

Evan Evans Tours

CLASSIC SIGHTSEEING

Tour 4 - Majestic London

A full day tour of London. See Westminster Abbey, the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, guided tour of St Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London, and a Thames River Cruise.

Highlights

- Panoramic tour of London, including Parliament Square, Big Ben and Westminster Abbey
- Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace
- Opportunity for a traditional Pub Lunch
- Guided Tour of St Paul's Cathedral
- Guided Tour of Tower of London and time to explore
- See the magnificent Crown Jewels
- Thames River Cruise
- First-class luxury Motor-coach and the services of a professional Tour Guide

Westminster Abbey and Parliament Square

The tour begins with a panoramic drive around parliament Square, to see Westminster Abbey, where many of our Kings, Queens, Statesmen, poets and writers are buried. See Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament.

London's West End, Buckingham Palace and the Changing of the Guard

Enjoy a fascinating panoramic tour, seeing Trafalgar Square, Downing Street, London's Theatre District and Piccadilly Circus. Then to Buckingham Palace to see the colourful ceremony of the Changing of the Guard. You will then have a chance to enjoy lunch at a traditional London Pub.**

St Paul's Cathedral

A guided tour of Sir Christopher Wren's masterpiece – St Paul's Cathedral - crowned by the magnificent dome that is so much a part of the London skyline. The Cathedral was rebuilt after the Great Fire of London in 1666. In recent years it has seen the wedding of Charles, Prince of Wales, to Lady Diana Spencer and, most recently, the thanksgiving services for both the Golden Jubilee and 80th Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

The Tower of London, Crown Jewels and Thames River Cruise

Tower of London is one of the world's most famous and spectacular fortresses. Over the past 1000 years it has been a Royal Palace, an armoury and a place of imprisonment and execution. The Beefeaters who guard the Tower will regale you with stories of its past. You will visit the Crown Jewels, including the magnificent solid-gold crown used at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

You have the choice to take the River Cruise and end your tour at Westminster Pier, or take the cruise on another day and go with your guide back to Victoria Station.

Admission to St Paul's Cathedral and Tower of London is included in the tour price.

Sunday in London - due to church services St Paul's Cathedral is closed to visitors on Sunday. You will stop for photographs and spend longer in the Tower of London.

Occasionally there may not be a Changing of the Guard, on these occasions Evan Evans will then take you to the Horseguards Parade.

** Lunch not included in the tour price.

Days of operation: Daily

Tour Starts: 08.45, Victoria Coach Station 164 Buckingham Palace Road, London

Tour Finishes: 17.30, Westminster Pier / Victoria Train Station

Tour 18 - Royal London and Windsor Castle

A truly Royal day out, see Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace in the morning then, to Windsor to visit the magnificent Windsor Castle.

Included Highlights

- Panoramic Tour of London, including Parliament Square, Big Ben and Westminster Abbey.
- Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace
- Entrance to Windsor Castle, see the State Apartments and St. George's Chapel
- Visit to Runnymede and see the John F Kennedy Memorial
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Windsor Castle

This afternoon you visit Windsor Castle, the largest and oldest occupied Castle in the world. Its proud, strong walls dominate the delightful town that has grown around the castle over the years. Generations of Kings and Queens have conducted their business here and enjoyed its grounds, and you get a real sense of British history breathing through the walls of Windsor Castle. You'll see the lavishly decorated State Apartments containing priceless furniture in glorious colours and St George's Chapel, home to the 14th Century Order of the Royal Garter, our senior chivalric order.

Runnymede

Departing Windsor you make your way to the magnificent Runnymede, where King John met his barons in 1215 and agreed to seal the Magna Carta that was to have a profound influence on rights and freedoms, not only in England, but across much of the civilised world.

You will also see the memorial to John F Kennedy on an acre of land given to America by the people of Britain.

Occasionally there may not be a Changing of the Guard, on these occasions you will visit Horseguards Parade.

