

The Mercure Stratford upon Avon Shakespeare Hotel



## WELCOME TO OUR LITERARY LONDON TOUR!

I am thrilled to invite you to an unforgettable journey through the vibrant literary landscape of England. This tour is designed for book lovers and theater enthusiasts alike, offering a unique blend of iconic tourism sites and the rich history of renowned authors. Explore the bustling streets and vibrant villages that inspired literary giants like William Shakespeare, C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, and Arthur Conan Doyle while soaking in the beauty and culture that define London and its surrounding areas.

Your adventure will include visits to world-famous attractions such as the enchanting Warner Bros. Harry Potter Studio Tour, where the magic of the beloved series comes to life. Additionally, we'll venture into the picturesque English countryside,

immersing ourselves in the natural beauty that has inspired countless works of literature. Each stop is thoughtfully curated to deepen your appreciation for both literature and dramatic arts, as well as allowing you to dive deep into English culture and history.

This tour is open to all, with a special opportunity for Florida College students to earn academic credit. Don't miss your chance to walk in the footsteps of literary legends and create lasting memories in one of the world's most captivating areas. We encourage you to register soon, as spots are limited. Join me for this enriching experience in and around London!

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# YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:

- · Round trip airfare from Tampa
- \$600 government taxes and airline surcharges
- Accommodations in first class and select hotels based on 2 persons sharing in double rooms with private bath
- · Daily breakfasts
- Services of a professional English-speaking tour escort
- Comprehensive sightseeing throughout
- All admission fees for locations included in the tour program, with the exception of optional theater visits
- Transfers to/from the airport/ hotel by private coach including meeting/assistance and porterage
- All gratuities for guides, drivers, porters, and servers for included meals

## MAY 18-28, 2026

Tour Cost: \$4.190

(Air/land: \$3,590 + \$600 gov't. taxes/airline surcharges)

(Single room: Add'l \$900 per person)

## ITINERARY:

## DAY I: ARRIVE IN LONDON

**MONDAY, MAY 18** 

Begin your journey as you depart from Tampa on an overnight transatlantic flight to magnificent London.

## DAY 2: SALISBURY & STONEHENGE

TUESDAY, MAY 19

Morning arrival in London. Your visit to England begins as you drive through the English countryside to Salisbury with its 404-foot cathedral spire. Continue to Stonehenge, one of the most famous prehistoric monuments in the world.

End the day in Bath after checking in to your comfortable hotel.

## DAY 3: ROMAN BATHS & SHAKESPEARE

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

After breakfast visit the nearby Roman baths. The city of Bath with its spa and natural hot springs has been famous for nearly 2,000 years. Continue to Stratford-upon-Avon to visit Shakespeare's birthplace & school. See the location of the Royal Shakespeare Company, a troupe that has produced many famous actors. Conclude the day in the historic university town of Oxford. (B)

## DAY 4: OXFORD & BLENHEIM PALACE

THURSDAY, MAY 21

Enjoy a walking tour of Oxford's 900 year-old university. Its stunning architecture has made it a popular filming location the Harry Potter series and other projects. Visit places associated with The Inklings including C.S. Lewis and Tolkien's burial sites. Visit Lewis' home "The Kilns." Go to magnificent Blenheim Palace, Winston Churchill's birthplace to explore the grounds and enjoy a full afternoon tea before returning to your Oxford hotel. (B)







### **DAY 5: COTSWOLDS** FRIDAY, MAY 22

Spend a delightful day in the Cotswolds, a village district untouched by the Industrial Era. See thatched-roof houses, gardens, rolling fields, and gentle rivers as you explore this rural side of England, which has inspired writers for generations. You will have time in 3 different villages to explore, eat, and shop. Arrive in London and check into your hotel to finish the day. (B)

