visit Canterbury and the splendid Gothic cathedral where Archbishop Thomas A. Becket was murdered. Cross the English Channel to France and arrive in the "City of Light" for a Paris City Tour. See all the highlights including the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, the Place de la Concorde, the Champs Elysées, the Tuileries, and drive past the Place de l'Opera, where the infamous Phantom of the Opera haunted the unending catacombs. See the snarling gargoyles who guard the Cathedral of Notre-Dame, home to Victor Hugo's hunchback Quasimodo.

DAY 5 PARIS Here is a chance to follow in the underground footsteps of Jean Valjean, hero of *Les Misérables*. Tour a section of the fascinating

Paris Sewers, where you'll see a video presentation explaining the city's efforts to manage water throughout history. Also visit a museum that traces the workings of *les égouts*. Continue your underworld adventures in the Paris Catacombs, where seven million Parisians lie motionless. *Option:* Enjoy a Bateaux Mouches cruise on the romantic Seine, enjoying the monuments of France from a unique perspective as you take in the brilliance of the lights of Paris. Sail past the Eiffel Tower, the Trocadero, the Grand Palais, the Petit Palais, the Palais du Tokyo, the Pont Alexandre III, the Pont Neuf, and the Petit Pont.

DAY 6 MONTREUX Travel by coach to the Swiss city of Montreux on the banks of beautiful Lake Geneva. The resort stretches along the shore of a great bay, and is surrounded by woods and vineyards.

DAY 7 MONTREUX Tour the Castle of Chillon. Lord Byron made this moated castle famous. Bonivard was arrested and cast into the castle dungeons. The rest of the day is free for discovery.

DAY 8 ROTHENBURG Travel to Rothenburg, one of the best preserved medieval cities in Germany. A walk through this walled town, with its ancient houses and fountains, is an unforgettable encounter with ghosts from bygone centuries.

DAY 9 ROTHENBURG Tour the city and visit the Medieval Crime Museum. This evening you will accompany the Night Watchman on his spooky tour through the narrow cobblestone lanes and listen to his fascinating tales of the history of Rothenburg.

DAY 10 DEPART Board your flight home, with a new appreciation for the history and mystery of Europe.