



**LNYDP**  
LONDON'S NEW  
YEAR'S DAY PARADE

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OF THE WORLD



Performance Travel Ltd

LONDON'S NEW YEAR'S DAY PARADE  
**Sample itinerary**



## Sample Itinerary

### Your hotel

Park Plaza Victoria London  
239 Vauxhall Bridge Rd  
Pimlico, London SW1V 1EQ  
[www.parkplaza.com](http://www.parkplaza.com)

SAMPLE HOTEL

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*London's New Year's Day Parade & Festival prides itself in providing only superior first class hotels, located in the very heart of London, and within walking distance of many of the places you may wish to visit. Your accommodations will have en-suite facilities, including bath and/or shower and W.C. and all of the usual amenities associated with a first class hotel, including full housekeeping services with linen and towel change, room service, direct dial telephone, flat screen TV with freeview, WIFI (charges may apply), personal safes etc.*



## DAY 1

Depart on your flight(s) to London.

Flights may be multi-sectored. One main meal and one snack meal will be served on your trans-atlantic flight, along with complimentary soft drinks. Movies and audio entertainment will also be available on your trans-atlantic flight.

## DAY 2

On your arrival in to London after clearing immigration and customs you will be met in the arrivals area and taken by motor coach to your hotel.

On arrival at your hotel you will be met by your tour assistant who will assist with your hotel check-in. Depending on your arrival time you may have to wait for your rooms to be ready.

During the day your tour assistant will present an orientation meeting for you where you will receive your information and itinerary book and learn all about your week in London.

You will also have time to explore the vicinity of your hotel to find the nearest tube station, general stores and ATM machines.

Your large instruments and equipment will be delivered to your hotel during the day and will be placed in a secure instrument storage room in the hotel.

Later in the day you may have time to do the first of your audio guided walks on your personal MP3 players.

**7.00pm** Dinner will be served in your hotel.

The rest of the evening is free for you to acclimatise to European time.

## DAY 3

A substantial buffet breakfast will be served each morning in your hotel at the time indicated in your daily itinerary.

**From 7.00am** Breakfast is served.

**9.00am** This morning we will whisk you away on a spectacular tour of London's most famous landmarks, including the Palace of Westminster, home of the two Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London. Soak up the atmosphere as your Blue Badge guide introduces you to over 1,000 years of history. This is also your opportunity to look out for the places you would like to visit during your unstructured time. There will be a number of stops for photographs.

**1.00pm** Tour ends. Lunch at leisure.

Concert performers and staff will depart by motor coach to Cadogan Hall, for a rehearsal in preparation for the concert this evening. This is a one hour technical rehearsal.

Rehearsal ends. Leave your instruments in the hall in the safe keeping of the stage management team.

Depart by Underground to Westminster Station on the District, Circle and Jubilee Lines. As you exit the station you will be close to 'Big Ben', where the 'Princes,



Palaces and Power' audio walk begins. Walk shoulder to shoulder with over 1,000 years of Royalty, as you learn about the history of The Palace of Westminster, Westminster Abbey, Clarence House, Buckingham Palace and much much more.

It is only a short walk from Buckingham Palace, through Green Park, to Green Park Station, where the UK-USA 250 walk starts. Celebrate 250 remarkable years of an unbreakable transatlantic friendship.

Make your own way back to your hotel by Underground.

**5.30pm** Dinner will be served in your hotel.

**6.30pm** Depart for Cadogan Hall, the venue for your performance at this evening's LNYDP Festival Concert. Cadogan Hall is a 900-seat venue on Sloane Terrace in Chelsea. Built as a church, it was completed in 1907 to designs by the architect Robert Fellowes Chisholm and is now a Grade II listed building noted for its stained glass windows.

Since 2001 it has been a concert hall of some renown, and the home of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. It has also been used by Sir John Eliot Gardiner and the English Baroque Soloists as a recording venue for the Mozart symphonies.

**7.30pm** The concert begins.

**10.00pm** Your coach will be on hand to take you back to your hotel.



## DAY 4

**From 6.30am** Breakfast is served.

**8.00am** Today you will experience the delights of the counties of Oxfordshire and Berkshire with a visit to Oxford and Windsor. Arrive in Oxford, known as the 'city of dreaming spires'. The university buildings and the 40 colleges dominate the centre of the city. Your guide will take you on a walk of the most famous streets and will include entrance to Christchurch College.

