BLOOMINGDALE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Sample Itinerary

LNYDP prides itself in providing only superior first class hotels located in the heart of London and within walking distance of many of the places you may wish to visit. Your accommodations will have en-suite facilities, including bath and/or shower and WC, plus all of the usual amenities associated with a first class hotel. This includes housekeeping services with linen and towel change, room service, direct dial telephone, flat screen TV with satellite stations, WIFI, personal safes etc.

MONDAY 26 DECEMBER 2022

Depart Orlando on your flight(s) to London.

Flights may be multi sectored. One main meal and one snack meal will be served on your transatlantic flight, along with complimentary soft drinks. Movies and audio entertainment will also be available on your transatlantic flight.

TUESDAY 27 DECEMBER

On your arrival in London, after clearing immigration and customs, you will be assisted by the LNYDP 'Meet & Greet' airport team and taken by motor coach to your hotel. There may be a wait before you have access to your room and so we will schedule lunch and a walk of the local area.

Your tour assistant will inform you of the time and place for an orientation meeting, where you will learn all about your week in London.

At this meeting, you will receive your special LNYDP souvenir drawstring bag containing all of the items you need to make the most of your exciting week ahead. This includes:

- Your pocket sized itinerary book which you will carry with you all week. Not only does it contain this detailed daily schedule, it also has maps and directions for your walking tours as well as a useful information section. Check out the apps!
- An LNYDP wallet containing your hotel information card, to keep with you at all times in case of an emergency.
- Your audio player, loaded with three unique self-guided walking tours of London that are an integral part of your itinerary this week. Please check that your player is fully charged. It may need a top up before you start your first walk.
- A fold out LNYDP street map of London with a bus and

underground section to help you plan your activities this week.

At the earliest opportunity, dress appropriately, take your audio player and board your motor coach and travel to Berkeley Square.

Disembark and make your way in to the square, which is the starting point for the first of your audio walks, the LNYDP Parade Route. This will take you along the spectacular processional route of London's New Year's Day Parade, through the heart of Westminster. It features The Ritz Hotel, Piccadilly, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, Whitehall and Parliament Square. Learn about the rich history of the area and the buildings along the route, with the added flavour of the pomp and ceremony of the parade.

At Parliament Square, make your way to Tothill Street where you will meet up with your motor coach and return to your hotel.

Dinner at leisure this evening using the dine around scheme card provided.

Your card will be credited with £15 to spend on dinner this evening. Just order from the menu and pay as you would with a credit card. If you spend less than £15 you can use the credit another evening. If you spend more, pay by card or cash for the amount you owe.

We have created a booklet listing the different restaurant brands that accept the cards, by their location with map reference.

Return to your hotel by motor coach.

The rest of the evening is free for you to acclimatise to European time.

WEDNESDAY 28 DECEMBER

A substantial buffet breakfast will be served each morning in a private room in your hotel at the time indicated in your daily itinerary.

Breakfast is served.

Meet your Blue Badge guide and board your motor coach.

This morning we will whisk you away on a spectacular tour of London's most famous landmarks, including the Palace of Westminster, home of the two Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London.

Soak up the atmosphere as your Blue Badge guide introduces you to over 1,000 years of history. This is also your opportunity to look out for the places you would like to visit during your unstructured time.

There will be a couple of stops for photographs.

Tour ends in Covent Garden.

Lunch at leisure.

This afternoon is unstructured and an ideal opportunity to visit some more of London's most popular attractions and to do some shopping.

To discover what London has to offer, visit our bespoke London Google Map via the LNYDP desktop or mobile sites. The map highlights all of our favourite sites and plenty of hidden gems for those who want the true London experience.

There are eight categories to search, attractions, shopping, evening entertainment, markets, LNYDP team recommendations, restaurants, pubs (to assist you with using your dine around card) and great views of London.

Simply log on to https://lnydp.com/parade/ to access the map.

Don't miss the British Museum and the National Gallery, they're free! Although you have to pay, a visit inside St. Paul's Cathedral or Westminster Abbey are a must.

Remember you will need to change your money for those important purchases!

