

International Interior Design Study Tour 2013

Passport to England: Discovering London



May 18 – 26, 2013

Thank you for taking the time to review this travel itinerary! If you love to travel as much as I do, I invite you to join me on my 2013 travel adventure as I set out to explore one of the world's most exciting cities – London! As always, my itineraries are geared toward travelers who are interested in learning about historic interiors, the decorative arts and architecture but I also make it a point to design my trips so that anyone joining our group is able to enjoy a refreshing mix of sightseeing, learning, and local culture...with ample free time to do some exploring on their own.

- Dr. Denise Homme, Go Ahead Tours US Group Coordinator

If you decide to join me on this tour, here is what you'll need to do:

1. Contact Go Ahead Tours toll-free at **1- 800 - 438 - 7672** and ask for **MAGGIE MURPHY** in Custom Tours Group Sales. If Maggie is not available, another travel consultant in Custom Tours will be happy to help you. Once you are connected to either Maggie or one of her associates, tell them you are interested in signing up for Dr. Homme's **Passport to England 2013** travel tour.

To insure you are applying for a place on the correct tour, please mention travel account # 54795384.

2. When you apply and request to reserve space on this tour, Go Ahead Tours will require that you make a minimal deposit of \$300). **This deposit is fully refundable as long as you cancel with 72 hours of making your application. (Please be sure to discuss your options for a refund after the 72 hour window with the Go Ahead Tours travel consultant).**
3. **Once you have completed your application with Go Ahead Tours and have made a \$300 deposit to hold your space on the tour, you will have until March 9, 2013 to pay for the tour cost in full.** Go Ahead Tours will invoice you accordingly. If you sign up for the tour (assuming space and air and hotel accommodations are available) after March 9, 2013, you will be expected to pay the tour cost in full at the time you make your application. **PLEASE NOTE: Any applications made after January 1, 2013, may also be subject to increases in travel costs that might have occurred since 2012.**

Although the following travel itinerary indicates that this tour leaves and returns from/to San Diego International Airport, YOU (or someone traveling with you) HAVE THE OPTION TO LEAVE FROM OTHER US AIRPORT LOCATIONS (a gateway change, however, will cause a change in the tour cost depending on your departure location). On the day of departure, travelers leaving from other gateways will typically meet and travel with the San Diego group on the international portion of the outbound flight. (For example, if the international gateway for the tour is leaving from JFK Airport in New York, travelers from Miami will often connect with the San Diego group at JFK).

If you wish to leave from a gateway other than San Diego Lindbergh, please discuss your specific travel needs with Maggie Murphy or any Go Ahead travel consultant.

Please be aware that Dr. Homme DOES NOT handle the financial aspect of your travel, accommodations or the included events scheduled for this tour. Please contact her, however, with questions about payments for the OPTIONAL events

listed. If you have questions about the cost of the tour, payment options, single room upgrades, travel insurance or any other aspect of the travel costs portion of the tour, please contact Go Ahead Vacations at the telephone number provided above.

4. **IMPORTANT!** Once you have officially applied and are part of the Passport to England 2013 travel group, you can expect to receive emails containing important announcements and information about the trip as well as electronic issues of Jet Smart (Dr. Homme's travel newsletter). Jet Smart is especially useful for first time international travelers. Take the time to read it to learn interesting facts about the places we'll be visiting, and to pick up handy travel tips and other information that can be helpful in making your international travel adventure enjoyable and relaxing.

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Note: If you have questions about the tour itinerary, please contact Dr. Homme rather than Go Ahead Tours. Once you have applied for a place on this tour, Go Ahead Tours will send you a basic tour itinerary that outlines the dates, locations and stops included on the tour. Additional copies of the detailed tour itinerary included in this document can be obtained by contacting Dr. Homme at the contact options listed above.

3. **IMPORTANT !! Make sure that you have a valid passport.** This is essential as you will NOT be able to travel internationally without this important document. If you have questions about obtaining a passport, please refer to your Jet Smart newsletter (Issue One) or discuss the procedure for obtaining a passport with a Go Ahead Tours consultant when you apply for your space on the tour.

This tour is open to anyone 18 years of age or older and who is in good physical condition (*able to walk for considerable distances over uneven ground and up and down stairs and, if necessary, to carry their own luggage*).

