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EXPLORERS

# London

featuring the African-American Experience



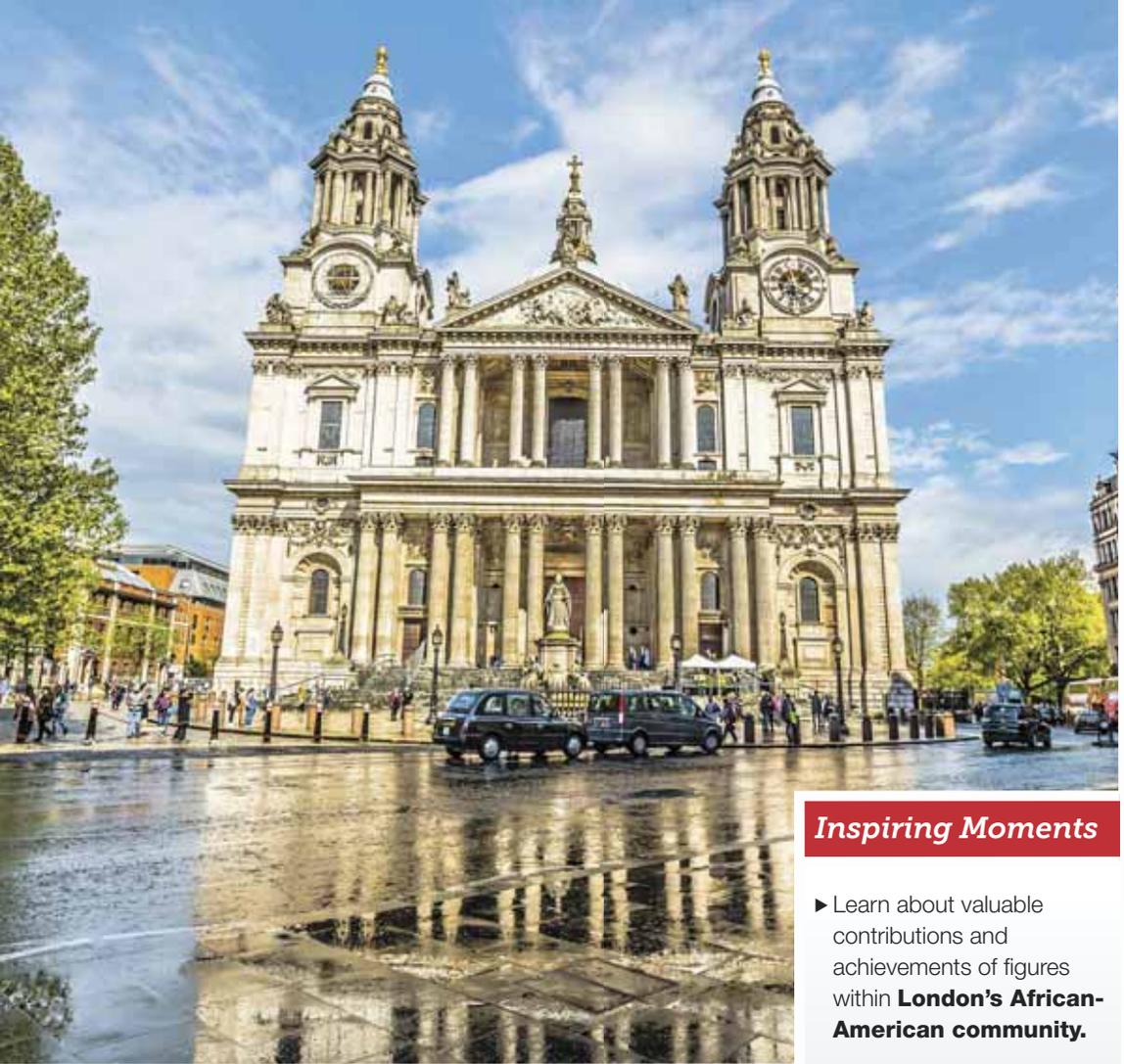
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**October 22-30, 2020**

**Featuring MSU Professor Dr. Glenn Chambers**



## Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Learn about valuable contributions and achievements of figures within **London's African-American community**.
- ▶ Uncover 2,000 years of **Black history** in London's oldest areas.
- ▶ Cruise the River Thames, **viewing London's iconic landmarks**.
- ▶ Witness works of art illustrating the Black presence in the **National Gallery**.
- ▶ Discuss the social struggles and events within the Black British and US **Civil Rights Movements**.
- ▶ Learn how individuals of **African and African-Caribbean** descent helped shape London's culture.
- ▶ Gain insight into **Black luminaries**, including Frederick Douglass, Paul Robeson, Phillis Wheatley and more.

