

9-Day Taste of Classic & Modern English Fashion

DAY 1: Depart USA for London! The adventure begins.

DAY 2: Arrival at London Heathrow (or Gatwick) Airport where you will be met by our local guide & transferred to your hotel. **Afternoon Panoramic Sightseeing tour of London** – a lively introduction to the major sights and attractions in London. The **West End** was long favoured by the rich elite as a place of residence, close to the royal seat of power at Westminster. Developed in the 17th, 18th & 19th centuries, it was originally built as a series of palaces, expensive town houses, fashionable shops and places of entertainment. Today our tour will lead you past the **Royal Parks**, to **Marble Arch** and **Hyde Park Corner**, and continue towards **Buckingham Palace** and the City of Westminster, where you will see **Westminster Abbey** and “**Big Ben**”.



We continue – past the **Royal Courts of Justice** - to the **City of London**, the oldest and most historic part of London which dates back to Roman Times, driving past many famous landmarks including the **Bank of England**, **St Paul's Cathedral**, Sir Christopher Wren's masterpiece, and the **Tower of London**, Her Majesty's Palace and Fortress and home to the magnificent Crown Jewels. You will have a chance to take a “flight” on the London Eye (*at own expense*). Dinner at a London restaurant.



DAY 3: Morning Fashion Tour, combining a visit to the **Dress Collection at the Victoria & Albert Museum**, with a visit to the **Royal Ceremonial Dress Collection at Kensington Palace** ... afterwards, they can catch up with the most up-to-date fashions by shopping in Knightsbridge and Sloane Street!

The Dress Collection at The Victoria & Albert Museum: The collection covers fashionable dress from the 17th century to the present day, with the emphasis on progressive and influential designs from the major fashion centres of Europe. The V&A collections also include accessories such as jewellery, gloves and handbags. Lunch independent. Afternoon at leisure for independent sightseeing or shopping.

Optional London Theatre Evening: Pre-theatre dinner at a theatreland restaurant, followed by a “hit” West End Musical.

DAY 4: Full day Tour focusing on the contemporary side of **Fashionable London** – featuring original shops, clothing, furniture, lamps, bars, pubs etc, with a local guide who specialises in design and fashion – including **Shoreditch, Brick Lane & the Fashion & Textile Museum in Bermondsey**.

The **Shoreditch** renaissance was set in motion by artists who, on the look out for cheap studio space, infiltrated a scruffy East End district in the early 90s. The **White Cube Gallery** was launched in 1993 & began to exhibit one-man shows of the young British Artists of the day, and with time an interesting mix of Bars and Clubs developed there too.

You'll be spoilt for choice when you come to eat in **Brick Lane** where there is a variety of Indian food and each Restaurant has its own style, taste and atmosphere. Every year Brick Lane holds two Festivals Baishaki Mela and Curry Festival. you will be entertained with all their great colour, excitement and culture, Brick Lane has become popular for these annual events and now they are a common place every year.

The newly redeveloped **Fashion and Textile Museum** at the heart of the fashion quarter of London's artistic Bermondsey village opened its doors once more. Following an extensive redesign, the public were able to gain access on Monday, 19th November to a small permanent display featuring striking garments designed by Zandra Rhodes, the original founder of the Fashion and Textile Museum.

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DAY 5: Full day excursion to Brighton: Brighton is a beautiful seaside town, with elegant Georgian, Regency & Victorian architecture and a labyrinth of lanes dating from the old fishing town. Nowadays, Brighton has become a very fashionable place to live as many of our celebrities have moved away from London to create a “Little London” by the sea!

We will combine a Walking Tour of **Brighton**, with a visit to the exotic **Royal Pavilion**, the extraordinary folly created by the flamboyant George IV. After lunch (independent), we continued with a visit to the **Fashion & Style Gallery at Brighton & Hove Museum**: The Fashion & Style gallery draws on Brighton & Hove City Museums' costume collection to produce displays that explore a series of inter-related themes that reflect different aspects of Brighton life. The current displays in the gallery are grouped into four areas and their influence on fashion: **George VI,, Internationalism, Renegade, and The Collection**. You will stay overnight in Brighton.



DAY 6: The morning is free to enjoy the lovely area. This afternoon you will be transferred back to London.

DAY 7: Full Day excursion to Bath: Bath and the stunning countryside surrounding it is one of England's most beautiful places to visit. Enjoy a visit to both the Roman Baths & Pump Rooms and the Fashion Museum. **The Fashion Museum** offers a world-class collection of contemporary and historical dress.



British fashion is known throughout the world for its tradition and iconoclasm. The Fashion Museum has important collections of the work of many British designers, many of whom are less well-known than the big names who feature regularly in histories of 20th century fashion, but who have made equally significant contributions to British fashion.

Work by different British fashion designers will be featured from time to time in the Fashion Museum galleries. The designers currently featured all worked in the 1970s and 1980s and are John Bates, Janice Wainwright, Wendy Dagworthy and Sarah Dallas.

DAY 8: Full day at leisure for independent sightseeing or shopping

DAY 9: Transfer to Airport to check-in for return flight to the USA

This 9- Day Tour starting from:

\$2,290* USD - Double Occupancy

\$740 - Single Supplement

****price based on a minimum of 4 travelers, subject to increase during holiday season.***

Price Includes: Transfers, private guides, 4-Star hotels, sights & admission as per the itinerary, breakfast at hotels.

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