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LONDON

THE SOUL OF THE CITY

A Small Group Walking Tour

MARCH 6 - 14, 2004

Earth has nothing to show more fair.

William Wordsworth had it right 200 years ago when he boasted of the glories of London for this stunning European capital reveals an inimitable mixture of idiosyncratic detail and grand powerful statement.

On this small group journey, we delve deep into the historical and contemporary soul of London: its monumental Westminster Abbey and Chapter House, Buckingham Palace and the Banqueting House of Charles II, the winding alley-ways hiding the architectural wonders of Christopher Wren, the treasures of World Civilization in the British Museum, the hustle and bustle of Covent Garden and Soho, world-class shopping and pub-crawling, and tickets for two performances of the best theatre in the world.

N.B. To travel rather than be packaged. That's the difference between this tour and others. To discover means to walk; it's a must for this adventure.

TRIP FACTS

9 Days/8 Nights: March 6 –14, 2003

Study Tour Price: \$1,190.00 per person, double occupancy (land only*)

Single Supplement: \$190.00

Insurance: Inquire via the Internet at www.travelguard.com

IT'S INCLUDED!

- Two knowledgeable veteran tour escorts who know London well.
- 8 nights accommodation in a charming three-star hotel.
- All rooms with private bath, all breakfasts.
- A welcoming dinner.
- Transportation in London by Underground (subway) and bus.
- Two theatre tickets.
- Historic and cultural walking tours with superb guides, each an expert on particular areas and topics of the tours.
- Evening get-togethers in the hotel lounge.
- A detailed itinerary. Current theatre information, and restaurant guide.
- London map.
- Pre-departure orientation; Post-tour planning assistance.
- A fun, small group of soon-to-be friends. **(This study tour is limited to 20 participants.)**

*** WHY "LAND ONLY"?**

During the past ten years, we have depended on a travel agency to book this tour. However, during the last year, airlines have stopped paying agencies a commission on their sales, so now agencies must charge the customers a fee for their services. In addition, group fares, except for very large groups, are higher than published fares. All this means you can book your air reservations at a lower cost than we can, and it also means 1) We can add more to your experience in London in the way of activities, and 2) you can add more days to your trip, either before or after the study tour. See "Booking Your Flight to London" for further details. If you need more assistance, just give us a call.

BOOKING YOUR FLIGHT TO LONDON AND GETTING TO THE HOTEL

The most convenient flight to and from London from St. Louis is via American Airlines. Flights depart in the evening and arrive the following morning. Therefore, to arrive in London to begin the tour, you must leave no later than March 5, 2004. **If you decide to fly American, we have arranged a 10% discount on all fares to London for members of this study tour. To receive this discount, you must book by telephone, 1-800-433-1790, and refer to Star File # 2634AA. This discount is available on all flights from March 3rd through the 17th, applies to either Heathrow or Gatwick, London's International Airports, and is available from any American city served by American Airlines.**

There are other options and, often, savings if you choose to go another route. This is where the Internet proves invaluable. By far the easiest comparison-shopping is offered by ORBITZ at www.orbitz.com. Other travel companies doing business on the net include www.travelocity.com, www.expedia.com, www.hotwire.com and www.cheaptickets.com.

Once you arrive in London, getting to the hotel is easy. From Gatwick Airport, take the GATWICK

EXPRESS (train) to Victoria Station. From there, it's a short taxi or Underground (subway) ride to the hotel. If you arrive at HEATHROW AIRPORT, you have two choices: 1) Take the HEATHROW EXPRESS to Paddington Station. Then a short walk to the hotel; or 2) Take the Underground directly to the hotel. Taking the Underground to the hotel is obviously cheaper than a taxi, but remember how much luggage you've got to walk with and how much energy you'll have after an overnight flight. But if you're filled with energy, take the Underground; it's about a 5-10 minute walk to the hotel from the station.

Remember, you can choose to arrive before the tour starts or depart later, maybe from a different city. The choice is yours! We can make arrangements at the London hotel for early arrivals or later departures. Just let us know!

HERE'S HOW YOUR ADVENTURE WILL UNFOLD . . .

Saturday 6 March: Arrive In London

Situated on Lancaster Gate, overlooking Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens, our small hotel has been converted from a row of Victorian houses into a comfortable home base for the next eight days. Within walking distance of two underground stops and Kensington Palace, the hotel and its staff will charm you. Your escorts will host a rollicking dinner tonight at a local pub where we'll get to know each other over a pint or two.

Sunday 7 March: A Stroll Through The West End

Somewhat of an orientation to Central London, concentrating on the vibrant neighborhoods of Covent Garden and Soho. We'll take a look at the newly remodeled yet stately Royal Opera House, the historic Drury Lane Theatre, the Theatre Museum, the bustling market where Liza Doolittle met Henry Higgins, dynamic Leicester Square, Picadilly Circus, a bit of Theatreland (London's Broadway), Chinatown and the courtyards and squares of formerly disreputable now fashionable Soho.

Monday 8 March: Christopher Wren's London

A short walk through the oldest part of London, The City, to discover the hidden face of 17th C London and the architectural wonders of Christopher Wren. This is where London cracks into poetry as we discover everything from a medieval church to St. Paul's Cathedral, Wren's masterpiece. In between, we take in a little church that's regarded as the world's most perfect building let alone Nicholas Hawksmore's masterpiece and alley-ways that breathe history. For even more history—of the 12th C kind—you might want to visit the Tower of London on your own; we're in the neighborhood. Or perhaps a stroll across the Thames via the Millenium Bridge to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre or to the Tate Modern Art Museum. Today, we're in the middle of it all!

