

2023 London Trip Proposed Itinerary

Friday, February 24 (Arrive In London around 10 AM)

12:00-5:00 PM – Taxi/Bus Tour of London or British Museum

This would probably be the best way to get a good introduction to the city and at least see most of the major sights in a short period of time. I have listed a few top options found through TripAdvisor in order of recommendation. To guarantee availability, which may be more important with cab tours, you would need to book ahead through TripAdvisor (links provided) or contact the vendor directly. All are cancelable with a free refund up to the day beforehand if booked through TripAdvisor. However, this would not be of much help if your flight is delayed.

1. **[Premier Classic London Private Half Day Tour](#) (5 Stars, 216 Reviews)**
 - a. 4-hour black cab tour with several short stops scheduled on the hour
 - b. From \$463.52 per group (up to 6)
 - c. Pickup from Embankment Tube Station
2. **[Personal Tours of London](#) (5 Stars, 49 Reviews)**
 - a. 3-4-hour black taxi tour that can be customized
 - b. From \$375.59 per group (up to 6)
 - c. Pickup location arranged at booking, various options
3. **[Big Bus London Hop-On Hop-Off Tour](#) (4 Stars, 6224 Reviews)**
 - a. Classic Red Route: 2-hour 30-minute roundtrip tour with recorded commentary
 - b. Blue Route: 3-hour 20-minute roundtrip tour with recorded commentary
 - c. From \$46.35 per person (Total = \$185.40)
 - d. Pickup from various locations along routes including Green Park Tube Station ([route maps](#))
 - e. Cheaper option that probably does not need to be booked ahead of time
 - f. Most negative comments were about recorded commentary
4. **[British Museum](#) (4.5 Stars, 73,422 Reviews, #2)**
 - a. Open from 10 AM – 5 PM, Free
 - b. Suggested visit time is 2-3 hours
 - c. Possible option for visiting on first day instead of taking a tour since it is not real close to other major tourist sites
 - d. Closest tube stop looks to be Tottenham Court Road

Saturday, February 25 – Soccer Game and Related Events

No other sightseeing events planned at this point.

Sunday, February 26 – Visiting with Family and Friends

No sightseeing events planned at this point.

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Monday, February 27 – Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey & More

Reminder: Get [free Sky Garden tickets](#) or book table before leaving

9:00-10:00 AM: Travel by Tube to downtown London

Leave by 9 AM to take Tube to Green Park or Hyde Park Corner Station (50 min)

10:00-12:00 PM: [Buckingham Palace & Gardens](#) (4.5 Stars, 29,530 Reviews, #15)

Walk from tube stop through Green Park, Wellington Arch, and/or Buckingham Place Gardens (0.4 miles/10-20 min) to Buckingham Palace. [Changing of the Guard](#) happens at **11:00 AM** in front of Palace only on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday during the winter months. Private tours of the inside of the Palace are sold out through Sunday, February 26 when they end for the season based on website. Spend some time after changing of the guard walking around gardens and surrounding area.

12:00-1:00 PM: Lunch in Area

Blocked off an hour for lunch for any point in the afternoon schedule

1:00-2:30 PM: [Westminster Abbey](#) (4.5 Stars, 24,565 Reviews, #9)

Walk from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey (0.7 miles/15 min) through St. James Park. Highly recommend [booking tickets](#) ahead of time for 1 hour visit booked on half hours. Tickets are £27.00 per person. Last entry tickets are at 2:30 PM. Abbey closes at 3:30 PM.

2:30-5:00 PM: [Churchill War Rooms](#) (4.5 Stars, 23,394 Reviews, #7)

Walk from Westminster Abby to Churchill War Rooms (0.2 miles/5 min). Spend 2-3 hours in museum. Tickets are £30.00 per person and can be booked ahead of time through website. Museum is open until 6 PM.

5:00-5:30 PM: [Big Ben/Palace of Westminster](#) (4.5 Stars, 31,842 Reviews, #20)

Walk from Churchill War Rooms to London Eye past Big Ben and Palace of Westminster parliament buildings and via Queen's Walk (0.7/15 min).

5:30-6:00 PM: [London Eye](#) (4.5 Stars, 88,608 Reviews, #3)

This 30-minute ride is open from 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM. Tickets are recommended to be purchased through the website ahead of time to save time and money. Standard tickets are £32.50 per person if purchased online, with 15-minute entry time to line with last entry at 5:45 PM. A fast-track ticket option is available which skips the line for £46 per person. Combination tickets with other attractions are also available.

6:00 PM: Stay for evening or head home

Eat dinner and walk around waterfront area or head home on Tube using Waterloo Tube Station (approx. 40 min).

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Tuesday, February 28 – Tower of London, Tower Bridge, Sky Garden & More

8:00-9:00 AM: Travel by Tube to Tower of London

Leave by 8:00 AM to take Tube to District Line-Richmond Stop (approx. 40 min)

9:00-12:00 PM: [Tower of London](#) (4.5 Stars, 66,859 Reviews, #1)

Plan to be there a little before or right when the gates open. Suggest you consider buying tickets ahead of time through website. Tickets are £29.90 per person. Another option would be to buy [Early Access Tower of London Tour](#) tickets through TripAdvisor. These tour tickets are much more expensive at \$103.42 per guide but promises the following: *“Have exclusive access to one of London’s most popular and in-demand landmarks, and bypass the crowds, on this VIP tour of the Tower of London. Begin the tour with early, skip-the-line access, and see the tower’s storied opening ceremony. With just a small group for company, you’ll explore the landmark’s highlights. You’ll also be among the first visitors to enter the Tower of London’s world-famous Jewel House, where the glittering Crown Jewels await.”*

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1:00-2:30 PM: [Tower Bridge](#) (4.5 Stars, 39,724 Reviews, #5)

Take walking tour through Tower Bridge. The website recommends purchasing tickets ahead of time to guarantee an entry time. If you don’t do this then I would allow for at least an extra half hour to visit. Tower Bridge is a 7-minute walk (0.3 miles) from the Tower of London.

2:30-3:30 PM: [Sky Garden Observation Deck](#) (4.5 Stars, 16,508 Reviews, #13)

Walk from Tower Bridge to Sky Garden (15 min/0.6 miles) and go up to observation deck. Tickets to the observation deck are free and can be booked through the website for each week starting on Monday (see reminder at the top of Monday’s schedule to reserve tickets for a specific time). You could also book a table for either lunch, dinner or just drinks. You could also look to do this after going to British Museum which would allow for more time at the Museum but would probably require 2 cab rides.

3:30-5:00 PM: [British Museum](#) (4.5 Stars, 73,422 Reviews, #2)

Take cab from Sky Garden or Tower Bridge to British Museum (2.2 miles) if you did not visit museum on Friday. Museum is open from 10 AM – 5 PM and is free. The suggested visit time is 2-3 hours, so if you want to spend more time at the museum consider planning to go to Sky Garden after visiting the museum.

5:00 PM –

Either go to Sky Garden for dinner or drinks or dinner at another location downtown or head back to home base via Tube

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Top 10 London Things to Do not included in Proposed Itinerary

- [National Gallery](#) (4.5 Stars, 40,413 Reviews, #4)
- [Natural History Museum](#) (4.5, 37,536 Reviews, #6)
- [V&A – Victoria and Albert](#) Museum (4.5, 32,528 Reviews, #8)
- [Hyde Park](#) (4.5, 22,363 Reviews, #10)