# A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

Join us on this fascinating and enriching program as we trace the rich history of London's Black communities, adding another memorable chapter to the rich story of your life.



**Dr. Chambers** is an associate professor and associate dean for

Undergraduate Studies at Michigan State University. He received his Ph.D. in Latin American and Caribbean history from Howard University in 2006. Specializing in the history of the Modern Caribbean, Dr. Chambers focuses on the former British colonies post emancipation, specifically on the social and cultural history of African descended populations during the period between the Spanish American War and WWII and the political and economic expansion of the United States into the region. Initially this work focused exclusively on West Indian immigrants to the Republic of Honduras due to the growth of the U.S. dominated banana industry. However, his work has transitioned in recent years to include Caribbean and Central American populations on the U.S. Gulf Coast, specifically, New Orleans, Louisiana. Dr. Chambers is the author of two books: *Race, Nation, and West Indian Immigration to Honduras, 1890-1940* and *From the Banana Zones to the Big Easy: West Indian and Central American Immigration to Honduras, 1910-1940*. He has also co-edited a book, *New Frontiers in the African Diaspora*. A minimum number of participants is required to confirm faculty participation.



**SPARTAN  
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## Dear Spartan Alumni and Friends,

Join MSU Professor Dr. Glenn Chambers on this enriching seven-night program that traces the history of London's Black communities. From your base in chic Kensington, delight in specially designed tours and talks that reveal how Black communities helped shape London's culture and way of life.

Daily excursions highlight the valuable contributions and achievements of key figures in London's African-American community, such as Paul Robeson and Phillis Wheatley. Together, we'll explore iconic sites, including Trafalgar Square, St Paul's Cathedral, Soho and Brixton Market, viewing these landmarks through the African-Caribbean perspective. We'll uncover 2,000 years of Black history in London's oldest areas, see art illustrating the Black presence at the National Gallery, and discuss the Black British and US Civil Rights Movements. Plus, enjoy dinner and a jazz show at a popular Soho venue!

This trip combines the security, ease and value of group travel with opportunities for independent exploration. Space on this exclusive journey is limited, and the trip is sure to sell out quickly, so make your reservations today!

Go Green!

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Michigan State University Alumni Office

We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance. Travel insurance information will be sent to you with your confirmation letter from the MSU Alumni Office.





Square outside Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington

### Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for London, England. 🌍

### Day 2 | London, England

Arrive in London. Transfer 🚗 and check in to the Radisson Blu Edwardian, Vanderbilt.

**Discovery: Welcome to London!** Join your Travel Director for a walk through the area around your hotel. The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea is home to some of London's most popular restaurants and fashionable shops.

Kick off your adventure tonight at a Welcome Reception and Welcome Dinner.

### Day 3 | London

**Enrichment: Black British Civil Rights.**

Watch a poignant film screening that reveals the struggles against racism in the UK, followed by a discussion comparing the Black British Civil Rights Movement to the US Civil Rights Movement.

**Discovery: London's Black History.** Uncover 2,000 years of history during an immersive panoramic tour. While passing London's famous attractions, including the Tower of London,

Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus and other iconic sites, your guide shares valuable insights, allowing you to view these famed landmarks through the African-Caribbean perspective. See spaces integral to London's Black communities, and learn about prominent historical figures who made significant contributions to London's culture, including Frederick Douglass, the British Black Panthers, Nelson Mandela and the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

**Free Time:** Spend the remainder of the day at leisure, exploring London's sights and sounds. Gather with your group for a delicious dinner.

### Day 4 | London

**Discovery: Black Images in the National Gallery.**

Join an expert to learn about works of art illustrating the Black presence in London from the 15th-19th centuries. The informative tour examines why the images are in the National Gallery and what the art means to us today. Discuss the highlights of your day over lunch.