**12.30pm** Continue on to Windsor. This beautiful historic country town is renowned for its cobbled lanes and narrow passages. At the heart of the town is the castle which has for over 900 years, been residence and fortress for the British monarch.

On arrival, your guide will take you up in to the town, where you will have lunch at leisure.

Join your guide again for a walk of the town that will end at the entrance to the castle. Enter and enjoy a self-guided audio tour of the wonderful Royal Apartments, followed by a visit inside St. George's Chapel and a walk of the castle walls. After, you will have some free time to discover the town, and the fantastic shops, for yourself. Time to leave Windsor.

Arrive back in to London. Dinner at leisure, using the vouchers provided. This evening you may choose where

you would like to dine using the vouchers provided. Check the eating out section in your itinerary book for more information.

Make your way by Underground to the venue for this evenings exclusive student leadership workshop.

Join Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser, a very well known name in the music education world, as a teacher, clinician, author, composer and adjudicator. He will talk to you this evening about "building tomorrow's leaders today".

The LNYDP Pop Up Shop. There is a fabulous opportunity this evening for you to check out all of the LNYDP branded clothing in the adjacent suite. Our staff will be delighted to show you all of the items that are normally only available on our web site, saving you \$ on postage and packing. We have a terrific t-shirt, a super sweatshirt, a magnificent mug, a special scarf, a brilliant beanie hat and loads more! Don't forget to bring your Dollars (\$) and Pounds (£) tonight, as it's cash only!

Make your way back to your hotel.

Evening at leisure.

## DAY 5

**From 6.30am** Breakfast is served.

**8.00am** Depart by motor coach to Westminster Pier.

**8.30am** Board a Thames river boat for the 50 minute cruise to Greenwich. Your guides will provide an historical commentary en-route. Greenwich, in south-east London, is famous the world over as the home of time (Greenwich Mean Time) and because Zero Longitude, the point where the Eastern & Western hemispheres meet, runs through the town.

Today you will visit the Royal Observatory, the oldest scientific institution in Britain and home to some of the most important timepieces ever made. There will also be time to visit the Royal Naval College, one of the finest palatial buildings in the country and home to the largest maritime museum in the world, and to wander through the historic part of the town.

Depart Greenwich by motor coach, and return via the Olympic Park.

**1.00pm** Your tour ends at the Tower of London, where you may find an independent lunch at one of a number of eateries in the area.

**1.45pm** Join your Blue Badge Guide for a tour of The Tower.

The ancient stones reverberate with dark secrets, priceless jewels glint in fortified vaults and ravens strut the grounds. The Tower of London, founded by William the Conqueror in 1066, holds some of the most remarkable stories from across the centuries. Despite a



grim reputation as a place of torture and death, this powerful and enduring fortress has been enjoyed as a royal palace, served as an armoury and for a number of years even housed a zoo!

Gaze up at the massive White Tower, tiptoe through a king's medieval bedchamber and marvel at the priceless Crown Jewels. The famous Yeoman Warders have bloody tales to tell; stand where heads rolled and prisoners wept.

The Tower held many famous prisoners from the highest levels of society; some in astonishing comfort and others less so... visit the places of their confinement and read the graffiti left by prisoners from over 500 years ago.

When your tour is over, your guide will walk you to Aldgate East Underground Station, which is the start of the 'Jack The Ripper' Audio Walk. Walk in the very footsteps of the man who breathed sheer terror in to the hearts of Londoners in Victorian Times.

Return to Tower Hill Underground Station on the Circle and District Lines, and, using your Travel Card, journey back in to the West End.

**7.00pm** Dinner will be served in your hotel.

**8.30pm** Join fellow participants in a private room in your hotel, for a specially arranged New Year's Eve party.

The music will play until midnight when, after a brief celebration, it will be time to get some sleep before your big day.

At around 10.00pm you will be served with pizza and a soft drink as part of this evening's celebrations.

## DAY 6

**From 7.00am** Breakfast is served.

Congregate in reception in your parade uniform and with your instrument in preparation for your departure this morning.

