

Itinerary for October 11 – 27, 2008

Saturday, October 11:

- Drive from home to airport
- Fly from Houston to Chicago (12:25 PM – 2:59 PM)
 - Previous flights for Flight 5820 - left Terminal A, Gate A25, arrived Terminal 2, Concourse F, F14
- Leave from Chicago for London (5:40 PM)
 - Previous flights for Flight 0928 - left Terminal 1, Concourse C, C19, arrived Terminal 1, Gate 155

Sunday, October 12:

- Arrive London (7:40 AM)
 - At Heathrow Airport, get the following:
 - Visitor Oyster Card for £32 (£30 + £2 non-reimbursable fee)
 - Exchange money:
 - \$1,010.00 for €738.31
 - \$1,340.00 for £755.47
 - Plus personal money we want to spend
- Travel from Heathrow Airport to St. Pancras International Train station
- Eurostar train from London to Lille (12:57 PM – 3:24 PM)
- TGV train from Lille to Marne La Vallee Chessy / Disneyland (5:40 PM – 6:48 PM)
- Check into Holiday Inn for 1 night

Monday, October 13:

- Check out of Holiday Inn
- Check into Disney's Santa Fe Hotel for 2 nights
 - Get tickets and meal vouchers
 - Make reservations with concierge for meals:
 - Arnette's Diner - supper at Disney Village on Monday, October 13
 - Plaza Gardens Restaurant or Silver Spur Steakhouse at Disneyland on Tuesday, October 14, for lunch or supper
 - Continental Breakfasts at the hotel for Tuesday and Wednesday
- Walt Disney Studios Park (normal hours are 10 AM – 7 PM)

Tuesday, October 14:

- Disneyland Park (normal hours are 10 AM – 7 PM, extra hours are 8 AM – 10 AM)

Wednesday, October 15:

- Check out of Disney's Santa Fe Hotel
- Walt Disney Studios Park (normal hours are 10 AM – 7 PM)
- Disneyland Park (normal hours are 10 AM – 7 PM, extra hours are 8 AM – 10 AM)
- Travel from Marne La Vallee Chessy to Paris, Convention Metro Station
 - Buy two Billets Ile-de-France ticket (one way - €8.45 each) for travel this trip
 - Buy two Paris Museum Cards for 4 days (€45 each)
 - Buy one Carnet of 10 tickets for €11.40
- Check into Quality Hotel Abaca Paris 15th (FR197) for 4 nights

Thursday, October 16:

- Buy two L'Open Tour bus tickets (save €4 each with Paris Museum Card) for €25 each
- L'Open Tour bus – see sites of Paris with hop-on, hop-off bus over 4 lines
 - Lunch on Champs-Elysees Boulevard
 - Sainte-Chapelle <http://sainte-chapelle.monuments-nationaux.fr/en/>
 - free with Paris Museum Card
 - Tour Notre-Dame Cathedral <http://www.cathedraledeparis.com/>
 - free with Paris Museum Card
- Eiffel Tower (open 9:30 AM – 11:45 PM) following the bus tours
 - Buy

Friday, October 17:

- Louvre Museum (hours 9 AM – 6 PM, some galleries open till 9:45 PM on Fridays)
 - free with Paris Museum Card
 - <http://www.louvre.fr/llv/commun/home.jsp?bmLocale=en>

Saturday, October 18:

- Two Extra transportation tickets to Versailles - €2.90 each person each way
- Versailles Palace (hours 9 AM – 6:30 PM)
 - <http://www.chateauversailles.fr/index.cfm?langue=en>
 - free with Paris Museum Card for some of the Palace; audio guides extra

Sunday, October 19:

- Check out of Quality Hotel Abaca Paris 15th (FR197)
- TGV train from Paris to Lille (9:58 AM – 10:57 AM)
- Eurostar train from Lille to London St. Pancras train station (12:57 PM – 1:03 PM)
- Travel to Gloucester Road Underground Station
- Check into Quality Crown Hotel Kensington (GB161) for 8 nights

Monday, October 20:

- Original London Sightseeing Tour Bus (hours 8:30 AM – 7 PM) on four routes
 - Trade in vouchers at Piccadilly Circus
 - <http://www.theoriginaltour.com>
 - Changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace?

Tuesday, October 21:

- Tower of London - <http://www.hrp.org.uk/TowerOfLondon/admissionsprices/default.aspx>
 - Purchase two tickets for £16.50 each
- Westminster Abbey - <http://www.westminster-abbey.org/>
 - Purchase two tickets for £10.00 each
- British Library - <http://www.bl.uk/> - free

Wednesday, October 22:

- Tate Britain - <http://www.tate.org.uk/britain/> - free
 - Rent two audio guides for £3.50 each
- Take Tate Boat between museums
 - Purchase two tickets for £4.00 each
- Tate Modern - <http://www.tate.org.uk/modern/> - free
 - Rent two audio guides for £3.50 each
- National Gallery - <http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/> - free
 - Rent two audio guides for £3.00 each

Thursday, October 23:

- Day to rest (or) move this to another day if needed for rain or other reason
- May find something we want to do while there
- Possible eating place: Newman Arms Pie Room (www.newmanarms.co.uk)
 - Must be between 12-3 and 6-9 PM
 - reservations may be needed
- Possible eating place: Gordon Ramsey's The Warrington (<http://www.gordonramsay.com/>)
 - Monday-Friday, 12 PM - 2:30 PM lunch
 - Monday-Saturday, 6 PM – 10:30 PM dinner
 - Saturday-Sunday, 12 PM – 3:30 PM lunch
 - Sunday, 6 PM – 10 PM dinner
 - Dress code: casual
 - Reservations made for 6:30 PM

Friday, October 24:

- Speaker's Corner in Hyde Park
- Walk through Hyde Park
- Kensington Gardens and Palace
 - Purchase two tickets for £12.30 each
- Victoria & Albert Museum - free
- Natural History Museum - free

Saturday, October 25:

- British Museum - <http://www.britishmuseum.org/> - free
 - Audio guides available for £3.50 for one or £5.50 deluxe (two different tours of your choice)
- Harrods Department Store

Sunday, October 26:

- Day to rest (or) move this to another day if needed for rain or other reason
- May find something we want to do while there
- London Zoo - <http://www.zsl.org/zsl-london-zoo/>
 - Purchase two tickets for £15.40 each
- Sherlock Holmes Museum - <http://www.sherlock-holmes.co.uk/> at 221b Baker Street
 - Purchase two tickets for £6.00 each
- Walk by Apple Boutique at 94 Baker Street on the way to next stop
- Madame Tussauds - <http://www.madame-tussauds.co.uk/>
 - Purchase two-for-one ticket for £22.50 with Oyster Card – expired offer
- Go by 3 Savile Row (was Apple Corps with Apple Studios in basement)
- Piccadilly Circus
- Online check-in for the flights home

Monday, October 27:

- Check out of the Quality Crown Hotel Kensington (GB161)
- Fly from London to Washington, D.C. (12 noon – 4:33 PM)
 - Previous flights for Flight 0919 - left Terminal 1, Gate 145, arrived Concourse C, C1
- Fly from Washington, D.C. (6:40 PM – 8:56 PM)
 - Previous flights for Flight 7605 – left Concourse D, D10/D14, arrived Terminal 2
- Arrive at home