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## ► STYLISH ART AND CULTURE

In a day, the seamless mix of centuries-old traditions and minutes-old trends takes you from afternoon tea to sophisticated shopping in high-street department stores and new designer boutiques. Along with historic architectural marvels, such as St. Paul's Cathedral, you'll find a hotbed of contemporary fashion and art, including the much-buzzed-about Tate Modern.

## ► LANDMARK FESTIVALS AND FOOD

This year marks several significant anniversaries, including 500 years since Henry VIII was crowned, 250 years since Kew Gardens opened, 150 years since Big Ben's first tick, and 100 years of shopping at Selfridges. While the city celebrates, you can live it up with standout global cuisine and local favorites. From market stalls to gastropubs and an astounding 46 Michelin starred restaurants, London is a prime foodie destination.



Clockwise, from left: St. Paul's Cathedral, the London Eye, gourmet dining, shopping on Carnaby Street, a delightful local bakery, a traditional pint.

## POUND WISE

In addition to reasonable flights, you can save on everything from sightseeing to changing money in London with these easy tips:

### ① TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A FAVORABLE EXCHANGE RATE:

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### ② CHANGE YOUR DOLLARS COMMISSION-FREE AT THOMAS COOK FOREIGN EXCHANGE:

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③ SIGHTSEE FOR FREE: There are more than 80 attractions that won't cost you a penny, such as free concerts at the National Portrait Gallery.



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Benares Indian restaurant in Mayfair

## CELEBRATE LABOR DAY IN LONDON

Enter for a chance to win an **ONLY IN LONDON** vacation featuring a five-night stay in a four-star hotel and World Traveler flights on British Airways for two. Winners will spend September 2 to 8 experiencing sights and activities you can only do in London.

### PRIZE INCLUDES THESE EXTRAORDINARY LONDON EXPERIENCES

- **A MORNING AT TATE MODERN:** Enjoy a private early morning tour followed by a champagne breakfast with breathtaking views of the city. ([tate.org.uk](http://tate.org.uk))
- **A BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL:** A personal tour will take you to the rarely seen library, followed by lunch at the newly opened restaurant in the crypt. ([stpauls.co.uk](http://stpauls.co.uk))
- **A PRIVATE TOUR OF WIMBLEDON LAWN TENNIS MUSEUM:** See the world-famous tennis grounds and receive an exclusive bottle of Wimbledon-branded champagne. ([wimbledon.org](http://wimbledon.org))
- **A VIP PASS TO THE BRITISH MUSIC EXPERIENCE:** Feel like rock royalty at the world's only fully interactive showcase devoted to British popular music. ([britishmusicexperience.com](http://britishmusicexperience.com))
- **A DAYTRIP ON EUROSTAR:** Visit Paris in just two hours and 15 minutes and when you return to St. Pancras International Station celebrate with complimentary bubbly at Europe's longest champagne bar. ([eurostar.com](http://eurostar.com))
- **A CANDLELIT CONCERT AT ST. MARTIN IN THE FIELDS:** Before the performance, get an exclusive tour and a pre-concert dinner in the Café in the Crypt. ([www2.stmartin-in-the-fields.org](http://www2.stmartin-in-the-fields.org))
- **A SPEEDBOAT TOUR WITH LONDON RIB VOYAGES:** Go on a wild sightseeing adventure on the Thames. ([londonribvoyages.com](http://londonribvoyages.com))
- **A DAY OF STYLE AT WESTFIELD LONDON:** Enjoy a VIP Pass, a style consultation, Armani make-over, and gastromique dining at The Meat & Wine Company. ([uk.westfield.com](http://uk.westfield.com))
- **A BACKSTAGE TOUR OF THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE:** Take a look behind the scenes of this iconic Covent Garden theater and relax with an afternoon tea in Searcy's restaurant. ([roh.org.uk](http://roh.org.uk))
- **A STEP BACK IN TIME AT THE CHURCHILL MUSEUM AND CABINET WAR ROOMS:** Learn more about WWII history with a private tour and exclusive access into the Cabinet War room and Map room. ([cwr.lwm.org.uk](http://cwr.lwm.org.uk))

No purchase required to enter or win. You must be a legal resident of the 50 U.S. states or the District of Columbia over the age of 18 to enter. Entries must be received by 11:59 PM EST on 6/30/2009. Sponsored by Visit London.

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