You DO NOT need to be a student, staff or faculty member of Design Institute of San Diego to be included on the 2013 Passport to England tour.

“Mind the Gap!”

Posted warning at all subway stations along the London “Tube” system to remind passengers to step up into the railway car and not into the space between the car and the platform

INTERNATIONAL INTERIOR DESIGN STUDY TOUR 2013

Passport to England: Discovering London is an international travel adventure designed by Dr. Denise Homme, (US Tour Group Coordinator) and by the staff of EF Go Ahead Tours, Boston, MA. Go Ahead Tours is a division of EF Education; the world's largest educational travel company. **Dr. Denise Homme and EF Go Ahead Tours retain the right to make changes in the tour itinerary and travel arrangements.**

PASSPORT TO ENGLAND: DISCOVERING LONDON TRIP ITINERARY

DAY 1: Depart San Diego International Airport

Sat, May 18

*Flight times and gate information to be confirmed prior to travel. **Please be on time** for international check in and DO NOT forget your US Passport and airline tickets!*

Passports and tickets accounted for, cameras ready...the day we have all been waiting for has finally arrived. In just a few minutes the flight crew will be taking a final walk through the cabin and the captain will be making the announcement we've been looking forward to for weeks. We're on our way to London – one of the most exciting cities on the planet!

As we settle back into our seats, all the sights and sounds we've come to associate with London come to mind...the rich, deep chime of Big Ben, the imposing dome above St. Paul's Cathedral, the bright pattern of double-decker buses moving along Oxford Street, the well-mannered *clip-clop* of her Majesty's horse drawn carriage and the quiet rattle of well-polished sabers during the Changing of the Guard. Over the next several days we're going to discover a city that lives to be explored ...from its great museums, colorful shops, and iconic monuments to its charming tangle of streets and tradition of late afternoon tea, scones and clotted cream. In just a few hours we'll be in London, a city with history deeply etched on every corner. This travel adventure promises to take us outside the city of London, too... into stately homes, lavishly appointed castles, colorful gardens, and picturesque small villages so splendid you'll think they are an illusion. Is there really any wonder why this fascinating country is called **GREAT** Britain!?

DAY 2: Arrive in London (Time Check: London is 8 hours ahead of S. California)

Sun, May 19

After we land in London and clear British Customs we'll be met outside our international arrival gate by a representative from Go Ahead Tours who has arranged for a private transfer to our hotel. We'll all be tired from traveling, but who cares? We are in LONDON! While we're waiting to check-in to our hotel rooms, plan to leave your bags with the front desk and begin exploring one of the world's most fascinating cities! Don't be surprised if our Tour Director has a short walking tour in mind! After all, isn't it time to start becoming familiar with the part of London that will be YOUR neighborhood for the next several days? Once we've checked-in, there'll be time to unpack and relax before this evening's included dinner.

London Welcome Dinner (Included Event)

Forget what you've heard about English food and be prepared to be pleasantly surprised. Our included Welcome to London Dinner this evening will find us at a charming London restaurant enjoying a sampling of traditional local fare. You shouldn't expect "Toad-in-the-Hole" (it's the wrong time of day for this British favorite) but, barring that, your taste buds won't be disappointed.

After dinner our Go Ahead Tour Director will lead an informal discussion explaining the general mechanics and details of our London travel adventure. After this introductory meeting, feel free to talk with our Tour Director about your specific travel interests. What would YOU like to do while in London? Shop for vintage clothing? View the Crown Jewels? Attend the world renowned Chelsea Flower Show (2013 is the 100 year anniversary)? Prowl a few used bookstores? Have your picture taken with a Beefeater at the Tower of London? Take a boat ride down the Thames to Greenwich to set your watch and visit the National Maritime Museum? Anything is possible! Expect to come away from this introductory meeting with a map of the city and lots of helpful information about using public transportation, where to find the best restaurants and currency exchanges and other "useful bits" that will help to make your visit to London a memorable experience.

After dinner our Tour Director will take anyone interested to an ATM and, afterwards, to a nearby "Tube" station to purchase a 7-Day London Underground (Tube) Pass (Cost: \$45 USD approximate for 7 days of travel in Zones 1 -2. Travel zones 3 + are additional)

The rest of the evening is yours...enjoy it – if you have the energy!

