



The Grand Tour Of Britain - 12 Days

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Overview

The ultimate British experience combining the best of all our itineraries for the trip of a lifetime

Discover the most picturesque and beautiful parts of Britain on our Extended Tours, as you delve into the heart of its most popular destinations. Your awaiting itinerary combines the must see icons of England, Scotland and Wales woven with undiscovered secrets that will leave you surprised, delighted and warm with wonderful memories to last a lifetime. Your expert Tour Director will look after you throughout your adventure, uncovering amazing experiences along with all important free time to relax along the way.

Trip Highlights

London - Bath - Conwy - Liverpool - Glasgow - Edinburgh - York - London

Detailed Itinerary



Day 01**Day 01: London Arrival**

Check into your 4-star hotel at leisure on your first day. The Cumberland has a musical history and is guaranteed to start your time with us in style. Enjoy the world-famous stores of Oxford Street & Regent Street located right on your doorstep. Early evening: An optional opportunity to meet your friendly representative in the lobby for a chance to ask any questions you may have about your upcoming adventure!

Meal: No Meal

Day 02**Day 02: London**

Your adventure begins with an exciting introduction to our capital city! Your amazing guide will bring the stories, myths and legends of the thrilling ‘two cities’ of London to your life on panoramic tour. Our luxury coaches allow you to travel in comfort with large panoramic windows and we will be stopping along the way to feel the city as well as see it. Enjoy the historic Changing of the Guard ceremony* – a celebratory display of pageantry guaranteed to stir the emotions.

You’ve arrived at... The Tower of London! This awe-inspiring fortress is an incredible survivor of a different era. Step inside and feel the atmosphere of bristling political intrigue and imprisonment all around you. See the brand-new display of the world-famous Crown Jewels following the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and The Queen Consort. As well as a guided introduction you will have time to explore and relax independently.

Following free time for lunch, you will board the best cruise in the capital with London’s River experts. See London from the relaxing vantage point of the Thames as you enjoy world-famous landmarks and gain fascinating insights with live guided commentary.

Your first day concludes with an absolute ‘wow’ as you take to the skies upon the world’s tallest cantilevered observation wheel – The London Eye. Your constantly changing 360-degree view will take you 135 meters above the city as you see all of London spread out before you.

Enjoy your evening at leisure: continue exploring the amazing sights or head back to your hotel to relax.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 03**Day 03: London-Stonehenge-Bath**

Leaving London behind us we head into historic England. Our first stop is Stonehenge - a must-see symbol of Britain and one of the true wonders of the world. Our tour allows you time to not only visit the Monument but enjoy the world-class visitor centre, café, and gift shop on site. Explore the many theories as to how the monoliths came to be and take that all-important picture to send back home to your loved ones.

Your afternoon and evening are spent amidst the stunning Georgian architecture of Bath. On arrival enjoy some free time for lunch. In the afternoon you can either enjoy your time at leisure or join a fascinating walking tour with your Guide. One of the most picturesque parts of the country, Bath has many highlights from Pulteney Bridge over the River Avon, the Holburne Museum (a 'Bridgerton' filming location) and gorgeous Sydney Gardens.

Check into The Indigo Hotel Bath located right in the heart of the City and enjoy your evening at leisure. Bath has numerous restaurants to choose from with an option for all appetites.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 04**Day 04: Bath-Ludlow-Chester-Conwy**

Following a delicious breakfast, enjoy a comfortable coach ride to the charming market town of Ludlow. Positioned in the Shropshire hills, Ludlow has an incredible past. Its market centre is crowned by an impressive castle and dotted with unique shops and charming cafes. Enjoy free time for lunch at your leisure and walk the winding streets down to the impressive wide river that flows through its centre.

As you travel on through Shropshire enjoy one of England's official areas of natural beauty, before arriving at stunning Chester. Visit this beautiful city known for its most complete Roman walls, amphitheatre, clock tower and vast array of half-timbered buildings, dating from the 15th century.

Your day will conclude with check-in at The Quay Hotel & Spa. Relax, unwind and enjoy outstanding views of Conwy Castle across the estuary from the bar and restaurant.

Evening: We have planned a delicious three-course Welsh dinner to mark your arrival in style. Following dinner, the rest of your evening is at leisure.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 05**Day 05: Conwy-Caernarfon-Snowdonia-Liverpool**

Wake up in beautiful North Wales! Following a delicious breakfast and check out from your hotel we take a relaxing drive to the edge of the Menai Strait on the Anglesey Coast. At Halen Mon, visit an award-winning Saltcote and Visitor Centre, and one of Wales most innovative food businesses. Take a tour of the refinery with a member of the team to see the process behind creating Wales's unique sea salt flakes and sample its varieties.