The most famous department stores are Harrods (Knightsbridge), Liberty (Regent Street) and Selfridges (Oxford Street), although there are many more wonderful shops to choose from on Bond Street and Covent Garden.

The most popular places to hang out are Piccadilly Circus, Leicester Square, Covent Garden, the Hard Rock Café (Hyde Park Corner) and Planet Hollywood (Haymarket).

You will be dropped at Tottenham Court Road, the starting point for 'London, Rock & Roll Capital of the World'! If rock music is your thing, then no other city in the world has such a rich rock and roll history as London. All the greats have performed here, from Hendrix to the Stones, from the Beatles to Elton John. A highlight will be the sight of Abbey Road studios and the crossing used by the Beatles for the iconic picture on their album cover for Abbey Road.

Dinner at leisure, using the dine around scheme card provided. Once again you have £15.00 to spend at a restaurant of your choice this evening.

Evening at leisure.

Re-join your motor coach and return to your hotel.

THURSDAY 29 DECEMBER

Breakfast is served.

Meet your Blue Badge guide and board your motor coach.

Depart for Westminster Pier.

Board a private river boat and depart on a 50 minute cruise along the Thames. Your guides will provide an historical commentary.

Your cruise ends at Tower Pier, where you will join your Blue Badge guide for a tour of one of London's iconic landmarks, The Tower of London.

The ancient stones reverberate with dark secrets, priceless jewels glint in fortified vaults and ravens strut the grounds. The Tower of London, founded by William the Conqueror in 1066, holds some of the most remarkable stories from across the centuries. Despite a grim reputation as a place of torture and death, this powerful and enduring fortress has been enjoyed as a royal palace, served as an armoury and for a number of years even housed a zoo!

Gaze up at the massive White Tower, tiptoe through a kings' medieval bedchamber and marvel at the priceless Crown Jewels. The famous Yeoman Warders have bloody tales to tell; stand where heads rolled and prisoners wept.

The Tower held many famous prisoners from the highest levels of society; some in astonishing comfort and others less so… visit the places of their confinement and read the graffiti left by prisoners from over 500 years ago.

At the end of your visit you will re-join your motor coach and travel to the West End.

Lunch at leisure.

This afternoon you will have time to try out another of the audio walks.

Depart for Embankment and make your way to the Golden Jubilee Bridge, the starting point for the South Bank Stroll.

You will enjoy a walk along the south bank of the River Thames. Highlights will be the Royal Festival Hall, the Tate Modern, Millennium Bridge, Globe Theatre, Southwark Cathedral and Borough Market.

Meet up with your motor coach at a pre-arranged spot and return to your hotel.

Concert performers and staff will prepare for their afternoon concert rehearsal.

Depart by motor coach to the concert hall, for a one hour technical rehearsal in preparation for the concert this evening.

Rehearsal begins.

Rehearsal ends.

Board your coach and return to your hotel.

Dinner will be served in a private room in your hotel.

The whole group will depart by motor coach for Cadogan Hall, the venue for your performance at this evening's LNYDP Festival Concert.

Cadogan Hall is a 900-seat venue on Sloane Terrace in Chelsea. Built as a church, it was completed in 1907 to designs by the architect Robert Fellowes Chisholm and is now a Grade II listed building noted for its stained glass windows. Since 2001 it has been a concert hall of some renown and the home of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. It has also been used by Sir John Eliot Gardiner and the English Baroque Soloists as a recording venue for the Mozart symphonies.

The concert begins.

Your coach will be on hand to take you back to your hotel.

FRIDAY 30 DECEMBER

Breakfast is served.

Meet your Blue Badge guide and board your motor coach.

Today you will experience the delights of Hampton Court Palace which lies just 20 miles upstream of Westminster on the River Thames.

Arrive at Hampton Court Palace. This spectacular building dates from 1514 and was the favourite home of King Henry VIII, he of the 6 wives. Your visit includes a view of his state apartments and the Tudor kitchens. The house was expanded in the late 17th century by London's

most famous architect, Sir Christopher Wren and so there is much to see as you stroll around the six acres of magnificent buildings.

Lunch at leisure.

Meet up with your motor coach mid-afternoon and return to your hotel.

Concert performers and staff will prepare for their afternoon concert rehearsal.