Overnight in London (Yes, you will be tired!)

DAY 3: London Sightseeing Tour (1/2 Day) AM (included event)

Mon, May 20

Breakfast at the Hotel (Included)

After breakfast at the hotel, we'll board our private coach and set out to celebrate our first morning together in England's largest city with a guided sightseeing tour showcasing some of the most memorable landmarks in London. Traveling through the heart of the city we'll weave our way along the banks of the River Thames stopping for views of stately Westminster Abbey (the traditional setting for royal coronations, weddings and funerals), majestic Big Ben, the splendidly dignified Houses of Parliament and the often celebrated Number 10 Downing Street. Along the way we'll cross Tower Bridge and hope for a glimpse of the royal family at legendary Buckingham Palace with a stop, of course, at busy Piccadilly Circus. Our tour will take us past St. James's Palace, (where - if we are lucky - we might glimpse the ceremonial Changing of the Guard - *seasonal*) and Sir Christopher Wren's masterpiece, St. Paul's Cathedral - often considered the symbolic heart of London. The photo opportunities will be plentiful, so don't forget your camera!

Free Afternoon in London or Guided Tour of Windsor Castle (1/2 Day) PM (Optional Event – ADD \$85 USD)

Should you choose to join this optional afternoon adventure, be prepared to explore the Thames Valley region and the scenic English countryside immortalized in Kenneth Grahame's 1908 book about Winnie the Pooh and his friends; "*The Wind in the Willows*". This afternoon's guided tour takes us to the medieval castle Windsor, home to British monarchs for eight successive royal houses and the largest continuously occupied castle in the world. From William the Conqueror (1070) to Queen Victoria, Windsor Castle has been the "favorite home away from home" for the Royal Family. Built to be viewed for miles around, the castle is considered the jewel of the surrounding countryside – an area referred to as Royal Windsor. Stepping inside the sumptuous State Apartments and St. George's Chapel (where the Knights of the Garter ceremony takes place) we'll get a glimpse of the intriguing lifestyle we associate with British royalty. After our visit to the castle there will be time to stroll through the picturesque town of Windsor with its traditional shops and historic pubs set along charming cobble stone streets. (Shakespeare is said to have written his play "The Merry Wives of Windsor" in one of these local "public" houses.) Why not make your visit to Windsor complete by stopping for a spot of tea and a scone? (*Note: Windsor Castle is occasionally closed without prior notice when in use by the Royal Family. If this should be the case, a visit to Henry VIII's Hampton Court will be substituted*).

Special Candlelight Tour of Dennis Sever's "18 Folgate Street" Museum

(Pay at the door: 17 BPS per person)

Look for the flickering gas lamp over the doorway to 18 Folgate Street. It might be difficult to make out at first because so often the ground fog in this atmospheric section of London rises up to cloud your vision after dark. An "after dark" visit to Dennis Sever's intriguing and entirely unique "Museum of Time" is back by popular demand! Stay close to your fellow travelers as we explore - **by candlelight**- the fully appointed home of the Jervis family who, according to the artist, were Huguenot silk weaver's living in London's Spitalfield's area in the mid 1800's. So, whether you see them or you don't - the ten rooms at 18 Folgate Street are said to harbor ten enchanting 'spells' that will engage your imagination. It's up to you to decide if the Jervis family is real or an illusion ...so hold your candle tightly and let your senses be your guide!

(We will travel together by Tube to the museum with a brief stop at a nearby pub to "settle our nerves" before beginning our candlelight tour).

Overnight in London

DAY 4: Free Day in London or Full Day Guided Tour to Stonehenge and Bath (Optional Event – ADD \$105 USD)

Tues, May 21

Breakfast at the Hotel (Included)

After breakfast at the hotel it's now up to you to decide: Will you spend the day exploring London on your own or will you elect to join this optional Full Day guided tour to Stonehenge and Bath? The choice is yours!