Admission to Windsor Castle is included in the tour price. Viewing is restricted on Sundays and on rare occasions the State Apartments may be closed.

Days of operation: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday (May-October)

Tour Starts: 08.45, Victoria Coach Station, 164 Buckingham Palace Road, London

Tour Finishes: 18.00, Victoria Train Station

Tour 19 - Blenheim Palace & Lunch in the Cotswolds

Full Day escorted Tour to Blenheim Palace, birthplace of Winston Churchill, and the Enchanting Cotswolds with Lunch in one of the picturesque Cotswolds villages.

Included Highlights

- Visit Blenheim Palace State Rooms and walk through the magnificent Gardens
- Panoramic tour of the Enchanting Cotswolds
- Visit the villages of Bibury, Burford and Bourton-on-the-Water
- Enjoy Lunch in one of the picturesque Cotswolds villages
- First-class luxury Motor-coach and the services of a professional Tour Guide

Blenheim Palace

Blenheim Palace is a masterpiece of English Baroque architecture and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. The stunning State Rooms are brimming with priceless works of art and magnificent tapestries. The Palace is still inhabited today by the Duke of Marlborough. The Gardens are set in over 754 hectares of land with an exquisite water garden.

Tour of the Blenheim Palace State Rooms where their own guide will bring the history of this fabulous palace to life.

The Cotswolds

This region of outstanding natural beauty is characterised by attractive small towns and thatched villages of yellow Cotswold stone made prosperous by the historic wool trade.

With a variety of different villages there is something to see around every corner of the Cotswolds. The magnificent high street in Burford slopes gently away to the bridge that crosses the River Windrush, while the village of Bibury was described by William Morris as the 'prettiest village' in the Cotswolds.

Lunch in the Cotswolds

Enjoy a wonderful Fish & Chips, Sausage & Mash or Vegetarian Lasagne in the beautiful village of Burford.

Admission to Blenheim Palace and Lunch are included in the tour price.

Days of operation: Friday, Saturday and Sunday (May-September)

Tour Starts: 08.45, Victoria Coach Station, 164 Buckingham Palace Road, London

Tour Finishes: 19.00, Victoria Train Station

Tour 20 - Salisbury Cathedral, Stonehenge & Bath

A full day tour of the West Country visiting Salisbury Cathedral, mysterious Stonehenge and Georgian Bath.

Included Highlights

- Tour of Salisbury Cathedral and see the Magna Carta
- Entrance to mysterious Stonehenge
- A panoramic tour of Georgian Bath
- Visit the Roman Baths and Pump Room
- First-class luxury Motor-coach and the services of a professional Tour Guide

Salisbury Cathedral

The beautiful and historic Salisbury Cathedral is an international symbol of Christianity and a world class heritage attraction. The spire is the tallest in England, 123 meters (404 feet). Once inside you'll be impressed by the Cathedral's graceful, elegant proportions. You will visit The Chapter House home to one of only 4 surviving copies of The Magna Carta and see the oldest working clock in Europe, dating back to 1386.

Mysterious Stonehenge

5,000 years ago the huge 40 tonne stones were dragged from over 280 miles away in Wales. Who built it and why remains a mystery today. Some say that it was built as a religious temple, or an astronomical clock. Stonehenge continues to enthral the imagination and captivate the heart of every visitor.

Bath

This beautiful Georgian city justly deserves its status as a World Heritage Site, with its delightful terraces, elegant crescents and stunning architecture, on Evan Evans' panoramic tour of the city you will see the crescents, Pulteney Bridge modelled on the Ponte Vecchio in Florence and Bath Abbey. Then into the Roman Baths built over 2,000 years and still in perfect working order.

Admission to Salisbury Cathedral, Stonehenge and the Roman Baths is included in the tour price.

Days of operation: Daily

Tour Starts: 08.45, Victoria Coach Station, 164 Buckingham Palace Road, London

Tour Finishes: 19.00, Victoria Train Station

Tour 21 - Windsor Castle, Stonehenge & Bath

A fascinating day out to three of our national treasures, Windsor Castle, Stonehenge and Georgian Bath.

