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Day 1 | Journey to Stonehenge, Bath and Exeter



Meet your Travel Director and commence your journey through the rolling green and golden landscapes of rural Wiltshire to Salisbury Plain. We tread in the footsteps of druids and pagans at Stonehenge, before travelling to UNESCO-listed Bath with its elegant Georgian facades and the centuries-old Roman Baths. Your home for the next two nights is the historic cathedral city of Exeter, where you will enjoy dinner this evening at your hotel.

Meals: Dinner

Hotel: Mercure Southgate

Day 2 | Plymouth and More in the Southwest



Our first stop today is in the ancient port city of Plymouth, where we'll delve into the history of the brave Pilgrim Fathers who set sail for an unknown New World from its shores. See the Royal Citadel overlooking Plymouth Sound and consider an optional cruise around the dramatic coastline. We take a step back in time at our next stop – the delightful village of Polperro. Continuing along the brooding moorland of Dartmoor, we arrive at Buckfast Abbey, where we'll Dive Into Culture and discover how Benedictine monks have lived and prayed here for over 1,000 years.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Mercure Southgate

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

Plymouth Harbour Cruise - Take a relaxing boat ride through one of England's most historic harbours. Hear stories of the Pilgrim Fathers at the Mayflower Steps and enjoy views of Plymouth Hoe. Then cruise by the Royal Navy Dockyard for a close-up look at today's naval vessels.

Adult: 25.00 GBP

Plymouth Harbour Extended Cruise - An hour-long extended private cruise across Plymouth Harbour will give you a comprehensive tour of the history from the Mayflower Steps all the way to the engineering marvel of IK Brunel's bridge. You'll also enjoy complimentary tea or coffee.

Adult: 27.00 GBP

Devonshire Village And Dinner - Drive to a beautiful village in Devon, where you'll see cob walled houses with thatched roofs and the parish church, which dates back over 700 years. You'll also savour a tasty pub dinner and meet the locals, in a 700-year-old village pub.

Adult: 53.00 GBP

Day 3 | Onwards to Cardiff

Take in the rolling green countryside of Devon and Somerset en route to a true highlight—your Be My Guest experience on a working dairy farm. You'll meet Ian and Ann Dyer, whose families have farmed this land for generations. Hear the stories of their manor home, mentioned in the Domesday Book, and learn how modern farming meets centuries of tradition. Over a hearty farmhouse meal prepared by Ann, enjoy local flavours and warm hospitality. Then it's on to Cardiff. This dynamic Welsh capital is full of pride and culture. You'll enjoy an orientation that reveals city icons like the Principality Stadium and introduces you to the rich heritage of Wales through its modern cityscape.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel: Leonardo Cardiff

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Cardiff Castle Tour - On a private tour, you'll explore this unique castle and hear tales about the eclectic refurbishments. Done in the 1800s by architect William Burgess, his influences included Islamic art, Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales and even Aesop's fables. You'll also walk on the battlements and climb the 900-year-old Norman keep for superb views over Cardiff.

Adult: 28.00 GBP

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

Welsh Evening - Enjoy an evening of Welsh music, culture and humour. The venue for the evening is a stunningly-renovated deconsecrated church. After a warm reception, you'll enjoy a first-class meal of seasonal Welsh specialities, sourced and produced locally. Quality wine or soft drinks are included and the meal will be accompanied by our enchanting Welsh harpist. You'll then be entertained by the finest local singers presenting the beautiful music of Wales.

Adult: 90.00 GBP

Traditional Welsh Evening And Dinner - Join us for a traditional Welsh country dinner. We'll take you to a 14th-century thatched inn called The Blue Anchor. While you're eating and enjoying your drink, you'll be entertained with a performance from a Welsh harpist.

