



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: Marching Band



Sample Itinerary

Your hotel

Park Plaza Victoria
239 Vauxhall Bridge Road,
London SW1V 1EQ

Telephone: 0844 415 6750

Nearest Tube: Victoria

Lines from this station: Victoria,
District & Circle

London's New Year's Day Parade & Festival prides itself in providing only superior first class hotels located in the 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 WC, plus all of the usual amenities associated with a first class hotel. This includes housekeeping services with linen and towel change, room service, direct dial telephone, flat screen TV with satellite stations, WIFI, 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 transatlantic flight, along with complimentary soft drinks. Movies and audio entertainment will also be available on your transatlantic flight.

DAY 2

On your arrival in London, after clearing immigration and customs, you will be taken by motor coach to your hotel. There may be a short delay before you have access to your room and so we will schedule lunch and a walk of the local area.

Your tour assistant will inform you of the time and place for an orientation meeting, where you will receive your itinerary and learn all about your week in London.

Your pack will include your own Visitor Oyster Card, which allows you to travel on London's underground (tube) and bus network.

You will also receive your own MP3 player, loaded with unique self guided walking tours of London. Please check that your player is fully charged, as it may need a top up before you start your first walk.

To accompany you on your adventure we have produced maps and information on each walk which you can find in this booklet.

At the earliest opportunity, make your way to your nearest underground station and travel to Green Park station.

As you emerge you will be adjacent to the Ritz Hotel, the starting point for the first of your audio walks, the Parade Route. This will take you along the spectacular processional route of London's New Year's Day Parade, through the heart of Westminster. It features The Ritz Hotel, Piccadilly, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, Whitehall and Parliament Square. Learn about the rich history of the area and the buildings along the route, with the added flavour of the pomp and ceremony of the parade.

Return by underground to your hotel.

7.30pm Dinner will be served in a private room in your hotel.

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

DAY 3

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 couple of stops for photographs.

1.00pm Tour ends in Covent Garden.

Lunch at leisure.

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

If you have a few minutes to spare why not listen to the 'London Performance Venues' audio track on your MP3 player that will give you a general overview of the historic Cadogan Hall.

Technical rehearsal begins.

Rehearsal ends. You may leave your instruments in the hall in preparation for your concert this evening.

This afternoon you will have time to try out another of the audio walks.

Make your way to Westminster Station, by Parliament Square where the 'Princes, Palaces and Power' audio walk begins opposite 'Big Ben'.

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.

Make your own way back to your hotel by underground.

5.00pm Dinner will be served in a private room 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.

7.45am Meet your Blue Badge guide and board your motor coach for today's tour.

8.00am Today you will experience the delights of the counties of Oxfordshire and Berkshire with a visit to Oxford & Windsor.

9.30am Arrive in Oxford, known as the 'city of dreaming spires'. The university buildings and the forty 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 Christ Church College.

Please note that this morning you have the option to visit Hampton Court Palace instead of Oxford.

9.00am This morning we will treat you to a tour of Hampton Court which lies just 20 miles upstream of Westminster on the River Thames. This spectacular palace dates from 1514 and was the favourite home of King Henry VIII, he of the 6 wives.

10.00am Your visit includes a view of his state apartments and the Tudor kitchens. The house was expanded in the late 17th century by London's most famous architect, Sir Christopher Wren and so there is much to see as you stroll around the six acres of magnificent buildings.

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.



You will have some free time to discover the town and the fantastic shops for yourself.

5.00pm Time to leave Windsor.

6.00pm Your tour will end at the Park Plaza Victoria. Make your way to the Victoria Suite on the level -1.

6.30pm Join Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser, a very well known and respected 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'.

7.30pm The talk ends.

In the adjacent room we have set up the LNYDP Pop Up Shop, where you can check out all of the LNYDP branded clothing. Our staff will be delighted to show you all of the items that are normally only available on our web site, saving you \$'s 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 is cash only!

The Park Plaza Victoria is adjacent to Victoria Station on the District, Circle & Victoria Lines, and you may use your Oyster card to travel in to town.

Dinner at leisure, using the vouchers provided.

This evening you may choose where you would like to dine using the vouchers provided. We have provided a booklet listing the most popular restaurant brands that accept the vouchers and their location with map reference.

Evening at leisure.

Return to your hotel by Underground.

DAY 5

From 6.30am Breakfast is served.

8.00am Meet your Blue Badge guide and board your motor coach for today's tour.

8.15am Depart for Westminster Pier.

9.00am Board a Thames river boat for the 50 minute cruise to Greenwich. Your guides will provide 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 wander through the historic part of the town.

12.30pm Depart Greenwich by motor coach.

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.

2.00pm 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 kings' 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.

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

7.00pm Dinner will be served in a private room in your hotel.

9.00pm Join fellow participants in a private room for a specially arranged New Year's Eve party. Complimentary soft drinks will be served.



10.30pm Half a pizza per person will be served in an adjacent room to the party.

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

DAY 6

From 7.00am Breakfast is served.

For all supporters, this morning is free for independent sightseeing and shopping. Lunch at leisure. If you have purchased a ticket to one of the grandstands, you will make your own way to the Parade. Please remain in your seat throughout and support all of the wonderful bands and acts that make up this spectacular.

All band members will collect their instrument and congregate in reception in parade uniform in preparation for departure this morning.

Depart by motor coach to the assembly area in Berkeley Square.

On arrival please leave instrument boxes on the coach. Our team of stewards will have clearly marked where you need to line up.

Your tour assistant will lead you to the location of your official group photograph.

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

Toilet and first aid facilities are available.

We have arranged for you to have an excellent sack lunch to eat in the assembly area.

Warm up's will be collected before the Parade starts and delivered back to your hotel this evening.

12.00 Midday London's New Year's Day Parade – LNYDP.

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 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.

DAY 7

From 7.00am Breakfast is served.

9.00am Depart by underground, using your Oyster card.

This morning you have the option of either going to Leicester Square station, the starting point for the 'Harry Potter's London' audio walk, or to Tottenham Court Road station, the starting point for 'London, Rock & Roll Capital of the World'!

You've read the incredible books and seen the wonderful films, well today you will follow in Harry Potter's footsteps and discover the locations used in the films. From the Leaky Cauldron, the third hand book store, to Gringots Bank and platform 9 ¾.

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 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.

To discover what London has to offer, visit our bespoke London Google Map via the LNYDP desktop or mobile sites. The map highlights all of our favourite sites and plenty of hidden gems for those who want the true London experience.

There are six categories to search; attractions, evening entertainment, shopping, markets, LNYDP team recommendations and cafes & restaurants.



If you are accessing via laptop, tablet or cell phone click on <https://lnydp.com/parade/>

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.

Remember, if you have cash you will need to change your US\$'s in to £'s for those important purchases!



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) and Planet Hollywood (Haymarket).



Dinner at leisure, using the vouchers provided.

Evening at leisure.

DAY 8

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 back to the US.

You will receive a full check-in service from our dedicated airport staff.

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

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

