



MCC London & Paris 2020

ENGLAND & FRANCE

June 16 – 27, 2020 (tentative)

12 days

Cost: \$2395 total (based on double occupancy)

Includes: all international flights, nightly accommodations, EuroStar bullet train from London to Paris, shuttle service from Montcalm Community College to Chicago airport, locally guided walking tours of London & Paris, all ground transportation, daily breakfasts & dinners (for currently enrolled MCC students **only**), some meals (where noted) for non-students, full time travel director, & all listed admissions & tours. Other expenses **not included** are: some meals, excess baggage fees, and all optional excursions.

Travel Insurance available through our affiliate program at World Nomads. More information at <https://percussive.org/uk>

Signup Deadline: January 17, 2020 - checks made payable to Percussive, LLC – Cash, Venmo (@percussive), & Credit Card also accepted. 4% processing fee added to all credit card transactions



DAY ONE – Fly to England

- Transfer via provided shuttle from Montcalm Community College (Sidney or Greenville campus) to Chicago O'Hare International Airport to take your flight to London.

- Enjoy a comfortable flight on a full-service airline where you will have full meal service, complimentary alcoholic beverages, in-flight personal entertainment, and premium comfort.

DAY TWO – Arrive in London

- Arrive in London. After clearing customs and retrieving baggage, transfer to your hotel to relax and unwind. Later, join your local British tour guide who will take you on a walking tour of London, where you will visit and learn about:

- St. James's Palace
- Buckingham Palace
- The Changing of the Guard
- The Houses of Parliament
- Big Ben
- Westminster Abbey
- 10 Downing St.
- Churchill War Rooms
- St. James's Park
- and much more!

- Enjoy free time near Trafalgar Square and opt to try some local Fish & Chips!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Buckingham Palace State Rooms

Get special skip-the-line admission to go inside Buckingham Palace and explore the impressive State Rooms, with their magnificent decorations and elaborate detail. Move around at your own pace with an audio-guide.

Thames River Cruise

Glide by some of London's must-see landmarks on a sightseeing cruise from Westminster to Greenwich on the River Thames. Step aboard your comfortable cruise boat at Westminster Pier and listen to the entertaining live commentary as you pass sights such as Shakespeare's Globe, Tower Bridge, and the Tower of London. Take in the views from the open or indoor deck, and at Greenwich, step ashore to visit attractions such as the Cutty Sark or National Maritime Museum.

DAY THREE – Tour of London

- After breakfast, join your British tour guide on an unforgettable walking tour through “Square Mile”. You will be taken through the oldest streets in London from the Roman settlement 2,000 years ago, to the newest (and tallest!) buildings in all of Europe. Starting with a stroll along the ancient underground river Fleet, with a mid-point stop at Christopher Wren’s masterpiece St. Paul’s Cathedral, and a grand finale at Her Majesty’s Fortress: The Tower of London, this tour gives you the important history of two millennium worth of time with stops at:

- St. Paul’s Cathedral
- The Tower of London
- The Bank of England
- Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre
- Temple Church
- Royal Courts of Justice
- London Bridge
- Tower Bridge
- Millennium Bridge
- The Monument
- River Thames
- HMS Belfast
- and much more

- Continue to Borough Market, a 12th century old food market area with the best variety of cuisine London has to offer!

- Return to Tower of London for exclusive access to view the Crown Jewels and to tour the White Tower, Bloody Tower, and battlements!

- Free time afterwards.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

Globe Theatre Behind-the-Scenes Tour

An expert guide will take you on a fascinating tour of the iconic Globe Theatre, bringing the space to life with colorful stories of the 1599 Globe, the reconstruction process in the 1990s, and how the ‘wooden O’ works today as an imaginative and experimental theatrical space.

London Eye Skip-the-Line Tickets

Experience one of London’s must-see attractions with this skip-the-line London Eye ticket. Bypass the long queue and enjoy priority access and boarding for this giant iconic Ferris wheel. Admire panoramic views over the Thames River, Big Ben and other landmarks on your “flight.” Your ticket includes admission to the London Eye 4D Experience, an immersive journey that brings London alive through 3D film and multi-sensory effects.

Thames River Dinner Cruise

Take to the Thames for a sparkling river dinner sailing past London's waterfront sights. Settle at your table to savor a delectable 5-course dinner and admire floodlit city sights such as Tower Bridge, the London Eye, and Big Ben as you eat and relax, and enjoy enchanting live entertainment.

DAY FOUR – London Free Day

- Enjoy a free day at your own pace or opt for one of our recommended optional excursions!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

Stonehenge & Bath Full-Day Guided Tour

Discover two gems of southern England on this full-day trip to Stonehenge and Bath from London. Travel to Stonehenge, a prehistoric stone monument that rises imperiously from Salisbury Plain. Gaze at the gigantic stones, learn how the monument was used, and then continue to the UNESCO-listed city of Bath to discover this gorgeous 18th-century city independently. Choose to stroll the elegant Georgian streets and see top Bath attractions such as the Royal Crescent; or upgrade to visit the stunning Roman Baths or Jane Austen Visitor Centre.

London Hop-on Hop-off Bus & Boat 24 Hour Pass

See the best of London without the stress of rigid tour times and massive crowds on this hop-on hop-off bus tour. With your flexible pass, hop aboard the double-decker, open-top bus for a comfortable sightseeing excursion. Your pass offers three route options with stops at main attractions like Big Ben, the Tower of London, Buckingham Palace and more. Bonus features include a River Thames cruise and local discounts.

Windsor Castle Half-Day Tour

Visit the historic town of Windsor on a half-day tour from London, including round-trip transfers and entrance to the lavish Windsor Castle, the Official Residence of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Admire the mighty stronghold, built by William the Conqueror in the 11th century, peek into the royal bedchambers and see Queen Mary's dollhouse, then stroll the beautiful gardens and enjoy free time in Windsor.

