



ITINERARY for SCOTCH COLLEGE GROUP To ENGLAND & FRANCE December 2007

DAY 1: Saturday 1st December

1400: Meet at the **Singapore Airlines check-in counter** at Tullamarine Airport

1515: Group photo and final good-byes before going through customs

1700: **Singapore Airlines flight SQ 228 departs for Singapore**

2135: **Arrive Singapore** – With just enough time to stretch our legs before boarding our connecting flight.

2320: **Singapore Airlines flight SQ 322 departs for London Heathrow**



DAY 2: Sunday 2nd December

0525: **Arrive London Heathrow Airport**

Upon arrival we will be met by our travel agent who will escort us to our coach. We will transfer from the airport direct to **Oxford** where we will be accommodated for the next two nights on a bed and breakfast basis.

YHA OXFORD
2a Botley Road
Oxford
Oxfordshire OX2 0AB
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Fax: 0870 770 5971

YHA Oxford is a new purpose-built hostel with a literary theme, only 5 minutes away from the centre of Oxford.

"Oxford is a beautiful city of stunning architecture, a wealth of history and an abundance of culture. You'll find ancient and modern colleges, fascinating museums and galleries, and plenty of parks, gardens and green spaces."

<http://www.ox.ac.uk/>



1000: **Guided walking tour of Oxford** with Blue Badge guide Brian Murray

1200: Lunch break

1300: Tour resumes with a visit to **Christ Church College** (pictured above)

Then back to the Hostel for check-in, dinner and a well-deserved rest!

DAY 3: Monday 3rd December

0900: Catch 9.38 train to **Windsor**. Visit **Windsor Castle** (one of the Queen's official residences).





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DAY 3: Monday 3rd December(cont)

Afternoon

Walk to **Eton College**. We will begin by **meeting the new Scotch Principal, Mr Tom Batty** for afternoon tea. (3.30 pm) We will then embark on a tour of Eton College before our debate the gentlemen from Eton.



Evening

0730 Dinner and debate at Eton. A coach will collect us for our return trip to our Oxford Hostel.

DAY 4: Tuesday 4th December

0900: Walk to the **Bodleian Library** for a visit to the **Divinity School** (used as the Hogwart's Sanatorium in the Harry Potter Films)

The ceiling features images of beasts and biblical scenes. Described by experts as a "masterpiece of English Gothic architecture". <http://www.bbc.co.uk>

1030: Tour of **Duke Humphrey's Medieval Library**

1130: Our coach will pick us up from the Hostel and we will travel to **Stratford-upon-Avon**. On our journey we will pass **Anne Hathaway's cottage**.

Anne Hathaway's Cottage, made famous on chocolate boxes and tea towels, is arguably the most picturesque of the Birthplace Trust properties. The cottage belonged to the prosperous Hathaway family and was the pre-marital home of William Shakespeare's wife, Anne. Although referred to as a cottage, it is actually a substantial, twelve-roomed, Elizabethan farmhouse.

<http://www.stratford.co.uk>



1245 (approx): Arrive and drop off bags at the **Grosvenor Hotel** where we will be accommodated tonight on a bed and breakfast basis.



The Best Western Grosvenor Hotel

Warwick Road
Stratford Upon Avon
Warwickshire
CV37 6YT
Tel: 01789 269213
Fax: 01789 266087

1400: Guided walking tour of Stratford. Stratford-upon-Avon is renowned as **Shakespeare's birthplace**. After the tour we will check-in at the Grosvenor Hotel.





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DAY 4: Tuesday 4th December(cont)

1700: A Pub Dinner at “The Dirty Duck”..... Or is it “The Black Swan”!?!?

1930: Evening theatre performance of ‘Noughts and Crosses’ in Civic Hall.

“In a story inspired by Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet, Noughts & Crosses challenges our perceptions of race, power and truth as it dramatises the thrilling love story of Sephy and Callum, two young people kept apart by bigotry, terrorism and injustice.” Noughts and Crosses is a book by Malorie Blackman.

<http://www.uktw.co.uk/>

DAY 5: Wednesday 5th December.

0930: Depart by coach for **Cambridge**. This journey will take approximately three hours and we will be dropped off at **The Leys School**. We will be billeted with students from The Leys School for two nights.

Cambridge is a wonderful fusion of the everyday and the extraordinary. A living city that has shaped history, that today reflects the best of historic and contemporary life and is continuing to make its mark on the future. Even if you have never visited Cambridge, it has still touched your life as the place that inspired Darwin, Newton, AA Milne, Wordsworth, John Cleese, Graham Chapman, Eric Idle and Stephen Hawking.

<http://www.visitcambridge.org>

1330: Cambridge graduate, Mr Brown will take us on a walking tour of Cambridge. The tour will include visits to the main Colleges including **Kings College** and **Trinity College**. We will see the famous **Kings College Chapel** (pictured).