Should you decide in favor of the optional Full Day Tour, prepare to be transported back in time to the Neolithic Period to visit the most famous – and most visited - prehistoric monument in the world: Stonehenge (from the medieval term meaning “hanging stones”). Stonehenge’s great circle of stones has been standing alone in the vast, windswept isolated Salisbury Plain for over 5,000 years. Stonehenge’s imposing shadows have seen pagan festivals, Druid celebrations and mystical ceremonies since its beginnings in approximately 3000 BC. Was Stonehenge a Neolithic observatory used for studying the moon, a pagan temple for worshiping the sun, or an elaborate circular cemetery? Who were the people who transported and fitted together these rocks weighing 40 tons each? Ponder these and other possibilities as you consider the remarkable and mysterious feat of ancient engineering and architectural design that went into Stonehenge’s construction.

After our visit to Stonehenge, our guided tour continues to the small remarkably elegant city of Bath; a town that has earned the right to aesthetic immortality. Referred to by the author Nigel Nicolson as “18th Century England in all its urban glory”, Bath is famous worldwide for its immaculately preserved examples of Georgian and Regency architecture. A prosperous city in the medieval period and the site of three sacred thermal springs associated with the goddess Minerva, Bath’s present notoriety is the result of being a well-designed product of one of England’s most creative architectural eras. During the late Georgian period, Bath claimed its status as a fashionable spa destination by developing the city in stately avenues and streets encrusted with remarkable Neo-Classical public buildings.

After a guided tour of Bath’s major sights, we’ll have time to walk in Jane Austen’s footsteps as we stroll the streets of this delightful town to enjoy the well manicured streets or to visit the restored 18th century baths (the finest Roman ruins in England and the namesake of the town) (Lunch- Not included)

OR

Spend the Day Exploring London on your Own!

If your decision is to stay in London today and plan your own adventure, your list of things to do in this great city could be nothing short of overwhelming! Will your To Do List include sipping High Tea at the Savoy? Shopping for something totally British at Harrods or Burberrys? Strolling through Hyde Park or Kensington Gardens? Ogling the

Crown Jewels at the Tower of London? Taking in some of the world's finest art at the National Gallery or The Tate Modern? Lifting a "ha pint o' lager" and downing some "pub grub" at Blackfriars? Searching the used bookstores along Charing Cross Way for that special volume of Chaucer or Keats? Experiencing London's theatrical life at a matinee in the West End? Shopping for the latest in British fashions in Covent Garden? Attending one of the most famous garden shows in the world? *(The Centenary Chelsea Flower Show is being held in London during our visit. What a great opportunity to help London celebrate 100 years of England's love affair with gardening!)*

So much to do...museums, garden shows, shopping, royal pageantry and centuries of history... London is a city that loves to be explored. The choices are endless and they are yours!

Free Evening in London

Overnight in London

DAY 5 (AM) Guided Tour of The Geffrye – The Museum of the Home

Wed, May 22 (OPTIONAL tour of a unique Interior Design Museum - Pay 5 BPS at the door)

Breakfast at the Hotel (Included)

Join fellow travelers this morning on a visit to The Geffrye Museum - one of London's little known but best-loved museums. Surrounded by delightful gardens (which include an award-winning herb garden and a series of garden rooms showing the changing styles of English gardens over the past four centuries), the Geffrye Museum's mission has been to illuminate the changing style of British home interiors over a period of 400 years. From its tranquil setting in beautiful early 18th-century buildings (the former almshouses of the Ironmongers Company), the Geffrye offers a rare glimpse into the living rooms of the urban middle classes in London from the early 17th Century to the present day. Using collections of furniture, textiles, paintings and decorative arts displayed in a delightful series of chronologically arranged "contextual" period room displays, the Geffrye Museum provides visitors with a superb look at the quintessential styles of English middle-class interiors— each room reveals changes in patterns of social behavior as reflected in the choices made in home and clothing fashions and other objects associated with "good taste" throughout this period in British history.

This fascinating walk through a snippet of English interior design history— starting in the early 17th century - will have us traveling in time through the refinements of the Georgian period and into the highly decorative Victorian style with a final stop in British modernity and the "contemporary" style of the mid- 20th century.

Special “English Homes” Lecture – (included) Prior to our self-guided museum visit we will convene with a museum specialist who will give a brief presentation explaining the changing decorative trends in urban middle-class homes in London from the 17th century to the present day.

