

GRAND TOUR OF BRITAIN & IRELAND

18 Day London to London May 12th - May 30th 2023

ITINERARY

- Day 1 ARRIVE IN LONDON, ENGLAND
- Day 2 LONDON (B)
- Day 3 LONDON-STONEHENGE - WIDECOMBE - PLYMOUTH (B) (D)
- Day 4 PLYMOUTH-GLASTONBURY-BATH-CARDIFF, WALES (B)
- Day 5 CARDIFF-TENBY-TRAMORE, IRELAND (B)
- Day 6 TRAMORE-BLARNEY-KILLARNEY (B)
- Day 7 KILLARNEY. RING OF KERRY EXCURSION (B)
- Day 8 KILLARNEY-DINGLE PENINSULA-ADARE-LIMERICK (B)
- Day 9 LIMERICK-CLIFFS OF MOHER-GALWAY-DUBLIN (B)
- Day 10 DUBLIN (B)
- Day 11 DUBLIN-CAERNARVON, WALES-LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND (B)
- Day 12 LIVERPOOL-LAKE DISTRICT-GRETNA GREEN, SCOTLAND - GLASGOW (B) (D)
- Day 13 GLASGOW-FORT WILLIAM-INVERNESS-CULLODEN MOOR-HIGHLANDS (B) (D)
- Day 14 HIGHLANDS-PITLOCHRY-ST. ANDREWS-EDINBURGH (B)
- Day 15 EDINBURGH (B)
- Day 16 EDINBURGH-JEDBURGH-YORK, ENGLAND-LEEDS (B) (D)
- Day 17 LEEDS-STRATFORD-UPON-AVON-LONDON (B)
- Day 18 LONDON - Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (B)



ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels subject to change

- LONDON** Novotel London West (F)
- PLYMOUTH** Jury Inn (F)
- CARDIFF** Mercure (F)
- TRAMORE** Majestic (ST)
- KILLARNEY** Killarney Court (F)
- LIMERICK** Limerick City Hotel (ST)
- DUBLIN** Bonnington (F)
- LIVERPOOL** Holiday Inn Liverpool City Centre (F)
- GLASGOW** Leonardo Inn West End (F)
- HIGHLANDS** Carrbridge (F)
- EDINBURGH** Novotel Edinburgh Park (F)
- LEEDS** Holiday Inn (F)
- LONDON** Kensington Close (ST) or Novotel London West (F)

INCLUDED FEATURES

- R/T Motor Coach Shermans Dale to Airport
- Round Trip Airfare
- 18 Day Escorted Tour
- 17 Nights Hotel
- All Gov't Taxes & Fees
- 18 Full English breakfasts
- 5 three-course dinners with choice of menus
- Pre Trip Meet & Greet

\$4,799* Per person
double occupancy

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*ALL PRICING AND INCLUDED FEATURES ARE BASED ON A MINIMUM OF 20 PASSENGERS. RATES ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY AT TIME OF BOOKING AND INCLUDE TAXES, FEES AND SURCHARGES WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

ITINERARY

Day 1 ARRIVE IN LONDON, ENGLAND

Check into your hotel. There is time to rest or to 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 residence, Piccadilly Circus, and Buckingham Palace. Later, maybe visit Windsor Castle or the Tower of London with its spectacular Crown Jewels. Tonight, we recommend our optional Taste of London excursion with dinner, followed by a guided illumination cruise on the Thames River. Breakfast

Day 3 LONDON–STONEHENGE–WIDECOMBE–PLYMOUTH

Meet your Tour Director and traveling companions to depart at 8 am for the West Country. Cross the chalky terrain of Wiltshire and visit Stonehenge, one of England's most intriguing mysteries. Explore the visitor center with its imaginative exhibitions, then admire the magnificence of the monument from up close. In the heart of Dartmoor National Park, ghostly setting for Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, visit quaint Widcombe-in-the-Moor. Later, in Plymouth, hear about Sir Francis Drake and see the Mayflower Steps, where the Pilgrim Fathers embarked in 1620. Today's Distance: 222 mi/ 356 km Breakfast Dinner

Day 4 PLYMOUTH–GLASTONBURY–BATH–CARDIFF, WALES

Via Glastonbury and its legends of King Arthur to the elegant city of Bath, famed for its amazing Roman relics and Georgian buildings. Cross the spectacular Severn Bridge into Wales and head for the capital, Cardiff. Here, an orientation drive introduces you to all the major attractions: Cardiff Castle, Cathays Park, Millennium Stadium, and the stately civic buildings. Tonight, why not join an evening of Welsh entertainment and dining? Today's Distance: 169 mi/ 272 km Breakfast

Day 5 CARDIFF–TENBY–TRAMORE, IRELAND

Enjoy vistas of rich dairy farmland this morning on the way to the pretty seaside resort of Tenby. Then, on to Pembroke, departure point for the ferry across St. George's Channel to Ireland. Arrive at Rosslare in just under four hours. Today's Distance: 169 mi/ 272 km Breakfast Dinner

Day 6 TRAMORE–BLARNEY–KILLARNEY

Today, discover why Ireland is called the "Emerald Isle." Drive along the southern coast, passing Cork, the country's second-largest city. Stop in Blarney, famous for its Stone of Eloquence, with time to see the castle, and shop for Irish crafts and handmade crystal. Continue to the popular resort of Killarney. Tonight, enjoy the optional outing to Tralee for dinner and a performance at Siamsa Tire, Ireland's National Folk Theatre. Today's Distance: 134 mi/ 216 km Breakfast