Tuesday 9 March: A Free Day And An Evening At The Theatre

The best part of being in a city as exciting as London is exploring on your own. This is your day! For art lovers, a chance to visit the National Gallery which houses the most representative history of painting in Europe; or how about the National Portrait Gallery, a history of England in portraiture; or the Tate British or the Saatchi Modern. For film buffs, the incredible Museum of the Moving Image. Or shopping! Harrod's, Selfridges, Liberty, and Harvey Nichols Department Stores; or the gilt-edged precincts of Mayfair. Tonight: the Theatre!

Wednesday 10 March: The British Museum

A couple hours in what many regard as the most important museum in the world. The Rosetta Stone, the Egyptian antiquities, the Elgin Marbles, the 2,000 year old Lindow Bog Man, the Sutton

Hoo treasure...here is civilization made manifest. Here the past turns on its pivots to face the 21st century. And to see these things with a great guide...well, you'll never be quite the same again—and it sure beats trying to find your own way through this collection spread over nearly 14 acres! Situated in the heart of Bloomsbury, the Museum is a great jumping off place to explore this most literary neighborhood in London. For here are the Georgian Squares and humming little warren of streets where Wilde, Shaw, Woolf, Orwell, Yeats and Eliot lived and wrote.

Thursday 11 March: Another Free Day And Another Evening At The Theatre

Yeah! Another day on your own. There are plenty of things left to do in London, but why not explore outside of the capital? Hampton Court, Windsor Castle, Canterbury, and Salisbury and Stonehenge are all easy train rides away. And there's still time to get back for the theatre tonight. Your escorts will be happy to see you on your way. Just ask.

Friday 12 March: Inside Westminster

Today we're going up to "a reviewing stand in the sky" to look down into Buckingham Palace Gardens and see what's on the other side of that wall and down onto the Queen's Household Cavalry as they wheel by—the most sensational view in London. That'll prime us for the Changing of the Guard and a tour inside the Banqueting House...followed by lunch. Then it's on to 10 Downing Street, and tours inside Westminster Abbey and the Chapter House. Without a guide, the Abbey can be as confusing as the British Museum, and getting into the Chapter House is like penetrating the innermost sanctum of the Great Pyramid

Saturday 13 March: Your Last Day In London

A day on your own to shop, to revisit your favorite place, to seek out something you've missed. A day to spend in the neighborhood: to go to the Victoria and Albert Museum, to Kensington Palace for tea. This evening, join your escorts in the hotel bar for a farewell pint or two.

Sunday 14 March: Tour Over After Breakfast

Some of you will head to the airport to fly home. The luckier of you will spend a few more days in England. Your escorts will assist you should you require post-tour planning assistance. Good traveling!

Itinerary details subject to change.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Documentation: Valid American passport. If you are not an American citizen, please ask us about your travel requirements.

Insurance: We recommend two protection plans:

Travel Guard Trip Purchase Protection covers pre-existing medical conditions and protects you if your trip is interrupted or delayed for reasons such as sickness, injury or death affecting you, your family member or your travelling companion. The policy also gives up to \$1000.00 baggage protection. If you choose Travel Guard, you should purchase the insurance at the same time your trip deposit is made. Their website is www.travelguard.com. Another similar company can be found at www-csatravelprotection.com.

Reservations and Payments: Reservations are confirmed upon receipt of \$150.00 per person deposit, which is due by January 20, 2004. The balance is due **no later than February 1, 2004**.

Late Bookings: Every effort will be made to reserve space after the deadlines. A late booking fee of \$35.00 may apply.

Cancellation: An administrative fee of \$35.00 per person applies to all cancellations. No refund after January 10, 2004.

Changes: changes made by tour participants after reservations are confirmed incur a \$25.00 fee per change per person.

Unused Portions: Any unused portion of this tour is NOT refundable.

Itinerary Changes: Every effort will be made to ensure that each element of this tour follows the content of this brochure. However, on occasion, conditions related to weather, seasons and climate or situations beyond our control may require revisions.

Costs Not Included: Items of a personal nature. Items not specified.

Responsibility: St. Charles Community College acts only as agent to the suppliers used for this itinerary. This itinerary represents the entire agreement between the passenger and St. Charles Community College. In the absence of their own negligence, St. Charles Community College shall not be held responsible for any cancellations, delays, diversions or substitutions of equipment or any act or omission whatsoever by air carriers, hotels, transportation companies, or any other persons providing any of the services and accommodations to passengers including any results thereof, such as changes in services or accommodations necessitated by same. Nor shall they be liable for any loss or damage to baggage or property, or for injury, illness or death, or for any damages or claims whatsoever arising from loss, negligence or any person not its direct employee or under its exclusive control. Transportation companies, airlines, etc. are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board planes, transportation or conveyances. The passenger contracts in use by the airlines or transportation companies when used shall constitute the sole contract between the airline, transportation company and passenger or purchaser of this tour and travelers assumes no responsibility in this connection. Enrollment in and payment for this tour shall constitute agreement and acceptance by the passenger of the terms and conditions set forth in this itinerary which cannot be varied except in writing by an officer of St. Charles Community College. Rates are based on currency exchange rates in effect in July 1, 2003.

Reservation Form
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Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Fax _____
E-Mail Address _____

- I wish a single room.
 I wish to share a room with: _____

I have read and understand the Terms and Conditions and agree to the terms.

Signature _____

Given Name on Passport _____
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____
City and State of Birth _____ Nationality _____
Passport Number _____ Place of Issue _____
Date Issued (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Deposit: \$150.00 due by January 10, 2004
Balance due by February 1, 2004
You may pay by check or credit card.

If you wish to pay by a credit card please complete the following:

MasterCard VISA Discover Card Number _____
Expiration Date _____ Name on Card _____
Signature _____

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