

#1: No-Cost Tour of Ceremonial London



Begin the day with a walk and outdoor photo op, enjoying exterior views only of the **Houses of Parliament**, and **Big Ben** in the **Clock Tower**.

www.parliament.uk/about/visiting.cfm

Just across the street is **Westminster Abbey**. Every coronation since 1066 has taken place here, and many of England's monarchs and most famous historical figures are buried here.

Today the abbey is still used for worship and important national events. Enjoy viewing the abbey from the outside. <http://www.westminster-abbey.org>



Just around the corner is the **Jewel Tower**, the only surviving part of the Medieval Palace of Westminster which was burnt to the ground in 1834. The tower was built to house the King's Wardrobe - a collection of jewels and decorative items.

You'll have another great photo op for exterior views.

www.english-heritage.org.uk/jeweltower

Your walking tour continues down Whitehall to **Downing Street**, home of the Prime Minister at **#10!** <http://www.number10.gov.uk/history-and-tour>



Nearby is the **Horse Guards Parade**. Two much-photographed mounted members of the Household Cavalry keep watch daily. The magnificent building, the Horse Guard, is the headquarters of the British Army and will be the backdrop for the 2012 Olympic Beach Volleyball Competition, which will be held in the parade grounds.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Horse_Guards_Parade



You will continue through beautiful **St James's Park** to **The Mall** (with views of **Buckingham Palace** in the distance).

<http://www.royal.gov.uk/output/Page555.asp>



It's a short distance to walk through **Admiralty Arch** to **Trafalgar Square**. At the heart of London, this is one of the city's most vibrant open spaces. Home to **Nelson's Column**, the square is rich in history and provides a platform for new artistic performances and events.

<http://www.london.gov.uk/trafalgarsquare/visit/index.jsp>



The National Gallery houses one of the greatest collections of Western European painting in the world. See works from the great masters, including Monet, Picasso, Da Vinci, Van Gogh, Cezanne, and Raphael.

<http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/>

Enjoy the evening at **Covent Garden**, a cultural center featuring a wonderful selection of restaurants, shops and street performers.

http://www.coventgardenlife.com/info/covent_garden.htm



Walk toward the river to **Victoria Embankment Gardens**, across the **Hungerford Bridge**, along the southern embankment, past **Jubilee Gardens**, and **Lambeth Palace**, to the hotel.

Total, Admissions and Transportation: \$0
Additional \$\$ required for dinner