

## Ideas for Those on the London Extension

It's probably time to do a little preplanning for our time in London, particularly if you want to go to some of the more popular spots, plays, etc. I've done a bit of research to get you started.

The best overview of the city is on the **Hop On/Hop Off Bus**. A 1-day pass is \$26. It's \$69 with a bus ticket plus entry to the Tower of London and the Eye. A related option is the **London Pass**, which includes a 1-day Hop On/Hop Off bus pass. The London Pass can be purchased for 1, 2, or 3 days and starts at \$75. Shop around. You can get a 3-day pass for about \$90. Before buying, make sure the pass includes the attractions you're interested in.

Just to help you decide if the London Pass might be a good bargain, here's an overview of prices for a few of the main attractions in the city. (Prices are "starting at...")

### Churches:

**St. Paul's Cathedral** \$16 (senior) – cheaper in groups of 10 and if purchased online.

**Westminster Abbey** \$17/sen. Free with LP

### Attractions:

**London Eye** - \$42 with set appointment time. Fast Pass \$32

**Tower of London/Crown Jewels/Tower Bridge** \$24 Free with LP

**Buckingham Palace/Changing of the Guard** \$23 to tour – Free with LP

Guard is changed at approx.. 11:30, but you will need to confirm times and days.

**Kensington Palace/gardens** \$15 New exhibit on Diana's fashions means that some dates are already sold out. Book ASAP if interested.

**Globe Theater** Cost, but I can't find it. Free with LP.

**Big Ben/Parliament** – Check it out from the EYE or on the way to Westminster

**Hyde Park, Trafalger Square, Piccadilly Circus, and Harrod's** - All free to wander

**Cruise on the Thames** \$17 Great way to get from the Tower of London to the Eye.

**Museums:** (All are free unless there's a special exhibit.)

**British Museum, Tate, Victoria and Albert, Natural History, National Gallery**

**London Theater:** Check out <https://www.londontheatre.co.uk/whats-on/calendar/jul> for all the choices. You can then go to the discount sites to try and get tickets.

**Oyster Card:** Like a credit card that makes travel on buses and tubes easier. **With 8 Million people in London, wandering around below ground in the tubes is much faster.**

**Suggestion:** Check out **Trip Advisor** for other travelers thoughts on the various sights and how to best see the town.