

## **Saturday, April 26 - Saturday, May 3rd 2025**



Our tour begins in the heart of London, where we'll arrive on Saturday and depart for the countryside on Wednesday. We'll have 3 ½ days to explore London. Please note public bathrooms do have a charge. Just good to have some pounds on hand. Most places we go will have a restroom to use for free.

### **Saturday, April 26th**

#### **First Day Arrival (we made it!!!)**

We arrive to London on Sat, April 26th. After a coach ride to London, we will drop off our luggage at Hilton Doubletree Kensington. We will visit Borough Market, one of London's most famous and oldest food markets, with a history spanning over 1,000 years! The market is renowned for its high-quality ingredients, including fresh fruits and veggies, cheeses, baked goods, and specialty foods. Its street food is also known to be quite delicious.

After Borough Market, we will do a walking tour of Harry Potter/London sites. After an early light dinner, we will head back to the hotel to check in and settle for the evening. This would be the time to get an early night's sleep. Tomorrow is an early day! Breakfast is served 6:30am-10.



**Sunday, April 27th**

## **Harry Potter Tour**

**Ready Time: 7:20am** (this means you've already had your free breakfast at the hotel)

Would be a good idea to pack some snacks for the early morning drive. We will travel by private coach to the Harry Potter Warner Bros. Studio today where much of the Harry Potter filming took place. Most of this will be indoors and there is a coat check room if you care to leave things there. We will have lunch "on set" where they have a cafeteria. This is an "on your own" lunch. Also, feel free to go back and have more time at locations you loved. You must be AT our coach in the parking lot by 2:30pm for us to leave on time.

We will then be dropped off at Fortnum and Mason around 4:15pm (depending on traffic). 181 Piccadilly. You get a choice tonight for where you'd like to eat and how much time you'd like to shop vs eat. You will have many choices of places to eat in this area. If you want to eat at Fortnum and Mason Wine Bar and Restaurant ([link to IG on Whatsapp](#)) reservations need to be made. The toasties and pasta bar at Fortnum need no reservation. Please keep in mind that eateries do close earlier than normal on Sundays. Remember the buddy system here. Please go with someone to dinner. Feel free to use your oyster card to get back to the hotel.



**Monday, April 28th**

## **Coach + Walking Tour With Guide**

**Ready Time: 8:30am (breakfast hours 6:30am-10)**

Our tour guide Patricia will be taking us all around London today. We will be leaving with her at 8:45am after having breakfast at the hotel. Dress in layers and wear those comfy shoes! We'll be having a sit down lunch at the Mad Hatter all together (this is a meal you will Venmo us for in advance). Some of the sites we will see:

**Buckingham Palace** (outside)

**Changing of Guard**

**Tower Bridge**

**St Pauls Cathedral**

**Westminster Abbey** (entrance included)

**Peggy Porschen**

Peggy Porschen is known as the prettiest bakery in the world! We are hoping to go inside to purchase some sweets. But, it might be difficult with a large group. We will be enjoying dinner at Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese Pub (5 pounds will be paid for in advance and whatever is left you pay at that time). How fun is that name??? It was built in the 1600's. It's been visited by famous people like Churchill, Dickens and Mark Twain. Did you know pubs have the best food? We plan on eating at a couple of pubs. We will take the tube to get back to our hotel using our oyster cards.





**Tuesday, April 29th**

## **Garden Tour + Afternoon Tea + London Play**

**Ready Time: 8:15am (breakfast at hotel)**

Walking to Kensington Gardens (takes about 15 min to get there & we'll be there about an hour)

Next up is some free time for you. You can always do Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Sq, or the National Gallery which opens at 10. You can spend a lot of time in there or just a quick look. This can be a time to take an oyster card, a buddy and go shopping for a bit. We just need everyone "play ready" and at Fortnum and Mason by 3:20pm.

- 3:20pm Tea at Fortnum and Mason Diamond Jubilee Tea Salon (one of the best teas in London) be sure to be hungry!

- 7:30pm West End Play - Wicked the Musical

You may still be stuffed from tea, or snacks and drinks from the play but if not, it would be great to have some purchased snacks waiting for you back at the hotel or wrapped in your purse for after the play.

