

In The Footsteps of Sherlock Holmes London

Just like in all major cities, crime and punishment have always been a part of London. But what makes England's capital stand out is the fact that some of the most famous real or fictional criminals and heroes are in some way related to London. Everyone has heard of the blood-chilling Jack The Ripper or Moriarty as well as heroes such as Sherlock Holmes.

Meet your private Blue Badge guide in front of Saint Paul's Cathedral and follow them as they take you and your family on a 2-hour walking tour you will never forget. The stories your guide will tell you will send shivers down your spine, regardless of the age of your children, but are also a great way to learn more about the city and the treasure it hides. Your family will also get a chance to see the outside of St. Bartholomew The Great church (aka Great St. Bart's), which was built in the 12th century.

To keep the children engaged and entertained throughout the tour, they will be handed out a game booklet designed more or less like a game of Clue (Cluedo). They will have to open their eyes and ears in order to find who the murderer is! This more off-the-beaten-path experience is a great way to see another side of London, and still learn as much as you have fun, especially for teenagers.

Sailing In Barcelona



Welcome aboard the luxurious Beneteau Oceanis sailboat, offering a unique opportunity to relax on board a premium sailboat and get a great view of Barcelona and some of its famous landmarks.

Meet your private skipper and let them take you away from the Olympic port to show you places such as the Sagrada Familia, Las Ramblas, the beaches, the Barceloneta fisherman's quarter and many more from the sea. Although they are not a fully-licensed guide, they will still be able to tell you interesting facts about the history of Barcelona.

While you are on the boat, enjoy some local food and drinks: Iberian ham, mixed Iberian sausages, local and international cheeses, homemade bakery products, chips and nuts, fresh fruit as well as juices, cava and smoothies!

And to top it off, you and your children will be able to enjoy a wide variety of different water activities and toys. A swim in the Mediterranean is always a great way to cool down from the heat and have fun!

Make Your Own Homemade Pasta in Rome

Meet your private, experienced chef and let them tell you all about the secrets to making the most delicious homemade pasta. This hands-on workshop is a fun, creative and educative experience that will turn your family members into real Italian pasta experts!

Follow the instructions of the chef in order to knead, roll and cut the dough into the shapes that you like (spaghetti, fusilli, macaroni...) or make square shaped raviolis and fill them with the special tomato sauce.

Making sure that the pasta is well-cooked and nicely shaped is not the only secret to a delicious plate of pasta; you'll need to work on the sauce as well. Your chef will therefore also teach you how to prepare two excellent sauces.

The experience ends with a meal and your creations are on the menu. So when the pasta will be cooked "al dente" and seasoned to perfection, you will be able to eat what you have made during the meal! There is no better pasta than your very own homemade Italian pasta. Simply delicious!

Florence & Tuscany: Galileo and the Stars

What Galileo brought to the world of science is immense. Not only did he fight to tell the world that the Earth and planets of our solar system revolved around the Sun, but he also contributed to numerous astronomical discoveries.

Meet your private, experienced family-friendly guide in front of Santa Croce and let them show you the highlights of this church, which happens to be Galileo's final resting place. After a quick walk, let your guide take you inside the Galileo Museum. With extensive experience on how to keep children engaged and entertained while talking about the different instruments shown in the museum, the guide will tell you and your children all about the life of the famous astronomer and explain the real functions of the instruments he (and other scientists) invented or used.

The Galileo Museum is not entirely dedicated to the Florentine scientist. The museum is home to one of the biggest collections of scientific instruments in the world. From telescopes and thermometers to huge globes and mathematical objects, you and your children will bathe in a world of impressive discoveries and inventions that have brought us to the world we live in today.

PARIS

Cracking the Da Vinci Code

Inspired by the best seller (but you do not need to have read the book to enjoy this tour!), our Cracking The Da Vinci Code tour is a privately-guided walking tour that will take you through some of the most beautiful monuments and areas of the Saint Germain district in Paris.

Meet your private, fully-licensed guide in front of the massive Pantheon and follow them as they take you inside what is now the final resting place for the great men and women of France, including Victor Hugo, Marie Curie and Voltaire.

The walking tour continues through the beautiful Luxembourg Gardens, a public park originally designed for children by Napoleon, towards Saint Sulpice Church. Believe it or not, this is the largest church in Paris. After a quick look inside (if no ceremony is held), follow your guide to Saint-Germain-des-Prés church, one of the oldest in the city.

This tour was designed for teenagers, and to keep them engaged, they will have to race against time as the fate of the world lies in their hands. A great way for them to learn about Paris' cultural and historical heritage... with a challenge.



Making French Macarons

Macarons (not to be confused with the coconut-based macaroons!) are delicious round sweet treats that everyone enjoys. Meet your private, experienced chef in the comfort of a private professional kitchen located in the heart of Paris, and follow their instructions to unfold the secrets to making French macarons.

From making the crispy shell to creating the creamy, tasty filling, everyone will be getting their hands deliciously dirty during this macaron-making class. Add a bit of precision, baking technique and creativity, and you will be walking away with a box full of these delicious treats in the end! While you are making them, the chef will tell you all about the origin of the macarons and how these little bite-sized multicolored treats have become the next best thing in French pastry.

If you are looking to spend a great family-bonding hands-on experience with your teenagers in Paris, then you should definitely try our private Making French Macarons class.



All Things Sweet Tasting Tour

Paris is home to some of the world's best tasting sweet specialties. When it comes to pastries, macarons, chocolate or crepes, you will find all the best places in the City of Love.

Meet your private, family-friendly foodie guide at a typical Parisian bakery in the heart of the 16th arrondissement. After a short introduction on what will be discovered and eaten during this food tour while eating some delicious croissants or pains au chocolat (or other pastries that you might prefer), follow your guide as she takes you to some of the most iconic sweet places in the neighborhood.

This food tour will be adapted to your rhythm and your cravings. Don't hesitate to tell your guide about what you like! During the 2-hour walking tour, you and your children will taste mouthwatering sweet treats in top quality boutiques such as macarons, crepes, meringue, chocolate and other pastries.

You will also discover "La Grande Epicerie", the finest supermarket in town, where you will also get to taste some delicious sweet culinary treats. This special food tour has been designed for all the sweet tooth travelers coming to Paris, so treat yourself and your family to a memorable, family-friendly sweet experience.

Ready to have fun with your kids?

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