Included Highlights

- Entrance to Windsor Castle and a tour of the State Apartments and St George's Chapel
- Visit the ancient circle of Stonehenge
- Panoramic Tour of Georgian Bath
- Visit the famous Roman Baths
- First-class luxury Motor-coach and the services of a professional Tour Guide

Windsor Castle

Built high above the River Thames, Windsor Castle has been home to the Royal Family for 900 years and is still an Official Residence of the Queen. We visit the magnificent State Apartments*, still used for State occasions and Royal receptions. Take some time to explore the castle grounds and the fourteenth-century St. George's Chapel, one of the most beautiful examples of medieval church architecture in England and a burial place of kings and queens, including Henry VIII and his third wife Jane Seymour.

Stonehenge

Clouded in mystery, the ancient stone circle of Stonehenge is an amazing feat of engineering and the most important prehistoric site in England, but beyond its archaeological significance and possible astronomical role, Stonehenge is also a place of spiritual importance. Early legends link it with Merlin and King Arthur, but over the last hundred years the midsummer sunrise has attracted pagan groups and followers of the Ancient Order of Druids.

Bath

You will visit the beautiful Georgian City of Bath and Evan Evans' will take you on a panoramic tour of some of the finest architectural sights in Europe, including Bath Abbey, the Royal Crescent, the Circus, Assembly Rooms and the famous Pulteney Bridge. Explore the Roman Baths, built around thermal springs, which have been supplying water for over 2,000 years. In Roman times a great Temple was built next to the sacred spring - the waters were believed to have healing properties and attracted visitors from across the Roman Empire.

Admission to Windsor Castle, Stonehenge and the Roman Baths is included in the tour price.

Viewing at Windsor Castle is restricted on Sundays. On rare occasions the State Apartments may be closed.

Days of operation: Daily

Tour Starts: 08.45, Victoria Coach Station, 164 Buckingham Palace Road, London

Tour Finishes: 20.00, Victoria Train Station

Tour 22 - Leeds Castle, Canterbury Cathedral & Dover

A full day discovering the treasures of Kent - Leeds Castle, Canterbury Cathedral, Greenwich and the White Cliffs of Dover.

Included Highlights

- Private viewing of Leeds Castle - before the crowds
- Entrance to Canterbury Cathedral
- Opportunity for lunch in Canterbury*
- See the White Cliffs of Dover
- First-class luxury Motor-coach and the services of a professional Tour Guide

Leeds Castle

Heading out to Leeds Castle, we pass through Greenwich, home of the famous 'Cutty Sark' tea clipper and the Royal Observatory, and cross over the Greenwich Meridian.

Leeds Castle was described by Lord Conway as 'the loveliest castle in the world' and is set in the middle of a natural lake, surrounded by 500 acres of parkland and gardens. Evan Evans' will take you in before the doors open to the public, to experience its magic in an atmosphere of still tranquillity. There will also be time to explore the castle grounds where you will find the 'Lady Baillie Garden' with views over the lake, an aviary and maze.

Canterbury Cathedral

Travelling through Kent, the county known as the 'Garden of England', you make our way to Canterbury to visit the Cathedral. This magnificent Cathedral is the most important church within the worldwide Anglican faith. The central 'Bell Harry Tower' dates back to 1498, and the crypt to the 11th Century. It is here where your guide will tell the story of the shocking murder of Archbishop Thomas Beckett in 1170 and there will also be time to explore the narrow streets of Canterbury. There will be an opportunity for lunch in Canterbury.

Dover

You continue the tour through the picturesque landscape of Kent dotted with unusual buildings and quaint little villages to Dover, where you'll see the famous White Cliffs standing 400 feet above sea level. Brooding above the White Cliffs is the sprawling Dover Castle still watching over the town 800 years on.

Admission to Leeds Castle and Canterbury Cathedral are included in the tour price. Lunch not included.