Day 4 | Explore Tudor History and on to Liverpool



Explore England's Tudor past in Ludlow and Chester, where black-and-white timber-framed buildings line the streets. In Chester, join your Travel Director for an orientation walk along the Tudor Rows and admire the red sandstone city walls. Step into Chester Cathedral to uncover over 1,000 years of layered history, from medieval carvings to the soaring Gothic nave. Then it's on to Liverpool, a city that changed the sound of music forever. Join a Local Specialist for insight into the legacy of the Beatles, walking in the footsteps of the Fab Four. The evening is yours to grab dinner and soak up the city's charm.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Leonardo Liverpool / Leonardo Manchester Piccadilly

Day 5 | Venture to the Romantic Lake District and on to Glasgow



Rolling Lancashire pastures give way to the soul-stirring Lake District, whose beautiful scenery has inspired poets and writers for centuries. We travel along the shores of Lake Windermere, through countryside made famous by the poet William Wordsworth. Stop in Gretna Green on the Scottish border, where many eloping couples have tied the knot. We arrive in Glasgow later for an orientation tour, including views of the Cathedral, magnificent George Square and the Clyde River, the former heart of the shipbuilding industry. This evening, enjoy locally-sourced flavours at Mharsanta restaurant during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Novotel Glasgow / Crowne Plaza Glasgow

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

Scenic Cruise on Lake Windermere - Enjoy a scenic boat cruise on England's most beautiful and largest lake, taking in the beautiful houses, gardens and Wray Castle. You'll see boats and birdlife as you explore the area loved by Beatrix Potter and William Wordsworth.

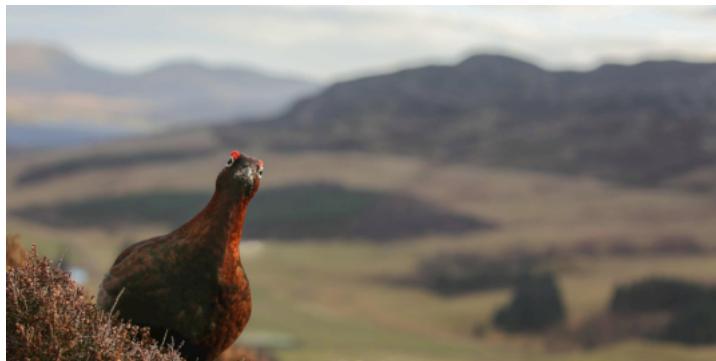
Adult: 30.00 GBP

Steam Train Ride and Windermere Cruise - There is no better way to appreciate the scenic beauty of the English Lake District than a relaxing cruise and steam train ride. First take to the limpid waters of Windermere for a spectacular voyage, offering magnificent views of rugged mountains, secluded bays and wooded islands. At the southern end of the lake, your cruise connects with a steam locomotive for a nostalgic ride along the banks of the beautiful River Leven to Haverthwaite Station.* *Occasionally this experience will operate in reverse.

Adult: 35.00 GBP

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Day 6 | On to Fort William and the Scottish Highlands



Journey along Loch Lomond, whose Bonnie Banks were immortalised in the well-known Scottish song. We arrive in Glencoe and remember the MacDonald clansmen who died tragically in the 1692 massacre which led this place to be called the 'Glen of Weeping'. At the World War II Commando Memorial near Fort William, we admire views of Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis. Our day in beautiful surrounds comes to an end with a cosy dinner at our hotel located within the Cairngorms National Park in the Scottish Highlands.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Laggan / Craiglynne Grantown On Spey

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

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: 24.00 GBP

Highland Farm Experience - Visit a real Highland sheep farm and meet Neil the Shepherd and his 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. Weather permitting.