Pack your bags tonight as we will check out of our hotel and head to the country early tomorrow. Room keys **MUST** be put back into the original booklet they came in and **BRING** them with you so checkout can go fast. We don't have a lot of time so please please please don't leave them in your room. Also, **NO** room charges to our account for anything extra or it will increase our checkout time. Just use your credit card. Thank you!





**Wednesday April 30th**

## **English Countryside (Jane Austen, Stonehenge, Roman Baths)**

**Ready Time: 7:00am (early breakfast today!)**

Drive on our coach out to the country. We will make a quick stop (about 25 min) at a local grocery store to stock up on snacks and supplies. Buy your fave snacks for the road and your bedside table. For those coffee drinkers this would be good time to grab instant coffee as there won't be any at the airbnb. Then we will drive to Chawton (Jane Austen home tour, tickets provided). Donna will delight us with some Jane Austen knowledge beforehand.

We will pick up pre ordered lunch along the way to Stonehenge at Reeve the Baker. Stonehenge tickets for 12:30pm (be there about 45 min-1 hour).

Drive to Bath where everyone is on their own to explore, shop, get a snack and enjoy the town. We will meet at the entrance to the Roman baths at 3:50pm (entrance is provided). We have delicious meat pies waiting at the Cornish Bakery (they are staying open just for us, how nice is that?) and we will nibble on those as we take an extensive two hour tour of Bath.

Our coach will pick us up at 7:15pm and take us to our Airbnb. Get luggage in, find a bed and snoooooooooooooze after such a long day. We are so proud of you!



**Thursday, May 1st**

## **Coach + Walking Tour**

**Ready Time: 7:00am (breakfast provided and can be eaten as we go)**

### **Walking Tour of the country and the Cotswolds**

Some sights and places we will see:

Bibury - Bourton on the Water - Stow on the Wold - Daylesford Farm

Lunch is on your own today. This is where you can choose a cute bakery and grab a quick bite (then off to more shopping) or a sit down meal that takes more time but gives you a chance to rest and reflect. We will meet at 1:20pm at the entrance of the Porch House for desserts.

We have decided to eat out tonight and then have snacks back at the Airbnb for our activities.

We will play pass the parcel and share fun stories to get to know one another better.

Tonight is the night to pack and get ready for our check out of our airbnb tomorrow.





**Friday, May 2nd**

**Ready time: 7:00am**

Breakfast provided. We will be touring the Witchurch Silk Mill at 8:45am. This mill dates back to 1813 and has a beautiful Waterloo Clock that's been keeping time for 200 years! We will be having scones there before heading off on our next adventure.

**Highclere Castle** - Any Downton Abbey fans??? This is going to be super surreal to see this amazing castle in person. Tickets have been purchased and we will be able to tour the grand estate for two whole hours. This is not a guided tour but someone is there in each room to chat and share with you details and history. We are not allowed to take pictures inside of the house but you may on the grounds.

Driving to Windsor where you will have about two hours of free time to eat, shop and enjoy the sites. We recommend a quick bite so you will have time to see all that there is to see. Let's all meet back together at the Castle Hotel at 2:50pm and we'll walk to Windsor Castle together.

**Windsor Castle** - (entrance included) a stunning castle with over 900 years of royal history. We will then enjoy a dinner at Castle Hotel (this is a dinner we are providing for you, unless you choose the steak or salmon and you just need to pay the difference on that). We will get picked up by our driver at 8pm to go back to the Marriott. For those of you leaving and coming to the airport with us tomorrow, be sure you are packed and ready for a 7:30am departure.



## **Saturday, May 3rd (is it already time to go home???)**

Feel free to have the free breakfast at the hotel or eat at the airport

We leave the Marriott in Slough around 7:30am to arrive by 8:00am to Heathrow Airport.

As a group, we plan to arrive at the airport slightly before or by 8:00 AM. If your flight departs earlier, you will need to arrange your own transportation (e.g., taxi or Uber) to Heathrow, which is approximately 20 minutes from our hotel. A group of us will be leaving on a flight at 10:55 am from Heathrow to fly back to the US.

