



## TOURS OF THE UK INCLUDING STRATFORD UPON AVON

THESE TOURS ARE ALL AVAILABLE FOR VISITORS COMING TO THE UK OR TO UK RESIDENTS - INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS AVAILABLE TO ADD AS OPTIONAL EXTRAS

### Scenic England



**Description:** The cultural development of a nation is explored on this English experience, taking in London, Bath, Chester and Liverpool. It's Insider moments like... the calls of Chester's Town Crier echoing in the streets, as he shares the history of an age-old tradition. Showing you how to deliver a 'proclamation', he reconstructs the 15th century around you, with stories of a Crier's life in historic Britain. Travelling back in time, stories of Tudors give way to those of foreign conquerors - revealing how the Romans changed Britain as you visit the ruins they left behind. You could even take a walk of the ancient city walls to see where history left its mark.

#### Day 1

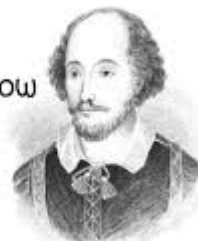
**LONDON - STONEHENGE GLASTONBURY - PLYMOUTH** Visit the ancient, mysterious Stonehenge, site of prehistoric pagan worship. Enjoy a scenic drive through the English countryside en route to Glastonbury. Discover the ruins of Glastonbury Abbey, once the grandest and richest Abbey in England and reputed to be the burial place of King Arthur. Later enjoy a Welcome Reception in a traditional English pub before arriving at your hotel.

Meal(s): (Welcome Reception) Hotel: Jurys Inn Plymouth

#### Day 2

**PLYMOUTH - POLPERRO - TINTAGEL - BIDEFORD** Enjoy an orientation of Plymouth to see the Hoe and Mayflower Steps where the Pilgrim Fathers set sail. Why not take an optional cruise around famous Plymouth harbour before arriving in Polperro, a picturesque fishing village with its old cottages and narrow streets. Enjoy views of the ruined Tintagel Castle which is steeped in mystery and legend and said to be the birthplace of King Arthur. This evening arrive in the ancient seaport of Bideford. Dine tonight at your hotel.

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Meal(s): (Full Breakfast / Dinner) Hotel: Durrant House

Day 3

**BIDEFORD - BATH - STRATFORD-UPON-AVON** Visit the world famous Roman Baths, a magnificent temple built around Britain's only hot springs. After a scenic drive through the Cotswold countryside, enjoy a visit to Shakespeare's Birthplace and Visitor Centre and see Anne Hathaway's cottage.

Meal(s): (Full Breakfast) Hotel: The Falcon Hotel

Day 4

**STRATFORD-UPON-AVON - CHESTER - LIVERPOOL** See the ancient city walls, famous Tudor 'Rows' and fascinating Roman ruins in Chester on your orientation walk of the town. Enjoy a Unique Insight into the life of the local Town Crier - an esteemed position which dates back to medieval times. Later arrive in the exciting and friendly city of Liverpool.

Meal(s): (Full Breakfast) Hotel: Jurys Inn Liverpool

Day 5

**LIVERPOOL - YORKSHIRE DALES - YORK - BRONTË COUNTRY** A scenic drive through Lancashire brings you to Skipton on the edge of the picturesque Yorkshire Dales. Skipton is a quaint market town which straddles the Leeds - Liverpool Canal which was built to transport goods between these cities during the Industrial Revolution. For lunch enjoy a Be My Guest experience at a Country House in the Yorkshire countryside. Later arrive in York and see the famous Minster and walk along the 'Shambles'. This evening you can relax at your splendid country hotel.

Meal(s): (Full Breakfast / Be My Guest Dining) Hotel: Marriott Hollins Hall

Day 6

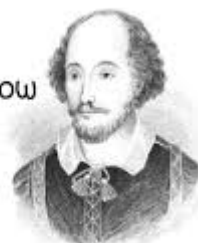
**BRONTË COUNTRY - CAMBRIDGE - LONDON** See the magnificent architecture of King's College Chapel in the prestigious university city of Cambridge. Enjoy free time for lunch and a walk to the River Cam to see the famous Cambridge 'backs'. Arrive in London in the early evening at the end of your memorable holiday.

