
Travel with The Met

September 30–October 6, 2021

Uncover the Treasures of London:
Jewelry Through the Ages



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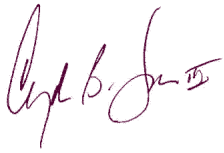
With their collections of royal regalia, jewels, and cherished heirlooms—some dating to as early as 5,000 B.C.—the museums and jewelry houses of London offer treasures that are nothing short of awe-inspiring. In Autumn 2021, join The Met in Britain's capital for a program filled with sparkling delights, including a cocktail reception and after-hours private viewing of the Crown Jewels in the Tower of London.

Begin, appropriately, at the Natural History Museum. An expert will lead you through its vast collections of gems and minerals, the raw materials that form the beautiful ornaments you will later see. You may also have the opportunity to visit the annual Goldsmiths' Fair, an extravagant showcase of Britain's most esteemed silversmiths and jewelers. Later, a curator will join you at the V&A to offer insights into one of the world's most comprehensive collections of jewels, including objects once owned by Catherine the Great, Queen Elizabeth I, and Napoleon I.

A highlight of the trip will be a visit to Syon House, where you will be welcomed by Lady Caroline Percy for a tour of her family's estate outside London. While there, you will be treated to a specially arranged, up-close viewing of the fabulous jewels featured in the *Downton Abbey* film, and a conversation with the creator of these wonders. On your final day, enjoy the extraordinary bounty of ancient and modern jewelry from around the globe housed at the British Museum. A reception and tour at Wartski, a family-owned jewelry and antiques firm that holds a "royal warrant of appointment" to Her Majesty the Queen, will conclude this unforgettable journey. Wartski's managing director will provide you with a hands-on viewing of its remarkable collection of jewelry, Fabergé, *objets d'art*, and silver.

I hope you will join The Met to see millennia of history come to life through London's most dazzling jewels.

Sincerely,



Clyde B. Jones III
Senior Vice President for Institutional Advancement
The Metropolitan Museum of Art



Parure of carved conch shell, collection of the British Museum, London. photo © The Trustees of the British Museum (top) and the Red Drawing Room, Syon House, Richmond, photo courtesy of Syon House (above)

Trip Highlights

- Behold the magnificent Crown Jewels, a unique collection of precious gems and regalia still used in royal ceremonies today, during an after-hours private reception at the Tower of London
- Marvel at the fabulous jewelry and precious objects on display at Wartski, which holds royal appointments to Her Majesty the Queen and which fashioned the Duchess of Cambridge's wedding ring. You will be hosted at a private reception by the firm's managing director, a leading jewelry expert and a specialist on the art of Falize, Lalique, and Fabergé
- Be welcomed by Lady Caroline Percy, the sister of the Duke of Northumberland, for a tour of her family's historic estate outside of London (*pending confirmation*)
- Go behind the scenes of the story of *Downton Abbey*, meeting the creator of the jewels and tiaras featured in the 2019 movie, and gaining intimate access to touch and try on these glorious ornaments
- Enjoy curator-led tours of jewelry collections at London's most highly regarded museums, including an overview of spectacular jewelry from antiquity to the present at the V&A and seven millennia of world treasures at the British Museum, from late-Roman jewelry to Victorian confections



Lady Granville's beetle parure, Phillips Brothers, 1884-1885, collection of the British Museum, London. Photo © The Trustees of the British Museum.



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Verdite, Trustees of the Natural History Museum, London

Departure

Thursday, September 30

Depart for London on an overnight flight.

London, United Kingdom

Friday, October 1

Arrive this morning and drive to the hotel. After check-in and time at leisure, gather for a tour of the collections of gems and minerals at the Natural History Museum, where we will be led by an expert in the field. Upon return to the hotel, enjoy a private tea and cocktail reception. T, R

London

Saturday, October 2

Enjoy a morning lecture by a Museum of London senior curator who has an extraordinary depth of knowledge about the history of the British capital. Savor lunch at a special venue. In the afternoon, you will have the option to attend the Goldsmith's Fair (*pending dates*), the premier showcase in the U.K. for contemporary jewelry and silver, or accompany a local guide through Hatton Garden, London's historic diamond district bustling with exceptional jewelry stores. This evening, take an after-hours tour of the Tower of London's dazzling Crown Jewels. Relax at an elegant drinks reception before heading to the vaults for the private viewing. B, L, D, R

