

*Prices are based on double occupancy, USD, and include all taxes & port charges. Travel insurance and airfare are additional. Please inquire. Deposit amount is \$250 per person and non-refundable.



9 DAY TOUR FROM LONDON TO LONDON

Even if you're not keen to try bubble and squeak, haggis and tatties, or cockles and laverbread, this perfect sampling of England, Scotland, and Wales will surely whet your appetite for adventure! Our most popular tour of Britain, this tri-country introductory vacation has something for everyone. History buffs will treasure prehistoric Stonehenge, the Roman ruins of Bath and the medieval cities and towns such as York and Ludlow. Music lovers will cherish the music-festival town of Llangollen and The Beatles' home city of Liverpool. Literary fans will relish the countryside homes of William Shakespeare and Sir Walter Scott. And beer and whisky connoisseurs will delight in the dimly lit pubs from London to Edinburgh and back where if you just can't bring yourself to taste the black pudding, there's always delicious fish and chips!





Britain Sampler





DAY 1

ARRIVE IN LONDON, ENGLAND Welcome to London!

Uniformed Globus Hosts will be waiting to welcome you. Enjoy free time this afternoon.

DAY 2 LONDON

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The Royal Treatment

Morning sightseeing with a Local Guide includes sights of the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Whitehall, the Prime Minister's Downing Street residence, Piccadilly Circus, Buckingham Palace, and a visit to St. Paul's Cathedral.

HISTORIC SITES - See the legendary landmarks of England's historic capital city. Walk where voices have rung out for centuries in Parliament Square and where chimes rise high above you with the ringing of Big Ben's quarter bells. See Westminster Abbey, where royal coronations, weddings, and funerals have made history.

Meals (Breakfast)

DAY 3

LONDON-STONEHENGE-BATH Ancient Stones & Spa Days

Meet your Tour Director and travel companions to depart at 8 am for a memorable day of sightseeing. Try to unravel the mystery of prehistoric Stonehenge and explore the visitor center with its imaginative exhibitions. Cross Salisbury Plain and head for the elegant city of Bath, where you'll see the amazing excavations of the Roman Baths. Enjoy some free time in the city before enjoying a welcome dinner at your hotel.

125 mi / 201 km

CULTURAL GEMS - The traditions of one ancient Roman ritual are in full flow in Bath. Amid the remarkable Roman and Georgian architecture and the best-preserved Roman Baths of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, a good spa day is never hard to find in one of the "Best Spa Towns in Europe." The city of Bath sits above geothermal springs that bubble up from the limestone below. Bath also turns up the heat with some of Britain's grandest Georgian buildings, a mecca for elite 18th-century society.

Meals (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 4

BATH-LUDLOW-LLANGOLLEN, WALES-LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND Welsh Country Beauties

This morning, drive through the Severn Valley to the medieval market town of Ludlow before crossing the border into North Wales. Take a stroll in picturesque Llangollen, host to one of the world's most colorful annual music festivals, before continuing on to Liverpool, hometown of The Beatles and once the departure port of great transatlantic liners.

204 mi / 335 km

CULTURE & TRADITION - Explore the charming medieval town of Ludlow on the River Teme. Noteworthy buildings include Ludlow Castle and the impressive St. Laurence's church. With nearly 500 buildings on the Historic England list, Ludlow's medieval and Tudor-style half-timbered architecture inspired poet laureate Sir John Betjeman to call it "the loveliest town in England."

Meals (Breakfast)

DAY 5

LIVERPOOL-GRASMERE-GRETNA GREEN, SCOTLAND-EDINBURGH

Sonnets, Sweets & Scottish Blacksmiths

Find tranquility in the Lake District, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and experience the inspiring setting of the poet Wordsworth's beloved Grasmere. Sample original Grasmere Gingerbread before heading north for the Scottish border to Gretna Green where a Scottish blacksmith once performed weddings for eloping young couples. Continue onto Scotland's capital, Edinburgh, for some free time this evening.

237 mi / 390 km

TIMELESS TRADITIONS - Sweeten the day with classic gingerbread in Grasmere baked following an 1854 recipe invented by Sarah Nelson, the Victorian cook who invented the world famous cross between cake and biscuit.

Meals (Breakfast)

DAY 6

EDINBURGH

Crown Jewels & Castle Views

Morning city sightseeing with a Local Guide introduces you to the 200-year-old "New Town," and the famous scientists, inventors, and novelists who lived there. In the "Old Town," visit Edinburgh Castle to admire Scotland's Crown Jewels. Enjoy some free time this afternoon and evening. THE ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO - Unpack your plaid! Edinburgh Military Tattoo performances included on departures August 3, 10, 17 and 24.

MUSIC & MASTERPIECES - Ascend to Castle Rock to explore Edinburgh Castle, one of the most important historical strongholds in the Kingdom of Scotland, with a 1,100-year history as "the most besieged place in Great

Britain". Here, you'll find the royal regalia and Scotland's Crown Jewels. The castle forms the background of the Tattoo, an extravaganza of bagpipes and drums performed en masse in August each year.

Meals (Breakfast)

DAY 7

EDINBURGH-ABBOTSFORD-JEDBURGH-YORK, ENGLAND

Augustine's Monks & Medieval Markets

Begin your day with a guided tour of Sir Walter Scott's Abbotsford House, with its impressive collection of historic relics, weapons, and armour, as well as an extensive library with over 9,000 rare volumes. Make a photo stop at the ruined Augustinian Jedburgh Abbey as you head towards the Scottish border. In York, England's most complete medieval city, view York Minster, then follow your Tour Director through a maze of quaint streets, the Shambles.

202 mi / 325 km

HISTORIC SPOT - While strolling the cobblestones of York's Shambles, it's easy to imagine the medieval butcher shops and boisterous crowds bartering for beef and bones outside the 14th-century timber-framed windows. The Shambles is one of the best-preserved medieval shopping streets in Europe, said to have been the inspiration behind Harry Potter's Diagon Alley, and today is a vibrant gathering place with cheerful cafés and quirky boutiques brimming with the sweet aromas of chocolate, pastries, and pies.

DAY 8

Meals (Breakfast, Dinner)

YORK-STRATFORD-UPON-AVON-LONDON Mr. & Mrs. Shakespeare

Depart Yorkshire, setting of author James Herriot's beloved "All Creatures Great and Small," and head to Shakespeare's hometown of Stratford-upon-Avon. Take pictures of Anne Hathaway's Cottage and visit the legendary playwright's birthplace. Return to London around 3:30 pm.

256 mi / 411 km

A LEGEND SLEPT HERE - Ah, young love! Even more true, as Shakespeare's fiancée was eight years his senior. See Anne Hathaway's Cottage, the family home where the bard's wife-to-be was born and courted by young Will. Built more than 500 years ago, much of the original structure remains. Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and family home in the heart of Stratford-upon-Avon. Hear tales about his family life, marriage, and children with a close look at fascinating artifacts in a world-class collection assembled by the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust.

Meals (Breakfast)

DAY9

LONDON

Safe travels until we meet again!

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. Meals (Breakfast)