



LONDON, PARIS AND LUCERNE: A GIRL SCOUT JOURNEY



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10 DAYS

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England • France • Switzerland



Number of overnight stays in parentheses. This tour may also be reversed.

At the end of your visit to Pax Lodge, you will earn the Pax Lodge Pin, which is only presented to those who have visited this WAGGGS World Centre.

Program Fee includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- 8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms
- Complete European breakfast and dinner daily
- Full-time bilingual EF Tour Director
- 3 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides:
London • Windsor • Paris
- 1 sightseeing tour led by your tour director: Lucerne
- 2 EF walking tours:
London • Paris
- 4 visits to special attractions:
Windsor Castle • London Eye • Louvre • Notre Dame Cathedral
- Eurostar high-speed train

OPTIONAL:

- Versailles • Mount Pilatus

Day 1 Flight

Overnight flight to Great Britain • Spend the night flying across the Atlantic.

Day 2 London

Arrival in London • Touch down in London, Europe's largest city! After clearing customs, you are greeted by your EF Tour Director, who will remain with you throughout your stay.

EF walking tour of London • Begin your walking tour in busy Piccadilly Circus. It is said that if a person stayed here long enough, they would run into everyone they know. Continue to Oxford Street, London's most famous shopping area. With more than 300 stores, you're sure to take home a few souvenirs. End your walking tour with a leisurely stroll through Hyde Park.

Day 3 London

Guided sightseeing of London • A local guide leads you on a panoramic tour of London. Begin in Grosvenor Square, which is sometimes called "Little America" because it's the site of the U.S. embassy and the house where Eisenhower once lived. Continue to Hyde Park Corner, located at the southeast corner of Hyde Park, one of London's largest parks. At bustling Piccadilly Circus, the intersection of five busy streets, check out the bright lights and big-city displays, before heading to Trafalgar Square. Pass Speaker's Corner, where anyone with something to say is invited to speak his or her mind. Snap a photo of the Houses of Parliament and continue along London's South Bank for views of the famous London Bridge. Stroll across the Millennium Bridge for an

orientation of St. Paul's Cathedral, the magnificent 17th-century Baroque church designed by Sir Christopher Wren. Finally, witness a London tradition—the Changing of the Guard (subject to scheduling).

Guided excursion to Windsor • Journey to Windsor for a guided tour of the Royal Family's retreat. Built by William the Conqueror in 1070, the castle has undergone many changes over the last 800 years, as each new monarch added a tower here or a wing there. Legend holds that the castle's Round Tower was built on the site where King Arthur sat with his Knights of the Round Table. Priceless objects are found in the State Apartments, ranging from paintings by Rubens and Holbein to Henry VIII's sword and suit of armor. Also visit Queen Mary's Dolls' House and St. George's Chapel, final resting place of many monarchs including Henry VIII and Charles I. (Please note that St. George's Chapel is closed on Sunday mornings for church services.) On the rare occasion that Windsor Castle is closed, you'll instead visit Henry VIII's extravagant retreat at Hampton Court.

Day 4 London

Visit to Pax Lodge • Today, visit Pax Lodge, the newest of the four World Centers of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), set in the leafy North London area of Hampstead. Here, you will take a tour of the center and learn about the history of Pax Lodge and WAGGGS. You will receive the Pax Lodge pin during a pinning ceremony, learn the Pax Lodge song and learn more about international Guiding and Scouting. You will also be able to experience a traditional British cream tea.



London Eye • See London's sights from a different angle—take a ride aboard the London Eye. The enormous 32-capsule observation wheel offers spectacular 360-degree views of the city as far as 25 miles in each direction. The idea for the wheel was originally conceived to mark the millennium celebration in 2000, and it took six years to build.

Day 5 London • Paris

Transfer via the Eurostar from London to Paris • In London, board the high-speed Eurostar, an 18-car train that runs through the tunnel connecting Britain with continental Europe. Completed in May 1994, the Channel Tunnel provides travelers with easy access to and from the continent. Enjoy state-of-the-art technology as you glide under the English Channel to France.

Walking tour of Paris • Meander through the Latin Quarter, an area dominated by the Sorbonne, Paris' most famous university, founded in 1253. As you stroll, look for the Panthéon, created by Louis XV because of a promise he made to build a church dedicated to Sainte-Geneviève if he survived a severe illness. You'll also explore Boulevard St. Michel and spend some time browsing the stacks at the famous Shakespeare and Company bookstore, which published James Joyce's *Ulysses* in 1922. As you make your way along the Seine, you'll also have the chance to browse the literary materials sold at *les bouquinistes*, the bookstalls that sell old books, maps, art prints and postcards. It's the perfect place to pick up some authentic souvenirs!

Visit to the Louvre • Built to defend the city in the 13th century, the Louvre today safeguards one of the world's greatest art collections. Enter the museum through world-renowned architect I.M. Pei's glass pyramid, constructed in 1989. Inside, discover priceless antiquities from Asia, Greece and Rome. You'll also see precious objects from the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, as well as iconic European paintings such as the *Mona Lisa*.

