# 10 Day Affordable England & Scotland October 2024 to April 2025 From \$2459\* Air & Land

\*Please call for specific rates for specific dates and departure points



**DAY 1, Friday - Depart for England** 

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#### **DAY 2, Saturday - 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, followed by a Welcome Dinner. We recommend that you select flights which arrive in your destination no later than 4 PM if possible

Overnight: London Meals: Dinner



## **DAY 3, Sunday - 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 store and continue to view Piccadilly and 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 *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 (View only) (PM)

**Overnight:** London **Meals:** Breakfast





#### **DAY 4, Monday - 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, Tuesday - 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, Wednesday - 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

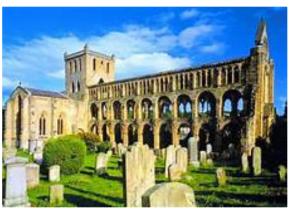


## **DAY 7, Thursday - Edinburgh City Tour**

This morning's tour of Edinburgh takes you past the Scottish Parliament and the baroque Palace of Holyroodhouse, 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. Tonight, don't miss the *optional* evening of traditional Scottish entertainment that includes dinner

**Optional:** Scottish Dinner & Show (PM)

Overnight: Edinburgh
Meals: Breakfast





#### **DAY 8, Friday - York City Tour**

Depart Edinburgh and drive past the ruins of Jedburgh Abbey, one of the four great abbeys built in Scotland's border country during the Middle Ages. Then cross into York, north-England's walled medieval city with its extraordinary cultural and historical wealth. An orientation tour takes you through the narrow, winding streets, enclosed by the 13th century Walls of York. At the heart of the city lies the breathtaking Minster, one of the most beautiful Gothic cathedrals in the world, and its spectacular gardens. Explore the modern city this afternoon independently with its many museums, restaurants, cafes, and traditional pubs. Later, continue to Leeds for overnight

Overnight: Leeds Meals: Breakfast





# **DAY 9, Saturday - Cambridge, Travel to London**

Travel south past Robin Hood's Sherwood Forest to the prestigious university city of Cambridge. This city combines its role as a historic city with a world-renowned university and an internationally acknowledged center of excellence for science and technology. Spend time on your own to admire the magnificent Gothic architecture of King's College Chapel, one of the city's highlights. Then on to London where tonight you will enjoy a Farewell Dinner together at the hotel

**Overnight:** London **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner



## **DAY 10, Sunday - Depart England**

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

**Meals:** Breakfast



# **Escorted Package Includes**

- Flights New York-London, London-New York
   Other departure cities available. Click on date of departure for selection and prices
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 8 nights accommodations
  - o 3 nights London
  - o 1 night Bath
  - 1 night Liverpool
  - o 2 nights Edinburgh
  - 1 night Leeds
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel porterage
- All transfers included only with airfare purchase on package arrival & departure dates†
- 11 meals: 8 breakfasts, 3 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
- In York, view the Minster, one of the world's most beautiful Gothic cathedrals

†Transfers are available for purchase for land only or on alternative flight dates

◆ London Gatwick Airport transfers available at an additional cost

# Is This Trip Right for You?

This fast-paced trip covers a good amount of ground each day. We can spend two to three hours on our feet during tours where you will encounter some uneven surfaces, stairs, steps and significant slopes. This tour is not recommended for people who have difficulty walking. Hotels in Scotland often encompass the traditional style of the region. You can expect small rooms with low lighting and limited access to electrical outlets. Rooms may lack amenities, including air-conditioning, microwaves, refrigerators, in-room safe, and luggage racks. Meals in Scotland will often take place at your hotel. The food served is local to the region with limited variety. Many hotels have limited restaurant staff and therefore meals can take longer than expected. This is an Off Season program.

The Tower Hotel, London



This first class hotel is located on the River Thames across from the Tower Bridge.





This first class hotel is in the heart of the historic Bath City on the River Avon.

Hard Days Night Hotel, Liverpool



This first class hotel is located nearby the famous Cavern Club.

## Leonardo Royal Hotel Edinburgh Haymarket, Edinburgh



This first class hotel is a five minute walk from the Haymarket railway station.





#### **Book your Optional Tours before you travel. See more, save time, save money.**

- Tours purchased while travelling may cost an extra 10% or more
- Tours often sell out. Avoid disappointment
- Save your cash. Credit card processing may not be possible locally
- Travel insurance only covers services purchased prior to departure
- Book Online or call to book these tours up to 1 week before your departure
- The day the optionals operate varies by the day of the week

#### Tower of London & St. Paul's Cathedral

Today the focus is on two of the most impressive monuments within London's original "Square Mile". Take a guided visit of St. Paul's Cathedral, where Charles married Diana in 1981. Also, view the exterior architecture of Sir Christopher Wren's Dome, a masterpiece and landmark of London's skyline. Continue to the Tower of London, a former fortress and Royal Palace that has witnessed 1000 years of history most notoriously as a prison. Now the Crown Jewels are kept here and you will have a viewing of these, as well as seeing the iconic Tower Bridge.

Approximate tour duration is 4.5 hours.

Day #3 01 May 2021 - 31 Dec 2022 \$95.00



#### Scottish Dinner & Show

Enjoy a memorable evening of traditional entertainment in Scotland's capital. The colorful tartan clad entertainers will perform a program of music, including the most famous Scottish songs, highland dancers and bagpipers. The show includes a hearty dinner with wine, including a taste of Haggis!

Approximate tour duration is 4 hours.

Day #7 01 May 2021 - 31 Dec 2022 \$95.00



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