Meal(s): (Full Breakfast)

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## Taste of Britain



**Description:** Stroll through the cobbled streets of Cambridge, enjoy a tour of the highlights of York city and view Hadrian's Wall built by the Romans in 122AD enroute to Scotland. In Edinburgh you'll enjoy a sightseeing tour with a Local Guide before heading south though the Lake District with spectacular views of Lake Windermere. On your way back to London visit Stratford-upon-Avon, Shakespeare's birthplace.

### Day 1

**LONDON - CAMBRIDGE - YORK - DARLINGTON** Enjoy a scenic drive towards the university city of Cambridge. Explore the cobbled streets and see some of the world famous colleges. On arrival in York your Travel Director will show you some of the highlights of this city on an orientation walk. View the magnificent Gothic Minster and see the famous street called the Shambles. Dine tonight in your hotel.

Meal(s): (Dinner) Hotel: Blackwell Grange

### Day 2

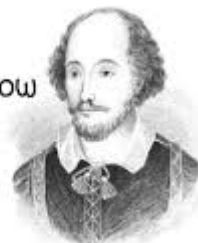
**DARLINGTON - EDINBURGH SIGHTSEEING - EDINBURGH (DUNFERMLINE)** View Hadrian's Wall, a defensive wall built by the Romans in 122 AD. Cross the border into Bonnie Scotland and arrive in the capital city Edinburgh. The city sightseeing tour with your Local Guide includes views of the Georgian New Town, Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Royal Mile and Edinburgh Castle. Spend free time exploring on your own or join your Travel Director on an optional excursion to the Royal Yacht Britannia in nearby Leith. Tonight, why not attend a lively Scottish banquet with traditional haggis and bagpipes?

Meal(s): (Full Breakfast) Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Dunfermline/Peebles Hydro

### Day 3

**EDINBURGH (DUNFERMLINE) - LAKE DISTRICT - LIVERPOOL (HAYDOCK)** Heading south, stop at Gretna Green, where eloping couples married against their parents' wishes. Enjoy spectacular views of Lake Windermere as you travel through the Lake District. Stop in the village of Grasmere where the poet, William Wordsworth, lived and wrote his most

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acclaimed poem, 'The Daffodils'. This afternoon spend time exploring Liverpool, home city of the 'Fab Four' before checking into your hotel in nearby Haydock.

Meal(s): (Full Breakfast) Hotel: Holiday Inn Haydock

Day 4

**LIVERPOOL (HAYDOCK) - CHESTER - STRATFORD-UPON-AVON - LONDON** This morning visit Chester. View the Medieval Walls, the cathedral and the black and white timbered

buildings known as the 'Rows'. Visit Stratford-upon-Avon, the town synonymous with the famous playwright William Shakespeare. See Anne Hathaway's cottage before arriving in London at the end of a remarkable four days.

Meal(s): (Full Breakfast)

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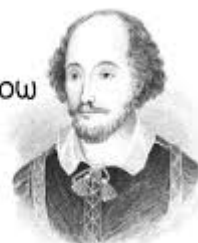
### Real Britain



**Description:** Cityscapes and scenic lakes, this lively round-trip goes from London to Bristol, Chester, Edinburgh and York for a fast-paced taste of British culture and craftsmanship. It's Insider moments like... stepping onto the drive of a classic country house, in the England you always imagined. It's chatting with your hosts as they unveil the history and heritage of their family home, and invite you to discover their little corner of tradition. It's inhaling the lush perfume of an English country garden in the springtime, feeling the tickle of grass against your feet. And, of course, it's sampling real home cooking with local produce, as you experience British hospitality first-hand with the owners of this 'country pile'.

Day 1

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**LONDON - STONEHENGE - BATH - BRISTOL** This morning travel to rural Wiltshire and visit the mystical ancient monoliths at Stonehenge on Salisbury Plain. Later travel to the Georgian town of Bath. Visit the Roman baths from which the city derives its name. Tonight, enjoy a Welcome Reception with a traditional pub meal. It's the ideal opportunity to get to know your Travel Director and fellow travelers.

