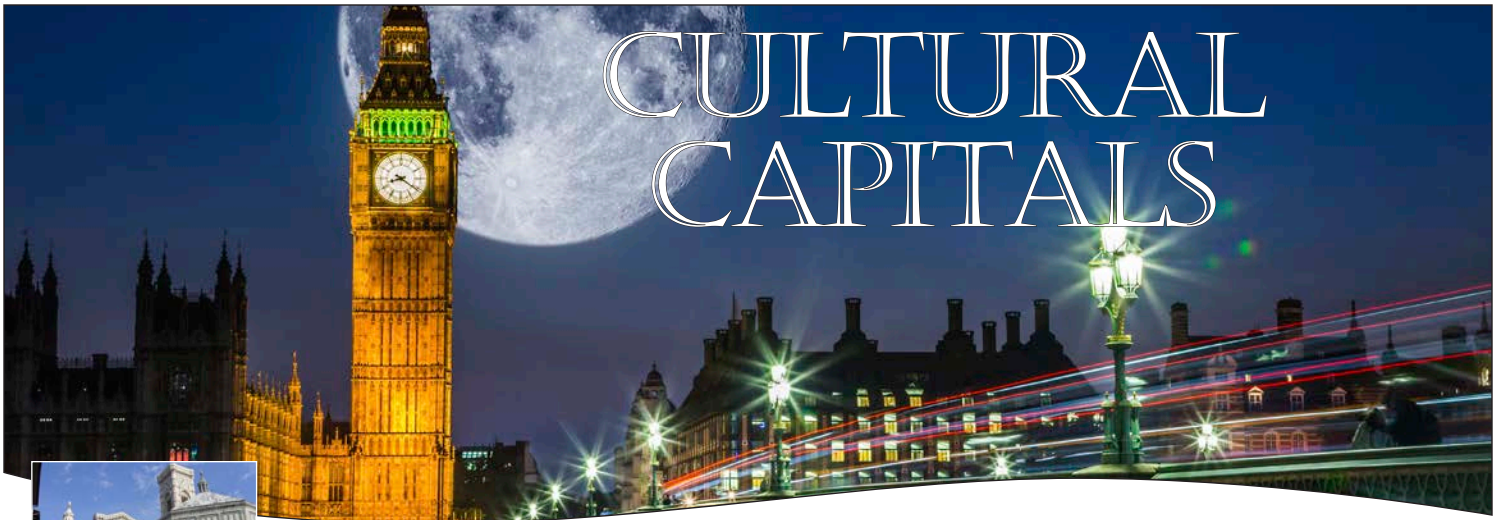


CULTURAL CAPITALS



Itinerary

London (3), Paris (2), Montreux (2), Venice (2), Florence (2), Sorrento (2), Rome (2)

Highlights

- Windsor Castle
- London City Tour
- British Museum
- Covent Garden Dinner
- Paris City Tour
- Notre Dame
- Bateaux Mouches
- Castle of Chillon
- Gruyères Cheese Dairy Tour
- Venice City Tour
- Doges' Palace
- Murano Glass-Blowing Demonstration
- Florence City Tour
- Accademia
- Siena
- Pompeii Tour
- Rome Evening Walking Tour
- Rome City Tour
- Colosseum

Options

- London Theatre

DAY 1 Fly overnight to London.

DAY 2 LONDON Welcome to London! Your private bus and driver will transport you to Windsor Castle, a country retreat for the royal family. Return to the city and check in to your hotel.

DAY 3 LONDON A guided London City Tour shows you Piccadilly Circus, Tower Bridge, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Big Ben and more. Tour Westminster Abbey. Visit the British Museum with its tributes to cultures both ancient and modern. *Option:* Attend a West End theatre production this evening.

DAY 4 LONDON Today is free for discovery. *Option:* Travel to Stratford-upon-Avon and visit Shakespeare's birthplace and Anne Hathaway's Cottage. Tonight you will dine at Covent Garden.

DAY 5 PARIS Take the Channel Tunnel (Chunnel) to Paris, the magical "City of Lights."

DAY 6 PARIS *Bon jour!* A guided Paris City Tour takes you to see the Arc de Triomphe, the Place de la Concorde, the Eiffel Tower and more. Visit Notre Dame Cathedral. *Option:* Tour the Louvre, home to the Mona Lisa and the Venus de Milo.

DAY 7 MONTREUX Travel to Switzerland through the Rhône Valley and the vineyards of Burgundy. Arrive in Montreux, a magnificent resort on Lake Geneva.

DAY 8 MONTREUX Visit the Castle of Chillon, a fortress built on a rocky islet in Lake Geneva. Continue to Gruyères in the scenic Sarine Valley and enjoy a tour of the Gruyères Cheese Dairy.

DAY 9 VENICE Travel through the stunning Italian Lakes District amidst alpine landscapes and arrive in Venice, an extraordinary city built on water.

DAY 10 VENICE Today's guided Venice City Tour shows you the Rialto Bridge, the Grand Canal,

St. Mark's Square, the Basilica and more. Visit the Doges' Palace, then cross the Bridge of Sighs. Also see a Murano Glass Blowing demonstration. *Option:* Take a trip along the Grand Canal in a gondola.

DAY 11 FLORENCE See the ancient cities of Padua and Bologna on today's journey. Arrive in Firenze, the city where the Renaissance began.

DAY 12 FLORENCE Your Florence City Tour includes the Piazza del Duomo, the Bargello, the Church of San Lorenzo, and a visit to the Accademia, home of Michelangelo's marble sculpture, *David*. *Option:* Visit the Uffizi Gallery to see its collection of masterpieces.

DAY 13 SORRENTO Visit the medieval walled city of Siena. Continue to beautiful Sorrento. The perfumed gardens, gleaming white houses and rugged cliffs make this pretty tree-shaded resort the most popular in Italy.

DAY 14 SORRENTO Today is free for discovery in this ancient resort above the Bay of Naples. *Option:* Cross the sparkling blue sea to the Isle of Capri.

DAY 15 ROME Tour the stunning ruins of Pompeii to observe the destruction by Mt. Vesuvius in A.D. 79. The city is the finest example of a Roman town and its way of life. Then on to the Eternal City of Rome, where your guide will lead you on a walking tour to Piazza Navona, the Spanish Steps and Piazza di Trevi.

DAY 16 ROME View the Eternal City on a guided Rome City Tour. Visit the Colosseum, and see the Arch of Constantine, the Imperial Forums, the Pantheon, and more. Continue to Vatican City to visit St. Peter's and the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel with its ceiling paintings by Michelangelo.

DAY 17 DEPART Board your flight home with enough cultural memories to last a lifetime.