A short drive away lies Caernarfon Castle, the investiture site of Prince Charles - now His Majesty King Charles III – and the pre-eminent Castle of Wales. It boasts an incredible military museum spread across two of its dominating towers. Don't miss the imposing statute of Prime Minister Lloyd George standing defiantly outside the Castle walls. You can enjoy some free time to grab a light lunch or save your appetite for the numerous eateries of Betws-y-Coed – a stunning village, nestled in the dramatic mountains of Snowdonia.

Our day concludes on arrival into the maritime city of Liverpool, world renowned for its musical heritage and once one of the busiest seaports in the world. You will check into your 4-star hotel, located right in the heart of the city and enjoy a relaxing evening at leisure.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 06**Day 06: Liverpool**

Enjoy a full day in the music capital of the world & birthplace of the most successful band of all time, The Beatles. Relax on a panoramic tour and see the beautiful Liver birds clock towers, Albert Dock and get an all-important photo with The Beatles iconic statue.

See John Lennon's childhood home** before continuing around the corner to your incredible lunch stop. Once a Salvation Army home that inspired one of The Beatles' biggest hits, Strawberry Field has been transformed into a world-class visitor attraction with a unique, interactive exhibition set in stunning gardens. Enjoy a lunch of Liverpool 'Scouse' (traditional lamb stew #) and a delicious dessert, included in your tour.

We return to the heart of the city to ensure you have free time to enjoy all it offers. Why not take a Ferry 'Cross the Mersey, visit the free Maritime Museum or soak up the fantastic shopping? The choice is yours.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 07**Day 07: Liverpool-The Lake District-Gretna Green-Glasgow**

Enjoy a comfortable panoramic ride up to the stunning Lake District. At Have Thwaite step back in time as you continue your journey on an enchanting steam train from the 1950's. Following a gentle ride to Lakeside, your steam train will come to its rest right next to peaceful Lake Windermere.

Stepping onto your modern ferry, you will glide effortlessly across the water as you relax in one of the most photogenic landscapes of Britain. We disembark in the town of Bowness-on-Windermere where the views across the lake and up to the mountains are some of the finest you will see. You will have free time in Bowness for lunch and to explore its many winding streets with unique shops and places to relax.

As we continue towards Scotland, we take a break at Gretna Green and the famous Blacksmith's Shop that stands at the heart of the village. For over 265 years it was the location where couples would elope from England and Wales to get married. Learn more about this fascinating story, right where it all took place.

On arrival into Glasgow, you will check into your 4-star hotel and enjoy the evening at leisure.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 08

Day 08: Glasgow-Loch Lomond-Trossachs-Edinburgh

Your morning begins with a brief walk from your hotel to the incredible National Piping Centre. You will be greeted at the door by a Piper in full costume, playing a traditional Scottish melody. Experience the unique Bagpipes Museum before an experience guaranteed to be a highlight of your trip! Learn how to play the bagpipes with an expert instructor and see what interesting melodies you can make... phones at the ready!

The stunning views of Scotland's Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park are the backdrop for our onward adventure. We take our free time for lunch in the picturesque village of Aberfoyle.

No visit to Scotland would be complete without sampling the 'Water of Life' at a traditional distillery. Your tour will see you learning how whisky is produced before enjoying up to three 'drams' of the finest single malt varieties. You will have the opportunity to visit the gift shop at the distillery.

The conclusion of your day sees your arrival into Scotland's hilly capital of Edinburgh, one of the most walkable cities in the world. Your evening is yours to enjoy at leisure from the comfort of your hotel.

Meal: Breakfast



Day 09**Day 09: Edinburgh**

A beautiful, relaxed day awaits as you enjoy the best of Edinburgh. Take a walking tour through the Royal Mile before arriving at Edinburgh Castle where you will enjoy a full, relaxed visit. Highlights include the One O'clock Gun that has been signifying the correct time for over 160 years, St. Margaret's Chapel – dating back to the 12th Century – the oldest Crown Jewels in the British Isles & stunning views from Castle Rock.

Following your visit to Edinburgh Castle, the rest of your day and evening in Edinburgh is yours to enjoy at leisure. Check out the free Scottish National Gallery, walk along Victoria Street – Diagon Alley brought to life – visit one of the wide-ranging whisky shops to choose your perfect bottle, or enjoy the Botanic Gardens located only 1 mile from the city centre.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 10**Day 10: Edinburgh-Alnwick Castle-York**

Leaving Edinburgh behind, we make our way to the stunning Alnwick Castle. Harry Potter fans will recognize it immediately as the setting for Hogwarts in the first two movies. It has also been used as a filming location for Downton Abbey and countless other TV productions. During your visit you will enjoy the beautiful State Rooms and magnificent gardens before enjoying some free time for lunch.