What a trip! We hope that you will enjoy your time with us and with the beautiful sites of England. We appreciate your trust in us, truly. We have been so excited to connect with you and get to know you as we have meticulously planned this adventure over the last several months. We hope you'll join us on another adventure someday!

## **Here is some helpful information:**

### **Our first hotel in London is:**

Doubletree Hilton London Kensington  
100 Cromwell Rd, South Kensington, London SW7 4ER, United Kingdom

### **Our final night in a hotel near Heathrow Airport:**

Marriott Heathrow Windsor by Delta Hotel Ditton Rd, Langley  
Slough, SL3 8PT

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Whatsapp will be the BEST most efficient way to connect with everyone. Please make sure you are on it and that you have notifications turned on during the trip. Keep that battery life on your phone charged at all times. Would be a great idea to get a portable charger if you don't have one.

**The tube station for the Doubletree Hilton Kensington hotel is Gloucester Rd.  
It's a 1-minute walk from the station to the Hilton hotel.**

# England Meals Guide

**OYO – On Your Own (you'll pay for this meal)**

**PP – Pre-paid by you in advance (\$79 total including 2 deposits)**

**PF – Has already been paid for**

**Deposit – A small amount was paid upfront by you to reserve your spot. This will be deducted from your final bill at the venue. You'll pay the remainder there at the restaurant.**

Our Hilton hotel has a restaurant where last orders are taken by 9:15 PM, and you can dine until 10:00 PM

Room service is available 24/7, but it's limited to smaller items like pizza and sandwiches. (Be sure to pay with a credit card for easier checkout when we leave the hotel.)

There are cafes/restaurants near the hotel that close around 8pm to 9:30pm.

## **Saturday, April 26 – Arrival Day**

- **Late Lunch (2–3 PM)** at *Borough Market* – **OYO**  
Choose from a variety of food stalls. If you prefer a light dinner option for later **this evening**, grab some fruit or a snack.
- **Dinner** - **OYO** There are eateries near the hotel or on the way back after the London Muggles Tour for a quick bite.

## **Sunday, April 27**

- **Breakfast – PF**
- **Lunch** at Warner Bros. Studio Tour – **OYO** (maybe eat an earlier lunch so you can an earlier dinner at F&M??)
- **Dinner** at *Fortnum & Mason* – **OYO**  
(Options include Toasties Bar, Hot Pasta Bar, no reservations required but do not wait til later to eat. F&M closes at **6:00pm**)  
F&M Wine Bar & Restaurant – requires reservations.  
Nearby restaurants are also great choices, but many close early or don't open on Sundays, so plan ahead!

## **Monday, April 28**

- **Breakfast –PF**
- **Lunch** at *Mad Hatter's* – **PP**
- **Dinner** at *Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese Pub* – **Deposit (£5)**

### Tuesday, April 29

- **Breakfast – PF**
- **3:30 PM** *Diamond Jubilee Tea Salon* late lunch early dinner– **PF**
- After *Wicked The Musical* (**ends around 10:15pm**) We can grab something to eat nearby or at the hotel, or you can have a snack ready for yourself.– **OYO**

### Wednesday, April 30

- **Breakfast – PF**
- **Lunch – Bakery** near Stonehenge **PP**
- **Dinner** The Cornish Bakery– **PP**

### Thursday, May 1

- **Breakfast** at Airbnb– **PF**
- **Lunch** in *Stow-on-the-Wold* make reservations if there is a spot you really want to eat at (reservation time would be noon) or find a quick bite at a bakery/cafe– **OYO**
- **Dessert** at *The Porch House* – **Deposit (£10)**
- **Dinner – pizza/salad PF**

### Friday, May 2

- **Breakfast** at *Whitchurch Silk Mill* – **PF**  
If you would like to have a snack at Highclere Castle grab a snack at their tea room which will be open while we are there 9:45am-12:00 **OYO**)
- **Lunch** in *Windsor* – **OYO**
- **Dinner** at *The Castle Hotel* – **PF**

### Saturday, May 3

- **Breakfast – PF**