Days of operation: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Tour Starts: 08.45, Victoria Coach Station, 164 Buckingham Palace Road, London

Tour Finishes: 18.30, Victoria Train Station

Tour 23 - Warwick Castle, Stratford, Oxford & Cotswolds

A full day tour through the enchanting Cotswolds, visiting medieval Warwick Castle, Shakespeare's Stratford upon Avon and a walk through the cobbled streets of Oxford.

Included Highlights

- Visit to Medieval Warwick Castle
- Scenic Cotswolds Drive
- Visit to Stratford upon Avon with entry to Shakespeare's Birthplace
- Walking tour of Oxford
- Visit Christ Church college (where Harry Potter was filmed)
- First-class luxury Motor-coach and the services of a professional Tour Guide
- Medieval Warwick Castle

Evan Evans take you back through Warwick Castle's 1,000 year history to a time of bloody battles, extravagant banquets and royal ceremony. Visit the Madame Tussaud's waxworks display where you can hear the Earl of Warwick as he prepares for battle. See the gruesome dungeons where prisoners were tortured. Alternatively, you might like to stroll through the Castle's lovingly tended gardens.

Stratford upon Avon

Birthplace of William Shakespeare: if you have ever used the expression: 'Too much of a good thing', 'Come what may' or 'Laughing stock,' you are quoting the great playwright. You will visit his Birthplace, and will gain a fascinating insight into his life.

The Cotswolds

You drive through one of the most scenic areas of England, the Cotswolds. Passing through charming villages with thatched cottages, tea shops and ancient inns.

Oxford

The colleges in Oxford date back to the 13th century and among its famous students were Bill Clinton, C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien and Lewis Carroll. Evan Evans take you on a fascinating walking tour, which includes visiting the Great Hall in Christ Church, where many scenes from Harry Potter were filmed. You'll also see the Bodleian Library and the picture perfect college courtyards for which Oxford is famous.

Admission to Warwick Castle, Christ Church college and Shakespeare's Birthplace is included in the tour price.

Days of operation: Daily

Tour Starts: 08.45, Victoria Coach Station, 164 Buckingham Palace Road, London

Tour Finishes: 19.00, Victoria Train Station

Tour 27 - Oxford and Cambridge

A full day tour to Oxford and Cambridge, the most famous university towns in England.

Included Highlights

- Walking Tour of Oxford, 'City of Dreaming Spires'
- See the Bodleian Library
- Visit Christ Church college, where Harry Potter was filmed
- Walking tour of Cambridge
- See the Bridge of Sighs and take a guided tour of the King's College chapel
- First-class luxury Motor-coach and the services of a professional Tour Guide

Oxford

You begin your day travelling across the Chiltern Hills to Oxford, the 'City of Dreaming Spires,' whose hushed courtyards have inspired generations of scholars including Bill Clinton and writers, Lewis Carroll who wrote 'Alice in Wonderland', C.S. Lewis who wrote 'Chronicles of Narnia' and the immortal J.R.R. Tolkien, author of 'Lord of the Rings'. On the walking tour you'll visit Christ Church college, where Harry Potter scenes were filmed, see the Bodleian Library and the picture-perfect college courtyards for which Oxford is justifiably famous.

Cambridge

Cambridge is a wonderful mixture of the everyday and the extraordinary, a living city that has shaped history and today reflects the best of historic and contemporary life. It was the inspiration for Charles Darwin, Isaac Newton and many of the Monty Python gang. You will have a guided tour of the magnificent chapel of Kings College, founded in 1441, and a fascinating walking tour of a city filled with beautiful buildings and historical quirks, including the famous 'Bridge of Sighs'.

Admission to Christ Church college Oxford and King's College Cambridge is included in the tour price.

Days of operation: Tuesday and Saturday (May-September)

Tour Starts: 08.45, Victoria Coach Station, 164 Buckingham Palace Road, London

Tour Finishes: 19.00, Victoria Train Station