

# London, England



**Time Frame:** 4 days + 2 travel days

**Destinations:** London & Canterbury, England, UK

## Travel Day/Day 1

### Arrive in London, England

Take a red-eye flight to London Heathrow Airport.

Arrive the next morning and take the Elizabeth line train to the city, then the London Underground to connect to your airbnb area.

Take a power nap and grab lunch nearby.

Take the Tube (London Underground) to **Central London**:

- Visit the **National Gallery** (free; open 10a-6p) & Trafalgar Square
- Walk around Chinatown & Leicester Square
- Walk to **Buckingham Palace** & enjoy St. James Park
- Walk to **Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, Westminster Hall, & London Eye**

Dinner & drinks near your airbnb.

## DAY 2

### London, England

Breakfast near your airbnb.

Take the Tube to **Central London** again:

- Visit **St. Paul's Cathedral** (book your timed entry slot ahead of time for \$36pp; open 8:30a-4p)
- Go to the **Borough Market** for lunch (open 10a-5p)
  - Try: Ginger Pig sausage rolls, Pimminister pies, Black Pig sandwiches, Bath Dairy mac & cheese, Bread Ahead crême brûlée donut
- Get drinks at the Market Porter or Thameside Inn
- Visit the **Tate Modern Museum** (free; open 10a-6p)
- Walk across the **Tower Bridge** to the **Tower of London**

Dinner & drinks at The Crutched Friar.

## DAY 3

### Canterbury, England

Breakfast near your airbnb.

Take the Tube & Southeastern Railway to Canterbury West Station (~2 hr trip, \$50pp RT, book on Southeastern Train Tickets app)

Spend the day in **Canterbury**:

- Coffee at Fringe + Ginge
- Visit the **Canterbury Cathedral** (open 10a-5p; \$26pp)
- Walk around: Westgate Gardens, The Crooked House, Butchery Lane, Sun St, Mercery Ln
  - Other paid sights: St Augustine's Abbey (10a-5p; \$14pp), Roman Museum (10a-5p; \$14pp)
- Lunch at Thomas Becket Pub
- Punting with **Canterbury Punting Co** (45 min boat tour for \$36pp)
- Drinks at Foundry Brewpub
- Dinner at Old Weaver House

Take the Southeastern Railway & Tube back to your airbnb.

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## DAY 4

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Breakfast by your airbnb.

Take the Tube or an Uber to Central London to one of the Uber Boat piers. Take an **Uber Boat** to **Greenwich**:

- Visit the **National Maritime Museum** (free; open 10a-5p)
- Walk around **Greenwich Park** & to the **Royal Observatory** for the view
- Visit the **Queen's House** (free; open 10a-5p)
- Walk around **Greenwich Market** & get lunch nearby
- Drinks at the Plume of Feathers

Take the Tube to The Valley Stadium for a **Charlton Football Club game**

- *Alt: Tube or Uber Boat back to Central London to the British Museum (free; 10a-5p), Tate Britain Museum (free; 10a-6p), or Tower of London (book timed entry; \$50pp)*

Dinner & drinks near your airbnb.

## Travel Day

### Travel Back Home

Breakfast near your airbnb.

Take the Tube and Elizabeth Line back to London Heathrow Airport.

Hop on your flight home!

## Tips

Currency	Pounds (£); No need to have any cash, cards are accepted everywhere
Apps	Google Maps for transit, Southeastern Train Ticket for booking train to Canterbury
Customs	Apply for Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) at least 72 hrs prior to arrival (use ETA Mobile App, \$22pp, no physical proof needed as it's attached to your passport number)
Transit	<p><u>London Underground/Tube</u>: Use contactless payment, also scan on the way out (first scan- use different cards per person or it'll decline on second scan)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Never stand on the left of the escalator</li></ul> <p><u>Airport</u>: Uber takes longer than train</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Take Heathrow Express to Paddington Station, then Uber or Tube from there</li><li>- Or Elizabeth line if hotel is not near Paddington (newer, cheaper, less busy)</li></ul> <p><u>Uber boat</u>: on Thames River for sightseeing, use contactless payment just like Tube</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Best routes: Westminster to Tower Pier, Embankment to Greenwich, London Eye to Canary Wharf</li></ul>
Good to Know	<p><u>Pub Etiquette</u>: Order food &amp; drinks at the bar, pay on the spot (no tabs)</p> <p><u>Tipping</u>: Sometimes added to bill ("discretionary service charge"), otherwise 10-15% customary at restaurants. Not expected at bars &amp; pubs.</p> <p><u>Safety</u>: Be aware of phone snatching &amp; pickpocketing in busy tourist areas and on the Tube.</p>
Food to Try	English breakfast, meat pie, fish & chips, sausage rolls, sticky toffee pudding