Depart by motor coach to Millbank, where your resource assistant will lead you to the location of your official group photograph adjacent the Palace of Westminster.

Return to your coach and continue to the assembly area in Berkeley Square. Please leave instrument boxes on the coach. The team of stewards will have clearly marked where you need to line up.

Depending on your position in the Parade, you may be waiting here for as long as two hours, but there will be the opportunity to warm up before you march off.

Toilet and first aid facilities are available.

Catering facilities are limited in the assembly area and so we have arranged for you to receive an excellent packed lunch to eat before you march off.



Warm ups will be collected before the Parade starts and delivered back to your hotel.

Non performers will have the morning at leisure and will find that shops and restaurants will be open as usual. They will then make their way independently to the Parade Route, where they will take their seat in one of the highly coveted LNYDP Grandstands to watch the parade.

**12.00 noon LNYDP.** The running of London's New Year's Day Parade. At exactly midday the parade starts and you will march two miles down the most spectacular route in the world, before an expected audience of more than half a million people and many more watching the live satellite broadcast.



As you reach the end of Whitehall, you will line up for the waiting cameras that will be beaming your performance around the world. Tell your friends at home to look out for you and don't forget to tell them about the time difference!



Enjoy this unique experience!

At Parliament Square your dedicated coaches will be on hand to take you back to your hotel.

Dinner at leisure, using the vouchers provided. Evening at leisure.



This evening you may wish to travel by Underground to Tottenham Court Road, the starting point for the 'Guide and Seek' interactive treasure trail audio walk. Don't forget to take a pencil and paper as you try and unravel the secret trail and find the hidden clues.

## DAY 7

**From 7.00am** Breakfast is served.

You will be given a time when your musical equipment will be collected this morning before your daytime activities begin. Ensure that each box has been labelled correctly for the return journey.

Depart by Underground or bus using your Oyster card.

This morning you have the option of either going to King's Cross Station, the starting point for the Harry Potter's London audio walk, or to Tottenham Court Road station, the starting point for 'London Rocks!'. You've read the incredible books and seen the wonderful films, well today you will follow in Harry Potter's footsteps and discover the actual locations used in the films. From the Leaky Cauldron, the third hand book store, to Gringots Bank and platform 9¾.

If rock music is your thing, then no other city in the world has such a rich rock and roll history as London. All the greats have performed here, from Hendrix to the Stones, from the Beatles to Elton John. A highlight will be the sight of Abbey Road studios and the actual zebra crossing used by the Beatles for the iconic picture on their album cover for Abbey Road.

If you have time, why not do both!

This afternoon is unstructured and an

ideal opportunity to visit some more of London's most popular attractions and to do some shopping.

Don't miss the British Museum and the National Gallery, they're free! Although you have to pay, a visit inside St. Paul's Cathedral or Westminster Abbey are a must.

In the shopping section we have included all of the most popular places to hang out, along with some of the famous department stores and shopping malls.

Remember you will need to change your money for those important purchases! Advice on exchange rates and where best to change your money can be found in the general information section.

The most famous department stores are Harrods (Knightsbridge), Liberty (Regent Street) and Selfridges (Oxford Street), although there are many more wonderful shops to choose from in Bond Street and Covent Garden.

The most popular places to hang out are Piccadilly Circus, Leicester Square, Covent Garden, the Hard Rock Café (Hyde Park Corner), the Trocadero (Piccadilly Circus) and Planet Hollywood (Haymarket).

Dinner at leisure, using the vouchers provided.

Evening at leisure.



This evening you may wish to travel by Underground to Covent Garden, the starting point for the 'Art-rageous London' audio walk. Explore the heart of London' famous theatreland and enjoy some of the stories we have to tell you about the stars of the stage.

## DAY 8

**From 6.00am** Breakfast is served.



Please ensure that you bring your own luggage down to reception in preparation for boarding your coach to the airport.

Depart for Heathrow Airport to check in for your flight(s) back to the US.

You will receive check in assistance from our experienced staff at the airport.

Flight(s) depart.

Lunch and a snack will be served on-board your trans-atlantic flight.

We wish you a safe journey home and hope very much that we will see you again in our wonderful Capital City!