**Discovery: Black History of Trafalgar Square.** Commissioned by King George IV,

## ACTIVE TRAVEL for Cultural Explorers

This **active program** is designed for people who are in good health and can comfortably participate in a demanding daily schedule of physical activities. The itinerary may feature full days of ongoing activities. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available.

**Excursions on this program require:**

- ▶ walking distances of up to 3 miles
- ▶ walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches, boats and/or trains



*Above: National Gallery, Trafalgar Square  
Right: Benin Bronzes exhibit, British Museum*

Trafalgar Square has been the center for public life in London since the 13th century. It is packed with galleries, statues, monuments and historic buildings, including the National Gallery, and the famous square has encountered a host of celebrations, political demonstrations and community gatherings. Despite the popularity of Trafalgar Square, few people know that it also holds a rich, often overlooked history. Join your local guide to delve into the links between the African, Indian and Caribbean communities and learn why their stories remain untold.

### **Day 5 | London**

#### **Enrichment: James Baldwin, Frederick Douglass and Phillis Wheatley in London.**

Discuss the struggles, achievements and influences of these inspirational figures.

**Discovery: Secrets of Soho.** While strolling between Soho Square and Russell Square, your expert guide shares insight into hundreds of years of African-Caribbean history. Discuss key



events and important figures such as Marcus Garvey, Paul Robeson and Dr. Ivan Van Sertima.

**Free Time:** Explore this wonderful city at your leisure. You may wish to visit the British Museum on your own to marvel at the impressive collections or use your Oyster card to discover the many sights of London.

### **Day 6 | London**

**Discovery: St Pauls/Bank.** Travel by Tube to one of London's oldest areas and embark on a walking tour. Visit St Paul's Cathedral, known for its splendid dome, and the Roman Amphitheatre



*Tower of London*



Top: London Eye by the River Thames | Inset: Jazz musicians

that was discovered in 1988. Your guide shares facts about the Black presence in London and how these Black communities contributed to the city's way of life and culture.

**Discovery: Black Cultural Archives and Brixton.** The unrivaled Black Cultural Archives is a national heritage center with an impressive collection that documents the history, culture and presence of people of African and Caribbean descent in Britain. Enjoy a guided walk through

Brixton, experiencing the buzzing arcades of Brixton Market, a hub of activity where stalls sell everything from coffee and textiles to jewelry and tasty Afro-Caribbean cuisine.

Enjoy a lunch of regional flavors.

**Discovery: An Evening of Jazz.** Ronnie Scott's jazz club opened in 1959 and is one of the world's oldest jazz clubs. Enjoy an evening at this popular Soho venue over dinner and a toe-tapping jazz show.

## Day 7 | London

**Discovery: Thames Boat Cruise.** Encounter the sights of London from a different perspective as you cruise the River Thames. Witness Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, the Tower of London, the London Eye and the Tower Bridge.

**Discovery: London, Sugar and Slavery at Docklands Museum.** The unique Museum of London Docklands is housed in a converted sugar warehouse and features a notable, permanent exhibit about the transatlantic slave

## London's Luminaries

From performers to authors to activists, London was where many 20th-century African-American luminaries found welcoming communities and audiences.

Acclaimed performer, champion athlete and political activist Paul Robeson was a fierce advocate for the rights of Blacks in the United States. After moving to Britain in the 1920s to escape racism in America, he was embraced throughout London. With theater hits like "Showboat" and "Othello" and films such as "Body and Soul," he earned world-wide acclaim.

Activist Frederick Douglass lived in London for 19 months in 1845. Douglass was a prominent crusader for Black equality who reached international fame with his electrifying oratory against slavery in America. Through thousands of speeches and editorials, debates over race, class and gender, and his ground-breaking autobiography, "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave: Written by Himself" (1845), Douglass became a voice of indomitable hope for his people.

Jamaican Pan-African leader Marcus Garvey founded the Universal Negro Improvement Association, a fraternal organization of Black nationalists. Garvey established *The Negro World* in 1918, which reached a circulation of over 200,000. Many sites across London honor Garvey. A public library and public park bear his name and historical markers note Garvey's last office and residence.



Above: Harrods

trade. The “London, Sugar and Slavery” exhibit hosts a variety of art, film, traditional exhibit panels and interactive screens that reveal how slavery shaped London’s economy from the 17th century onward.

