Tour Name

Lonely Planet Experiences: Half-day Iconic Landmarks with Full Pub Lunch

Tour City

London

Tour Snapshot

Enjoy London’s most iconic landmarks and a traditional pub lunch on this spiffing half-day tour. From Piccadilly Circus to Trafalgar Square, we'll take in the nation's most famous sights like the Changing of the Guard, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Downing Street, Horse Guards Parade and the Royal Park of St James. Be entertained with tales from your local guide about the royals, Winston Churchill, the rebels Guy Fawkes and William Wallace, World War II and lots more!

Experience the best travel stories for yourself. Join a local expert and uncover hidden gems on this city adventure hand-picked by the world's leading travel publisher. Lonely Planet Experiences powered by Urban Adventures bring stories to life in the best-loved cities around the globe.

Highlights

- See London’s biggest and best landmarks on a half-day tour with a local guide
- Experience the Changing of the Guard and see Trafalgar Square, Downing Street, Covent Garden, Westminster Abbey, Big Ben and lots more
• Get a glimpse of the London homes of the royal family, such as Buckingham Palace and St James’s Palace
• Indulge in a traditional English lunch at our favourite local pub
• Enjoy hilarious and engaging tales of some of Britain’s most iconic royals, leaders and rebels
• Each Lonely Planet Experience comes with six-months free access to Lonely Planet’s Guides App which includes over 8,000 destinations guides and unbeatable discounts to Lonely Planet Guidebooks

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, full pub lunch including your choice of any main meal (including fish & chips, pies, sausage and mash, vegetarian options and more), plus any drink of your choice (beer, ales, wine, sprits, etc.).

Exclusions: Additional food and drinks, tips/gratuities for your guide.

Schedule details

• Duration: From 3 hours to 3.5 hours
• Meeting point:
  Winged Statue of Eros, Piccadilly Circus. Your guide will be standing with a large open red and white umbrella, close to the statue.

• Find the exact meeting point with what3words: //curl.lease.skinny

• Starting time: 10.00 AM
• Ending point:
  Covent Garden, near Covent Garden Station

Full Itinerary

Starting off at the world-famous Piccadilly Circus, we will embark on a journey of discovery and visit some the nation’s most important landmarks, buildings and monuments.

As we walk, you’ll see the private club where Winston Churchill spent his evenings, learn about Napoleon and his nemesis the
Duke of Wellington and see where the Grand Old Duke of York (from the famous nursery rhyme) used to frequent, too.

Then it’s time to soak up some royal history as we pass St James’s Palace, where Prince William and Prince Harry and their mother Princess Diana all lived.

We will then press onwards to see the truly spectacular Buckingham Place to marvel at the home of the British monarchy and, hopefully, witness the Changing of the Guard (weather and public events permitting).

As we meander through places of royal significance, your guide will regale with tales of the Queen, her late-night visitor (ooh!) and life and death tales of World War II.

Explore the majesty of our stunning Royal Parks and find out about the crazy gifts bestowed upon the royals by fellow monarchs and world leaders.

Then we’ll see just how big Big Ben really is and pose for a picture with Winston Churchill himself, a worthy addition to your social media feeds if ever there was one!

Next up, we’ll admire the Houses of Parliament through the eyes of some of the nation’s most famous rebels, such as Braveheart himself, William Wallace and Guy Fawkes.

Then it’s onward to the Ministry of Defence, Household Cavalry and Downing Street where the Prime Minster lives, followed by a stop at iconic Trafalgar Square to hear the heroic and hilarious story of Admiral Nelson.

Your tour will end at a traditional English pub with a full English lunch — think fish and chips and pie and mash (vegetarian and other meals are also available), and a drink of your choice (beers, ales, wines, spirits and more!).

Before you go, don’t forget to ask your local guide for tips of what else to see and do during your stay in London.

**Please note:** Changing of the Guard is subject to the weather conditions, special events and specific dates of operation. We cannot guarantee they will operate on your chosen tour day.

**Additional information**

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Dress standard: Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Gentlemen should wear closed-toe footwear.
Your Trip: For your Urban Adventure you will be in a small group of a maximum of 12 people.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Additional Information: Changing of the Guard is subject to weather, special events and specific dates of operation. We cannot guarantee they will operate on your chosen tour day, in which case we’ll see the Changing of the Queen's Life Guard instead. Guests wishing to consume alcohol must be 18 years or over in age and bring a valid ID.

Closure of sites: There will be several occasions throughout the year when routes and sites are closed due to major national parades or commercial events. Should this happen, we will tailor our route accordingly.

Child Policy: Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children under the age of 6 are not permitted on the tour.

**Dietary Notes**

Vegetarian and other meal options are available.

**Local contact**

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