Day 7 KILLARNEY. RING OF KERRY EXCURSION

At Killorglin, join the road known as the Ring of Kerry for a 100-mile coastal panoramic drive featuring sparkling seascapes, mountains dotted with brightly colored farmhouses, winding lanes bordered with subtropical vegetation, and spectacular views of the Lakes of Killarney from Ladies View. Back in Killarney, a special optional adventure: take a horse-drawn jaunting car along the national park lakeshore for pictures of Ross Castle. Today's Distance: 99 mi/ 158 km Breakfast

Day 8 KILLARNEY–DINGLE PENINSULA–ADARE–LIMERICK

Breathtaking scenery this morning on the Dingle Peninsula, where the 32-mile Slea Head drive affords magnificent vistas of the Atlantic Ocean. See the Blasket Islands, and hear about the way of life and unique literary achievements of its inhabitants prior to their evacuation in 1953. Then, travel via Adare, a village known for its prize-winning thatched cottages, to Limerick. Tonight, consider joining an optional medieval banquet at a historic castle. Today's Distance: 187 mi/ 301 km Breakfast

Day 9 LIMERICK–CLIFFS OF MOHER–GALWAY–DUBLIN

Take a scenic route this morning via the Cliffs of Moher and The Burren on the way to the port city of Galway, a popular seaside destination and a buzzing cosmopolitan center with colorful shops and a busy café and bar culture. Continue across the mighty Shannon before arriving in Dublin. The optional dinner suggestion is a fun Irish cabaret evening with dinner, dance, and songs. Today's Distance: 208 mi/ 334 km Breakfast

Day 10 DUBLIN

A day in the "Fair City" starts with an orientation drive through Eire's capital, including statue-lined O'Connell Street, elegant Georgian squares, and St. Patrick's Cathedral. The afternoon is at leisure. Later, why not join an optional dinner at the Guinness Storehouse? Breakfast

Day 11 DUBLIN–CAERNARVON, WALES–LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND

Take the ferry across the Irish Sea to Holyhead on the Welsh Isle of Anglesey with its tongue-twisting names. Explore North Wales on the way to Caernarvon where the castle saw the investiture of Charles as Prince of Wales. Overnight in Liverpool, of Beatles fame and once the departure port of the great transatlantic liners. Today's Distance: 180 mi/ 290 km Breakfast

Day 12 LIVERPOOL–LAKE DISTRICT–GRETNA GREEN, SCOTLAND–GLASGOW

Drive into the tranquil Lake District, often considered to be the finest of England's national parks and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then, visit Gretna Green, where the blacksmith used to wed runaway couples. Travel through the history-steeped Lowland Hills to Glasgow, Scotland's largest city. Today's Distance: 237 mi/ 381 km Breakfast Dinner

Day 13 GLASGOW–FORT WILLIAM–INVERNESS–CULLODEN MOOR–HIGHLANDS

Skirt the "Bonnie Banks" of Loch Lomond and head through wild Rannoch Moor into the Highlands. Pass through Glen Coe, where the MacDonald Clan was massacred in 1692, to Fort William beneath Ben Nevis. Then, the Great Glen for vistas of the Caledonian Canal, Loch Lochy, and Loch Oich. Follow the banks of Loch Ness, home of the timid and timeless Nessie. Continue via Inverness, the Highland capital and, on the way to tonight's destination, stop at the battlefield of Culloden Moor with its memories of Bonnie Prince Charlie. Today's Distance: 209 mi/ 336 km Breakfast Dinner

Day 14 HIGHLANDS–PITLOCHRY–ST. ANDREWS–EDINBURGH

Drive through more spectacular Highland scenery for a stop in the pretty Victorian mountain resort of Pitlochry. Then, travel via Perth and Dundee before crossing the Tay Bridge to St. Andrews, whose Royal and Ancient Golf Club, founded in 1754, has given us the rules of golfing. Continue through Fife and over the mighty Forth Road Bridge to spend the next two nights in Edinburgh. A suggestion for this evening: enjoy a traditional Scottish night out, with Highland dancers, bagpipers, and, of course, the Ceremony of the Haggis. Today's Distance: 169 mi/ 272 km Breakfast Breakfast

Day 15 EDINBURGH

A full day to enjoy the Scottish capital. Morning sightseeing with a Local Guide introduces you to the 200-year-old "New Town," home to famous scientists, inventors, and novelists. In the "Old Town," visit Edinburgh Castle to admire Scotland's Crown Jewels. Later, join an optional tour of the former Royal Yacht *Britannia*. 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 departure numbers July 23 and August 6, tickets are included for tonight's performance of the world-renowned Military Tattoo.

Breakfast Breakfast

Day 16 EDINBURGH–JEDBURGH–YORK, ENGLAND–LEEDS

At Jedburgh, see the abbey ruins before heading towards the Cheviot Hills and the English border. Travel through wild Northumberland National Park and, on the way, see a section of Hadrian's Wall, the Roman coast-to-coast defense against marauding northern tribes. 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. Overnight is in Leeds. Today's Distance: 220 mi/ 355 km

Breakfast Breakfast Dinner

Day 17 LEEDS–STRATFORD-UPON-AVON–LONDON

In Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon, take photos of Anne Hathaway's Cottage and explore the town at your own pace. After returning to London around 4 pm, how about celebrating the success of your tour with an optional night out on the town?

Today's Distance: 237 mi/ 385 km

Breakfast Breakfast

Day 18 LONDON Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.