## Day 8 | London

**Enrichment: Contemporary London, Black Culture.** Join a discussion about London’s current political, economic and social status within the context of its Black communities.

**Free Time:** Enjoy a free afternoon to craft your own path through vibrant London. You may wish to visit the Tower of London, Churchill’s War Rooms or the acclaimed Victoria & Albert Museum. Shopping enthusiasts can visit Harrods, Selfridges and Fortnum & Mason, an excellent location for an indulgent afternoon tea.

Tonight, celebrate your time together at a Farewell Reception and Farewell Dinner.



## Day 9 | In Transit

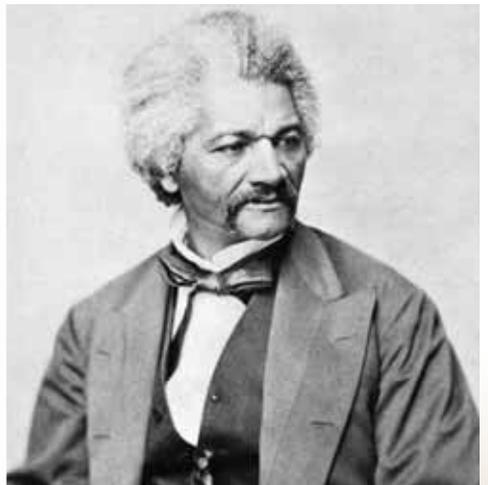
Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

*Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.*

✈ Flights and 🔄 transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.



Paul Robeson, “Othello”



Frederick Douglass

# ACCOMMODATIONS



## RADISSON BLU EDWARDIAN, VANDERBILT | LONDON



This elegant hotel, located in London's South Kensington, was created during the Victorian era by combining ten 19th-century London townhouses. The hotel is ideally located and is within walking distance of the Victoria and Albert Museum. Relax in the lounge with travel friends and dine at Scoff & Banter, set in the old Vanderbilt mansion. The restaurant serves classic British cuisine, and afternoon tea is served daily. Guest rooms are traditional in style with modern notes. Amenities include a fitness club and complimentary Wi-Fi.



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## PROGRAM DATES

**Air Program dates:** October 22-30, 2020

**Land Program dates:** October 23-30, 2020

## LAND PROGRAM

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*Above right: Beefeater, Tower of London*

*Below: Westminster Abbey*



### UNESCO World Heritage

1. Tower of London
2. Palace of Westminster and Westminster Abbey



# INCLUDED FEATURES

## Accommodations

(with baggage handling)

- **7 nights** in London, United Kingdom, at the first-class Radisson Blu Edwardian, Vanderbilt.

## Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
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- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
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  - Take an insightful tour of the National Gallery.
  - Encounter the history of Trafalgar Square.
  - Discover Soho, learning about hundreds of years of African-Caribbean history.
  - Witness collections at the British Museum.
  - See the highlights of London's oldest areas.
  - Delight in colorful Brixton Market.
  - Enjoy dinner and a jazz show.
  - Cruise along the Thames River.
  - Visit the Museum of London Docklands.
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*Left: Colorful Brixton Market*



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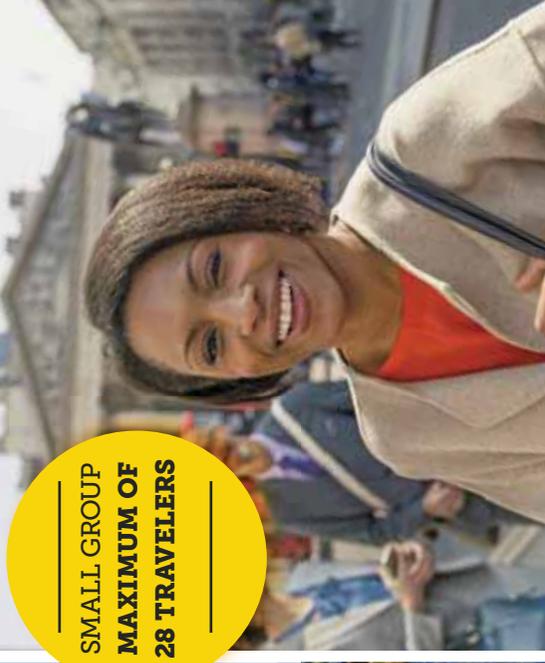
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