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Day 1

ARRIVAL IN LONDON

Flight

Dubai → London Heathrow (morning arrival)

Hotel

The Resident Covent Garden (Excellent rating)

Lunch

Rules (London's oldest restaurant, classic British cuisine, fancy, on the second floor where the bar is now, there used to be Winston Churchill's private room, and historical dramas, e.g. Downton Abbey, were filmed in there). For reservation: +44 20 7836 5314.

Afternoon

Visit The British Museum (Must-sees include the Rosetta Stone and Egyptian mummies)



free tickets

Review of other gems
to prepare yourself on
the way to the museum

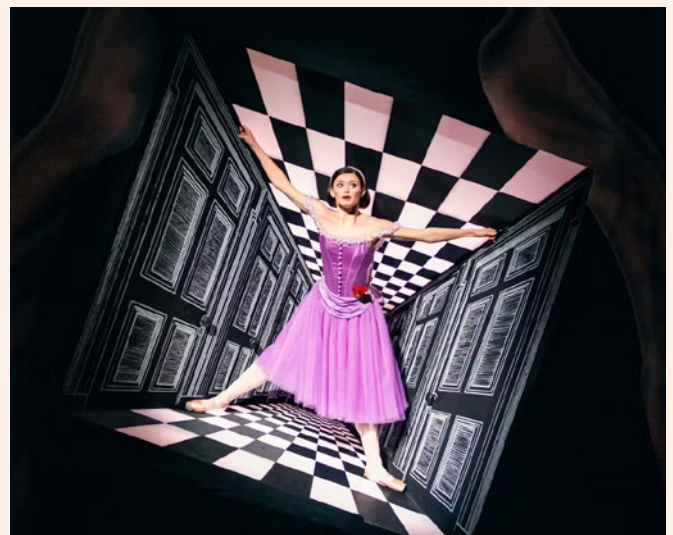


Dinner

Clos Maggiore (French dining, top-rated). For reservation: +44 20 4580 1174

Ballet

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland,
Royal Ballet and Opera.
Or free time to explore the city.



Day 2

LONDON HIGHLIGHTS

Morning

St. Paul's Cathedral → Tower of London



Crown Jewels
exhibition



Lunch

Borough Market (must-try European food stalls)

National Gallery

(*Van Gogh, da Vinci, Monet*)



free, prior
registration



Optional



High Tea
experience



Evening

Concert at Royal Albert Hall or O2 Arena (full events calendar is not published yet and should be checked closer to the travel dates)

Alternatively, a picnic evening in Hyde park if weather permits. (For quieter park experiences visit St. James park, The Green park)

Dinner

Frenchie Covent Garden (Parisian-inspired, contemporary European cuisine, highly regarded by acquaintances 5*). For reservation: +44 20 7836 4422

Day 3

OXFORD DAY TRIP

Morning

Quick breakfast and drive to Oxford (1.5 hrs)



Christ Church College

(Harry Potter filming location), advance booking is recommended to guarantee entry. Tickets are released each Friday for the following week.



Bodleian Library

Advance booking is advised:
Library Guided Tours: 30, 60, or 90-minute tours of the Old Bodleian Library



Ashmolean Museum

General admission is free, advance booking is recommended to guarantee entry during busy times. Special exhibitions may require a paid ticket



Late lunch

The Perch (historic riverside gastropub). For reservation: +44 1865 728891

Afternoon

Stroll through Oxford's historic streets

Evening

Return to London

Dinner

Brasserie Zedel (Art Deco French brasserie, excellent reviews). For reservation: +44 20 7734 4888

Day 4

WIZARDING WORLD LONDON /OR BATH

Morning

Early breakfast in or nearby the hotel

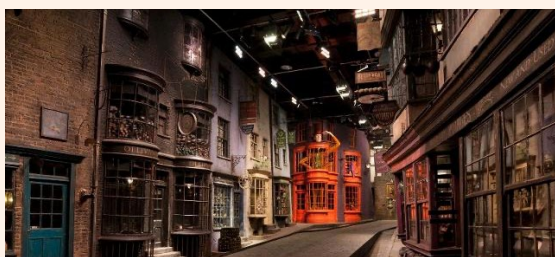
Wizarding World London

From 1 July: Get ready for a spellbinding experience in 2025, with the unveiling of a brand-new wizarding Summer Feature at the Studio Tour. Book early:



Full day activity

Transfer by shuttle or drive (from London: 1 hr, Studio Tour Opens: 09:30)



Return to London in the evening and Dinner at Flat Iron Covent Garden



Bath

The city of Bath as an alternative full day activity (or it can be added to next day route).

