Love London Week Spring 2018 Schedule

Friday, 18 January

6:45pm Open Top Bus

Take a seat on the top deck of the bus and get ready to surround yourself with the intoxicating sights and sounds of London. This is a great introduction to all the best landmarks and attractions.

Saturday, 19 January

10am Westminster Abbey

Westminster Abbey occupies a unique place in the nation's heart. It has hosted special occasions such as Coronations, Royal Weddings and Memorial Services for hundreds of years. Even in recent times it has played host to memorable and poignant moments such as: the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton in 2011. Inside you will see the coronation chair & coronation theatre, multiple tombs (royals, artists eg. Dickens, scientists eg. Darwin & Newton), the tomb of unknown warrior (the oldest in the world) and of course spectacular Gothic architecture.

10am Churchill War Rooms

The underground headquarters of the British High Command served as the nerve centre of Britain's war effort during World War II. The secret WW2 bunker and museum tells the story of Winston Churchill's life and legacy.

10:40am & 3:20pm House of Parliament Tour

Find out how Parliament works as you travel through the Commons Chamber and the Lords Chamber, follow in the footsteps of the Queen at the State Opening and be inspired by Westminster Hall which is almost 1000 years old.

2:30pm Theatre Tour- Shakespeare's Globe

Expert guides will take you on a fascinating tour of the iconic Globe Theatre. Learn about how the 'wooden O' operated in 1599 and about how it continues to act as an imaginative and experimental theatrical space today.

3:30pm St Paul's Cathedral

An architectural masterpiece with a magnificent dome, St. Paul's Cathedral is one of London's most recognizable sites. The 17th-century cathedral boasts a rich history as host of the jubilee celebrations of Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II, the marriage of Prince Charles and Princess Diana, and the funeral of Sir Winston Churchill.

7:30pm Witness for the Prosecution @ London County Hall

Experience the intensity and drama of Agatha Christie's gripping story of justice, passion and betrayal in a unique courtroom setting.

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10:00am Windsor Castle

Factor in a short trip outside London to visit the impressive and historic Windsor Castle. Windsor Castle has been the home of British kings and queens for almost 1,000 years. It is an official residence of Queen Elizabeth II, whose standard flies from the Round Tower when Her Majesty is in residence. Prince Harry and Meghan Markle also 'tied the knot' here earlier last year!

10:00am Royal Walking Tour

London has been the home of the Royal Family for centuries and this tour will uncover some of the most famous and well-known Royal spots. You will also get in position to watch the famous changing of the guard!

10:00am & 2:30pm Tower of London Tour

Built by William the Conquerer in the early 1080s the Towers role has been as a fortress, palace and prison. One of the main reasons to visit the Tower is to see the working collection of Crown Jewels.

2:30pm British Museum Tour

Around the world in 90 minutes. Explore some of the most famous treasures of the British Museum including the Rosetta Stone, Lewis Chessmen and the Parthenon frieze, as well as some lesser known but equally fascinating objects.

6:30pm Doctor Faustus @ Sam Wanamaker Playhouse

In Christopher Marlowe's most noted work he transforms Doctor Faustus from an exceptional scholar in Wittenberg to a conjurer of the devil. Delighted by the art of magic and disheartened by his human limitations, Doctor Faustus makes a deal with the devil to exchange his soul for knowledge that is beyond man's.

Monday 21 January

7:30pm The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night

Winner of 7 Olivier Awards and 5 Tony Awards including 'Best Play', The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time brings Mark Haddon's best-selling novel to life. A production about a fifteen year old boy with an extraordinary mind who embarks on a journey that upturns his world.

Tuesday 22 January

7:30pm Everybody's Talking About Jamie

Inspired by a true story, Everybody's Talking About Jamie is the multi-award-winning hit musical for today. Jamie New is sixteen and lives on a council estate in Sheffield. Jamie doesn't quite fit in. Jamie is terrified about the future. Jamie is going to be a sensation.

7:30pm The Play that Goes Wrong

This is a two-hour explosion of physical comedy, malapropisms, and knockabout satire. Of all the most cherished exports of British popular culture, none comes with as much well-dressed murder and mayhem as the country house murder mystery.

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Wednesday 23 January

7:30pm Hadestown @ National Theatre

The critically acclaimed musical follows two intertwining love stories. Audiences will experience an epic journey to the underworld and back as they contemplate nature against industry, faith against doubt, and love against fear.

7:30pm Company @ Gielgud Theatre

This is a production with a major difference – for the first time in the history of a Sondheim musical, the characters' genders will be swapped (with the exception of LuPone's character). So, instead of lead male and hapless singleton Bobby, we now have Rosalie Craig in the role of Bobbi – a woman on her 35th birthday, surrounded by married friends and multiple boyfriends but unable to commit to any of them. This is a historical production indeed!

Thursday 24 January

8pm The Women in Black @ The Fortune Theatre

The Woman in Black at the Fortune Theatre combines the power and intensity of live theatre with a cinematic quality inspired by the world of film noir. It gives audiences an evening of unremitting drama as they are transported into a terrifying and ghostly world.

