

London: Westminster

09.30 ASCOT

The coach departs from Ascot.

11.00 GROSVENOR PLACE

The coach drop-off point is along Grosvenor Place, which is located at the rear of Buckingham Palace Gardens. The students will disembark from the coach and walk the short distance to the front of the Palace.

11.30 BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Buckingham Palace is the official London residence of the English Royal Family. The students have plenty of opportunities to view and photograph this famous London landmark. Dependent on the time of arrival, they may also have the possibility to observe the Changing of the Guard. This ceremony is scheduled to take place daily in July at 11.30am.

12.15 ST JAMES'S PARK

St James's Park is adjacent to the Buckingham Palace grounds. As the oldest of the Royal Parks in London, it provides an idyllic location for lunch by the lake. There are also many attractions for all ages. Spectacular views of Big Ben, the London Eye and Horse Guards are all possible from the Blue Bridge. For younger students, there is an excellent playground as well as the opportunity to watch the feeding of the park's Pelicans.

13.30 TRAFALGAR SQUARE

At the northern edge of St James's Park is Admiralty Arch, which provides an excellent photo opportunity of Trafalgar Square. Trafalgar Square is one of London's most iconic locations due to the glorious fountains, the architecture of the surrounding buildings and the magnificent centrepiece, Nelson's Column. This monument pays tribute to British navy's most famous admiral, Lord Horatio Nelson.

14.00 WHITEHALL AND 10 DOWNING STREET

South of Trafalgar Square will take the students to Whitehall, home to many Government Ministries as well as the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street. Additional highlights include statues and monuments commemorating English historical events.

14.30 THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT AND BIG BEN

Parliament Square represents the centre of English political activity. The Palace of Westminster, otherwise known as the Houses of Parliament dominates the square with its' distinctive medieval architecture of the main building and the world-famous Big Ben. Westminster Abbey is also situated nearby. For centuries, this beautiful church has been the venue for the coronation of English Monarchs and Royal Weddings.

15.30 THE LONDON EYE

A short walk across Westminster Bridge provides wonderful views of the London and the River Thames. However this is nothing compared to the spectacular panoramic views of London from the London Eye. On a clear day, it is even possible to glimpse Windsor Castle which is 40km away.

16.30 THE JUBILEE GARDENS

The coach pick-up point is by the Jubilee Gardens, next to the London Eye. Here, the tour of London ends and the students will return to Ascot.

