

Amazing Britain

8 Days

2 Countries

11 Meals

From US\$1795 Per person, twin share

Discover Amazing Britain on this unforgettable trip. From Shakespeare's theatrical roots and mystical Stonehenge to the fresh air and rugged outdoors of the Scottish Highlands, where you'll learn all about the locals' favourite drink at a traditional whisky distillery.

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SCOTLAND



Your Must-See Highlights

- **Explore** Edinburgh with a Local Specialist
- **Discover** York, Durham, Glasgow, Bristol and Bath
- **Visit** Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon, Edinburgh Castle, a Whisky Distillery, Gretna Green, Ludlow, Wye Valley, the Roman Baths in Bath and the ancient stone circle at Stonehenge
- **View** Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage, York Minster, Hadrians' Wall and Jedburgh Abbey
- **See** the 18th green on the Old Course at St. Andrews, Blair Castle and the Lake District



Day

1 Journey to Stratford-upon-Avon and on to York
Indulge your love of theatre and poetry this morning as we travel to romantic Stratford-upon-Avon, made famous by its favourite son, William Shakespeare, whose extraordinary works have been admired by audiences for over 500 years. View Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage and visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and Visitor Centre for insights into the life of the 'Bard of Avon', before exploring the charming cobblestone streets of his hometown. Continue to the ancient cathedral city of York where we will enjoy an orientation walk to view its ancient city walls, picturesque Shambles and magnificent 800-year-old Minster. Join your Travel Director and fellow travel companions this evening for a memorable Welcome Reception and delicious local pub fare. (WR)
Hotel: Holiday Inn

2 Cross Hadrian's Wall and onwards to Edinburgh
We venture north to the medieval riverside town of Durham, whose exquisite 11th-century Durham Cathedral sits imposingly alongside Durham Castle watching over the charming medieval streets below. We cross what was once the northern frontier of the Roman Empire, Hadrian's Wall, before enjoying a scenic drive through the breathtaking landscapes of Northumberland National Park. Admire spectacular views of the windswept Cheviot Hills as you cross the Scottish border, stopping to admire the 12th-century ruins of Jedburgh Abbey en route to alluring Edinburgh. (B) **Hotel: Holiday Inn/Jurys Inn**

3 Discover Enchanting Edinburgh Fall in love with the enchanting city of Edinburgh as you join a *Local Specialist* to discover what lies behind its medieval façades. Ramble up the Royal Mile and enjoy astounding views of the Palace of Holyroodhouse and the Scottish Parliament. Visit Edinburgh Castle perched atop Castle Rock overlooking the city. Spend some free time this afternoon strolling through Edinburgh and admiring medieval relics. Tickets to see the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates. (B)

4 Venture into the Scottish Highlands Cross the Firth of Forth to the ancient Kingdom of Fife and St. Andrews. This famous golf course is renowned for its 18th hole and 700-year-old Swilcan Bridge. We continue our journey into the dramatic Scottish Highlands, where we'll *Dive Into Culture* at a whisky distillery and sample a *wee dram*. Visit picture-perfect Pitlochry, on the edge of the Ben-Y-Vrackie and Cairngorms National Park, before arriving at your hotel in the Scottish Highlands where you'll dine tonight. (B, D, 🍷) **Hotel: Highlander**

5 Onwards to Loch Lomond and Glasgow's Rich Legacy The arresting natural beauty of the Scottish Highlands provides a stunning backdrop for today's leisurely drive to Glasgow. View the World War II Commando Memorial at Spean Bridge and admire views of Britain's highest mountain – Ben Nevis. See Glencoe, the site of a bloody massacre in 1692 following the Jacobite Uprising, and travel to the 'bonnie' banks of Scotland's prettiest loch, Loch Lomond. We arrive in Glasgow this afternoon where our orientation will take us past St. Mungo's Cathedral and George Square, lined with statues and monuments dedicated to famous British subjects, including Robert Burns and Sir Robert Peel. (B) **Hotel: Novotel**

6 Explore the Lake District and Journey to Liverpool
Today's first stop is in the runaway wedding capital, Gretna Green where eloping couples would make their vows over the Marriage Anvil. Returning to England, we *Connect With Locals*, joining farmer John and his wife Christine for lunch at a *Be My Guest* experience in the company of Highland cows. See beautiful Lake District landscapes and skirt the romantic shores of Lake Windermere, the largest lake in England, arriving in edgy Liverpool of 'Fab Four' fame for an evening at leisure. (B, BMG, 🍷)
Hotel: Mercure Atlantic Tower



Explore a Cumbrian farm. Experience life in the Lake District with farmers John and Christine, and their Highland cows, before tucking into a traditional Cumberland lunch and delicious desserts. Learn more at trafalgar.com.

7 Through the Beautiful Welsh Countryside to Discover Bristol Traverse the pretty Welsh countryside this morning and stop in an area of outstanding natural beauty – the Wye Valley, with its characteristic limestone gorge scenery and dense woodlands. Visit the Shropshire market town of Ludlow with some time to explore on your own before arriving in Bristol to see the Clifton Suspension Bridge and *SS Great Britain*, the world's first ocean-going luxury liner. As the curtain comes down on a memorable journey through England and Scotland, we enjoy a Farewell Dinner in a local restaurant with our Travel Director and newfound friends. (B, FD)
Hotel: Mercure Holland House

8 Soak up Bath and Stonehenge then off to London
Returning to London, we visit the UNESCO-listed city of Bath to admire its elegant Georgian façades and the Roman Baths from which the city takes its name. Emerging from the Salisbury Plain, the imposing monoliths of Stonehenge are our final stop before continuing through the lush Wiltshire and Hampshire landscapes to London, where our amazing holiday comes to an end. (B)

Please Note: Hotels in the Scottish Highlands are generally simpler establishments typical of the region.

Your holiday planner

Start London	End London	Start London	End London
+ SAT 03 APR	SAT 10 APR	SAT 24 JUL	SAT 31 JUL
+ SAT 10 APR	SAT 17 APR	SAT 31 JUL	SAT 07 AUG
SAT 17 APR	SAT 24 APR		
SAT 24 APR	SAT 01 MAY	MON 02 AUG	MON 09 AUG
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SAT 01 MAY	SAT 08 MAY	● SAT 14 AUG	SAT 21 AUG
SAT 08 MAY	SAT 15 MAY	● MON 16 AUG	MON 23 AUG
SAT 15 MAY	SAT 22 MAY	● SAT 21 AUG	SAT 28 AUG
SAT 22 MAY	SAT 29 MAY	SAT 28 AUG	SAT 04 SEP
SAT 29 MAY	SAT 05 JUN		
		SAT 04 SEP	SAT 11 SEP
SAT 05 JUN	SAT 12 JUN	MON 06 SEP	MON 13 SEP
MON 07 JUN	MON 14 JUN	SAT 11 SEP	SAT 18 SEP
SAT 12 JUN	SAT 19 JUN	SAT 18 SEP	SAT 25 SEP
SAT 19 JUN	SAT 26 JUN	SAT 25 SEP	SAT 02 OCT
SAT 26 JUN	SAT 03 JUL		
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● **Edinburgh Tattoo 6-28 August 2021:** We've included Tattoo tickets when you're in Edinburgh during these dates. See page 79 for further details.

+ **Special Rate Solo Rooming:** These departures include 20 – 100% discount on our standard single supplement.

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