

We will issue trip updates approximately once per month. We'll give you some information, offer some recommendations for reading or watching, and highlight some of the destinations we'll see.

As always, you can find most information on the [Music Website on the London page](#).

Fundraising = *We need your help!*

So far, we've completed three fundraisers, and we have six in the final stages of development.

We need people to take the lead on more fundraisers! If you are able to help us out, please email Mr. Dorner; he can answer any questions you may have and assist you with your idea.

Please [check out this link](#) for a list of past, current, and future fundraisers.

Email Balance Updates

We will periodically update you on your current account balances to help you stay on top of how much you've raised so far. Look for these a few weeks before payment due dates. You can [email Mr. Dorner](#) at any time to find out your current balance.

Thank you, Noah Koltz!

Congratulations to Noah Koltz, who designed the logo for our trip to London (it's the one on the top left-hand corner of the newsletter). This logo will be featured on apparel, newspaper articles, social media posts, and many other places.

Thank you, Noah, for helping us look so professional!

Brilliant Recommendations!

In each edition of the update, we will give you a few things to check out before we go. If you know more, you'll enjoy it more! First, some things from Mr. Dorner...

"I have a few books to recommend to help you understand what we'll be seeing!"

[Great Tales from English History by Robert Lacey](#)

"Robert Lacey is one of the top consultants on the Netflix series *The Crown*. In this book Lacey writes a lot of two-page stories about key moments or figures in British history, and he's easy to understand and funny. This is a good one for reading a story or two per day."

[No Ordinary Time by Doris Kearns Goodwin](#)

"Goodwin won a Pulitzer Prize for this book, which tells the story of FDR during WWII. However, she skillfully intertwines the lives of other key figures from the era, including a significant focus on Winston Churchill, the British Prime Minister and one of the most influential figures of the 20th century."



Things We'll See = Tower of London

In each edition of the update, we will give you a bit of background information on some of the things we'll see and experience on our trip.

The Tower of London, located on the banks of the River Thames in central London, is a historic fortress and one of the most famous landmarks in the United Kingdom. Originally built by William the Conqueror in 1066 as part of the Norman Conquest of England, it has been expanded and modified over the centuries. The Tower's primary role was as a royal residence, military stronghold, and symbol of power. It served as the royal family's main defensive structure in the heart of London, with the White Tower, its central keep, still standing as a key feature of the complex.



Throughout its history, the Tower of London has also been used for a variety of other purposes, including as a prison, treasury, armory, and royal mint. Many famous historical figures were imprisoned within its walls, such as Anne Boleyn, Thomas More, and Elizabeth I before her reign. It is also the site of several notable executions, including those of two of Henry VIII's wives. The Tower's role as a prison gradually declined after the 18th century, but its symbolic importance remained strong throughout the centuries.



Today, the Tower of London is a popular tourist attraction and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It houses the Crown Jewels, which are displayed for public viewing, and is guarded by the famous Yeoman Warders, also known as Beefeaters. Visitors can explore its various towers, including the Bloody Tower and the medieval walls, and learn about its long and varied history through interactive exhibits. The Tower continues to be a symbol of British history, power, and intrigue.