

## Your itinerary



Start Location

Visited Location

Plane

End Location

Cruise

Train

Over night

Ferry

Day 1

## London – Windsor – Bath – Cheltenham (1 Night)

Begin and end your journey back in time on the busy streets of London. The British capital won't keep you from your exploration of the island's colourful history. This morning you'll travel west for a memorable encounter with royalty and the Roman Empire. Start with a visit to Windsor, home to the oldest and largest inhabited castle in the world, then continue to UNESCO-listed Bath. You'll want to sink your toes into the milky warm waters of its Roman Baths, as you imagine a time, centuries ago, when this ancient bath complex stood at the centre of the city's social life. Its steaming spring water once brought wellness and relaxation to well-heeled patrons. View the city's beautiful Georgian façades before continuing to Cheltenham for your overnight stay.

**Hotel** - Holiday Inn Express City Centre

**Included Meals** - Dinner

Day 2

## Cheltenham – Chester – Liverpool (1 Night)

The Romans left their magic touch on the pretty town of Chester. You'll view the city walls that they built in the first century to defend their fortress and the black and white half-timbered buildings, famously known as 'The Rows'. Take some time to explore Chester your way or join an Optional Experience to Llangollen in North Wales. Home of the International Eisteddfod, Llangollen has a tiny population but punches well above its weight when it comes to serene scenery and an array of cafés, bars and restaurants. Our home for the night is the haunt of the 'Fab Four', with an evening at leisure to explore Liverpool's legendary nightlife.

**Hotel** - Ibis Albert Dock

**Included Meals** - Breakfast

Day 3

## Liverpool – Lake District – Gretna Green – Glasgow (1 Night)

Settle in for a scenic drive north to the Lake District. Here you'll see first-hand why the rugged and untamed beauty of the Lake District inspired William Wordsworth to wander 'lonely as a cloud' in his acclaimed piece of poetry, 'Daffodils'. There's no better way to embrace the area's heritage than to join an Optional Experience and chug between Haverthwaite and Lakeside in an old-world steam train followed by a cruise on Lake Windermere. Crossing the Scottish border, you'll stop at Gretna Green, where eloping couples would exchange their vows over the Blacksmith's anvil and be bound to each other forever. Resist the urge to tie the knot yourself and continue to the bold city of Glasgow, where you'll have an opportunity to join an Optional Experience for a night on the town.

**Hotel** - Ibis City Centre

**Included Meals** - Breakfast

Day 4

## Glasgow – Scottish Highlands (1 Night)

Kickstart your day with an introduction to Glasgow's industrial past and modern revival that have given the city its characteristic gallus strut. Channel your inner Highlander next, embarking on a journey north to the banks of Loch Lomond, where a cruise to Rob Roy's cave could be on the cards should you choose to join this Optional Experience. Later, the breathtakingly beautiful scenery of Glencoe, 'Glen of Weeping', will stir all your emotions – not least as you remember the brave clansmen who fought relentlessly for their beliefs. Local shepherd Neil and his enthusiastic border collies are ready to welcome guests on their Highland sheep

farm for an Optional Experience this afternoon. You can perfect your sheep-shearing skills before settling into your Highland hotel.

**Hotel** - Laggan

**Included Meals** - Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5

## Scottish Highlands – St. Andrews – Edinburgh (Airth) (2 Nights)

Robert Burns once wrote of his beloved hills of the Highlands. Your scenic drive through its mystical landscapes will leave you similarly inspired as you venture to picturesque Pitlochry on the banks of the Tummel. There's time to explore this salmon fishing centre on your own or join an Optional Experience to Blair Castle, home of the Duke of Atholl and Europe's last remaining private army. The fairways and greens of St. Andrews, the birthplace of golf, beckon and you'll have an opportunity to snap a selfie against the backdrop of the famous 18th green.

**Hotel** - Airth Castle

**Included Meals** - Breakfast

Day 6

## Edinburgh sightseeing and free time

Tuck into a hearty Scottish breakfast with tattie scones and all the trimmings. Today you'll need some extra sustenance as there's much to see and do in Scotland's hilly capital. The Georgian New Town, Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Royal Mile and Edinburgh Castle all wait to be viewed in the company of your Local Specialist, so grab your camera and prepare for a memorable sightseeing tour revealing all the highlights of Auld Reekie. You'll have plenty of time to explore on your own or consider joining an Optional Experience to the Royal Yacht Britannia or an in-depth tour of Edinburgh Castle.

**Included Meals** - Breakfast

Day 7

## Edinburgh (Airth) – York – Bradford (1 Night)

Cheerio the noo and wave goodbye to Scotland. It's time to venture south on your return journey through England to London, but not before you come face-to-face with Hadrian's first-century attempt to keep the 'barbarians' out of his Roman Empire. You'll not see an ancient Roman wall like it anywhere else on earth. Continue to the walled city of York, where an orientation tour will guide you through its narrow medieval streets to the 13th-century Gothic cathedral, York Minster, which dominates the city. You'll have some time to admire the structure's beautiful stained glass before an evening on your own, although York's alluring history may keep you on the edge of your seat. Delve into its tales of Romans, roses and ghosts. It's the stuff great books are made of.