After our museum visit there will be time for a home-cooked lunch at the Geffrye's on-site café (Lunch not included).

(PM) Visit to the Victoria and Albert Museum

(OPTIONAL museum visit – Entrance to the museum and galleries is FREE. We will travel together from the Geffrye Museum to the V & A)

A trip to London is never complete without a visit to the **Victoria and Albert Museum** (often abbreviated and referred to as the **V&A**) - the world's largest museum dedicated to preserving decorative arts and design. Founded in 1852 (and named after Prince Albert and Queen Victoria), the V & A is home to an extensive permanent collection of over 4.5 million objects. Since its founding, the V & A has grown considerably and now houses 145 galleries covering over 12 acres. The V and A's amazing collection spans 5,000 years of art, fashion, textiles, furniture and decorative objects –represented in virtually every medium or style that serve to illustrate decorative arts and design from ancient times to the present day.

We will arrive at the museum by 1:30 PM to join the daily one hour guided tour through the V&A's British Galleries. On this guided tour we will have the opportunity to view the most comprehensive collection of British design and art on exhibit anywhere in the world. *(The guided tour is free).*

A David Bowie Fan? If so, consider seeing a David Bowie special exhibition that will be on display at the V & A during the week we will be in London. The V&A has been given executive access to the David Bowie archives in order to select the contents of this exciting retrospective (the first) showcasing David Bowie's long and colorful career as an influential musical innovator and cultural icon. According to the V & A “This exhibition will *trace David Bowie's shifting style and sustained reinvention across five decades. On display will be handwritten lyrics, original costumes, fashion, photography, films, music videos, set designs, Bowie's musical instruments and selections of artwork from his albums*”.

(There is an entrance Fee associated with the David Bowie special exhibition. Stop at the V & A main desk for information and to purchase tickets.)

Free Evening in London OR

London Theater Night (Optional)

Theater tickets (group seating) will be available for purchase through our Tour Director to an evening production of Andrew Lloyd Weber's longest running London theater production - The Phantom of the Opera - performed at the historic and beautifully appointed Her Majesty's Theatre. In 2011, Phantom of the Opera celebrated its 25th Year Anniversary! *(We will travel together from the hotel by Tube to London's West End –There will be a pub stop following the performance)*

Overnight in London

**DAY 6 Free Day in London or Full Day Tour to Stratford-upon-Avon
Tues, May 23 and the Cotswolds (Optional Event - Add \$109 USD)**

Breakfast at the Hotel (Included)

Full from breakfast at the hotel, we'll board our private coach and set out with our Blue Badge Guide to see if there really is "much ado about nothing". As our driver takes us through the ancient county of Warwickshire with its gently rolling countryside, sleepy hamlets and charming farmhouses and into Shakespeare's Avon, we'll see that there really is quite a lot of "ado" about something! In addition to a town applauding Shakespeare's many accomplishments as a writer and as a man of wealth and property, Stratford-upon-Avon's carefully preserved buildings provide a rare glimpse into English domestic life in the late-medieval, Tudor and Elizabethan times. A perfect specimen of a four centuries old provincial town, Stratford is the quintessential image of "Shakespeare's England" – a place where landowners still pasture deer as they have for almost a thousand years - and a region of England Shakespeare himself referred to as "*this precious stone set in the silver sea*". While in Stratford (from the Saxon "*strat-forde*" which means "a ford over a river"), we'll visit the early 16th century half-timber building where Shakespeare was born in 1564 and will spend time exploring the scenic walks, historic homes and back lanes of this idyllic town.

Time for Lunch (Lunch Not Included)

After our visit to Stratford –Upon –Avon, we'll re-board our private coach and continue our day long adventure into rural England with a visit to a region of the British Isles that more than one author has referred to as "the heart of England". Popular with both the English themselves and international visitors from all over the world, the Cotswolds is an idyllic region of England known for gently rolling hills ('wolds') and its "pretty-as-a picture" villages with their perfectly trimmed thatch roofs and clipped hedgerows. Is it really any wonder why these sleepy ancient limestone villages and historic market towns - where time has seemingly stood still for hundreds of years – are so 'typically English'? Is it the honey-colored stone cottages draped in honeysuckle? The warm personalities of the people? The 1000 year old castles and churches? Or the sound of sheep's bells tinkling in the distance? You be the judge. **OR...**

Spend the Day Exploring London on Your Own!