DAY FIVE – History of London

- After breakfast, head over to the world-famous British Museum, home to nearly 8 million items in 94 exhibits! Enjoy a full morning exploring at your own comfort and pace.

- Afterwards, walk to Piccadilly Circus, one of the main public areas of London, for free time to shop and have a nice lunch.

- Free time afterwards.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

Churchill's War Rooms

Discover the secrets hidden beneath the streets of Westminster in the underground nerve center, where Winston Churchill and his inner circle directed the Second World War.

London Food Tour: The 10 Tastings

Get the real taste of London cuisine and experience the city through food. Amaze your taste buds with 10 delicious tastings, admire cultural sights, and listen to local stories that will unravel London's culture.

DAY SIX – London Free Day

- Enjoy a free day at your own pace or opt for one of our recommended optional excursions!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

Oxford, Cotswolds, Stratford-upon-Avon and Warwick Castle Day Trip

Take a day out of your London city break to visit Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon, and Warwick Castle, traveling to three of England's most-popular locations. Begin with a tour of Warwick Castle before heading to Stratford-upon-Avon, William Shakespeare's birthplace. Then explore Oxford and its university buildings, and drive through the Cotswolds, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

London Shard Observation Deck

Get your ticket to 'The View from The Shard' and enjoy sweeping vistas of the London cityscape. As the tallest building in Western Europe, the Shard offers panoramic views of up to 40 miles (64 km) across the capital. Take a high-speed elevator to one of the viewing decks and marvel at the sights, including great angles of main attractions like the London Eye and Tower Bridge.

Museum of London (FREE)

Discover the history of London at the Museum of London, near St Paul's and Barbican. Learn the story of the city from prehistoric times to the present day.

DAY SEVEN – Bullet Train to Paris

- After breakfast, enjoy one of the most unique and innovative modes of transportation around today: The EuroStar Bullet Train! This train travels up to 320 kph (200 mph) and moves mostly under water beneath the English Channel! It connects London to Paris in just over 2 hours.

- Upon arrival in Paris, transfer to your hotel and unwind.
- Later this afternoon, join your local Parisian tour guide for a walking tour of:
 - Notre Dame Cathedral (with insight before, during, and after the fire)
 - Seine River
 - Palais de Justice
 - Tuileries Gardens
 - The Louvre (exterior)
 - Much More!
- Free time afterwards.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

Seine River Gourmet Dinner Cruise

Ensure a memorable night out in Paris with a gourmet dinner cruise along the Seine River. Float past the city's famed monuments, such as the Eiffel Tower, Louvre Museum, and Ile de la Cité aboard a luxury Bateaux Parisiens riverboat. Soak up the magic of Paris from an onboard dining room while enjoying a gourmet 3-course meal.

DAY EIGHT – Best of Paris

- After breakfast, meet your local Parisian tour guide for an enchanting tour of Paris' most famous attractions such as:
 - Eiffel Tower
 - Champs-Elysees
 - Arc de Triomphe
 - Sacre Coeur
 - Montmartre
 - Moulin Rouge
 - Much More!
- Free time afterwards.

DAY NINE – Paris Free Day

- Enjoy a free day at your own pace or opt for one of our recommended optional excursions!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

Versailles Palace Day Trip

Enjoy a full-day tour inside of the world-famous Versailles Palace, which has been listed as a UNESCO Site for 30 years and is one of the greatest achievements in French 17th century art with 2,300 rooms spread over 208,000 square feet!

Paris Hop-on Hop-off Bus – 24 Hour Pass

Make sightseeing in the French capital easy with a Big Bus tour of Paris. Enjoy the convenience of hop-on hop-off access at any stop along the route, and soak in the views from an open-top, double-decker bus. See sights like the Louvre Museum, Moulin Rouge cabaret club, Notre-Dame Cathedral, and the iconic Eiffel Tower as you listen to informative, English-speaking guides. There are two routes to choose from, with 15 stops in total around the city, and you can pair your Paris bus tour with a Seine River cruise.

Paris Food Tour: The 10 Tastings

Discover the authentic yet classy neighborhood of Saint Germain des Prés on a culinary journey through its streets and luxurious flavors. Enjoy 10 delicious tastings handpicked by local foodies, from sweet to savory this is a food tour to delight all your taste buds.

DAY TEN – French Arts & Humanities

- After breakfast, head over to the world's largest art museum: The Louvre!
- Enjoy the entire morning enjoying these amazing artworks including Da Vinci's Mona Lisa.
- Stroll through the amazing Luxembourg Gardens and admire its 15th century palace.
- Free time afterwards.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

Catacombs Tour

Discover the dark side of Paris with pre-booked admission tickets to the Paris Catacombs. Wander through tunnels and rooms decorated in the human bones and skulls of millions of Parisians.

DAY ELEVEN – Paris Free Day

- Enjoy a free day at your own pace or opt for one of our recommended optional excursions!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

Normandy Battlefields Day Tour: American War Sites

Get an up-close look at the site of America's D-Day invasion with a visit to the Normandy battlefield beaches from Paris. On this tour, you'll stroll Utah and Omaha beaches, explore famous wartime sites like Pointe du Hoc and Sainte-Mère Church, and learn the turbulent history of this key WWII location. Throughout the tour, enjoy free time to take souvenir photos, pay respects and ask questions of your expert guide.

Eiffel Tower Ride to the Top

Take the angled elevator to the top of this Parisian icon for the best panoramic view of Paris. You can do this anytime between the hours of 9 AM & Midnight.

DAY TWELVE – Fly Home

- Transfer back to the airport for your flight back to the USA.
- Once in Chicago, the bus will take you back to MCC.

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