Adult: 26.00 GBP

Day 7 | Discover the Isle of Skye



Travel to the Isle of Skye, where a Local Specialist takes you to visit Portree where you can admire the backdrop of the Cuillin Mountains. Later, cross back to the mainland to view scenic Eilean Donan Castle. Travel through the Scottish Highlands past its picturesque lochs and glens, keeping your camera at the ready to capture 'Nessie' if you can.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Laggan / Craiglynne Grantown On Spey

Day 8 | Journey to Enchanting Edinburgh



Heading back to the lowlands of Scotland, we stop in Pitlochry before heading to the historic home of golf, St. Andrews. Here, the first games were played during the 1400s. See its famous 18th hole before crossing the Firth of Forth to Scotland's enchanting capital, Edinburgh. Tickets to The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo are included on departures that align with performance dates.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Delta by Marriott

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Blair Castle Visit - 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: 32.00 GBP

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

Ceilidh Evening and Dinner at Ghillie Dhu - Experience the best of Scottish tradition at Ghillie Dhu, where you'll be welcomed by a Scottish piper and enjoy a welcome drink before settling in for a delicious three-course meal and live Ceilidh music. Don't miss the iconic Piping in the Haggis ceremony—a true highlight of the Scottish experience.

*This experience is subject to seasonal availability and is offered only during the summer months, from April to October.

Adult: 92.00 GBP

Dinner And Drive To Historic Torphichen - Enjoy a scenic drive to the ancient village of Torphichen, associated with Scottish kings and Knights Templar. At the haunted Torphichen Inn your arrival will be toasted by our gracious host before enjoying an excellent dinner of local specialities and entertainment.

Adult: 76.00 GBP

Day 9 | Uncover Edinburgh's Treasures



Ramble up the Royal Mile today and see the iconic sights of one of Britain's most enchanting cities. The elegant Palace of Holyroodhouse, in the shadow of Arthur's Seat, and the Scottish Parliament feature on your sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. Visit Edinburgh Castle perched atop Castle Rock overlooking the city. Admire the elegant Georgian architecture in the New Town and amble through the hidden passages of the Old Town before enjoying an evening at leisure. Consider an Optional Experience including traditional song, dance and Scottish fare.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Delta by Marriott

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Rosslyn Chapel - You'll drive out of Edinburgh to the tiny village of Rosslyn, where you'll hear the inside story of the famous Rosslyn Chapel from a Local Warden. One of Scotland's most unusual 15th-century buildings, Rosslyn is famed for its associations with the Knights Templar, the Masonic movement, and, more recently, *The Da Vinci Code*.

Adult: 31.00 GBP

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

Johnnie Walker's 'Journey of Flavour' Tour & Dinner on the Royal Mile - Jump into a 90-minute adventure with Johnnie Walker Experts guiding the way. This tour's packed with live performances, dazzling light displays and tasty whiskey cocktails — with mocktails available too. Find out what flavours tickle your fancy, then wrap it up with a cosy meal on the Royal Mile.

Children over the age of 8 are welcome if accompanied by an adult 18 years+ at all times. Non-alcoholic options will be provided. Children under 8 are not permitted due to health and safety reasons.

Adult: 85.00 GBP

Historic Old Town Edinburgh Walk With Traditional Fish & Chips - Walk through Edinburgh's Historic Old Town with a Local Specialist. Stroll along Victoria Street, with its unusual shape and collection of quirky shops its said to be the inspiration behind Diagon Alley in the Harry Potter books. Afterwards, tuck into some traditional Fish and Chips at Bertie's Restaurant.

Day 10 | Continue to York



We travel to the medieval market town of Alnwick this morning, where we'll see the impressive castle home to the Duke of Northumberland and the Tenantry Column, upon which the Percy Lion sits and surveys the town. Journey through Northumberland to the cathedral city of York. We'll embark an orientation walk past its cobblestone Shambles and see the inspiring Minster with its 'heart of Yorkshire' before joining our newfound friends for dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Novotel Centre

Day 11 | Onwards to Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon and London



Shakespeare's legacy and life are celebrated in his home town of Stratford-upon-Avon, which you will have an opportunity to visit today. See Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage and visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and Visitor Centre. Later, travel back to London where your amazing holiday comes to an end.

Meals: Breakfast

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While all information is correct at the time of publication, occasionally details or timings may differ.

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