



LONDON'S INTERNATIONAL
CHORAL FESTIVAL

Sample itinerary



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Your hotel

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SAMPLE HOTEL

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 flights to Europe. Dinner and breakfast will be served on your transatlantic flight.

DAY 2

On your arrival in London you will be taken by luxury motor coach to your hotel, where you will be able to check in and freshen up.

Your tour assistant will inform you of the time and place for an orientation meeting. At your orientation meeting you will receive your itinerary book and all the other information that you will need for your week in London, as well as your own personal MP3 player, loaded with five educational walks and three fun speciality walks. Your tour assistant will also take you on walk around the area to point out nearby supermarkets, cash machines and the train station nearest your hotel that you can use for travelling by tube around London.

This afternoon there may be time for you to enjoy the 'Princes, Palaces and Power walk on your personal audio guide MP3 player. Walk shoulder to shoulder with over 1000 years of Royalty. Sites include the Palace of Westminster, Big Ben, Westminster Bridge, Westminster Abbey, The Churchill War Rooms, Prince Harry's London house and of course Buckingham Palace.

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 half day tour of London's most famous landmarks and areas of London, including the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, Piccadilly and Trafalgar Square. Soak up the atmosphere as your 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. You will have the opportunity to stop a number of times on the tour to take photographs.

Lunch at leisure

2.00pm This afternoon depart by coach for a rehearsal at St Augustine's, Kilburn in preparation for your concert this evening.

3.00pm Rehearsal begins.

4.00pm Return by coach to your hotel.



5.30pm Dinner this evening will be served in your hotel.

6.45pm Depart from your hotel by coach to St Augustine's Church, Kilburn to perform in this evenings 'Choral Concert'.

St. Augustine's magnificent Grade I listed building is one of the finest examples of Victorian Gothic Revival architecture. With its soaring vaults allowing for excellent acoustics and elaborate decoration, it is the ultimate architectural expression of the Catholic Revival of the Church of England. It is a building which, in the words of its architect John Loughborough Pearson, truly 'draws people to their knees', and an incredibly place to perform in.

7.30pm The Concert begins.

10.00pm Return by coach to your hotel.



DAY 4

From 7.00am Breakfast is served.

8.00am This morning you will be taken to the historic country town of Windsor, famous for its cobbled lanes and picturesque houses. At the heart of the town is the castle, which has for 900 years, been residence and fortress to the Royal Monarch. Entrance will include an audio tour inside the Royal Apartments.

Lunch at leisure.

2.00pm This afternoon continue on by coach to the famous University Town of Oxford, the oldest university in the country and even in the English speaking world! You will be taken on a guided tour of the town and also taken into one of the colleges of the University.



5.30pm Dinner at leisure using the vouchers provided. This evening you may choose where you would like to have dinner using the vouchers provided. These are accepted at many restaurants in London. Check the 'eating out' section of your itinerary book for more details.

6.45pm Travel by coach from the hotel to your performance this evening held at either St Mary's, Bourne Street or Cadogan Hall if you are performing at the same concert as your school's orchestra.

7.30pm The concert begins.

10.00pm Return by coach to your hotel.

DAY 5

From 7.00am Breakfast is served.

8.30am Depart by coach for Westminster Pier, where you will board a Thames cruise boat for the 50 minute ride to Greenwich. Your guides will provide a historic commentary en-route.

10.00am Greenwich in south-east London is famous as the home of time (Greenwich Mean Time), and because zero longitude, the place where Eastern and Western hemispheres meet, runs through the town. You will have the chance to visit the Royal Observatory, the oldest scientific institution in Britain and home to some of the most important timepieces ever made. You will also be taken to see the Maritime

Museum and the 1912 London Olympic Village.

Lunch at leisure.

2.00pm This afternoon you will be taken from Greenwich by coach to the Tower of London, another of London's famous landmarks. This historic building has served as a royal palace, fortress, prison, place of execution, arsenal, mint, menagerie and jewel house during its 900 year history. Your guide will take you on a tour of the Tower and you will then have time to explore on your own. Attractions include the Bloody Tower, Traitors Gate, the Chapel of St. John, the Jewel House, where the crown jewels of England are on show, and the Fusiliers Museum. You will meet the resident Beefeaters, who guard the Tower for the Queen, and also the ravens, who have lived within the walls for hundreds of years.

4.00pm Continue on by coach for a rehearsal at Westminster Choir School with Justin Doyle and the other choirs performing in the 'Massed Choir Gala Finale Concert' on the 2nd January.

7.00pm Dinner this evening will be served in your hotel.

9.00pm A specially arranged New Year's Eve party will be held in your hotel.



DAY 6

From 7.00am Breakfast is served.

9.00am This morning depart from your hotel to take your guided walking tour Art-rageous London! Light the lights, it's theatreland! Starting in glittering Covent Garden, take in the world's most haunted theatres and talk to the stars as we explore the very heart of London's world famous theatreland and much, much more.

11.30am At the end of the walking tour make your way to the parade route to watch London's New Year's Day Parade.

12.00pm London's New Year's Day Parade.

Watch the Parade with the street audience and cheer on all the entries as they come through.

3.30pm After the Parade head to Westminster Choir School for another rehearsal with Justin Doyle and the other choirs performing in the 'Massed Choir Gala Finale Concert' on the 2nd January.

7.00pm This evening you will enjoy your fun speciality walk 'Murder, Mystery and Mayhem in Old London' walk, featuring Jack the Ripper and other gory stories of London.

Dinner at leisure using the vouchers provided. This evening you may choose where you would like to have dinner using the vouchers provided. These are accepted at many restaurants in London. Check the 'eating out' section of your itinerary book for more details.

DAY 7

From 7.00am Breakfast is served.

Today is a fun packed day with two of our speciality walking tours. First tune in to the 'Harry Potter's London' walk taking you to all the sights and sounds of the world's most famous fictional boy wizard.

And afterwards listen to 'London – Rock and Roll Capital of the World' – telling you all about The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Swinging Sixties, Glam Rock, Punk Rock, Brit Pop and more.

3.00pm This afternoon travel by coach for a dress rehearsal at Westminster Choir School with Justin Doyle and the other choirs performing in the 'Massed Choir Gala Finale Concert' this evening.

5.00pm Return by coach to your hotel

6.00pm Dinner will be served in your hotel.

7.00pm Depart for Westminster Central Hall for a fun and enjoyable evening of performance in the 'Massed Choir Gala Finale Concert' accompanied by the Young Musicians Symphony Orchestra.

Westminster Central Hall built in 1912 is a Grade II listed building in a prime location opposite Westminster Abbey and adjacent to the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben. This unique, historic venue has Europe's largest domed ceiling and is an impressive landmark with an elegant theatre

entrance, marble flooring, spacious foyer areas and grand staircase. Westminster Central Hall is well known as a film location and is home to numerous concerts every year.

9.00pm Return by coach to the hotel after the performance.

DAY 8

Breakfast is served.

Depart by motor coach for the airport to check in for your flight home.

We wish you a safe journey home and hope very much that we will see you again in London!