



Journey Through Britain:

England, Scotland & Wales featuring the Royal Military Tattoo

August 3-16, 2024

Trip Itinerary

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Edinburgh, Scotland

Day 2: Arrive Edinburgh

Arrive in the Scottish capital and transfer to the hotel. After time at leisure, gather for a welcome dinner. *Apex Waterloo Place Hotel D*

Day 3: Edinburgh

Take a morning tour of this stately city built on seven hills, including the 18th-century “New Town” and the medieval “Old Town,” where you’ll visit Edinburgh Castle, symbolic heart of Scotland. Following an afternoon at leisure to discover the museums, galleries, shops, and culinary scene, witness an evening performance of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. This spectacular military, culture, and music showcase takes place on the esplanade of Edinburgh Castle each year. *Apex Waterloo Place Hotel B*

Day 4: Edinburgh

Encounter the Royal Mile, the historic boulevard connecting Edinburgh Castle with the Palace of Holyrood House. Explore Holyrood and see where British royalty schemed and slept as you tour the State Apartments. After lunch at a local restaurant, the remainder of the day is free for independent exploration and dinner on your own. *Apex Waterloo Place Hotel B,L*

Day 5: Edinburgh/Lake District

Discover the beautiful – and beloved – Lake District of northwest England, a national park and diverse landscape of lakes, rivers, ancient woodlands, and small towns and villages. On arrival stop at Dove Cottage, where English Romantic poet William Wordsworth penned some of his most memorable lines. In the late afternoon, arrive at your hotel on the shores of Lake Windermere. *Low Wood Bay Resort Hotel B,L,D*

Day 6: Lake District

Take a cruise on idyllic Lake Windermere, England’s largest lake at 10½ miles long. Continue to the village of Hawkshead, with time for lunch on your own followed by a visit to Hawkshead Grammar School, famously attended by poet William Wordsworth. Next, visit the Beatrix Potter Gallery, showcasing the original artwork of the author who lived nearby in the early 1900s. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon before gathering for dinner. *Low Wood Bay Resort Hotel B,D*

**Day 7: Lake District/North Wales**

Travel through splendid Lake District scenery today en route to Wales, with its rugged natural beauty and distinct culture. Stop at Bodnant Garden, a historic 80-acre National Trust property with a lovely hillside setting and ever-changing displays, from manicured lawns to flower-filled terraces. Continue on to the seaside town of Llandudno, dubbed “Queen of the Welsh Resorts” and your home for the next two nights. Dine at the hotel this evening. *Llandudno Bay Hotel B,D*

Day 8: North Wales/Snowdonia National Park

Wales is a land of fierce natural beauty, on full display in the morning’s visit to Snowdonia National Park, where you’ll enjoy a scenic train ride. Then head to the port town of Conwy for a visit to 13th-century Conwy Castle, a medieval fortress whose brute appearance symbolized English domination over the Welsh. This UNESCO World Heritage Site ranks as one of the finest pieces of 13th century military architecture remaining in Europe, with some of the UK’s best preserved medieval chambers. Return to your coastal retreat for time at leisure before gathering for dinner this evening. *Llandudno Bay Hotel B,D*

Day 9: North Wales/Stratford-upon-Avon

Return to England and travel to Stratford-upon-Avon, where the day’s touring includes a visit to Anne Hathaway’s Cottage & Gardens, the thatched farmhouse of Shakespeare’s bride that still contains some original furnishings. Tour Shakespeare’s Birthplace, a restored 16th-century half timbered house where the Bard is believed to have been born in 1564. Enjoy time in this 800-year-old market town for lunch and independent exploration before gathering at the hotel for dinner this evening. *The Arden Hotel B,D*

Day 10: Stratford-upon-Avon/The Cotswolds/Bath

Discover the Cotswolds, England’s south central region of gently rolling hills dotted with villages of honey-colored limestone, market towns, and unspoiled countryside, looking much as it did 300 years ago. Arrive in Bath mid-afternoon, with the remainder of the day and evening at leisure. *Francis Hotel Bath B,L*

Day 11: Bath

Set out on a morning tour of this storied and graceful city where the ancient Romans first “took the waters” at England’s only hot springs. Today the historic Roman Baths count among the city’s most popular sites, along with Bath Abbey, the 18th-century Assembly Room, The Circus, and the Royal Crescent, all of which you will see on your tour. The afternoon is free to explore before dining together at your hotel this evening. *Francis Hotel Bath B,D*

Day 12: Bath/London

Leave the pastoral scenery behind you as you travel to London, stopping en route to see the iconic Stonehenge. That the prehistoric circle of stones is a masterpiece of engineering and building is undisputed; exactly why it was created is less certain. Next visit Windsor Castle, home to British royalty for more than a millennium. Tour the castle, including St. George's Chapel, burial place of six of the last eight British monarchs. Then continue on to London, arriving in the late afternoon. Dinner tonight is on your own in this world-class city. *The Clermont, Charing Cross* **B**

Day 13: London

A panoramic city tour this morning passes such celebrated London landmarks as the infamous Tower of London, grand Parliament and Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, and Hyde Park. Enjoy lunch and an afternoon at leisure before celebrating the journey at a farewell dinner. *The Clermont, Charing Cross* **B,D**

Day 14: Depart for U.S.

Transfer to Heathrow Airport for flights home, or stay in London for an optional three-day, two night post-program "London – On Your Own" extension. **B**

Rates and Inclusions

Rates

- **Main Program, Double Occupancy:** \$6,895 per person (land only) or \$7,671 including roundtrip economy airfare from Newark. *Air arrangements from other gateway cities and business class upgrades are available for an additional cost.*
- **Single Supplement:** \$1,695 per person

What's Included:

- Small group size limited to 24 guests
- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 12 nights' accommodations in listed properties
- 23 meals: 12 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 8 dinners
- House wine at all dinners
- Full lecture series delivered by Princeton study leader
- Extensive sightseeing as described in day-by-day itinerary, including all entrance fees • Services of a dedicated Tour Director and Princeton staff host
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout the trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, all drivers, and the Tour Director

Optional Post-Program Extension

London – On Your Own (3 days/2 nights), August 16-18

\$495 per person, double occupancy / \$345 single supplement

- Two nights' accommodations at the Clermont, Charing Cross
- Two breakfasts
- Transfer to the airport

Terms & Conditions

Cancellation Policy:

Cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 penalty

Cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price

Cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price

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