

LONDON: Drama Tour

(Note: This is only a sample tour)

Day 1: Depart for London.

Day 2: Arrive in **London** and meet guide for your sightseeing tour. Visit **Westminster Abbey, see Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and 10 Downing Street.**

Day 3: Visit London's Royal National Theatre, commonly called The National. The Theatre is actually 3 separate auditoria – the Olivier, the Lyttelton and the Cottesloe. Today you will enjoy a backstage tour to the unseen parts of the building on a tour led by experienced theatre guide. After your tour you will enjoy a workshop presented by the Theater. Later cross the Thames to the **Tower Bridge and the Tower of London.** The tower has a dark history with tales of torture, public executions, confinement and haunting. It has served as a castle in wartime, a king's residence in peace, and as a prison and an execution site for those of high ranks and religious dissidents. This historic fortress houses the best display of crown jewels on the earth. You will visit it this afternoon. Tonight shop till you drop along Oxford Street and Dover Street Market.



Day 4: Visit the V&A or Victoria and Albert and the **Museum Theatre Performance Collection.** The V&A's Theatre Collections holds the UK's national collection of material about live performance in the UK since Shakespeare's day, covering drama, dance, musical theatre, circus, music hall, rock and pop, and other forms of live entertainment. Here you will also experience your second Theatre Workshop. Covent Garden's is famous for its fashionable boutiques, street performers, restaurants and the Royal Opera House and is recognized as one of London's premier entertainment and leisure destination. You may wish to plan your lunch here and do a little shopping this afternoon! Then head to Soho for its patchwork of streets, also famous as an entertainment district. Tonight your first **West End Theatre performance.** London showcases the greatest talent and variety in the world in this famous district



Day 5: Guided visit to historic Elizabethan replica of **Shakespeare's Globe Theatre.** The original Globe Theatre has been rebuilt exactly as it was in Shakespeare's time. The design is based on scholarly enquiry and archeological evidence from the past two centuries. It hosts authentic old time performances of Shakespeare's plays with no amplification. Stop at **Borough Food Market** for some delectable lunch eats before you make your way to some of London's notable street markets. You won't want to miss Petticoat Lane, Portobello Road and **Camden Markets.** Tonight travel back in time to the Autumn of 1888 when a series of brutal murders brought terror and panic to the streets in London's East End. Your **Jack the Ripper Walking Tour** will follow Jack's trail on the dark, deserted crooked cobblestone alleyways of Whitechapel.

Day 6: Today visit **Bath**, a perfect 18th century city, perhaps the best preserved in all of Britain. The museums, elegant shops and terraces of magnificent town houses are a joy to experience. The Romans knew the value of the waters in Bath and they called the place "Aqua Sulis" (Water of the Sun). After your guided walking tour of Bath you will visit the remains of these Roman Baths, spend a little time shopping and wandering the interesting streets of Bath. Return to London and enjoy the evening in Covent Garden.



Day 7: This morning visit to one of London's prestigious **Dramatic Arts School**. Later visit to a museum of your choice. London's Museum Mile includes: The National Gallery, Tate Modern, Tate Britain, Victoria and Albert Museum, Natural History Museum, The Science Museum, Museum of London, The Royal Academy, and The National Portrait Gallery, which houses a historical collection of contemporary portraits of famous British men and women, from Tudors to modern times. Or the British Museum may be your museum of choice!! Tonight your second West End Theatre performance.

Day 8: Cheerio. Alas your visit to London has come to an end and you must head for home.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Return airfare to London
- Coach transfers:
 - o London – return airport
 - o 1 day coach visit to Bath
- Assistance upon arrival in London
- 6 nights hotel accommodation with private facilities
- 6 Breakfasts
- 3 dinners
- Guided tours
 - o Orientation walking in London
 - o Jack the Ripper Tour
 - o Walking in Bath
- Entrances/visits:
 - o Westminster Abbey
 - o Tower of London
 - o 2 West End Theatre
 - o Globe Theatre backstage tour
 - o V & A Museum - Theatre Workshop Collection
 - o V & A Theatre Workshop
 - o Guided National Theatre backstage tour
 - o National Theatre workshop
 - o Visit to Dramatic Arts School
 - o Entrance to Museum of Choice
 - o Roman Baths
- 6 day tube pass for London

