

London: London Bridge and Southwark

09.30 ASCOT

The coach departs from Ascot.

11.00 SOUTHWARK STREET

The coach drop-off point is along Southwark Street, a short walk from Southwark Cathedral.

11.30 SOUTHBANK WALK

During a short walk along the bank of the River Thames, the students will encounter wonderful views and fine London landmarks. The historic Golden Hinde which is moored alongside the River Thames is a replica Tudor Warship in which Sir Francis Drake circumnavigated the world in 1577-1580. Southwark Cathedral is a beautiful church which contains a stained glass window and statue dedicated to William Shakespeare. London Bridge is a key highlight of the tour. Its rich history inspired the nursery rhyme 'London Bridge is Falling Down' all of which can be investigated during the afternoon at The London Bridge Experience. The final stretch along the riverside reveals wonderful views of the Tower Bridge, and the disused warship, the HMS Belfast.

13.00 HAYS GALLERIA

The Hays Galleria, were formerly merchant wharves for tea clipper boats from China and India. Today, they have been renovated to become an attractive shopping, entertainment and arts complex. It is an excellent venue for lunch as there are many features which attract curiosity. Most notably, 'The Navigators' sculpture is an exciting piece of maritime artwork.

14.00 THE LONDON BRIDGE EXPERIENCE/THE LONDON DUNGEON/ WINSTON CHURCHILL'S BRITAIN AT WAR EXPERIENCE

The London Bridge Experience is the UK's premier scare attraction. It provides an interactive experience of London Bridge through the ages. Other aspects include the London Tombs, a former plague pit, and the London Bridge Museum which is fun and informative. An alternative destination which provides a similar experience is the London Dungeon. It is an interactive historic/horror attraction which provides fear and fun throughout. There are many exhibits which depict the middle ages including the Great Fire of London, Jack the Ripper and Sweeney Todd. Finally, Winston Churchill's Britain at War Experience is an exhibition which faithfully demonstrates life in Britain during World War II using an array of special effects including sights, sounds and smells.

16.00 TOOLEY STREET

The coach pick-up point is just off Tooley Street, a short walk from the Hays Galleria. Here, the tour of London ends and the students will return to Ascot.