Depart by motor coach to the concert hall, for a one hour technical rehearsal in preparation for the concert this evening.

Rehearsal begins.

Rehearsal ends.

Board your coach and return to your hotel.

Dinner will be served in a private room in your hotel.

The whole group will depart by motor coach for St. John's, Smith Square, the venue for your performance at this evening's LNYDP Festival Concert.

St. John's, in the heart of Westminster, is one of London's major concert venues and favourite historic buildings, valued for its superb acoustics. Built in 1728, and restored after damage in the Second World War, St. John's is one of the finest examples of English Baroque architecture and is considered a masterpiece of this style. St. John's has been dubbed 'Queen Anne's Footstool' due to a legend that the architect, Thomas Archer, consulted Queen Anne on the design of the new church. In reply the monarch petulantly kicked over her footstool and snapped 'like that!' Thus the four towers are said to give the building the semblance of an upturned footstool.

The concert begins.

Your coach will be on hand to take you back to your hotel.

SATURDAY 31 DECEMBER

Breakfast is served.

Meet your Blue Badge guide and board your motor coach.

Today you will experience the delights of the County of Berkshire with a visit to Windsor.

The beautiful historic country town of Windsor is renowned for its cobbled lanes and narrow passages.

At the heart of the town is the castle which for over 900 years has been residence and fortress for the British monarch.

Join your guide for a walk of the town that will end at the entrance to the castle. Enter and enjoy a self-guided audio tour of the wonderful Royal Apartments, followed by a visit inside St. George's Chapel and a walk of the castle walls.

Lunch at leisure in one of the many eateries in the town.

You will have some free time to discover the town and the fantastic shops for yourself.

Return to your motor coach mid-afternoon and leave Windsor.

Return to your hotel.

Dinner will be served in a private room.

Join fellow participants in a private room for a specially arranged New Year's Eve party, where your DJ will play a range of current hits and old classics to encourage you on to the dance floor. Complimentary soft drinks will be served.

Later in the evening you will be served half a pizza per person in an adjacent room to the party.

The music will play until midnight when, after a brief celebration, it will be time to get some sleep before your big day.

SUNDAY 01 JANUARY 2023

Breakfast is served.

For all supporters, this morning is free for independent sightseeing and shopping. Lunch at leisure. If you have purchased a grandstand seat, please make your own way there, you will find directions and the location of your stand on the ticket. Please remain in your seat throughout and support all of the wonderful bands and acts that make up this spectacular parade.

All band members will collect their instrument and congregate in the lobby in parade uniform in preparation for departure this morning.

Depart by motor coach to the assembly area in Berkeley Square.

On arrival please leave instrument boxes and personal items on the coach as the same vehicle will pick you up at the end of the day.

The team of stewards will have clearly marked where you need to line up.

Your tour assistant will lead you to the location of your official group photograph.

Depending on your position in the parade, you may be waiting here for as long as two hours. There will be the opportunity to warm up before you march off.

Toilet and first aid facilities are available.

We have arranged for you to have an excellent sack lunch to eat in the assembly area.

Warm up's will be collected before the Parade starts and delivered back to your hotel this evening.

12.00 Midday London's New Year's Day Parade will begin.

At exactly midday the parade starts and you will march two miles down the most spectacular route in the world, before

an expected audience of half a million people and many more watching the live satellite broadcast.

As you reach the end of Whitehall, you will line up for the waiting cameras that will be beaming your performance around the world. Tell your friends at home to look out for you and don't forget to remind them about the time difference!

Enjoy this unique experience!

At Parliament Square your dedicated coaches will be on hand to take you back to your hotel.

Dinner at leisure, using the dine around scheme card provided. Once again you have £15.00 to spend at a restaurant of your choice this evening.

Evening at leisure.

Return to your hotel by motor coach.

MONDAY 02 JANUARY

Breakfast is served.

Please ensure that you bring your own luggage down to reception in preparation for boarding your coach to the airport.

Depart for Heathrow airport to check in for your flight back to Orlando.

Lunch and a snack will be served on-board your flight.

We wish you a safe journey home and hope very much that we will see you again in our wonderful capital city!