London

Sunday, October 3

Visit the V&A, and, in the company of a specialist curator, discover the most comprehensive collections of jewelry anywhere in the world—3,000 jewels dating from the ancient to the modern. Admire diamonds once owned by Catherine the Great and jeweled pendants that Queen Elizabeth I gave to her courtiers. Marvel at the famous Beauharnais Emeralds, a gift from Napoleon to his adopted daughter. View splendid jewelry by the French Art Nouveau designer René Lalique as well as confections from Cartier and Tiffany. Enjoy lunch at leisure. Head to the Goldsmiths' Centre, a school for silversmiths and jewelers, and view the students at work fashioning marvels from silver, gold, and jewels. Gather this evening for dinner. B, D



Gold oak wreath with a bee and two cicadas, East Greek, Hellenistic, 350BC-300BC, collection of the British Museum, London, photo © The Trustees of the British Museum

London

Monday, October 4

Journey outside of London to Richmond for a visit to Syon House, the second-largest private house in Greater London after Buckingham Palace. Lady Caroline Percy, an interior designer and the sister of the Duke of Northumberland, will host a tour of her historic family home alongside Oliver Gerrish, an architectural historian (*pending confirmation*). Sit down for tea and coffee in the family's private drawing room. Then meet the creator of the jewelry featured in the 2019 *Downton Abbey* film for a specially arranged lecture on these jewels as well as the history of great American heiresses who expatriated to Britain. Gather for lunch and explore this lavish property in the company of Lady Caroline Percy and Oliver Gerrish. Conclude with a closer look at the *Downton Abbey* jewels and perhaps try on a tiara or two. Return to London for dinner at leisure. B, L



Statue in the Great Hall, Syon House, Richmond, photo courtesy of Syon House

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Journey to the Deep North of Japan: Tokyo to Hokkaido aboard *Train Suite Shiki-shima* October 7–18, 2021

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London

Tuesday, October 5

Visit the British Museum, whose jewelry collection spans cultures from all over the globe from 5,000 B.C. to the present day. Admire late-Roman gold jewelry found in pristine and unused condition, and browse Victorian confections including a gold necklace with emerald pendants and scarlet hummingbird heads. Spend lunchtime and the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. This evening, gather for a special treat offered by the director of Wartski, who fashioned Kate Middleton's wedding ring in 2011. Visit the showroom of this world-famous jewelry and antiques business, one of the privileged few with a "royal warrant of appointment," for a private reception (*pending confirmation*). A festive farewell dinner will follow. B, R, D

London / Departure

Wednesday, October 6

Depart the hotel early this morning for flights home. B

This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms.



Exterior of Wartski, London, photo courtesy of Wartski



The Thames and Palace of Westminster, London

Program Rate

\$6,699 per person, double rate
\$7,999 single rate

Rate Includes

- Five nights hotel accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, T=Tea, D=Dinner); bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine at welcome and farewell dinners
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport/hotel/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers
- Taxes, service, and portage charges

Not included in rate

International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

Accommodations

Kensington Hotel

As you are welcomed through the double-framed doors by a bowler-hatted doorman, step back in time to a more genteel age at this stately hotel, situated in one of London's most desirable neighborhoods. Enjoy traditional service and Victorian grandeur combined with sleek style and contemporary comforts like complimentary Wi-Fi. This luxury hotel's health and safety protocols have been officially accredited by the internationally recognized Bureau Veritas.



The Kensington Hotel, London

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Reservation Form

To secure your reservation, please call Arrangements Abroad at 844-TRVLMET (844-878-5638); or complete this form and return it with your deposit of \$1,000 per person (of which \$500 is non-refundable for administrative fees), to be paid by debit card, credit card, wire transfer, or check payable to *Arrangements Abroad*. Mail to: Arrangements Abroad, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10018-3721.

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Hotel room preference One bed Two beds Single

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