York is the site of our next stop and where we still stay on this final night of the tour. We begin with a beautiful walk to see The Shambles – a real-life 'Diagon Alley' and the awe-inspiring York Minster. A masterpiece in stained glass and stone, the Minster has been a centre for Christianity since the 7th century.

Evening: Following check-in at your centrally located hotel, you will enjoy a special three-course dinner in the setting of the Dean Court Hotel with stunning views of York Minster.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 11**Day 11: York-Sherwood Forest-Cambridge-London**

Following a delicious breakfast we will make our way to Sherwood Forest, the home of legendary outlaw, Robin Hood, and see some incredible giant oak trees including the Major Oak. Enjoy the visitor centre, home to a lovely café and shop and the gateway to the forest.



We have devoted a full half day to our final location on tour – the University town of Cambridge. You will be surrounded by gorgeous honey-coloured architecture, students on bicycles and hand-punted boats meandering gently along its famous river. See some of its colleges and learn of famous alumni - a Who's Who of arts, science, politics and culture. You will have free time to explore before we head back to the capital.

On arrival, your evening is yours to relax and enjoy your final night in London town.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 12

Day 12: London Departure

Your tour concludes after a delicious breakfast. We bid you a fond farewell and hope you will return to us on your next trip to the UK.

*On days where there is no Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace we will visit Horse Guards Parade.

**We visit the exterior of 251 Menlove Avenue

A vegetarian/vegan option of Butternut Squash curry is available as an alternative.

Meal: Breakfast

Inclusions

Travel on a luxury motorcoach with WC on board

11 nights' accommodation

11 x Breakfast

1 x Liverpoolian Lunch at Strawberry Field

1 x Welsh Dinner in Conwy

1 x English Dinner in York

Services of an expert Tour Director

Panoramic tour of London

Entry to The Tower of London

One way River cruise from Tower to Westminster pier

A Standard Ticket for the London Eye

Entry to Stonehenge

Walking tour of Bath



Private tour of Halen Mon sea salt distillery & tasting
Entry to Caernarfon Castle, Wales
Panoramic tour of Liverpool
Entry to Strawberry Field
Cruise on Lake Windermere
Private tour of the National Piping Centre, Glasgow
Private tour of a Scottish whisky distillery with tasting
Walking tour of Edinburgh
Entry to Edinburgh Castle, Scotland
Entry to Alnwick Castle
Walking tour of York
Walking tour of Cambridge

Exclusions

- Gratuities (discretionary)
- Transfers before or after your tour
- Lunch & dinner except where stated

Note

HIGHLIGHTS

Step inside London's most infamous fortress at the Tower of London.
Unwind on a serene River Thames cruise.
Gape at the capital from 135 metres high on The London Eye.
Unearth the iconic and mysterious site of Stonehenge.
Experience the Georgian architecture of beautiful Bath.
Indulge in a 3-course Welsh dinner with stunning views of Conwy.
Uncover a beautiful sea salt refinery in Wales.
Relax in the fresh air of dramatic Snowdonia.
Discover Strawberry Field – the magical garden escape of John Lennon with 2-course lunch.
Take a breath-taking cruise across Lake Windermere.
Learn how to play the Bagpipes in Glasgow's most famous school.



See Scotland's Crown Jewels at Edinburgh Castle.
 Walk in the footsteps of film stars at Alnwick Castle.
 Marvel at a real-life 'Diagon Alley' in York.
 Enjoy a 3-course dinner in one of York's historic inns.
 Explore the English University town of Cambridge.

Hotels (either as listed or of a property of a similar standard will be provided).

London - The Cumberland
 Bath - Hotel Indigo
 Conwy - The Quay Hotel & Spa
 Liverpool - 4 Star Hotel, located in the heart of the city.
 Glasgow - 4 Star Hotel.
 Edinburgh - 4 Star Hotel
 York - Dean Court Hotel

Tour Operates

Tour starts: At leisure on Day One with check-in (from 3pm) to The Cumberland Hotel, 6 Bryanston Street, London W1H 7AN.

Tour finishes: Day Twelve at or before 11am (check-out) at The Cumberland Hotel. The nearest Underground station is 'Marble Arch' (Central Line) or 'Marylebone' (Bakerloo Line).

Travel on a luxury motorcoach with an expert Tour Director and enjoy exceptional included experiences.

Includes accommodation before leaving London and on the final night on return into London.

Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

Fixed Departure

20 Sep, 2024

4 Star

AUD 7,120 P P twin share

AUD 9,989 P P single

AVAILABLE

11 Oct, 2024

4 Star

AUD 6,935 P P twin share

AUD 9,652 P P single

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