



# Discover Britain

9 days

## Tour Description

*This trip will give you glimpses into Britain's varied history, from Roman cities and medieval cathedrals to hallowed universities and bustling modern metropolises. Wander the cobblestoned streets of York and stroll the paths of Cambridge University. Cross into the wild moors of Scotland and walk Edinburgh's Royal Mile with so much to keep visitors busy. Enjoy England's beautiful Lake District which inspired so many of England's artists and writers. Smile at the quaint thatch cottages of Cotswolds country and admire the traditions of Oxford.*

## Highlights

- ❖ See York Minster, England's largest medieval Cathedral
- ❖ Attend the "Anvil Ceremony" in a Blacksmith's shop
- ❖ Sightseeing tour of Edinburgh's Royal Mile, Holyroodhouse and Edinburgh Castle
- ❖ Visit Shakespeare's birthplace
- ❖ Take a walking tour of the world's most famous university, Oxford

## Sample Tour Itinerary

### London – 1 night

#### Day 1: Arrive London

Transfer from Airport to Hotel. Upon arrival in London, your guide will take you on a panoramic tour of the city to get you familiar with the sights and sounds of London. In the afternoon, check into your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure.

### York – 1 night

#### Day 2:

After breakfast, meet your professional Tour Escort who will accompany you through Britain over the next few days. Your first stop today is Cambridge where you will walk by the colleges, including the magnificent King's College. Continue to York. Once inside the ancient city walls of York, wander through narrow cobble-stoned streets. See the Tudor Shambles and York Minster, England's largest medieval Cathedral.

### Edinburgh – 2 nights

#### Day 3:

After breakfast, continue north through the Yorkshire Moors to visit the Cathedral of Durham which is a listed UNESCO World Heritage site. Continue on to the old roman camp at Corbridge, before crossing Hadrian's Wall into Scotland. Drive north across the wild Northumberland Moors and the rolling Border Country to visit the Border abbeys of Jedburgh and Dryburgh, before arriving in Edinburgh in the late afternoon. After checking into your hotel, relax and then enjoy a typical Scottish style dinner.



**Day 4:**

Enjoy a morning sightseeing tour of this classic capital of Scotland, visiting the stately Royal Mile and the Queen's residence at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, St. Giles Cathedral, and the awe-inspiring Edinburgh Castle. Spend the afternoon at your leisure for shopping and independent activities.

***Lake District – 1 night***

**Day 5:**

After breakfast, drive southwest to the border town of Gretna Green, where in the past, many eloping English couples have gone to be married. Attend the "Anvil Ceremony" in the Blacksmith's shop before crossing back into England and continuing into the Lake District, the inspiration for many English poets.

***Stratford – 1 night***

**Day 6:**

Drive south this morning to the Roman city of Chester with its unique black and white Rows, shopping arcades and encircling Roman walls. Continue in the afternoon via Coventry to Stratford-upon-Avon for lunch and a visit of Shakespeare's birthplace and Ann Hathaway's Cottage. You may also choose to see a Shakespearean play.

***London – 2 nights***

**Day 7:**

This morning's drive takes you south through the beautiful Cotswold countryside via Broadway and Morton-on-Marsh to Woodstock for a visit of Churchill's Blenheim Palace. Continue in the afternoon to the university city of Oxford and enjoy a walking tour of one of the many colleges. From Oxford, a short drive takes you back into London. Spend the evening at your leisure in London and map out the following day's activities.

**Day 8:**

Continental breakfast at your hotel. Spend the day at your leisure. Dinner this evening is on your own

**Day 9:**

This morning we transfer to London International Airport with ample time to check your luggage and board your flight back to the USA.

**INCLUSIONS**

- Accommodations: London 1 night, York 1 night, Edinburgh 2 nights, Lake District 1 night, Stratford 1 night, London 2 nights
- Meals: Continental breakfast daily, lunch and dinner as noted in itinerary
- Ground transportation via air conditioned luxury coach
- English speaking assistants and guides
- Admission tickets as outlined in the itinerary