# DAY 6: LONDON & WESTMINSTER ABBEY

#### SATURDAY, MAY 23

Your morning tour of London takes you to Trafalgar Square, the Thames Embankment, past the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben, along Whitehall and to Buckingham Palace. Visit 1,000 year-old Westminster Abbey, the burial place of famous men and women including monarchs, authors & poets. Round off the day with an entertaining and historical tour of the Tower of London. Balance of the evening is free to attend a West End show, relax, or explore the city as you wish. (B)

## DAY 7: BRITISH LIBRARY & MORE

#### SUNDAY, MAY 24

After morning worship enjoy a private "Treasures tour" of the British Library. See handwritten works from Mozart, Leonardo da Vinci and Lennon/McCartney, ancient biblical manuscripts, Jane Austin's writing desk, an original Shakespeare folio, and more. Balance of the afternoon and evening is free to enjoy London. (B)

# DAY 8: WINDSOR & HARRY POTTER TOUR

#### **TUESDAY, MAY 25**

Tour Windsor Castle, an active royal residence for King Charles II. Might any of the Royal family be in attendance while you're there? After lunch drive to Warner Brothers Studios for a "Harry Potter" tour featuring original sets, costumes and props from the famous films. Return to London to enjoy the balance of the evening. (B)

## DAY 9: BRITISH MUSEUM & GLOBE THEATRE

#### MONDAY, MAY 26

Visit the British Museum, home to many world archaeological treasures from ancient Egypt, Israel, Assyria, Babylon, Greece, and Rome. After lunch enjoy a tour of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. This modern reconstruction still hosts performances of Shakespeare's famous plays. Option to attend a behind-the-scenes theatre workshop. Balance of the evening is free. (B)

# DAY 10: NATIONAL THEATRE & LONDON

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

After breakfast, have a remarkable behind-the-scenes tour of Great Britain's National Theatre. The balance of this final day is free for you to enjoy. Take a Thames River cruise? Stroll the Abbey Road crosswalk? Shop on Oxford Street? Catch one more show? Take a Sherlock Holmes tour? London holds countless options significant to literature, film, history, and the arts! (B)

"B" = Breakfast included.

# Itinerary subject to change.

DAY II: RETURN HOME THURSDAY, MAY 28 This wonderful tour concludes in your return flight to Tampa. Arrive home with memories to enjoy for years to come. (B)





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#### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- \$500 deposit per person due with registration (\$100 nonrefundable)
- Remaining balance due by Feb. 4, 2026

#### PAYMENT METHODS

- Checks should be made out to "Chandler Tours" and mailed to the address on the registration form.
- Contact Luke Chandler at Chandler Tours, Inc. to arrange credit card or other digital payments. (Tour price includes a discount for cash or cash instruments. Due to merchant fees for electronic/digital payments, a 2% to 3% surcharge will be added to those transactions, depending on the digital payment method.)

#### CANCELLATION POLICY

Trip cancellation for any reason will result in nonrefundable penalties as follows:

- 100 days before departure: \$100 per person
- 99 to 70 days before departure: \$1,200 per person
- 69 to 35 days from departure:
   50% of tour price per person
- Less than 35 days from departure:
   Full price of tour

Comprehensive travel insurance is recommended to protect your trip investment.

## REQUIRED TRAVEL, DOCUMENTS

A passport valid for at least 6 months after the return date of the trip is required to travel. Travelers with passports expiring less than 6 months after the return date may be barred from entering the destination country. It is the sole responsibility of the passenger to check the passport expiration date.

It is the sole responsibility of each passenger to provide any necessary documentation and meet all entry and exit requirements.

#### TERMS & CONDITIONS

Chandler Tours, Inc., its agents, and employees are released from any liability for any injury, damage, loss, accident, illness, irregularity or delay that is a result of independent contractors, third-party agents or vendors, Acts of Nature, or Force Majeure which may occur during the trip. Guest shall indemnify and hold harmless Chandler Tours and its agents or employees from all suits, actions, losses, damages, and liability arising out of any goods or services provided during the trip. Baggage is at "owner risk" throughout the trip.

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