

Presenting a special group departure to England

# **BEST OF BRITAIN** 10 DAYS | 9 NIGHTS | 13 MEALS\*

Price is per person, based on double occupancy

Air departure tax, fuel & surcharges if applicable, are subject to change until entire group is confirmed and ticketed. — Optional Travel Protection Insurance is available and payment is due at time of deposit. — NOTE: Depart North America for Windsor overnight the day before the tour start date.

### **Tour Includes:**

#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

- Blenheim Palace
- Cardiff Castle
- Edinburgh Castle
- Scottish Evening\*

#### MEALS

- 9 hot breakfasts (B) and 4 dinners (D)
- Sightseeing by luxury coach with a professional tour director

Roman Baths

Stonehenge

Tower of London

Windsor Castle

- All on-tour transportation including shuttles and ferries
- Welcome get-together drink with your group
- Free Wi-Fi on coaches so you can stay connected along the way
- Deluxe documents wallet and backpack to keep you organized
- All local taxes, hotel service charges & handling of one suitcase per person

#### HOTELS

- Castle Hotel Windsor, Windsor (1)
- Delta Hotels by Marriott York, York (1)
- The Murrayfield Hotel, Edinburgh (2)
- Malmaison Liverpool, Liverpool (1)
- Clayton Hotel, Cardiff (1)
- 100 Queen's Gate Hotel London, Curio Collection, London (3)
- \* Meal counts vary on Tattoo departures, as the Scottish Evening is replaced with the Tattoo and an independent dinner.



To book or for more information, contact:

## BEST OF BRITAIN 10-Day Itinerary

### Embark on an exhilarating tour of England, Scotland and Wales that checks all the boxes for first-time visitors to Britain.

#### Day 1: Windsor Castle, Walking Tour & Welcome Drink

Your tour departs at 2:00 PM from your Windsor hotel. Visit Windsor Castle, residence of the King and the largest inhabited castle in the world. Take a walk around this compact and historic town with your tour director. In the evening, join your group for a welcome drink; you are then free to dine independently.

#### Day 2: Blenheim Palace & Cotswolds Drive

Travel to Blenheim Palace, a monumental country house and home to the Dukes of Marlborough. Enjoy a scenic drive through the picturesque Cotswolds, passing through quaint towns and villages nestled in distinctive rolling hills and valleys. Travel on to York, a city founded by the Romans in the first century and a major wool trading center in the Middle Ages. **(B, D)** 

#### Day 3: York Walking Tour, York Minster & Bamburgh Castle

Take a walking tour of York's medieval streets, including the Shambles, one of the city's narrowest alleyways. Tour Gothic York Minster, renowned for its magnificent medieval stained glass windows. Visit Bamburgh Castle, an imposing medieval fortress that is one of the largest inhabited castles in Britain. This magical castle is set high on a rocky plateau affording wonderful views along the coast. Continue to your hotel in Edinburgh, where you will enjoy an evening free to dine independently. **(B)** 

#### Day 4: Edinburgh City Tour, Edinburgh Castle & Scottish Evening\*

Explore central Edinburgh starting in the 200-year-old "New Town" with its planned streets and elegant Georgian houses. View Princes Street, the city's premier shopping street, and see the Royal Mile, where medieval houses are clustered closely together. Tour the imposing Edinburgh Castle to see the Crown Jewels of Scotland and the Stone of Destiny. The afternoon is free to explore on your own. Enjoy a lively Scottish evening with dinner and entertainment. August 4 – 18 departures experience the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on the Castle Esplanade. **(B, D\*)** 

#### Day 5: Lake District & Liverpool

Travel through the Lake District, a region that inspired the famed children's author Beatrix Potter. Stop in the village of Grasmere to visit the Grasmere Gingerbread Shop. Enjoy a talk and tasting of this traditional spicy-sweet treat, first made 165 years ago. Head to Liverpool, a city that once dominated global trade and is now better known as the home of the Beatles. Take a short walking tour of the docks before some free time for dinner. Meet your group again to experience live music at the world-famous Cavern Club, where the Fab Four got their start. **(B)** 

#### Day 6: Ludlow, Tintern Abbey & Cardiff Castle

Travel through scenic Shropshire, one of the most unspoiled parts of rural England. Stop in Ludlow, a quintessentially English town, to see the castle and quaint old black-and-white houses. Continue through the lovely Welsh countryside to visit the picturesque ruins of Tintern Abbey. Head to Cardiff and tour the splendid Cardiff Castle, which was magnificently restored in the Victorian era. Dine at your hotel. **(B, D)** 

#### Day 7: Cardiff Panoramic Tour, Roman Baths & Stonehenge

Take a panoramic drive around Cardiff with a brief walk to see the principal areas and buildings. Head to Bath for a visit to the Roman Baths, hot mineral-rich springs that have been popular since ancient Roman times. Continue on to the prehistoric circle of vast monoliths of Stonehenge at Salisbury Plain and learn about the primitive building methods used to create such an enduring monument. Arrive in London and savor dinner with your group at your hotel. **(B, D)** 

#### Day 8: London Tour, Tower of London & Independent Sightseeing

Set out on a panoramic tour of central London with a local guide to see famous landmarks including Piccadilly Circus with its statue of Eros, Nelson's Column flanked by huge lions in Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, and the Houses of Parliament. Visit the mighty Tower of London to see the many fortresses, ravens, Beefeaters in their distinctive uniforms, and the priceless Crown Jewels. The rest of the day and evening is free for further exploring. **(B)** 

#### Day 9: Independent London Sightseeing

Take in a day of independent sightseeing in London as you tour by Hop-On, Hop-Off bus. Choose from two routes to see the iconic sights as you please, at your own pace: Buckingham Palace, St Paul's Cathedral, Covent Garden and more await you. **(B)** 

#### Day 10: Tour Ends in London

Your tour ends after breakfast. (B)

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

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