

# LONDON TO *The Alps*



## Highlights

- London City Tour
- Windsor Castle
- Paris City Tour
- Highlights of the Louvre
- Palace of Versailles
- Lucerne City Tour
- Heidelberg Castle

## Options

- London Theatre Performance
- Bateaux Mouche
- TGV to Switzerland
- Mt. Pilatus

## Itinerary London (2), Paris (2), Lucerne (2), Heidelberg (1)

**DAY 1** Fly through the night to London.

**DAY 2 LONDON** Welcome to England! Arrive in Europe's largest city, where your private bus and driver will escort you to your hotel. *Option:* Enjoy a fabulous theatre performance at one of London's famous historic West End Theatres.

**DAY 3 LONDON** On today's London City Tour, see Piccadilly Circus, Tower Bridge, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Fleet Street, the Houses of Parliament, St. Paul's and Big Ben. Continue to Westminster where you'll tour the formidable Westminster Abbey, site of numerous royal weddings and coronations. Then travel to Windsor on the southern bank of the Thames. Visit Windsor Castle, country retreat of the royal family and the largest castle still inhabited. See the Round Tower built by Henry II, St. George's Chapel, and Queen Mary's Dolls' House.

**DAY 4 PARIS** Then cross the English Channel by way of the Channel Tunnel to France and discover the City of Lights with your advisor. You may want to visit the Right Bank and stroll through the bustling Les Halles or cross the Pont Marie to the Ile St.-Louis to sample the world's best ice cream, Berthillon. *Option:* Enjoy a Bateaux Mouche cruise on the romantic Seine. View the monuments of France from a unique perspective as you take in the brilliance of the lights of Paris after nightfall.

**DAY 5 PARIS** Enjoy a guided Paris City Tour. Visit the gothic masterpiece Notre Dame, made famous by Victor Hugo's Hunchback. Visit the Eiffel Tower.

See the highlights of the Louvre, the largest museum in the world. Next, venture to the Palace of Versailles, home of the Sun King, Louis XIV, who remodeled this former hunting lodge into one of the most spectacular buildings in the world.

**DAY 6 LUCERNE** Travel by train to the town of Lucerne, Switzerland. Situated on the northwestern tip of Lake Lucerne, this city is famous for its ancient churches and covered bridges. *Option:* Journey to Switzerland on the high-speed TGV train and enjoy extra time in Lucerne.

**DAY 7 LUCERNE** Tour the beautiful city of Lucerne today. See the historic Old Town, the 8th century Hofkirche and the seven medieval bridges across the Reuss. Also visit the Verkehrshaus or Transportation Museum to witness the history of transportation in Switzerland. As an *option*, travel on the world's steepest cog railway and cable car up to Mt. Pilatus.

**DAY 8 HEIDELBERG** Journey to Germany and the ancient town of Heidelberg celebrated in song and poetry. See the Old University, the little 15th century St. Peter's Church, and visit magnificent Heidelberg Castle. Climb up to the famous ruined castle where you'll see an 18th century wine barrel which holds 49,000 gallons of wine! Stroll down the town's avenues along the banks of the Neckar River and luxuriate in the old world charm of its shops and cafés.

**DAY 9 DEPART** Travel to Frankfurt to board your flight home, filled with fabulous memories of your European adventure, from London to the Alps!