

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE – CLASS OF 1961

LONDON MINI-REUNION

(See Expanded Itinerary on pages 2-4) [Normandy Add-On Option](#)

15 – 18 MAY 2019

Hotel: The May Fair
Stratton Street
London W1J 8LT
Tel: 44 20 7769 8200

The May Fair has a spa, a 24-hour gym and a casino next door. Within a 0.3 mile walk, there are department stores, shopping arcades, and bookstores. Buckingham Palace is a 0.6 mile, pleasant walk through Green Park.

Group reservations for three nights – Superior King Room
£339 per room per night inclusive of full English breakfast and all taxes. The cost is a preferential group rate, and is available only up to 17 April 2019. After this date, rooms will be subject to availability at the prevailing rate.

Each individual is responsible for contacting the hotel to confirm their reservation and to guarantee it with a credit card. No deposit is required. Cancellation policy is 48 hours before arrival with no penalty. Credit cards will be charged for entire stay on arrival.

To confirm a reservation, guests can either call the dedicated reservation number: 44 20 7769 4041 or email: RESMAYF@themayfairhotel.co.uk, quoting your unique reference 0515PRI.

The group booking is for 10 rooms with the option to go up to 20 or more with sufficient advance notification. As no advance financial commitment is required, kindly confirm your reservation at least two months in advance to help in planning attendance at the remaining activities.

When not walking, travel will be by trains on the London Underground, referred to as the “Tube”. The nearest Tube Station to the May Fair Hotel is Green Park, about a 5 minute walk. Payment for travel should be made by contactless credit cards.

Budget: anticipated cost per person for the itinerary below is £350, ex Tube tickets. Costs are based on 2018 prices. These could be subject to annual inflation increases in 2019 which are expected to be minimal. Deposit of £200 per person required by 15 April 2019. Deposit details will be provided later.

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Expanded Itinerary

Wednesday, 15 May

06.30 PM Drinks/Dinner in a private room at a nearby pub a short walk (0.2 mile) from the hotel.

Thursday, 16 May

09.30 AM Travel by Tube to St Pauls Station. Walk to Guildhall (0.3 Mile).

10.30 AM - 12.15 PM

Talk and short (0.2 mile) guided tour by Murray Craig, Clerk (pronounced "clark") of the Chamberlain's Court, which encompasses centuries of history including Wren Churches, Livery Halls, Medieval Trades, the Roman Amphitheatre and the mysteries of the Lord Mayor and the City Corporation. Murray has been Clerk for over 20 years and is an experienced lecturer and after dinner speaker. Amongst his responsibilities as Clerk is to preside at the ceremony granting to qualified applicants the Freedom of The City of London. Murray officiated at the Freedom ceremony for your classmate as well as that of Joan Collins, sadly not at the same time.

12.30 PM Lunch in a private room at a nearby (0.1 mile) pub.

01.30 PM Walk from pub to St Bartholomew the Great church, a distance of 0.7 mile, with several stops.

St Mary Aldermanbury Park. It contains the footprint of the church built by Sir Christopher Wren following the Great Fire of London in 1666. It was gutted by the Blitz in 1940 with only the outside walls remaining standing. These stones were transported to Fulton, Missouri in 1966 and rebuilt in the grounds of Westminster College as a memorial to Winston Churchill who had made his "Iron Curtain" speech at the College in 1946.

Remnants of **London Wall** which has the remains of the Roman Fort. The fort was built in about 110 AD and housed about a thousand Roman soldiers. There are information panels that show the map of the wall and how it changed through the following centuries – all the while pointing to features on the walls in front of the view. The bombing raids of 1940 not only destroyed this area of London, but also revealed the foundations of the Roman Wall.

Postman's Park. The park is the location of the Memorial to Heroic Self Sacrifice, a commemoration of ordinary people who died while saving the lives of others and who might otherwise be forgotten. A long wall displays ceramic memorial tablets such as the one to Sarah Smith, a pantomime artist who died in 1863 at the Prince's Theatre of terrible injuries received when attempting in her inflammable dress to extinguish the flames which enveloped her companion.

