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## **MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION ONTARIO**

### **The unified voice of the mechanical contracting industry in Ontario.**

Dear Members,

As the vibrant hues of fall begin to descend upon us, I find myself reflecting on the whirlwind of experiences, challenges and opportunities that this year has brought. I have no doubt that everyone can say the same. Amidst this excitement, I believe it is crucial to pause, take a step back, catch a breath and recharge. And what better way to achieve this than by immersing ourselves in the dynamic and invigorating atmosphere of London, UK?

Our upcoming Annual General Meeting in the heart of London offers this. London is a city rich in history, diverse in culture and immersed in innovation. It's a city that never ceases to inspire as you live in the shadows of its historic and present-day iconic landmarks. We'll begin our time together with a dinner cruise on the Thames River and conclude with a private reception and dinner in the Tower of London. Between these and the excursions we have planned, I can think of no better venues to reconnect with other leaders within our association.

This interaction with individuals who share our passion and vision offers a unique opportunity to collaborate, exchange ideas, and work together for the betterment of our Association. It's not just about business; it's about building meaningful connections and gaining fresh perspectives.

I am confident that by joining us in London, you will not only find respite but also return home refreshed and reenergized. Together, we can take a break from our hectic routines and plot the course for a great future in our industry inspired by one of the world's most dynamic cities.

I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Joe Givens  
President  
MCA Ontario



# 8 DAYS IN **LONDON** **ENGLAND**

**The Waldorf Hilton Hotel**

## **Situated in the Heart of London's theatre district**

The Waldorf Hilton is minutes away from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, The British Museum, Charing Cross, Westminster Bridge/sites, many theatres and Trafalgar Square.

## **On-site restaurants/lounges**

Good Godfrey's Bar and Lounge (which takes its name from the former leader of The Waldorf house band, Howard Godfrey), is a cozy spot for a drink, canapes, and has a cocktail menu that's to die for.

The Palm Court (featured in the iconic 1997 film, Titanic) promises to whisk you back in time to the good old days with its opulent décor.

The Wild Monkey, an immersive pop-up cocktail bar, is the place to go if you're looking for a slightly more intimate spot to enjoy a nightcap.

The Waldorf employs a tea sommelier for their afternoon tea which features a generous selection of hand-cut sandwiches, savouries and warm scones, served with clotted cream or jam and a variety of treats. You can, of course, add a glass or two of champagne if you're feeling extra indulgent – and why not?



Royal Opera House



The British Museum



Trafalgar Square



# WELCOME RECEPTION/DINNER RIVER THAMES CRUISE

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Join us for a memorable evening of food, wine and entertainment as we cruise up and down the historic River Thames.

Celebrate at our welcome reception and dinner as we sail past beautifully illuminated attractions including the London Eye, Big Ben, London Bridge and more.



# PRESIDENT'S DINNER

This year our President's Dinner will be held in the legendary Tower of London!

We will have exclusive access to the historic grounds that evening.



After entering through the large gate you will be greeted by a Yeoman who will provide a personalized tour of the Tower grounds. Our reception will follow in the White Tower where drinks and canapes will be served under the watchful eye of statues of medieval knights, their horses and the Yeoman Warders. From here we will transition to the New Armouries for an elegant dinner.



The Tower of London was built in 1066. Less the Yeoman who live there and the staff supporting our event we will be the only ones there. Yes, that's correct, there will be no other distractions preventing you from immersing yourself in 957 years of history.

## TOWER OF LONDON



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## FACTS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW.



### **The smallest city in England**

The city of London is actually about 1.2 square miles in size, otherwise known as the "Square Mile", with a population of only 7,500 people.

### **Big Ben**

The iconic London tower commonly referred to as Big Ben is really the Elizabeth Tower, it is in fact the clock in the tower that is called "Big Ben." In honour of the Queen's diamond jubilee, the famed tower's name was changed from Clock Tower to Elizabeth Tower in 2012.

### **London Museums**

London is home to more than 170 museums and most are free. These include some of the best museums and art galleries in the world such as the British Museum, National Gallery London, Tate Modern, Science Museum, Royal Museums and the Imperial War Museum.

### **London languages**

There are more than 300 languages spoken in London, making it one of the most linguistically diverse cities in the world. The top five non-English languages reportedly spoken are Polish, Turkish, Bengali, French, and Punjabi.

