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This 3 day itinerary is centred on some quintessentially British experiences, with food and drink activities at its core, as well as showcasing visitor attractions steeped in tradition and history. From afternoon tea on a 1950s style London bus to a royal palace visit - this itinerary is truly made in Britain!

Getting around

This itinerary can be enjoyed using public transport and organised tours. The easiest way to get around London is with a [Visitor Oyster Card](#) , a pay as you go smartcard which can be used to pay for all public transport in London. The Oyster Card also provides a 10% discount on Thames Clippers boat services, but for those who want to spend more time exploring the river they might prefer a [hop-on hop-off River Roamer](#)  ticket for unlimited rides throughout the day.

Many of the attractions listed below are included in the [iVenture London Attractions Pass](#) , including Windsor Castle, Westminster Abbey and The Royal Albert Hall.

Day 1

Westminster Abbey & afternoon tea with a difference 

Westminster Abbey

This itinerary begins at the stunning Westminster Abbey - a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the country's finest Gothic masterpieces. Kings and queens have been crowned here since 1066 (17 of them are also buried here) and the abbey has held no fewer than 16 royal weddings - including that of Kate Middleton and Prince William.


The spectacular Henry VII Lady Chapel is a masterpiece of architecture with a spectacular, ornate roof. Mary, Queen of Scots is buried here, just a few feet away from Elizabeth I, the very queen who ordered her execution!

Poets' Corner is also worth seeking out as it contains the burial and memorial sites of Geoffrey Chaucer, Charles Dickens, William Blake, Rudyard Kipling, T.S. Eliot and countless others.



Tour details

Min - Max capacity:	N/A
Frequency:	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9.30am - 3.30pm Wednesday: 9.30am - 6pm Saturday: May to August 9.30am - 3pm; September to April 9.30am - 1pm
Private tours:	Please see attraction website
FIT or Groups:	FIT or groups.
Translation:	Audio guides available in 12 languages

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Brigit's Bakery Afternoon Tea Bus Tour

What better way to enjoy a traditional afternoon tea than on one of the Brigit's Bakery Routemaster buses? These vintage London buses travel past some of London's most famous landmarks, whilst 'Brigit's Afternoon Tea' is served - allowing those on board to enjoy a high tea accompanied by an array of tasty sandwiches and delicious cakes and pastries. The London Eye, Big Ben, The Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, St James's Park, Hyde Park, The Royal Albert Hall, Marble Arch, Nelson's Column, and Downing Street are just a few of the iconic sights to be enjoyed on this tour - with a cup of tea, of course!



Tour details

Min - Max capacity:	Min 1, Max 32
Frequency:	Daily departures: from Victoria Coach Station: 12pm, 2.30pm and 5pm From 8 Northumberland Avenue: 12.30pm and 3pm
Private tours:	Please contact to arrange.
FIT or Groups:	FIT or groups.
Translation:	Not available

[Website: Afternoon Tea Bus Tour](#) 

A Midsummer Night's Dream Afternoon Tea & Theatre Tour – Shakespeare's Globe

Another great option for a truly unique afternoon tea is at Shakespeare's Globe - comprised of a guided tour of the theatre, a visit to the exhibition, and a delicious 'A Midsummer Night's Dream Afternoon Tea', with a menu inspired by the food and characters encountered in one of Shakespeare's most famous plays. Ingredients include pea flower, from which Oberon's love potion is squeezed, and mulberries, from the fruit tree under which Pyramus and Thisbe agree to meet in 'the play within a play'.


To top off this unique dining experience, the delicacies are served upon bespoke crockery depicting the themes of the play, specially designed by illustrator Annika Wester.



Tour details

Min - Max capacity:	Min 1 Max 8 for FIT or small group bookings Groups Max 70 can be accommodated
Frequency:	FIT/Group max 8 : Daily between 2pm - 3pm Larger groups: Monday and Sunday 2pm - 3pm
Private tours:	Please contact to arrange
FIT or Groups:	FIT or groups.
Translation:	Tours in English with information sheets in 15 languages

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[Website: Shakespeare's Globe](#) 



Windsor Castle

Just a short journey west by road or rail from central London, the magnificent Windsor Castle is the oldest and largest inhabited castle in the world. It's a must-see for fans of royalty, art and history. It has been the family home of British kings and queens for almost 1,000 years and is an official residence of Her Majesty The Queen, whose Royal Standard flag flies from the Round Tower when she is staying there.

Visitors can see the castle's luxurious State Apartments, decorated with priceless historical artworks from the Royal Collection, and the stunning St George's Chapel, which is the burial place of 10 monarchs and many aristocrats, including Henry VIII and his third wife Jane Seymour.

In addition, the famous Changing of the Guard ceremony, is a colourful tradition not to be missed. This great spectacle and the finest example of British pageantry takes place daily at 11am from April to July, and alternate days throughout the rest of the year.



Tour details

Min - Max capacity:	N/A
Frequency:	Open Daily
Private tours:	Please contact to arrange
FIT or Groups:	FIT or groups.
Translation:	The audio tour and guidebook are available in English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Japanese, Chinese and Russian and is included in the ticket price

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[Website: Windsor Castle](#)



Borough Market

Day 3 starts with a visit to the lively Borough Market - arguably London's most famous food market, and a great place to buy fantastic food and drink from regional producers. The full market is open Wednesday to Saturday but some traders and takeaway stalls do open on a Monday or Tuesday



The Royal Albert Hall

In the afternoon, we recommend visiting The Royal Albert Hall for a behind the scenes guided tour of this world-famous concert space, an integral part of Britain's musical history. Opened in 1871, it is one of the capital's most prestigious historic buildings and has been the scene of over 150,000 performances, including the celebrated BBC Proms.

Visitors can enter The Queen's private suite and box and stand in the spot from where the royals watch concerts. Guides will also share some of the secrets of the Hall's history - including its connection to the Suffragette movement, the part it played in both World Wars, and how its iconic dome was amazingly brought to London after being constructed 200 miles away in Manchester.



Tour details

Min - Max capacity:	1-15 for scheduled tours Private tours can be arranged for groups of 15+
Frequency:	Tours run 7 days a week and depart every 30 minutes between 9.30am - 4.30am April to October and 10am - 4pm November to March.
Private tours:	On request
FIT or Groups:	FIT or groups.
Translation:	Not available

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[Website: Royal Albert Hall](#)