

8 Day Affordable England & Scotland

November 9-16, 2019 -- \$2,262 pp. dbl. occ.



Escorted Package Includes

- Flights St. Louis-London, Edinburgh-St. Louis
Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 6 nights accommodations
 - 2 nights London
 - 1 night Bath
 - 1 night Liverpool
 - 2 nights Edinburgh
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel portorage
- All transfers included only with airfare purchase on package arrival & departure dates† ♦
- 8 meals: 6 breakfasts, 2 dinners with wine
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring

Special Features

- Visit Stonehenge, one of the most famous prehistoric sites, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Visit the Roman Baths in the beautiful Georgian city of Bath
- View the birthplace of William Shakespeare in Stratford-upon-Avon
- Trace the steps of where the Beatles began their journey to fame in Liverpool
- In Edinburgh, view the Edinburgh Castle, Scottish Parliament and baroque Palace of Holyrood house

DAY 1, Depart for England

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DAY 2, Arrive in London

Arrive and transfer to your hotel. Most flights arrive in the early morning and your room may not be ready for you. In this case, leave your luggage with the concierge and your Tour Manager will provide suggestions for you to begin to explore the city on your own.

This evening, your tour will begin with an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately 6 pm. We recommend that you select flights which arrive in your destination no later than 4 pm if possible

Overnight: London

Meals: Dinner

DAY 3, London City Tour

Today, discover the history, pageantry and

sights of the city with a half day tour of London's West End. Begin with a drive through fashionable Kensington with its elegant squares and parks. Pass Harrods department store and continue to view Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abbey, Houses of Parliament and the famous River Thames. Proceed to view Buckingham Palace, the London residence of Her Majesty the Queen. Your tour ends in the heart of town to explore this afternoon at leisure. Perhaps join the in-depth *optional* tour of the Tower of London and St Paul's Cathedral. Tonight, continue to discover London at your own pace

Optional: Tower of London & St. Paul's Cathedral (PM)

Overnight: London

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Stonehenge & Bath

Depart London to Stonehenge, one of the most famous prehistoric monuments in the world, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Located in the middle of the Salisbury Plain, Stonehenge is unique among stone circles and its construction still defies belief. The first stone was placed here 5,000 years ago, with the structure finally completed 1,400 years later. Then on to the beautiful Georgian city of Bath, the setting for two of Jane Austen's novels. Admire the stunning architecture highlighted by elegant stone terraced buildings, delightful crescents and graceful squares. Visit the original 2,000-year-old Roman Baths and the Georgian Pump Room with its natural mineral water. Enjoy dinner together at the hotel

Overnight: Bath

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5, The Cotswolds, Stratford-upon-Avon, Liverpool

Drive north into the heart of England through the unique Cotswolds region, an area of ancient limestone villages, charming stone and thatch cottages. Then on to Stratford-upon-Avon, a thriving market town on the River Avon, birthplace of England's

greatest poet and playwright, William Shakespeare. View Anne Hathaway's cottage, Shakespeare's school and his birthplace on Henley Street. Afterward, spend time at leisure in this celebrated town, where the Bard's plays are still performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company. Then travel to lively Liverpool for a change of pace, where The Beatles were born and rose to fame. With your guide, explore the notable sights made famous in song by the Beatles - *Penny Lane and Strawberry Fields*. View the legendary Cavern Club where the Beatles began their journey to fame and stunning Albert Dock complex, a reminder of Liverpool's history as a great and prosperous port

Overnight: Liverpool

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6, Lake District, Grasmere, Edinburgh

Today, travel along the shores of Windermere, the largest lake in England at the heart of the rolling hills of the picturesque Lake District, stopping for tea and fresh-baked scones at a local farmhouse. Continue toward the charming village of Grasmere, the 19th century home of the poet William Wordsworth. Next, cross into Scotland at the border town of Gretna Green, famous for its "runaway" weddings, and past Moffat, known for its high quality wool products. Arrive in Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city, with its exquisite Georgian and Victorian architecture and winding medieval streets. During your stay, discover the city's rich heritage and historic buildings. Its Old and New Town are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Overnight: Edinburgh

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7, Edinburgh City Tour

This morning's tour of Edinburgh takes you past the Scottish Parliament and the baroque Palace of Holyrood house, the Queen's official residence in Scotland, once home of Mary, Queen of Scots. View the Museum of

Scotland, and 12th century Edinburgh Castle, perched high above the city on volcanic rock at the top of the Royal Mile. Balance of the day is at leisure to discover this royal city independently. Perhaps, a stroll along Princes Street, the city's main thoroughfare with its many shops and cafes, or, stop at Princes Street Gardens, a lovely park in the center of the city

Overnight: Edinburgh

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8, Depart Scotland

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast



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