

THE **TRAVEL CLUB**

New Year's Eve in London With Paris

9 DAYS: Thursday, December 27, 2018-Friday, January 4, 2019

\$3,199 per person double occupancy; \$3,989 for single reservations

Slip away for the new year and a stay in two of Europe's leading capitals. Take in all the local highlights on a citywide tour of London before ringing in the new year with the city's revelers. Celebrate by witnessing the spectacular fireworks display over the Thames, raising a toast in the pub or taking in a show. Then, make your way to Paris to sit in the shadow of the Eiffel Tower, sip your café au lait, and get up close to cultural icons in world-class museums.

Your tour package includes

- 7 nights in handpicked hotels, 7 breakfasts
- 3 dinners with beer or wine, including a celebratory New Year's Eve dinner with Champagne toast
- 2 guided sightseeing tours, Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach & high-speed Eurostar train

Included highlights

- New Year's Eve in London, Trafalgar Square, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Eurostar train ride,
- Eiffel Tower photo stop, Place de la Concorde,

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 1 hour daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with few hills or stairs.



Overnight Flight

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to London today.

London

Day 2: Arrival in London

Included meals: Dinner

Welcome to London! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of London

Included meals: Breakfast

Take a guided tour of the regal landmarks of the English capital with a local expert leading the way. • Pass the grand Trafalgar Square and Baroque-style St. Paul's Cathedral, perched atop Ludgate Hill • See Westminster Abbey, the setting for royal coronations and weddings • View icons like Big Ben, the London Eye, and the UNESCO-recognized Tower of London • Stop by Buckingham Palace, where you may catch the Changing of the Guard Enjoy a free afternoon in London or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion

Windsor Castle \$99/pp

Led by a Blue Badge Guide, you'll travel to Windsor for a guided tour of the world's largest and longest-inhabited castle. Founded by William the Conqueror in 1070, Windsor has been the British Royal Family's preferred retreat for the past 900 years. Step inside the State Apartments and St. George's Chapel, where the Knights of the Garter ceremony takes place. View the exhibit of royal treasures on display within the castle. You'll then have time to stroll through the town of Windsor and have a look at Eton College, a prestigious prep school attended by Princes William and Harry. Please note: Windsor Castle is occasionally closed when in use by the Royal Family; a visit to Henry VIII's Hampton Court will be substituted when necessary. Additionally, St. George's Chapel is closed to the public on Sundays. Must book 20 days before departure

Day 4: Free day in London

Included meals: Breakfast

Spend a full free day in London or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion

Stonehenge & Oxford \$129/pp

Pay a visit to Oxford, home to one of the most prestigious universities in the world. You'll admire the charming city's spire-studded architecture and learn more about its academic legacy during a visit to New College at Oxford University. Founded in the 14th century, this college is one of the oldest institutions in the city, and you'll discover its extensive history during your visit. Then, enjoy free time for lunch before continuing on to Stonehenge, perhaps England's most mysterious landmark. The origin and purpose of this ring of stones, which dates back an estimated 5,000 years, is unknown, though most believe it was a temple and observatory. Take some time to explore the intriguing stone formations and visit the newly opened exhibition and visitor center before heading back to London. Must book 20 days before departure

Day 5: Free day in London & New Year's Eve celebration **Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Take another day to explore London on your own or add an excursion. This evening, ring in the new year with your fellow travelers with a celebratory dinner and a Champagne toast.

Optional Excursion **Tower of London & Thames River Cruise \$125/pp**

Enter the Tower of London, a UNESCO World Heritage site famous for its dark history of treason, imprisonment, and beheadings. With a local blue-badge guide leading the way, you'll explore the nooks and crannies of this royal castle, seeing ancient coin collections, suits of armor, and the glittering Crown Jewels as you go. Later, step aboard a riverboat for a cruise down the Thames and take in views of the London skyline, Tower Bridge, Southbank, and more from the water. Must book 20 days before departure

Paris

Day 6: Paris via the Eurostar train **Included meals: Breakfast**

Board the famed high-speed Eurostar train to be whisked beneath the English Channel as you journey to Gare du Nord station in Paris. Enjoy a free evening in Paris or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion **Dinner in Paris & Seine River Cruise \$115/pp**

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Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Paris **Included meals: Breakfast**

A guided tour introduces you to the architecture, scenery, and history of the City of Light's many neighborhoods, called *arrondissements*. • Drive down the sycamore-lined Champs-Élysées to view the Arc de Triomphe • Pass Pont Neuf and the legendary Notre-Dame Cathedral, located on an island in the Seine River • See the Eiffel Tower, the Palais Garnier opera house, and Place de la Concorde, the city's grandest square • Marvel at the iconic architecture of the Louvre and Hôtel des Invalides

Day 8: Free day in Paris **Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Enjoy a free day in Paris or add an excursion. Later, join your group for a farewell dinner.

Optional Excursion **Versailles Palace & Gardens** **\$119/pp**

The reign of Louis XIV, known as the "Sun King," set new standards for decadence among the crowned heads of Europe. It took 50 years and 35,000 workers to turn Versailles, once a small hunting lodge, into the most magnificent château in all of France and the envy of royalty worldwide. On this excursion, you will see the palace in all its glory as you tour the State Apartments and the glittering Hall of Mirrors. Then,

stroll through the lavish gardens to admire their fine statuary, splendid fountains, and colorful flowerbeds. Must book 45 days before departure

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Day 9: Departure **Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)**

Transfer to the airport for your flight home, or extend your stay to continue exploring Paris.

Add an extension to Paris *from \$399* **2 nights**

Day 9: Free day in Paris **Included meals: Breakfast**

Spend a full free day in the City of Light or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion **Montmartre Wine Tasting & Dinner \$135/pp**

Start off your evening with a walk through Pigalle's cabaret-lined streets, passing by Moulin Rouge on the way. Then, take a funicular ride to the top of Montmartre, the highest point of the city, and explore the lively area around the iconic Sacré-Cœur Basilica. Afterward, enjoy a French wine tasting led by a local expert and a delicious three-course dinner. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price:\$145)

Day 10: Free day in Paris **Included meals: Breakfast**

Spend another free day in Paris or add an excursion. This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.

Optional Excursion **Paris Home-Hosted Dinner \$75/pp**

Join a local at their home in Paris to enjoy traditional dishes and dine like a true Parisian. During this dinner, you'll receive an authentic understanding of your host's day-to-day life while learning about French culture and traditions from a new perspective. Must book 20 days before departure

Day 11: Departure **Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)**

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.