exploring
LONDON

TOP 10 FREE THINGS TO SEE AND DO:

1. The British Museum (seriously a must-see!)
2. Natural History Museum
3. Science Museum
4. Hyde Park
5. Houses of Parliament
7. Harrods
8. Tate Modern
9. Changing of the Guard
10. Victoria and Albert Museum

SHOPPING
• Oxford Street – offers an unrivaled shopping experience with its variety of international stores
• Camden Market – for something less expensive, check out this market with 200 stalls for jewelry, clothes, shoes, etc.
• Covent Garden – British-made craft, imaginative artwork, and handmade jewelry

TOURISM
• The London Eye
• Westminster Abbey
• Thames River Cruise
• Shakespeare’s Globe Theater
• Tower of London

ETIQUETTE
• When walking, be aware. The British drive on the opposite side of the road than we do.
• In the Tube, stand on the right, walk on the left.
• In restaurants, it is customary to tip 10-15%.
• Taxi drivers expect about a 10% tip.

BANKING
• Currency – British Pound Sterling
• You may want to check with your banking institution to see if they have a relationship with any English banks.
• Nearby banks include:
  – Barclays
  – HSBC
  – NatWest
• Visa, MasterCard and American Express cards are widely accepted in England.

HOLIDAYS
• Guy Fawkes Day – November 5
• Remembrance Sunday – Second Sunday of November

LOCAL HOTELS
• Crowne Plaza – London Kensington
• Millennium Baileys Hotel – London Kensington

FOOD
• Grocery & Convenience Shopping
  – Whole Foods Market
  – Waitrose
  – The Co-operative Food
  – Sainsbury’s
  – Boots Pharmacy
• Local Restaurants
  – Caffé Nero
  – Starbucks
  – Ask Italian
  – Byron Hamburgers
  – Pret A Manger

TRANSPORTATION
• The Tube
• Famous red, double-decker buses
• Barclays cycle hire

MUST TRY CULTURAL FOODS
• Fish n’ chips
• Bangers and mash
• Meat pies
• Yorkshire pudding