You've probably figured it out by now – London is a city with options at every turn! As you're planning one of your last free afternoons in England's largest city, what will your list of things include? How about a walk around London's backstreets and mews? (Get out your A to "Zed" and head for Park Lane or Kensington). Maybe a visit to one of London's most intriguing "time machines"...Sir John Soane's quirky home and museum (near the British Museum)? Perhaps a stroll down St. James or Picadilly Street to see the latest in English "bespoke" clothing? Ordering up some fragrant fish and chips at that small eatery you passed a few days ago? Hoping a double-decker bus and seeing where it takes you? The day is yours...enjoy it!

Free Evening in London

Overnight in London

DAY 7 Free Morning in London or (AM) Guided Tour of William Morris' Red House

Fri, May 24

(OPTIONAL tour of historic house and gardens - Pay 7.20 BPS at the door)

Breakfast at the Hotel (Included)

Anyone interested in textile design or the Arts and Crafts Movement in England (or the United States) should not miss joining this optional morning tour to William Morris' Red House. The Red House is the only home designed, commissioned and lived in by William Morris, the founder of the English Arts and Crafts Movement. Referred to by Morris' business partner Edward Burne-Jones as "the *beautifullest* place on earth", the rooms at Red House offer an extraordinary look at Morris' early Arts and Crafts designs, decorative patterns and color schemes. Built in 1860 and considered one of the most influential buildings in domestic architectural history, the Red House contains a wide range of unique architectural details, many examples of furniture designed by Morris, and various stained glass elements and paintings by Burne-Jones. Not to be missed... An amazing work of embroidery by Morris' wife Jane designed to cover the dining room walls.

Our tour of the Red House – which will include the house and Morris' iconic gardens – will very quickly reveal the reason for the world's love affair with Arts and Crafts – an approach to design and architecture which profoundly influenced the decoration of churches and houses well into the early 20th century and beyond.

(We will travel together from the hotel to the Red House by public transportation)

Free Afternoon in London or (PM) Optional Visit to the British Museum

(Free attendance to the museum but, if you elect to use one of the self-guided tours, there is a 5 BPS charge for the headpiece).

After our morning visit to William Morris' Red House, our next Tube stop will be just a short walk from the world famous British Museum. Founded in 1753 by the wishes stated in the final will and testament of the Irish physician, naturalist and collector, Sir Hans Sloane, the British Museum was the first public museum in the world. In return for a payment of £20,000 to his heirs, Sloane bequeathed his entire collection of 71,000 objects to King George II with the request it be made available to all who might be interested in human history and culture. Sloane's gift was accepted and, in 1753, an Act of Parliament established the British Museum. Since then, the British Museums holdings have grown considerably. The museum's current holdings – some of the largest holdings in the world - now contain approximately eight million works collected worldwide for the purpose of illustrating the story of human existence from its beginnings to the present day.

NOTE: During our visit to London, the British Museum will be presenting a major exhibition entitled "Life and Death in Pompeii and Herculaneum" which will showcase these two ill-fated Roman cities. According to the museum website, *"this exhibition will be the first ever held on these important cities at the British Museum, and the first such major exhibition in London for almost 40 years"*. Of particular interest to our travel group is the exhibition's unique focus on Roman domestic architecture of the time and the display of several unique decorative objects never before seen outside Naples and Pompeii.

Inspired by all those books in the British Museum library? It's a short walk to Charing Cross Road, a perfect place to explore the many used (and new) booksellers located there.

Free Evening in London

Overnight in London

DAY 8 Portobello Market Excursion (AM) Optional

Sat, May 25

Breakfast at the Hotel (Included)

Portobello Market in West London is one of the most famous street markets in the world! A popular destination for Londoners and tourists alike, Portobello Road goes straight through the heart of a trendy area of London made famous by the actress Julia Roberts in the 199 film *Notting Hill*. Scarcely a day will go by that locals won't be asked about the blue door, the travel bookshop, or the garden fence memorialized in this film. Shops along Portobello Road are open everyday but Saturdays are especially unique...this is the one day of the week that Notting Hill hosts London's most famous street market!