Meal(s): (Welcome Reception) Hotel: Mercure Bristol Holland House

Day 2

**BRISTOL - WEDGWOOD - CHESTER** Visit the Wedgwood Visitor Center for a Local Specialty demonstration and learn about the manufacture of porcelain in the region known as The Potteries. See the medieval city walls at Chester and admire the Tudor architecture and the galleried shops known as the Rows. In your free time, explore the city and perhaps treat yourself to a traditional English Cream Tea, or join an optional experience through the spectacular Horseshoe Pass to visit the Welsh town of Llangollen, home to the famous music Eisteddfod.

Meal(s): (Full Breakfast) Hotel: Mercure Abbots Well

Day 3

**CHESTER - GRASMERE - GRETNA GREEN - EDINBURGH (2 NIGHTS)** Admire the views throughout the scenic Lake District. These scenes provided William Wordsworth with the inspiration to write the poem 'Daffodils'. Visit the town of Grasmere to see St. Oswald's church where the poet is buried. Stop at Gretna Green across the Scottish border, a town popular with eloping couples. Here the marriage ceremony was traditionally performed across a blacksmith's anvil. Then travel to the historic capital, Edinburgh, your home for the next two nights.

Meal(s): (Full Breakfast) Hotel: Holiday Inn Edinburgh

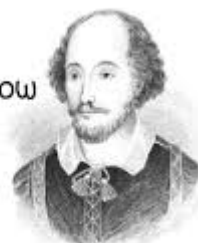
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**EDINBURGH SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME** This morning, discover the elegance of Edinburgh with your Local Expert on your included city sightseeing tour. See the Royal Mile in the Old Town. View the Palace of Holyroodhouse and Arthur's Seat. Your guided visit inside Edinburgh Castle is informative and engaging. Spend free time exploring on your own or join your Travel Director on an optional experience to the Royal Yacht Britannia. Tonight, why not try traditional cuisine at a local restaurant?

Meal(s): (Full Breakfast)

Day 5

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**EDINBURGH - ALNWICK - YORK** Visit the medieval market town of Alnwick. View the castle, home to the Duke of Northumberland, and recently featured as Hogwarts in a number of Harry Potter films and also in the movie Robin Hood Prince of Thieves. Cross the River Tyne and continue to the Roman city of York. See York Minster and walk along the famous Shambles. Tonight enjoy a Be My Guest Farewell Dinner at a country home. Meet the family and learn the history of the house before enjoying a hearty home cooked meal.

Meal(s): (Full Breakfast / Be My Guest Dining) Hotel: Vacation Inn York

Day 6

**YORK - STRATFORD-UPON-AVON - LONDON** Visit Shakespeare's birthplace and Visitor Center in Stratford-upon-Avon and see Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage. Later, arrive back into London where your memorable vacation comes to an end.

Meal(s): (Full Breakfast)

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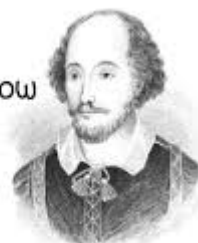
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**British Panorama**



This exciting vacation is a delightful introduction to the history and culture of England, Scotland, and Wales. Begin your trip in London with a full day to discover the city's landmarks on your own or to take an optional tour. Then, visit the market town of Stamford and York, England's most complete medieval city. See a section of Hadrian's Wall, the Roman coast-to-coast defense against marauding northern tribes, before arriving in Edinburgh, Scotland's capital, where your guided sightseeing tour includes mighty Edinburgh Castle with its Crown Jewels. Travel south through the Lowlands to Gretna Green, where the blacksmith used to wed runaway couples. Continue through the Lake District, considered the finest of England's national parks. Visit Wordsworth's charming Grasmere and follow the shores of beautiful Lake Windermere, England's largest lake.

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Enjoy a walking tour of 2,000-year-old Chester, and stop at William Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon. Travel through the scenic Cotswolds to the Welsh capital of Cardiff, where you'll enjoy an orientation drive. Later, explore elegant Georgian Bath, famous for its Roman ruins, and mysterious Stonehenge with its new visitor center and imaginative exhibitions, before returning to London for the finale of your grand Britain vacation.