### **London was once the capital of 6 countries at the same time**

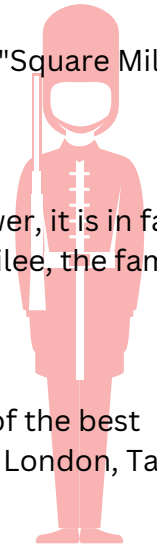
In World War II, London served as the governing capital for other European countries. The leaders of Norway, Poland, Belgium, France, and The Netherlands stayed in London between 1939 and 1945.

### **The red double-decker buses**

The double-decker buses in London weren't always red. At one point, they were all painted a different colour to represent the different routes they travelled. In 1907, the London General Omnibus Company decided to paint its buses with a striking shade of red to distinguish itself from their competitors. Ever since, their iconic double-decker buses have been red.

### **Pigeons in Trafalgar Square**

Pigeons are an important feature of Trafalgar Square, however, it is illegal to feed them. Seed sellers have been banned from the area since 2003.





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HALF DAY TOURS

# EXCITING EXCURSIONS

YOUR CHOICE OF TWO

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## WINDSOR CASTLE

Visit Windsor Castle — the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world. The castle has been home to the British monarchy for over 900 years. Explore the lavish state rooms, see impressive artwork and visit St. George's Chapel.



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## RIVER CRUISE TO GREENWICH

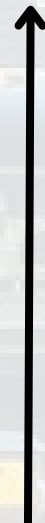
Greenwich mean time - The world's observation-based time standard

Glide by some of London's must-see landmarks on a sightseeing cruise from Westminster to Greenwich on the Thames River. Listen to the entertaining live commentary as you pass sights such as Shakespeare's Globe, Tower Bridge and the Tower of London. Step ashore in Greenwich to visit many attractions such as the National Maritime Museum or the Royal Observatory.



## HAMPTON COURT PALACE

Take a leisurely cruise to Hampton Court passing through beautiful and historic scenes such as Chelsea, Battersea and Kew. Upon arrival, tour Henry VIII's home and palace.



# TO CHOOSE FROM....

INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION

FULL DAY TOURS

## STONEHENGE AND BATH

Escape the hustle and bustle of London for the day and visit two incredible UK attractions in one trip.

Travel to the mysterious site on the Salisbury Plains known as Stonehenge. As you approach the breathtaking formation of towering stones, the knowledge that they have stood for around 5,000 years will fill you with reverence and wonder.

A designated World Heritage Site, Bath is filled with stunning architecture. Visit the historic roman baths built in 70AD, travel through the idyllic streets lined with beautiful buildings made from Bath stone, wander along the banks of the River Avon and pay a visit to the 15th century Abbey.



## WARWICK CASTLE AND STRATFORD UPON AVON

Admire the Great Hall and state rooms and climb the towers and ramparts for an archer's view of the historic town. Join Richard Neville as he prepares for battle at the multi-sensory Kingmaker attraction or stroll through the landscaped gardens.

Set on the banks of the River Avon, Stratford-Upon-Avon is a beautiful market town in the Warwickshire countryside. Gain fascinating insights into Shakespeare and Anne Hathaway and walk through the houses they grew up in.



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## A B B A

- Experience ABBA on stage in a ground-breaking concert like no other!
- Performing as digital versions of themselves, this 90-minute concert is their very best.
- Located at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London, the arena is purpose-built for ABBA's never before-seen concert.



## F O O T B A L L



- England boasts some of the most fanatic Football fans in the world and London has no shortage of stadiums such as:

Wembley Stadium  
The Tottenham Hotspur Stadium  
Emirates Stadium  
Stamford Bridge  
London Olympic Stadium  
Craven Cottage  
The Valley

MCAO is offering to facilitate the purchase of tickets to these events based on dates and availability.

(not included in the registration fee)





# LONDON... TOP CITY ATTRACTIONS

- **The Houses of Parliament and Elizabeth Tower**
- **Buckingham Palace**
- **Westminster Abbey**
- **St Paul's Cathedral**
- **Victoria and Albert Museum**
- **Churchill War Rooms**
- **Harrods**
- **Madame Tussauds London**
- **The London Eye**



- **Oxford Street** one of the most famous London shopping streets – 300 shops, designer outlets, high-street chains and landmark stores.
- **Regent Street** which offers a good range of mid-priced fashion stores alongside some of the city's oldest and most famous shops.
- **Bond Street** and **Mayfair** are the places to go for some extravagant retail therapy and celeb-spotting.



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