Drive to Bath (2.20 hr by car or 1,20 hr by train from Paddington) and experience scenic walks there



or



Afternoon

Scenic drive & light hikes. Found on Vinskogo app for hiking routes planning (allows you to download detailed walking routes to your phone before you head out — so you'll always have both the full description and the relevant route map, even if you have no signal based on phone's GPS)



Day 5

LONDON → WINDSOR → COTSWOLDS

Morning

Breakfast and drive: London → Windsor → Cotswolds

Highgate Cemetery (place of rest of Karl Marx)



open from 10am

Or Kensal Green Cemetery



→ Drive to Windsor (~1 hr)

Villages to pass by: Castle Combe, Bibury, Bourton-on-the-Water

Lunch at The Duchess of Cambridge Pub in Windsor if hungry

Visit Windsor Castle (~2 hr)



In case full day in Windsor is preferred:

Check-in at Resident Covent Garden or Hotel 41
(great family reviews, budget-conscious luxury)

Afternoon: St Dunstan-in-the-East, Postman's Park
(beautiful lesser-known sights)

Dinner: Bancone
(Italian, elegant & highly rated)

Drive to Bibury (1.3 hrs)

Lunch:



- Lunch at The Swan Hotel in Bibury (traditional British fare, scenic riverside setting)



- or The Wild Rabbit, Kington (modern British dining)
- or The Kington Plough in Kington (gourmet local dining: +44 1608 658327)

Hotels for choosing:

- The Old Stocks Inn
- Stow-on-the-Wold (excellent ratings)
- The Lamb Inn (Burford)
- The Slaughters Country Inn (superb reviews on Booking)

Day 6

COTSWOLD → YORK

Morning Drive

Cotswolds → York (3.5 hrs)

Lunch

Skosh (British small plates, highly rated). For reservation: +44 1904 634849



Afternoon

Visit York Minster

Walk The Shambles,
exploring the city

Dinner

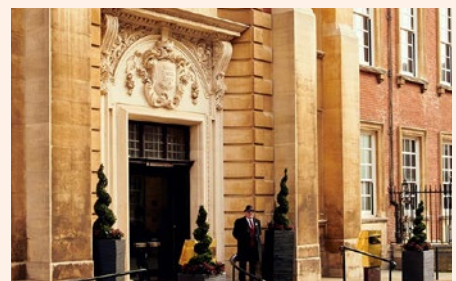
The Star Inn The City (riverside dining, contemporary European menu)

For reservation: +44 1904 619208



Hotel

The Grand, York (excellent reviews, central location)



Day 7

YORK → EDINBURGH

Morning Drive

York → Alnwick Castle (2 hrs, tickets already available for July)



Lunch

The Treehouse Restaurant (unique dining inside a treehouse). For reservation: +44 1665 660320



menu

Afternoon

Castle tour, driving to Edinburgh (1.5 hrs)



Hotel

The Witchery by the Castle (boutique) or Hotel du Vin & Bistro Edinburgh (excellent location)

Dinner

The Witchery Restaurant
(romantic Scottish fine dining),
booking available



or

"Howies, Victoria Street"
(Scottish-European cuisine),
for reservation: +44 131 225 1721



Day 8

EDINBURGH HIGHLIGHTS

Morning

Visit Edinburgh Castle



Tickets available



Walk Royal Mile

Lunch

The Scran & Scallie (casual but high-quality Scottish cuisine)



Reservations & Menu

Afternoon



National Museum of Scotland, free entry, Museum's must-see collections to pick from



Royal Botanic Garden

or



And they'll have cute exhibition about primates from 28th June, but it's a matter of choice

Dinner

Timberyard (farm-to-table dining, Michelin-recommended, For reservation: +44 131 221 1222)

Evening

Whisky tasting at The Scotch Whisky Experience, they have different silver/gold packages, just like we love in the UAE



Day 9

SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS CASTLE STAY TRIP

Highly Intensive Route

Depart early for scenic drive to **Highlands** (approx. 3 hrs)

Visit: Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park en route



Stay at Kincaig Castle Hotel or Tulloch Castle Hotel (heritage castle stays with great reviews).

Dinner at the castle restaurant or local bistro.



or

Scottish Highlands Day Trip

Intensive Route: Loch Lomond, Glencoe, Fort William (full-day drive with stops, using app for hiking routes).



Lunch: The Clachaig Inn, Glencoe (classic Scottish pub, mountain views)

Menu:



or

Alternative less intensive day

trip advice from blogger: Bamburgh Castle and the village of Seahouses. They go well together — a walk along the beach with the castle on the coast, plus a boat trip to see bird colonies and seals.

Alternatively:

- Linlithgow + Blackness (a castle right on the coast)
- Rosslyn Chapel (a romantic park with cliffs nearby)
- Stirling



Dinner

Return to Edinburgh, dine at Ondine (seafood specialty, For reservation: +44 131 226 1888)

Day 10

EDINBURGH TO LONDON FLIGHT/TRAIN

Train via LNER 4,20 hr

Tickets to famous Kings Cross railway station now available for June dates, soon they should release for July 2025



Relax, visit Harrods, stay at Apex Temple Court Hotel or any other option