Visit to Notre Dame Cathedral • Built between 1163 and 1361 over the remains of an ancient Roman temple, it was here that Napoleon crowned himself emperor in 1804. Victor Hugo once described the sculptured façade of Notre Dame as "a vast symphony in stone." However, had it not been for the creation of his famous hunchback, Quasimodo, the cathedral might never have returned to its former glory. Hugo's novel *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* helped inspire a 23-year restoration of the cathedral that began in 1841. Step inside to admire the stained-glass rose windows and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings.

Day 6 Paris

Guided sightseeing of Paris • Discover the city on the Seine: from the imposing Arc de Triomphe, commemorating Napoleon's Grande Armée, to the Île de la Cité, birthplace of Paris. Take a drive down the elegant Champs-Élysées to the Place de la Concorde. Pass the Conciergerie, where prisoners of the Revolution spent their final days, and see Les Invalides, Louis XIV's grand retirement home for wounded soldiers. You'll also see the École Militaire, where Napoleon

graduated to lieutenant and was told he'd go far if circumstances allowed. Next, make a photo stop at the Eiffel Tower to marvel at the 6,000-ton centerpiece for the 1889 World's Fair. You'll hear the story of how this impressive—but once highly controversial—symbol of Paris was spared the wrecking ball in 1909.

Optional excursion to Versailles • Join an optional excursion to Versailles, the elaborate palace of Louis XIV. Here, the Sun King held court in the most lavish style imaginable. At one point, 1,000 nobles were attended by 4,000 servants inside the palace, while 15,000 soldiers and servants inhabited the annexes. Stroll through the elegantly landscaped gardens, designed by André Le Nôtre, tour the State Apartments of the King himself, walk through the historic Hall of Mirrors, and admire the ornate decor of the State Apartments of the Queen. (Please note: Because of the extreme popularity of Versailles, guided visits of the interior cannot be guaranteed during peak seasons. In this case, your group will hear a presentation from your guide before entering the palace. Please also note that Versailles is closed on Mondays.)

Day 7 Paris • Our Chalet

Transfer to Our Chalet via Burgundy • Travel amid the vineyards of Burgundy and pass through Beaune, a town of age-old architecture surrounded by 15th-century ramparts. Beaune was once the headquarters for the dukes of Burgundy.

Day 8 Our Chalet

Visit to Our Chalet • High up in the Swiss Alps, spend today at Our Chalet, the oldest of WAGGGS' World Centers. Founded in 1932, Our Chalet's activities focus on hiking and mountain climbing in the summer and skiing in the winter. Find out about the center's long history. Tour the legendary main chalet and stroll around its expansive grounds. Take part in a special ceremony created for Our Chalet visitors and learn the words to the Our Chalet song!

Founded in 1932 by an American Girl Scout leader, Our Chalet continues more than 75 years of traditions in the Swiss Alps.



Day 9 Lucerne Region

Transfer to the Lucerne region • Transfer via private motorcoach to the Lucerne region, where you'll check in to your hotel.

Tour director-led sightseeing of Lucerne •

The majestic Alps provide a stunning backdrop to your tour of Lucerne, where composer Richard Wagner wrote several of his major works. You'll view the captivating Löwendenkmal (Lion Monument), a sandstone statue commemorating the Swiss Guards slain in the 1792 Paris storming of the Tuileries. According to Mark Twain, it is "the saddest and most compassionate piece of rock on earth." Stroll down narrow, winding streets and across the Kapellbrücke, a covered bridge whose history dates back to medieval days—the murals lining its walls are nearly identical to those painted in the 14th century. Be on the lookout for the colorful, hand-painted façades along the cobbled streets of the Old Town.

Optional excursion to Mount Pilatus • This exciting half-day adventure takes you to the top of Mount Pilatus, the majestic mountain dominating the Lucerne skyline. In the summer months, travel to the foot of the mountain by boat across Lake Lucerne, then ride the famous Pilatus cog railway—the steepest in the world—to the top. During the other seasons, you'll journey to the mountain base by motorcoach before ascending by cable car. After 45 spectacular minutes and 6,387 feet, you'll reach the summit and be rewarded with a splendid panorama of Lucerne, its lake and the glorious snow-capped Alps. On a clear day, you can see for more than 200 miles! (Summer season: May 15–September 30. Winter season: October 1–May 14.)

Swiss Folklore Event (seasonal) • Join us for our special Swiss Folklore Event. Enjoy cheese fondue, the country's most popular dish. Dip your long forks into the *caquelon*, and be treated to lively Alpine entertainment—including authentic flag swinging, alpenhorn playing, and yodeling. (Please note that this optional is only available from March through September.)

Day 10 Home

Return home • Your tour director assists with the transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

For complete financial and registration details, please refer to the Booking Conditions.



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