**Day 1 Arrive in London, England** Check into your hotel. In the afternoon, there's time to rest or start exploring the lively British capital; uniformed hosts are available to help you make the most of your stay.

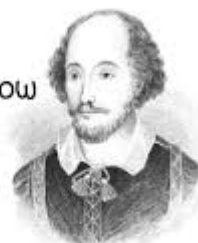
**Day 2 London** What's your pleasure? Today is devoted to exploring on your own or enjoying our exciting program of optional activities. You may choose to join a Local Guide for an optional morning sightseeing tour of the city's famous landmarks: the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Whitehall's mounted horseguards and the Prime Minister's Downing Street, Piccadilly Circus, and Buckingham Palace. A highlight is the ceremonial pageantry of the Changing of the Guard (if held). Later on, maybe visit Windsor Castle or the Tower of London with its spectacular Crown Jewels, and tonight, a leisurely cruise on the River Thames would be fun! (B)

**Day 3 London-Stamford-York-Leeds** Meet your Tour Director and traveling companions and depart at 8 am for a day of northbound travel. Take a break in the market town of Stamford and in York, England's most complete medieval city, stand in awe in front of the great structure of York Minster. Then, follow your Tour Director through a maze of quaint streets, including the narrow Shambles. Stop for the night in Leeds. (B,D)

**Day 4 Leeds-Jedburgh, Scotland-Melrose-Edinburgh** See a section of Hadrian's Wall, the Roman coast-to-coast defense against marauding northern tribes, then motor through wild Northumberland National Park to the Scottish border. Stop for photos at Jedburgh, with glimpses of the house of Mary, Queen of Scots, and then Melrose with its 12th-century abbey ruins and connections with Robert the Bruce. Afternoon arrival in Edinburgh. Later, a unique optional experience: board the former Royal Yacht Britannia, which for the Queen was once the perfect royal residence for glittering state visits and family holidays. Tour five decks and see how the Royal Family and crew of 240 lived and worked on board. Dinner rounds off this optional evening. For departures August 2, August 9 and August 16, tickets are included for tonight's performance of the world-renowned Military Tattoo, a vast spectacle of massed Scottish pipe bands that takes place in an arena on the esplanade of Edinburgh Castle. (B)

**Day 5 Edinburgh** A full day to enjoy the Scottish capital. Morning sightseeing with a Local Guide introduces you to the 200-year-old "New Town" and famous scientists, inventors, and novelists. In the "Old Town," drive up the narrow Royal Mile to Edinburgh Castle to admire Scotland's Crown Jewels. Afternoon at leisure. Tonight an optional Scottish evening with Highland dancers, bagpipers, and, of course, the Ceremony of the Haggis. (B)

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**Day 6 Edinburgh-Gretna Green-Lake District, England-Chester-Wrexham, Wales** South through the history-steeped Lowland Hills and a visit to Gretna Green, where the blacksmith used to wed runaway couples. Drive through beautiful scenery in the Lake District, considered to be the finest of England's national parks. Visit Wordsworth's Grasmere, then follow the shores of Lake Windermere. In Chester, the historic county town on the River Dee, your walking tour includes the Roman remains, black and white half-timbered buildings, and the two-tiered arcades called the "Rows." Overnight in Wrexham. (B,D)

**Day 7 Wrexham-Stratford-upon-Avon, England-Broadway-Cardiff, Wales** Back in England, tour fascinating Stratford-upon-Avon, a living monument to William Shakespeare, before driving through the scenic Cotswold Hills with a stop for photos in picture-book Broadway. Overnight in Cardiff, where an orientation drive introduces you to the capital's major attractions: Cardiff Castle, Cathays Park, Millennium Stadium, and the stately civic buildings. A suggestion for tonight: why not join an evening of Welsh entertainment and dinner? (B)

**Day 8 Cardiff-Bath, England-Stonehenge-London** A day of memorable highlights with a stop first in the elegant Georgian city of Bath, famous for its Roman relics, before visiting Stonehenge, still an intriguing mystery. Explore the stunning new visitor center with its imaginative exhibitions, then admire the magnificence of the monument from up close. After returning to London around 3:30 pm, how about celebrating the success of your tour with a night out on the town? (B)

**Day 9 London** Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

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