William Wallace and Wat Tyler memorials. Tyler led the Peasants' Revolt of 1381 against what they considered to be an unfair poll tax. He was killed near the spot of the memorial. Wallace, AKA Braveheart, was executed here in 1305 as a traitor.

02.30 PM Guided Tour of St Bartholomew the Great Church. The building was founded as a priory in 1123 by Rahere, an Augustinian monk. Under King Henry VIII's reign in the Dissolution of the Monasteries, about half of the priory's church was ransacked before being demolished in 1543. A portion of the cloisters survived and is now used as a café. The Lady Chapel at the east end had been previously used for commercial purposes and Benjamin Franklin worked there for a year as a journeyman printer. The north transept was also formerly used as a blacksmith's forge. The Priory Church was one of the few City churches to escape damage during WWII. The church was the location of the "fourth wedding" in the film *Four Weddings and a Funeral* (1994) and of scenes in other films including *Robin Hood*; *Prince of Thieves* and *Shakespeare in Love*.

03.00 PM Refreshments in Cloister of church. (Cost not included in budget)

03.45 PM Walk (0.3 mile) to Farringdon Station. Travel by Tube to Green Park.

04.30 PM Arrive at Hotel.

07.00 PM Walk (0.2 mile) to dinner in a private room at a restaurant specialising in steaks, but other choices available. Previous guests include: Gene Autry, Michael Douglas, Ted Danson, and Bob Hope who have all left messages on a wall in the Men's Room.

09.00 PM Return to Hotel.

Friday, 17 May

09.30 AM Walk through Green Park (0.5 mile) looking at monuments on the way. Adjacent to Buckingham Palace, **Green Park** is an area of mature trees and grassland. Daffodils could still be in bloom.

Bomber Command Memorial. Only opened in 2012, the Bomber Command Memorial stands as a fitting tribute to the 55,573 Bomber Command crew who lost their lives in the Second World War. Within the memorial are the bronze sculptures of a Bomber Command aircrew.

Wellington Arch – a triumphal arch built to commemorate Wellington's victory over Napoleon at the battle of Waterloo. A sculpted quadriga, an ancient four horse

chariot, is positioned above the arch. The statue is the largest bronze sculpture in Europe.

10.30 AM Guided Tour of Apsley House, home of Wellington, victor at Waterloo and Prime Minister. It is the London townhouse of the Dukes of Wellington who still maintain living quarters in the house. On exhibit is a large collection of paintings, porcelain, silver and other artworks and memorabilia of the career of the 1st Duke. A colossal nude statue of Napoleon as Mars, the Roman God, stands in the stairwell.

12.15 PM Travel by Tube to Westminster Pier for River Thames Cruise to St Katharine Pier.

01.15 PM Walk (0.1 mile) to Dickens Inn for lunch.

02.45 PM Return cruise from St Katharine Pier to Westminster Pier.

03.45 PM Travel by Tube to Green Park.

04.00 PM Arrive at hotel.

06.00 PM Travel by Tube to Barbican Station; short walk (0.1mile) to Founders' Hall.

06.30 – 09.00 PM

Champagne reception and Birthday Dinner at the Hall of the Worshipful Company of Founders.

09.15 PM Return by Tube to Green Park.

Saturday, 18 May

08.30 AM Farewell breakfast.

☐ Alternatives to River Cruise on 17 May. The Churchill War Rooms are conveniently located a few minutes' walk from Westminster Pier where the River Cruise will board. They are open all afternoon. Bookings made online are at a 10% discount to the normal price but, importantly, include priority queue entry. Online tickets are priced at GBP 15.10 this year. There could be a slight increase for 2019. You must book a time slot which is good for up to 30 minutes after the booking time. The ticket includes an audio guide and the tour lasts about 90 minutes. There is a café in the War Rooms for a light lunch. Another alternative could be shopping and there are plenty of opportunities not too far from the May Fair Hotel.