

# London tour

ARTS SOCIETY  
OF WORCESTER



**Tuesday 28 November 2023 - 3 nights / 4 days**

**£552.00** per person based on 30 persons travelling

*If we get 35 persons there will be a reduction of £27 per person, and if we get 40 persons there will be a reduction of £63 per person*

**£175.00 single room supplement**

## PRICE INCLUDES:

- Return coach transfers from Worcester local area to London
- 3 night's bed and breakfast at the Copthorne Tara Hotel, Kensington, London
- ABTA
- Gratuities
- 2-course lunch on the journey to London
- Entrance to Kew Gardens Illuminations
- Entrance to Leighton House
- Entrance to Sambourne House
- Art Deco tour of London with guide
- Entrance to the Postal Museum London with trip on Mail Rail
- Osterley Park stop on return journey to Worcester

## HOTEL INFORMATION

- 4\* standard
- Location: A short walk from Kensington High Street
- Hotel facilities: Two restaurants, bar, coffee shop, Free WiFi, 24 hour fitness facility
- Room facilities: Each room is fitted with a flat-screen TV with satellite channels. The rooms come with an en-suite bathroom, free toiletries, a hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities
- Useful Information: The hotel has lifts
- Website:  
<https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/london/copthorne-tara-hotel-london-kensington/#home>

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### Tue 28 Nov - Travel to London

Join your local coach to travel to London. Departure will be late morning, and there will be a stop on route for a late lunch in the Denham area, before we arrive at Kew Gardens for a visit to the Illuminated Trail.

The trail is approximately 3km long and can take up to two hours plus to walk around, whilst stopping for refreshments and seeing all the attractions like Father Christmas, visiting the fairground, toasting marshmallows and taking photos.

The route is on pathways although terrain can vary in different areas of the Gardens. If you or any members of your group are encountering any difficulties, please alert one of our friendly stewards who will do their best to help you, and who can offer possible shortcuts to the exit.

After your visit you will continue to your hotel in Kensington, where we expect to arrive around 8.30pm.

### Wed 29th Nov - Leighton House and Sambourne House

After breakfast a visit to Leighton House, the former home and studio of the leading Victorian Artist, Frederic, Lord Leighton, followed by a visit to the nearby Sambourne House, the family home of legendary illustrator Linley Sambourne. Both these properties are in Kensington and a short distance from the hotel and your coach will be available if required. The rest of the day will be at your leisure.

### Thu 30th Nov - Art Deco Tour of London

After breakfast, enjoy a full day guided tour of the best of London's Art Deco wonders including the stunning Carreras Tobacco Factory, the sleek lines of the Daimler Garage, imposing Senate House skyline, Odeon on Shaftesbury Avenue, Adelphi Theatre and the chic Savoy Hotel.

We stop for coffee\* and time to explore the Freemason's Hall, a 1933 Art Deco masterpiece built on a site used for Freemason's meetings since 1775. After we see the striking Deco landmarks of the Daily Express and Daily Telegraph

buildings, the fictional home of Hercule Poirot, the Unilever building, the former London Underground headquarters at 55 Broadway, Victoria Coach Station and the former offices of Imperial Airways now the National Audit office.

We take a short walking tour and a lunch\* stop at the 1930's Deco brick cathedral of Battersea Power Station. This legendary London Grade II landmark and surrounding area has been recently brought back to life after 40 years of neglect.

In the afternoon, admire the curved glass curtain wall of the Peter Jones Building, iconic Michelin House Bibendum, the former Derry and Toms department store, Simpson's Piccadilly, Palladium House, BBC Broadcasting House.

The tour ends with free time at the RIBA Building with its etched glass, superb carvings impressive staircase, gallery and exhibition.

Return to the hotel and the rest of the afternoon and evening is at your leisure.

*\* Coffee and lunch not included.*

### Fri 1st Dec - Postal Museum and travel home

After breakfast, we travel to the Postal Museum where you will travel back through London's first "social network" at a museum dedicated to the postal service.

This museum showcases how sending, delivering and receiving messages via post revolutionized our lives. For added fun, take a ride on the Mail Rail London's 100-year-old postal railway. Jump aboard the miniature train and travel through the tunnels underneath London's Mount Pleasant sorting office.

Along with journeying along the tracks, which used to be in service 22 hours a day, you'll get to enjoy interactive exhibits and an audio-visual show charting a century of postal engineering innovations.

After leaving the Postal Museum, we continue our journey back to Worcester with a stop at Osterley Park, where you will have chance for a late lunch.

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