LONDON THE DORCHESTER

One day itinerary: Old Favourites

When it comes to history, culture and architecture, few cities can compete with London. To look out across the Thames is to witness first-hand how effortlessly the city accommodates the modern while holding onto its past. Indeed, with an abundance of history to enjoy within its palaces and museums and stunning architecture to see across the city as a whole, exploring London with this one-day itinerary is an irresistible prospect for visitors and residents alike.

Start your day in London with a visit to the British Museum, just 20 minutes from the hotel by taxi.



THE BRITISH MUSEUM

T: 020 7323 8000 | Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3DG

In a city that houses some of the world's finest cultural institutions, The British Museum remains arguably the greatest of all. Possessing a collection of anthropological, cultural and artistic artefacts spanning two million years of history – including preserved mummies from Egypt and sculpture from the Athens Parthenon – a visit is surely compulsory.

To get to the London Eye, take a 30-minute walk or 15-minute taxi ride.



THE LONDON EYE

Riverside Building, County Hall, Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7PB

Standing at 135m tall, the London Eye is one of Europe's largest observation wheels. From its vantage point on the culturally vibrant South Bank, it offers breathtaking 360-degree views across London's sprawl. For those looking to make the experience a little more personal, capsules can be booked privately.

From the London Eye, walk for 15 minutes and cross the river to the Houses of Parliament.



HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

T: 020 7219 4114 | London, SW1A 0PW

The grand and gothic Houses of Parliament are the home of democracy in the UK and have played a pivotal role in British history, from Guy Fawkes to the Great Fire of London. Sitting majestically on the banks of the Thames, tours of the buildings are offered on Saturdays year-round and on most weekdays when parliament is in recess.

Westminster Abbey is just a two-minute walk away, over the road from the Houses of Parliament.



WESTMINSTER ABBEY

T: 020 7222 5152 | 20 Dean's Yard, London, SW1P 3PA

With over 1,000 years of history, Westminster Abbey is another London icon. Inside its ancient stone walls, 17 monarchs have been laid to rest over the course of the centuries. Beyond its architectural and historical significance, the Abbey continues to be the site in which new monarchs are crowned, making it an integral part of London's colourful biography.

The final stop of the day is Buckingham Palace, just 15 minutes' walk from the Abbey.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

T: 0303 123 7300 | London, SW1A 1AA

Buckingham Palace is the 775-room official residence of the Royal Family. During the summer, visitors can take a tour of the State Rooms, the Royal Mews with its opulent carriages, and the Queen's Gallery, which displays some of the Royal Collection's priceless artworks. Additionally, Changing the Guard takes place every day at 11am in summer (every other day in winter) for those keen to witness some traditional British pageantry.

The hotel is then a 20-minute walk or 10-minute taxi ride from Buckingham Palace.

All journey times are approximate and subject to variation.