



# The Best of Great Britain

## Detailed Itinerary

DAY 1, Friday - Depart for England

DAY 2, Saturday - Arrive in London

Arrive and make your own way to your hotel (transfer not included). The balance of the day is at leisure. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Drink and orientation, followed by a Welcome Dinner

Overnight: London

Meals: Dinner

DAY 3, Sunday - London City Tour

Discover the history, pageantry and sights of the city with a half day tour of London's West End. Begin with a drive through fashionable Kensington with its elegant squares and parks. Pass Harrods store and continue to view Piccadilly and Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abbey, Houses of Parliament and the famous Big Ben. Continue to view Buckingham Palace, the London residence of Her Majesty the Queen. Your tour ends in the heart of the city to explore this afternoon at leisure. Perhaps join our in-depth *optional* tour of St. Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London

Optional: Tower of London & St. Paul's Cathedral (PM)

Overnight: London

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Monday - Stonehenge, Bath

Today, depart London and head to the circles of Stonehenge. Located in the middle of Salisbury Plain, Stonehenge is unique among stone circles and its construction still defies belief. The first stone was placed here 5000 years ago and the structure was finally completed 1400 years later. Continue to Bath's Georgian Crescents to find elegant stone buildings with terraces, crescents, and graceful squares. Visit the original 2000-year-old Roman Baths and Georgian Pump Room with its natural mineral water. Later in the afternoon join the *optional* tour to the Village of Lacock. You will have time to explore the village before enjoying a delicious dinner at a historic local Inn

Optional: Village of Lacock with dinner (PM)

Overnight: Bath

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5, Tuesday - Cotswolds, Stratford-upon-Avon, Liverpool

Drive north today into the Heart of England through the villages of the Cotswolds, with its stone and thatch cottages, to the birthplace of Shakespeare, Stratford-upon-Avon, a charming market town. View Anne Hathaway's cottage, the school that William Shakespeare attended, and Shakespeare's birthplace. Enjoy time at leisure in this historic town, where the Bard's plays are still performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company. Then travel to lively Liverpool for a change of pace, where The Beatles were born and rose to fame. With your guide, explore the notable sights made famous in song by the Beatles - *Penny Lane* and *Strawberry Fields*. Then view the legendary Cavern Club where the Beatles began their journey to fame and Liverpool's stunning Albert Dock complex, a reminder of Liverpool's history as a great and prosperous port. Dinner tonight at your hotel in Liverpool

Overnight: Liverpool

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 6, Wednesday - Local Farmhouse Visit in the Lake District, Moffat, Edinburgh

Today, travel along the shores of Windermere, the largest lake in England at the heart of the rolling hills of the picturesque Lake District, stopping for tea and fresh-baked scones at a local farmhouse. Continue towards the charming village of Grasmere, the 19th century home of the poet William Wordsworth. Next, cross into Scotland at the border town of Gretna Green, famous for its "runaway" weddings, and past Moffat, known for its high quality wool products. Arrive in Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city, with its exquisite Georgian and Victorian architecture and winding medieval streets. During your stay, discover the city's rich heritage and historic buildings. Its Old and New Town are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Overnight: Edinburgh

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7, Thursday - Edinburgh City Tour

This morning, join a local guide for a city tour of historic Edinburgh. The route will take you past the Scottish Parliament, Holyrood Palace, the Museum of Scotland, the Royal Mile, and Princes Street. Also included is a visit to Edinburgh Castle, where you can see The Crown Room, Royal Palace, St. Margaret's Chapel, and much more! The balance of the day is at leisure. Tonight, don't miss the *optional* evening of traditional Scottish entertainment that includes dinner

Optional: Scottish Dinner & Show (PM)

Overnight: Edinburgh

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8, Friday- York City Tour, Leeds

After breakfast, depart Edinburgh and drive through the Borderlands, past the ruins of Jedburgh Abbey, and on to the Viking city of York, one of north-England's most compelling cities. Enjoy an orientation tour through the narrow medieval streets surrounded by the 13th century York Walls. Also included is a visit to the magnificent York Minster, with its breathtaking architecture and spectacular gardens. Then continue on to Leeds

Overnight: Leeds

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 9, Saturday - Cambridge, Travel to London

This morning, travel south, passing Robin Hood country and Sherwood Forest to the University City of Cambridge. Here we stop for time at leisure to admire Kings College and its beautiful chapels before continuing to London. A last night to enjoy the British Capital

Overnight: London

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10, Sunday - Depart England

Make your own way to the airport for your departure flight home (transfer not included)

Meals: Breakfast