



COACH TOUR - AMAZING BRITAIN - 7N/8D



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Amazing Britain:
8days Tour (Trafalgar)

Sprawling cities and beautiful scenery – these are countries of contrasts. Lochs, lakes and bustling streets come under the spotlight in this comprehensive look at England and Scotland. You'll enjoy Insider moments like... feeling the warmth of whisky in your throat as you sip a 'wee dram' at Blair Athol distillery. Nestled in the Highlands, you meet the distillers and explore together, as they share the secrets behind Scotland's national drink.



Day 1 : LONDON – STRATFORD-UPON-AVON – YORK
This morning travel to Stratford-upon-Avon to view Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage and visit Shakespeare's birthplace and Visitor Centre. In your free time explore the charming cobbled streets of the town or walk along the banks of the River Avon. In York view the ancient city walls, picturesque Shambles and the magnificent Minster during your orientation walk through the Roman town. This evening get to know your companions and Travel Director at a Welcome Pub Reception, which includes a typical British pub meal and drink.

Meal(s)
Welcome Reception
Hotel : Hotel 53





Day 2 : YORK - DURHAM - EDINBURGH (2 NIGHTS)

Set around the picturesque River Wear, Durham enjoys a long and varied history. View the 11th century Norman Cathedral and the castle overlooking Palace Green. Photograph Hadrian's Wall before a scenic drive through Northumberland National Park. Admire spectacular views of the Cheviot Hills as you cross the Scottish border. Stop to admire the ruins of Jedburgh Abbey before arriving in Edinburgh, Scotland's bustling capital.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Hotel : Jurys Inn



Day 3 : EDINBURGH SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Set in rugged landscape and containing a vast array of medieval and Georgian architecture, Edinburgh is a fascinating city. This morning your Local Specialist takes you on a sightseeing tour which includes the Royal Mile, views of the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Arthur's Seat, Princes Street and the Scottish Parliament. Your choice of sightseeing includes a visit to Edinburgh Castle or Edinburgh's Camera Obscura. This afternoon enjoy free time to explore the city at your own pace or join your Travel Director on an Optional Experience to Rosslyn Chapel, famous for its association with the Knights Templar. During the Edinburgh Festival your visit includes tickets to the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo on the castle grounds.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast



Day 4 : EDINBURGH - ST. ANDREWS - PITLOCHRY - SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS

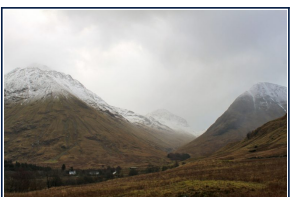
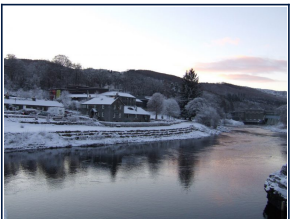
Cross the Forth Bridge to the ancient Kingdom of Fife and onto the famous golf course at St. Andrews. Stop to take photographs at the 18th green. Drive over the River Tay into the Scottish Highlands. Enjoy an included Cultural Insight at a whisky distillery to sample a 'wee dram'. Arrive at Pitlochry a charming village on the edge of the Cairngorms National Park. A picturesque drive brings you to your hotel. Dine tonight in your hotel.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Dinner

Hotel : Highlander





Day 5 : SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS - SPEAN BRIDGE - GLENCOE - LOCH LOMOND - GLASGOW

View the Commando Memorial at Spean Bridge and see views of Britain's highest mountain - Ben Nevis. Drive to Glencoe, the site of a bloody and cruel massacre in 1692. Travel south through picturesque landscapes to Scotland's prettiest loch, Loch Lomond. Later you arrive in Glasgow where your orientation includes George Square and St. Mungo's Cathedral.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Hotel : Radisson Blu/Westerwood



Day 6 : GLASGOW - GRETNA GREEN - LAKE DISTRICT - MANCHESTER

Visit Gretna Green where eloping couples would make their vows over the anvil. Return to England and enjoy a light Be My Guest lunch in the beautiful Cumbrian countryside. Later visit the Lake District where the great poet William Wordsworth once lived. Visit Grasmere where he wrote his most famous poem 'Daffodils' and see his final resting place in the churchyard of St. Oswald's Church. View Lake Windermere, the largest natural lake in England before arriving in Manchester.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Be My Guest Dining

Hotel : Park Inn City Centre



Day 7 : MANCHESTER - COTSWOLDS - BRISTOL

Travel through the beautiful Cotswold countryside. The area is known for its rolling hills and historic towns which are built in the local honey coloured stone. Visit Stow-on-the-Wold and see the vast Market Square which was once a trading centre for the sheep and wool trade. Later arrive in Bristol and see the Clifton Suspension Bridge and the SS Great Britain during your orientation. This evening join your Travel Director and fellow companions for a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Farewell Dinner

Hotel : Mercure Holland House

Day 8 : BRISTOL - BATH - STONEHENGE - LONDON

Visit the ancient city of Bath. See the splendid Georgian architecture and enjoy an included visit to the Roman Baths. Visit the mysterious prehistoric monoliths at Stonehenge. A scenic drive through Wiltshire and Hampshire brings you back to London where your amazing holiday ends.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

INCLUSIONS:

Sightseeing Highlights:

City tour in Edinburgh.

Orientation of York, Durham, Glasgow, Grasmere, Bristol and Bath

Visit Shakespeare's birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon, Edinburgh Castle, Whisky Distillery, Gretna Green, the Roman Baths in Bath and the ancient stone circle at Stonehenge

View Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage, York Minster, Hadrians' Wall and Jedburgh Abbey

See the 18th green on the Old Course at St Andrews, Blair Castle, the Lake District and the Costswolds

Dining

7 full breakfasts.

1 lunch (Be My Guest).

3 dinners.

Travel Highlights:

Luxury air-conditioned coach with WiFi in most countries or alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)

Hand-picked 4 and 5 star accommodation

Hand-picked Insider Experiences

Optional Experiences and free time

All portorage and restaurant gratuities

Must-see sightseeing and surprise extras

An expert Travel Director and separate Driver

All hotel tips, charges and local taxes

VIP entry to many sights

Audio Headsets for flexible sightseeing

Pick-up and drop-off if you stay at the Trafalgar recommended London hotel, booked through Trafalgar, or from the London Reception Centre.

Airport Transfers