**Hotel** - Jurys Inn

**Included Meals** - Breakfast

Day 8

## Bradford – Stratford-upon-Avon – London

Your return journey to London is almost at its end, but not before a visit to Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of the famous bard, William Shakespeare, who became England's most beloved playwright. It's time for one last group picture as you say a fond farewell to your Travel Director and new friends in the capital of the United Kingdom.

**Included Meals** - Breakfast

HERE'S A SAMPLE OF YOUR CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

border collies. He'll show you how he uses different whistles to command each dog to carry out different tasks. You'll also have the opportunity to try your hand at feeding the lambs and discover his training techniques.

#### AVAILABLE ON DAY 2

##### **North Wales Excursion**

Our excursion to Wales takes us to Llangollen, the home of the International Music Eisteddfod. Here you'll see wonderful sights including the River Dee and the Victorian railway station. You'll also travel through the Valley of the Cross and up to the Horseshoe Pass, to enjoy views of the Welsh hills.

Adult Price: **£14.00\***

#### AVAILABLE ON DAY 2

##### **Famous Sights and the Fab Four**

Come along with our Local Specialist for a guided tour of Liverpool. From its glorious maritime past to its famous cultural present, you'll discover the two magnificently different cathedrals, see Mathew Street, birthplace of The Beatles, and enjoy the Mersey beat.

Adult Price: **£19.00\***

#### AVAILABLE ON DAY 3

##### **Glasgow City Evening**

You'll enjoy a chance to experience a night out in the city of Glasgow. Your Travel Director will take you for an evening of good food, a drink, and undoubtedly interesting conversation.

Adult Price: **£37.00\***

#### AVAILABLE ON DAY 3

##### **Private Cruise On Lake Windermere**

Enjoy an exclusive cruise on a private boat on England's most beautiful and largest lake, taking in the northern coastline, beautiful houses, gardens and Wray Castle. You'll see deserted islands, boats and birdlife as you explore the area loved by Beatrix Potter and William Wordsworth.

Adult Price: **£18.00\***

#### AVAILABLE ON DAY 3

##### **Windermere Cruise and Steam Train Ride**

A chance to view the glorious scenery of the Lake District as we cruise across England's largest lake. Then step back in time as we board the steam train for a short journey from Lakeside to Haverthwaite. Occasionally this experience will be operated in reverse.

Adult Price: **£22.00\***

#### AVAILABLE ON DAY 4

##### **Loch Lomond Boat Trip**

Discover the wild beauty of the 'Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond'. As we cruise across the loch, the skipper will share stories of the area and point out Rob Roy's cave as you relax and savour the stunning scenery.

Adult Price: **£15.00\***

#### AVAILABLE ON DAY 4

##### **Highland Farm Experience**

Visit a real Highland sheep farm and meet Neil the Shepherd and his

Weather permitting.

Adult Price: **£15.00\***

#### AVAILABLE ON DAY 5

##### **Dinner And Drive To Historic Torphichen**

Enjoy a scenic drive to the ancient village of Torphichen, associated with Scottish kings and Knights Hospitaller. At the Torphichen Inn, your arrival will be toasted by our convivial host before enjoying an excellent dinner of local specialties and entertainment.

Adult Price: **£56.00\***

#### AVAILABLE ON DAY 5

##### **Scottish Show With Dinner**

Tonight is your chance to put on that tartan and join us for an evening of singing, dancing and bagpipe playing at an internationally famous venue. You'll enjoy delicious food and wine, join in the singing and watch a Highland dance or two. There's even a chance to sample Scotland's national dish – haggis.

Adult Price: **£62.00\***

#### AVAILABLE ON DAY 5

##### **Pitlochry. Visit Of Blair Castle**

Set in its own grounds against a backdrop of glorious scenery, we'll discover the ancient home of the Dukes of Atholl, home to Europe's last remaining private army. Unique amongst Scottish castles, Blair has hosted royalty from Mary, Queen of Scots to Queen Victoria.

Adult Price: **£20.00\***

#### AVAILABLE ON DAY 6

##### **Royal Yacht Britannia**

You'll explore this magnificent ship, which has played host to some of the most famous people in the world. Now berthed in Leith, you'll be welcomed on board to discover the heart and soul of this most special of royal residences – the former honeymoon sanctuary for four royal couples.

Adult Price: **£23.00\***

#### AVAILABLE ON DAY 6

##### **Edinburgh Castle Experience**

Dominating the skyline of the city, Edinburgh Castle has been on Castle Rock in one form or another since the 12th century. With our Local Specialist, we'll pay a visit to visit the castle, a royal residence until 1633 which is famous for being the most besieged place in Great Britain and one of the most attacked in the world. Historians have identified 26 sieges in its 1100-year-old history. We'll also see the Scottish regalia, known as the Honours of Scotland and the National War Museum of Scotland.

Adult Price: **£25.00\***

**\*We're always sourcing more great experiences for you to choose from.** When you join us on your tour, your Travel Director will share the most up to date choices for your trip and travel season. For this reason, the optional experiences and pricing offered here are a guide only and subject to change.

