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# Festive Paris & London

(6 nights/7 days)

Shared travel

Experience the magic of the festive season in these two magnificent capital cities!

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Explore the festive magic of Paris with visits to iconic landmarks, Christmas markets, and a Seine cruise before heading to London for Christmas markets and royal tours. Discover the Tower of London, Windsor Castle, and festive attractions while enjoying art, history, and seasonal treats!

#### **ITINERARY**

#### Day One - You have arrived in festive Paris!

Upon arrival at Charles de Gaulle Airport, enjoy a private transfer to your hotel for check-in. Once you're settled, it's time to experience the magic of Paris during the festive season. Start with a warm cup of coffee and a slice of Bûche de Noël, a traditional Christmas cake, from a local patisserie. Then, make your way to the Tuileries Garden for the "La Magie de Noël" Christmas Market, filled with charming stalls, twinkling lights, and delightful seasonal treats. Next, visit the iconic Eiffel Tower. After taking in the views, stroll across the river to Trocadéro Gardens for a stunning panorama of the tower against the wintery sky. End the day with a visit to the Arc de Triomphe, and then enjoy some Christmas shopping along the famous Champs-Élysées, adorned with festive



decorations. Before heading back to your hotel, take a leisurely walk along the Seine, marvelling at sights like the Notre Dame Cathedral, beautifully floodlit in the evening. The softly illuminated bridges and boulevards are even more magical during the holiday season, capturing the romance of the City of Light.

#### Day Two - Art, Perfume, and Parisian Charm: A Cultural Christmas Tour!

After your breakfast, join a small group tour with an expert local guide to explore the iconic Louvre Museum, one of



the world's greatest cultural landmarks. See masterpieces like Da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*, the *Venus de Milo*, and Michelangelo's *Dying Slave*. Your guide will share fascinating stories and insights, helping you appreciate the rich history behind these world-renowned artworks. With a personal touch, this tour offers a deeper understanding of the museum's incredible collection. Afterwards, immerse yourself in the art of French perfumery at the Fragonard Perfume Museum, where you'll discover the secrets behind luxury fragrances and create your own 12ml Eau de Toilette—a perfect Christmas keepsake. Continue to the Musée d'Orsay, a stunning museum showcasing

celebrated Impressionist masterpieces. As the day winds down, enjoy a leisurely walk along the Seine and finish with a glass of wine in a cosy Parisian bar, savouring the festive atmosphere of the city.

#### Day Three - Christmas Magic: Versailles and Paris Illuminations Tour!

Your guide will meet you at your hotel for a half-day small group tour of the magnificent Palace of Versailles. Adorned with elegant Christmas decorations, Versailles feels particularly magical during the festive season. Explore the opulent halls, the Hall of Mirrors, and the grand gardens, all transformed by the holiday spirit. Returning to Paris, board a comfortable coach for a panoramic city tour, perfect for viewing the city's iconic landmarks, beautifully illuminated for the season. Then, take a festive cruise along the Seine, with views of the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower, and other landmarks glowing with Christmas lights. Drifting under the "Love Lock Bridge," feel the romance of Paris at Christmas time. With your personal headset, you'll catch every



detail of Parisian history, enriching your experience with the tales and traditions of the city.

#### Day Four – A bientôt Paris & Hello London!

On your final day in Paris, visit Montmartre, the artists' quarter, where festive decorations add charm to the area. Climb



to the Basilica of Sacré-Cœur for panoramic views of the city, especially beautiful in the winter air. Enjoy a hot chocolate or mulled wine at a nearby café, then catch your private transfer to the Eurostar for your journey to London.

In London, start with a private transfer from St Pancras Station to your hotel, where you can settle in before exploring the city's festive sights. In the evening, visit the Covent Garden Christmas market, stroll down the decorated Carnaby Street, and see the grand Christmas tree at Trafalgar Square. After a magical day, relax at your Hampton by Hilton London City hotel, ready for more holiday adventures tomorrow.

#### Day Five - Royal London & Windsor Tour!

Start your festive day with a full day royal tour through London, where your guide shares captivating stories of the

city's history. See iconic landmarks like Westminster Abbey and Big Ben before watching the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, a classic display of British pageantry. In the afternoon, visit the charming town of Windsor, beautifully decorated for the season. Stroll through cobbled streets lined with cosy tea rooms and festive shops, as your guide brings Windsor's royal history to life. Continue to Windsor Castle, exploring the grand State Apartments and St George's Chapel, the resting place of several monarchs. As evening falls, return to London for a riverside stroll along the Thames, taking in the holiday lights. Enjoy a sumptuous Christmas dinner at a nearby restaurant before retiring to your hotel, filled with memories of a magical, festive day.



#### Day Six - From the Tower of London Treasures to Borough Market Treats!



Start your day with a hearty breakfast at your hotel, perfect for the festive adventure ahead! Begin at the Tower of London, a historic fortress once home to royalty. Discover the glistening Crown Jewels and the impressive White Tower as you delve into the remarkable stories of this iconic landmark. Afterward, enjoy a leisurely stroll across the famous Tower Bridge, where panoramic views of the River Thames and London's skyline await. Next, make your way to Borough Market, one of London's most beloved food markets, all dressed up for the season! Sample an array of treats, from fresh produce and artisanal cheeses to international flavours. Inspired by art? Head to the Tate Modern, a world-renowned gallery just by the Thames, and explore a brilliant collection of modern masterpieces. Then, stroll across the Millennium Bridge, taking in views of St. Paul's Cathedral on one side and the Tate on the other. Wrap up your day by returning to your hotel to relax and freshen up before the evening's festivities.

#### Day Seven - Last chance for sightseeing and souvenirs!

Before heading to the airport, enjoy a relaxed morning soaking up more of London's festive sights. Take photos, pick up a few Christmas souvenirs, and savour those final holiday moments. You might even take a joyful stroll through one of London's twinkling parks, dressed up with festive lights and cheer. Then, it's time to bid farewell and catch your private transfer to the airport.



#### **INCLUSIONS**

- Private transfer from Charles de Gaule Airport to the hotel (car or similar max 3 pax)
- Shared Guided Louvre tour including entrance (small group max 8)
- Shared Half Day tour in Versailles including entrance (small group max 15)
- Shared Paris City Tour and Cruise
- One way Eurostar train ticket from Paris to London Standard Class
- Private Transfers from Paris Hotel to Train Station (car or similar max 3 pax)
- o 3 nights accommodation in Paris at a centrally located 4\* hotel Square Louvois or similar.

- o Private transfer from London Train station to the hotel (car or similar max 3 pax)
- o 3 nights' accommodation in London at centrally located 4\* hotel Hampton by Hilton London City or similar.
- Royal London and Windsor Tour (Full day shared tour)
- Tower of London Entrance Ticket
- o Private Transfer from London Hotel to London Airport (car or similar max 3 pax)
- Breakfast daily

## Pricing

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