1700 – 1800: Debates

Evening: Dinner and **School play at The Leys School** and then home with your host family.

DAY 6: Thursday 6th December

Morning: Debating training at **The Leys School** (pictured)

Afternoon: Visit **The Wren Library** which contains **Newton’s Principia Mathematica** and **AA Milne’s Winnie the Pooh**. Free time in **Cambridge**

1700 -1800: Debates against The Leys School and St Mary’s

Evening: Billeting with Leys School families



DAY 7: Friday 7th December

0900: Our coach will pick us up from The Leys School this morning and take us to the bright lights and big city sounds of **London**.

Welcome to London! The grand resonance of its very name suggests history and might. Its opportunities for entertainment by day and night go on and on and on. It’s a city that exhilarates and intimidates, stimulates and irritates in equal measure, a grubby Monopoly board studded with stellar sights. It’s a cosmopolitan mix of Third and First Worlds, chauffeurs and beggars, the stubbornly traditional and the proudly avant-garde. But somehow - between ‘er Majesty and Pete Doherty, Bow Bells and Big Ben, the Tate Modern and the 2012 Olympics - it all hangs together.

www.lonelyplanet.com



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DAY 7: Friday 7th December (cont)

1100: Arrive at **La Reserve Hotel** where we will be accommodated for the next five nights on a bed and breakfast basis.
Explore area around hotel.



La Reserve Hotel
422-428 Fulham Rd
London, SW6 1DU
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1630: We put our **debating skills** to the test against the fine students of **The Westminster School**.

Evening: We don our coats and scarves and brave the cold dark night as we embark on the **London by night walking tour**, passing **Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Downing Street, Trafalgar Square** and much more.
OR Radio play at BBC OR Movie in Leicester Square

DAY 8: Saturday 8th December

Morning: Panoramic London sightseeing tour, taking in **Buckingham Palace, St Paul's Cathedral, Lord's cricket ground, The Globe Theatre, Hyde Park, Piccadilly Circus** and **Abbey Rd studios**. Then it's time to get your wallets out as we finish our tour with a spot of shopping at England's world famous department store, **Harrods**. An opportunity to buy your Christmas presents!

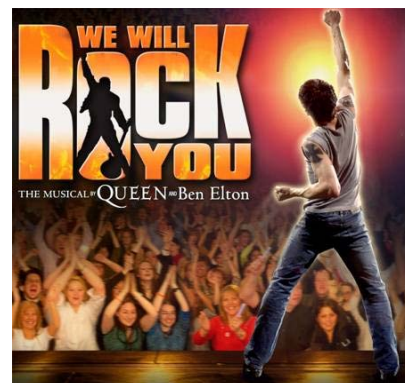
Afternoon options:

- Group 1** – Tower of London (**cost involved**)
- Group 2** – British Museum (free/possible guided tour charge)
- Group 3** – Science museum (free)

Late afternoon: It's time to get dressed up in your finest and head to London's famous theatre district, the **West End** for tonight's performance of Ben Elton's **'We will rock you'**

1700 **Dinner at Wagamama**

1930: **We Will Rock you**
Dominion Theatre
Tottenham Court Road
London WC2



DAY 9: Sunday 9th December

0900: This morning we are up and at it early in order to catch the District Line Tube from Fulham Broadway Station to Embankment where we will commence this morning's **literary walking tour**.





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DAY 9: Sunday 9th December(cont)

0930: Our Blue Badge guide, Gavin Webb will meet us at Embankment.

Lunch: Grab something to eat and explore all that **Covent Garden** has to offer. Check out the market stalls as well as the talents of the street performers.

Afternoon: Choose from one of the following activities to keep you entertained this afternoon:



Group 1 - Camden Markets

Group 2 – St Paul's Cathedral (pictured) OR Westminster Abbey

DAY 10: Monday 10th December

Morning: Houses of Parliament (pictured)

Afternoon: Shopping in **Regent St/Picadilly**
Book buying at **Foyles bookshop**.

Night: Theatre/movies (**extra cost**)



DAY 11: Tuesday 11th December

0930 : Leave hotel

1030: Admission to the **Shakespeare exhibition and the Globe Theatre**

Afternoon: Choose from one of the following activities to keep you entertained this afternoon:



Group 1 – Tate Modern (pictured)

Group 2 – Shopping in Oxford, Regent Streets



DAY 12: Wednesday 12th December

0745: We need to be up, packed and ready to go early this morning as a coach will pick us up from our hotel at 7:45am to take us to St Pancras Station for check-in on the **Eurostar** to **Paris**. If time allows you might like to buy some lunch to take on board the train. Otherwise you will need to buy lunch on the train.