Market activities begin at around 5.30 AM with trading between dealers from the UK and overseas. Most stall holders have arrived by 8.00 AM and the market is in full swing for the remainder of the day. Other than a credit card or cash and a comfortable pair of walking shoes, the only other requirement for visiting Portobello Market is a love for finding a bargain, and the desire to share in the excitement visitors from all over the world who are doing the same thing - looking through the most extensive selection of antiques in Britain! *(Note: The shops and stalls along Portobello Road offer an extraordinary variety of goods ranging in price from a few pounds to several thousand pounds. We will take the Tube to and from the market.)*

Free Afternoon in London - Our Last

Perhaps a visit to Madame Tassaud's Wax Museum is still on your list? Not quite done with your shopping? Selfridges' - on London's famous Oxford Street - will be very busy today but well worth the visit. Would another stop at the British Museum for a look at the Elgin Marbles and those intriguing Egyptian mummies (the largest collection this side of Cairo!) be of any interest? A tour of St. Paul's Cathedral? A sunset ride on the London Eye? That last chance to dance with Kate and William at one of London's spectacular nightclubs? A spot of tea in the idyllic Tea Garden at the world famous Kew Botanical Gardens? A leisurely stroll along on the Chelsea Embankment for a final peek at some of London's finest collection of Georgian houses? What would be a fitting conclusion to your London adventure? Yes, there IS still so much to see and do!

Free Evening in London (Our last free evening in London)

(Informal Farewell Dinner - Optional) *We will organize this only as schedules permit.*

Overnight in London

DAY 9 Return Flight to San Diego International Airport

Sun, May 26

Breakfast at the Hotel (Included)

Our EF Go Ahead Tour Director will see that we arrive at the airport with ample time to check in for our return flight to San Diego.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

THE \$3248 BASE COST OF THIS CUSTOM INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TOUR (see additional rate adjustments below*) includes round trip airfare from San Diego, CA., double occupancy lodging in a 3 - 4 diamond rated European hotels, buffet breakfasts daily, all included itinerary events, the services of professional local guides and entrance fees for all included itinerary events. The cost also includes all itinerary- related transfers by private coach, luggage handling (one suitcase per traveler), the full time (24 hour) services of a highly-qualified multi-lingual Go Ahead Tour Director, 24 hour emergency services and all non-optional gratuities.

(Note: Many itinerary events associated with this travel adventure are optional – therefore, the entrances fees, food costs and transportation for these events are additional – see the tour itinerary for more specific information)

An upgrade to private hotel accommodations is available from Go Ahead Tours for an additional charge of \$490 per person for the 9 day tour.

Travelers agreeing to stay together in a “triple” accommodation hotel room will each receive a discount on their total tour cost.

The base prices indicated in this itinerary INCLUDES ALL FUEL SURCHARGE FEES but DOES NOT include a mandatory International Airport Fees departure tax assessment. International Airport Departure Fees are dependent on fluctuations in the economy and, as such, are subject to change. The approximate airport departure tax, computed at the time this itinerary was developed, is \$210 per traveler.

Travel insurance is not included in the cost of this tour but can be purchased from Go Ahead Tours at the time application for the trip is made. Travel insurance is available separately for baggage, medical, and trip cancellation, or tour participants may purchase discounted travel insurance packages (which includes baggage, medical and trip cancellation).

As an alternative, contact your personal insurance carrier for a comparative price on travel coverage.

NOTE: Due to the fact that Go Ahead Tours must secure travel and lodging for this custom tour several months in advance of actual travel, the \$3248 BASE PRICE of this tour is subject to change after Jan 1, 2013. Please contact Go Ahead Vacations for current price information if you intend to sign up for the tour after January 1, 2013.

***The \$3248 base price for this tour has been computed on the basis of a total of 26 or more travelers.** If the actual number of travelers falls between 21 and 25 travelers a \$100 surcharge will be added (making the adjusted base price of the tour \$3348). Groups of 15 - 20 travelers will be assessed an additional \$100 (which computes to an adjusted base tour cost of \$3448). As noted, airport departure fees will be added to the base price.

To apply for space on this tour – or for more information - Contact Go Ahead Tours toll-free at 1- 800 - 438 – 7672.