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# LONDON FAMILY DISCOVERY

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## London Family Discovery

Gluten Free

7 Days

As with all Gluten Free Travel-Us itineraries, this is a “suggested” trip – a jumping off point for you and your family to choose activities that meet your interests and expectations.



### **Day 1 - Arrive Heathrow, London Airport Private transfer from airport to hotel**

Arrival at hotel. Spend afternoon at leisure. After dinner enjoy **London by Night** group tour aboard a double-decker bus, take a trip through the city to see illuminated attractions like Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament, and the London Eye. Hear fascinating facts about passing sites and insider tips on where to visit in the bustling capital city from your expert guide.

**Accommodation Option:** upscale apartment hotel centrally located. Your accommodation would be a one bedroom apartment with double bed and sofa bed, kitchenette and bathroom.

It is important to stay up as late as possible to get on local time and minimize affects of jet lag. With children this is even more important as they can be so excited that sleep will be difficult. And starting day two tired can ruin entire experience.

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**Day 2** – Breakfast locally followed by **Half Day Group Tour of London** - Begin your tour at the infamous [Tower of London](#) – former fortress, prison and execution site. This expertly curated early-morning visit to one of London’s most iconic landmarks avoids long lines and large crowds so you can **experience its opening ceremony** (if option selected) and be among the first to view the priceless [Crown Jewels](#). You’ll next step aboard a **relaxing river cruise up the Thames** as your expert, **English-speaking guide** points out major landmarks along its banks. Disembark this superior shuttle for a fully-guided walking tour through the [Horse Guards](#) to **St. James** and enjoy watching the **Changing of the Guard**. Your guide will make sure you are in the best spot for taking photos as they herald you with the history behind the pomp and pageantry. Your tour ends at beautiful [Buckingham Palace](#), **royal residence of Queen Elizabeth II** and the [Duke of Edinburgh](#). View the balcony from which royal decrees have been issued to the adoring public for generations. Your **tour group of 25 people or fewer** makes it easy to maneuver through these popular landmarks and destinations. Headsets are provided, when needed, so you can always hear your guide.



This concludes around lunch time – enjoy a meal at Borough Market or in Covent Garden

Evening at leisure with dinner chosen from our restaurant suggestions. London Eye experience during the evening with Fast Track tickets.

**Day 3** – Breakfast locally in time to take your **Harry Potter Tour - small group**

Get a behind-the-scenes look at the Making of Harry Potter on our fully-guided Warner Bros. Studio Tour. As a Warner Bros. Studio Tour London preferred partner, we’re the only tour company that allows you to learn about the real-life movie magic used to create the beloved film series from an official, Studio Tour guide.

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Start your magical journey in Central London, where you'll meet a company representative to collect your return train tickets directly to [Watford Junction Station](#). After arriving at Watford Junction, you'll be taken to the Warner Bros. Studio Tour London via an official shuttle bus.



Once you arrive at the Studios, you'll enjoy timed access and a greeting from a dedicated Studio Tour guide, who will provide you with an audio headset and reveal the wonders you'll encounter throughout your tour of the original sets, props, and costumes from the Harry Potter™ film series. Next, view a short introductory film before being led into the most iconic set of the series: the Great Hall.

From there, your Studio Tour guide will begin to share production secrets and inside information, as well as highlight the processes used to bring the films to life. As the only fully-guided tour, this experience is completely unique and the best way to explore the behind-the-scenes magic of the Harry Potter film series as you walk along the famous cobbled street of [Diagon Alley](#)™, featuring the shop fronts of [Ollivanders](#)™, Flourish and Blotts™, Weasleys' Wizard Wheezes, Gringotts™ Bank and Eeylops Owl Emporium™.

You'll also visit the original [Hogwarts Express](#) locomotive and a re-creation of Platform 9 ¾ where you can climb aboard the train's carriage and pose for a photo with a luggage trolley as it disappears through the platform wall. Enjoy other memorable sets from the [Harry Potter](#) film series, including the Gryffindor common room, the boys' dormitory, Hagrid's Hut, the Potions classroom, and Dumbledore's office – all while being captivated by the secrets and insights shared by your guide.

**Step Into the Forbidden Forest - see next page...**

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Defy Professor Dumbledore's orders and follow Harry, Ron and Hermione's footsteps into the Forbidden Forest. Home to Buckbeak the Hippogriff, Aragog the Acromantula and 19 trees, each with a diameter of over 12 feet, visitors are invited to walk beneath the giant entwined roots and discover how to control the weather using the same techniques used during filming.

**Once your guided tour comes to an end, you have the option to re-enter and explore the Warner Bros. Studio Tour London at your leisure, find a special Harry Potter souvenir at the Studio Shop or enjoy a coffee in the Studio Tour Cafe. When you're ready to head back to central London, your guide will provide train tickets and all necessary information for an easy journey.**



This unique, fully-guided tour at [Warner Bros. Studio Tour London](#) - The Making of Harry Potter is the only tour of its kind and is sure to create the memory of a lifetime!

**Day 4 – Breakfast locally followed by Private guided Victoria and Albert Museum Fashion Tour**

What made English trend-setters exchange their muslin prints, silks, and pearls for safety pins, plaid, and underwear as outerwear? What did the ton — the fashionable society — wear in the eighteenth century, and how did the Industrial

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Revolution in Britain affect what we wear in the twenty-first century? What made the 1930s slink, the 1960s swing, and the 1980s rock?

Using [the museum](#) galleries as a backbone, we will weave a narrative connecting the history of Britain, its geographical and cultural expansion and the influence that this had on the development of fashion. From fabrics and precious stones brought in from the four corners of the Empire, to the traditional [Harris Tweed](#) woven in the [Hebrides](#), we will discuss all aspect of the fashion industry and how they survive in Great Britain.



We will consider past movers and shakers that have made London the most creative and dynamic centre for fashion in the world in the twenty-first century. We will admire one-of-a-kind court dresses from 1750, consider style icons of the past, and discuss the role of contemporary fashion muses. There will also be an opportunity to explore the greater picture and consider how 250 years of history and the spirit of the times are reflected in that phenomenon we call fashion.

OR if you have children with other interests, you can choose another of London's museums: [British Museum](#), [Science Museum](#), [Museum of Natural History](#), [Sea Life Aquarium](#) or even explore the [Wax creations at Madame Tussaud's](#) Or even the [London Zoo](#). The options are endless.

## **Day 5 – Breakfast locally followed by Half day Windsor Castle coach tour**

In the morning we head out to [Windsor Castle](#) where over 900 years of royal history are waiting for you. From [William the Conqueror](#) all the way through to our current [Queen](#), successive monarchs have lived here and left their mark on what is now the largest continuously occupied castle in the world.

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Your ticket allows entrance to the castle, so you can see for yourself the splendor of [St. George's Chapel](#) and the sumptuous state apartments. Windsor itself is a pretty town full of traditional shops and historic pubs. [Shakespeare](#) is said to have written his play [The Merry Wives of Windsor](#) in one of them!

Late today, choose a high tea in one of our special locations that can offer you gluten free.



**Day 6** – Breakfast locally. This is a day entirely on your own. With free time to explore more of London and do some shopping in [Knightsbridge](#) at [Harrods](#), [Harvey Nichols](#) and other wonderful upscale shops. Lovely restaurants for lunch. Dinner on your own. Evening at Leisure.

**Day 7** – Breakfast locally. Private transfer to airport to make your flight back to the USA.

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