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DAY 12: Wednesday 12th December (cont)

0926: Eurostar 9014 departs for Paris

PARIS

Paris is a city for the senses – for art, for music, for fashion, for food and for history. The city's literary legacy is also legendary, with prominent and influential writers such as **Moliere, Voltaire, Balzac, Hugo, de Beauvoir and Camus.**

It has a population of 2.1 million and it is divided into twenty neighborhoods called *arrondissements*. They are arranged in an outward spiral beginning at the city's center. The River Seine divides the city between north and south - the famous *rive gauche* and *rive droite* (left bank and right bank) romanticized in so many novels and films. Tradition has it that the left bank is the bohemian heart of the city, while the right bank is known for high-priced sophistication and the world's best shopping. The truth, however, is that you'll find that each neighbourhood has its own unique style and flavour. We will not visit them all, but try to be aware of the different look and feel of each neighbourhood as we move around Paris.

Paris arrondissements and landmarks



1247: Arrive Paris Nord. Our local guide will meet us at the station.

1300: We will have an English speaking guide for a **panoramic sightseeing tour of Paris**. We will pass highlights such as **Champs Elysées, Arc de Triomphe, Hotel des Invalides, Le Tour Eiffel, Le Louvre**. Our tour will end at our Paris hotel where we will be accommodated for the next four nights on a bed and breakfast basis.

In Paris we will be staying in the Marais - one of Paris' most colourful districts and also one of the oldest, packed with history, culture and classic 17th-18th century private mansions. A very lively quarter with clothing boutiques, antique shops, boulangeries / pâtisseries, tea shops and bistros. Lots of very trendy shops for men (and boys).

1600:



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Evening:

After dinner we will visit the iconic bookstore **Shakespeare & Company** on the bohemian left bank (open until midnight). This is a Paris institution and was “a home away from home” for the literary greats like Hemingway, Shaw and Gertrude Stein. It is more than a bookshop – it is a library, a writer’s residence and a literary centre. You will never have experienced anything like it!

DAY 13: Thursday 13th December

“Paris stimulates the senses, demanding to be seen, heard, touched, tasted and smelt. Gaze rapturously at its breezy boulevards, impressive monuments, great works of art and magic lights. Savour its gourmet selection of cheese, chocolate, wine and seafood. Feel a frisson of fear and pleasure atop the Eiffel Tower.”

www.lonelyplanet.com

0900: Today we will catch the Metro to visit Paris’ most famous landmark,
La Tour Eiffel

1300: We will travel by train 30 minutes SW from Paris to visit the **le chateau de Versailles (extra cost)** and explore the opulence, grandeur and subsequent folly of Louis XIV’s reign. The palace is a repository of exquisite paintings, sculptures and interiors. It was ransacked during the French Revolution, but has been progressively restored and renovated.



1900: Dinner at a restaurant in our local area this evening

DAY 14: Friday 14th December

This morning you will enjoy a **Seine boat tour**.

Touring Paris via the Seine river is a great way to get familiar with many of the city's most stunning monuments, historical buildings, and ornate bridges. You will pass by **Notre Dame, Palais de Justice, Le Louvre** (pictured), **Le Tour Eiffel** and much more.

Bateaux Mouches: Departure point: Pont de l'Alma, 8th arrondissement (Departures every 45 minutes, from 11:00AM to 9:00PM). The tour lasts approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes.



Afternoon Options:

1. We will walk through the **Tuileries Gardens** on our way to view the Mona Lisa and other famous works of art in the magnificence of **Le Louvre (extra cost)**
OR
2. Have lunch on the rooftop restaurant at **Galeries Lafayette** and shop in this grand department store. The Christmas decorations are a sight to be seen at all of les grands magasins in Paris.



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DAY 15: Saturday 15th December



Morning:

Visit the biggest **Artist's market in Paris** in Boulevard Richard Lenoir, just near our hotel. Walk to **Place des Vosges** and visit **Musee Carnavalet**

Afternoon:

Farewell to Paris from the **Arc de Triomphe** and the **Champs Elysees** (pictured)



Evening: Return to our hotel to pack and enjoy a final dinner in the City of Light

DAY 16: Sunday 16th December

0645: Breakfast at hotel

0730: Coach transfer from hotel to Airport

0830: Arrival at CDG Airport. Check-in and go through Customs

1145: Departure Paris on Singapore Airlines flight SQ333 to Singapore

DAY 17: Monday 17th December

0955: Depart Singapore on flight SQ 217

2020: Arrive Melbourne

Additional PARIS information

- Suggest you put aside **30% of your spending money for Paris**, where you will have more free time
- Shopping hours – 10.00 – 5.00 pm
- When you go into a restaurant, wait to be seated, for some empty tables might have already been reserved.
- NEVER refer to the waiter as garcon
- BUY – Lonely Planet's 'Best of Paris and "Best of London"'. (They are \$23.95 and a handy size for taking with you)
- **Paris times and weather**
 - Sunrise: 8.36
 - Sunset: 4.54
 - Average December low: 2 degrees
 - Average December high: 7 degrees