Friday 25 January

10:00am Greenwich (half day)

Greenwich is more than just a district in southeast London, it's a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with renowned architecture and many famous museums and buildings, which collectively have served as symbols of British cultural and naval power for over 400 years. It was the birthplace of Henry the VIII and was a home and playground for generations of English royalty.

10:00am Kew Gardens (half day)

Kew Gardens, contains all the seeds there are in the world. It hosts many species of trees and plants, some in enormous greenhouses. The pleasant atmosphere of this historic site provides a gentle escape from the social and academic pressure of travel abroad.

10:00am Emirates Stadium tour

Discover the stadium that Arsenal Football Club calls home, and go on an all access behind-the-scenes tour. Explore the directors box, players entrance, head coach's office, and more.

2:00pm The Olympic Park & ArcelorMittal Orbit - Walking Tour & Visit

The 2012 Olympic Games were one of the most successful sporting events ever staged in Britain. From one of the most polluted areas in Europe to the largest public park in Britain for more than a century. As well as world class sporting venues, the park is the home to Britain's largest sculpture and one of the longest tubular slides in the world.

2:00pm Cricket Initiation session (indoors) @ Lord's

There are few better places to hone your skills than the MCC Cricket Academy at the Home of Cricket (Lords). You will take part in a range of activities: batting, fielding, bowling and match play-led by highly experienced coaches! This indoor session will be fast and fun! Howzat?

2:15pm Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Tour

From humble beginnings to the world's most coveted title in tennis, the tour explores the story behind the first Championships. You'll visit No. 1 Court, the Picnic Terraces (the famous hill), the Millennium Building including the press areas and the iconic Centre Court.

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Saturday 26 January

11:00am Jill Curran Walking Tour - Portobello Road

Exploring West. Held on Portobello Road- which runs straight through the Notting Hill area- is home to one of the best loved street markets in London. Known for its second-hand clothes and antiques, but is also a browsers paradise with shop after shop. The wide ranges of food options make any visitor spoilt for choice.

11:00am Walking Tour - Soho

Soho has been London's playground for more than two centuries, where poseurs, spivs, chancers, bohemians, cynics, drunks and wide boys have come to spend their money. Explore the streets of Soho and discover the history of London's louche and libertine party zone.

2:00pm Jill Curran Walking Tour - Shoreditch & Spitalfields

Exploring East. A visit to London should include a visit to the East End areas of Spitalfields, Brick Lane and Shoreditch. These areas have transformed from being amongst the most rundown of London to becoming fashionable, exciting and vibrant, with a myriad of bars, restaurants, clubs and galleries, as well as independent and quirky shops. These areas are a centre for street culture and street art. This tour will focus on the dynamic street art scene as well as the historical and cultural aspects of the area.

2:00pm Walking Tour - The City Old & New + Shard visit

On this walk, you will get to see some of London's most iconic landmarks and modern architecture. This will finish with entry to London's highest and best view - The Shard.

Sunday 27 January

10:30am Jill Curran Walking Tour- Hidden Spaces

Off the beaten track areas of The City including bombed out churches, pocket gardens, medieval lanes, tucked away churches, Roman remains, old courtyards as well as incorporating some of the unmissable sights

11:00am Jill Curran Walking Tour - Camden

Exploring North. This walk combines the very best London has to offer, beautiful parks, busy markets, one of the most impressive views of the city, and the quaint little streets where famous writers, poets and revolutionaries made their homes. You'll see the vibrant Camden market and the iconic surrounding neighbourhood, famous for its music scene in the 70s (Pink Floyd, Cream), 90s (Oasis, Blur, Pulp) and present day (recently the home of tragic singer Amy Winehouse).

2:00pm Jill Curran Walking Tour- Fashion in Mayfair

You will walk along some of the larger shopping streets and into the smaller quirky areas. The walk will lead you along some of the best known shops in the world and into a street of designers where those in the know like to be seen shopping! You will hear about couture designs and see where some of the designers who were a favourite of Diana, Princess of Wales, have their outlets. You will see where fashion blends with art in the world of window dressing and where shopping is the whole experience!

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2:30pm Jill Curran Walking Tour- Brixton

Exploring South. Brixton is a lively place and a fascinating alternative to the regular sites of London. There are lots of interesting sides to Brixton from its social history, immigration and the arrival of the Afro-Caribbean community in the 1950s to the process of gentrification that is still underway and famous past residents like David Bowie.

4:30pm London Eye Flight

The London Eye is the world's tallest cantilevered observation wheel, it has become the modern symbol representing the capital and a global icon. The experience showcases breathtaking 360-degrees views of the capital and its famous landmarks.

Jill Curran Walks

Jill Curran studied at SU London during the Fall 2002 term. Tragically, she died on September 13th. Her family continues to support walking tours of the city in memory of Jill and the short time she enjoyed in London.

Some of the walking tours you can look forward to:

- Brixton
- Mayfair
- Camden
- Spitalfields
- Portobello Road
- Hidden