



COACH TOUR - BEST OF BRITAIN - 10N/11D



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Best of Britain:
11 days Tour (Trafalgar)

This British experience unveils the pomp, ceremony and unique soundtracks of England, Wales and Scotland through its cultural traditions and tastes.

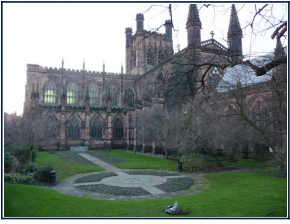
You'll enjoy Insider moments like...travelling down Penny Lane to the sound of the song as, our local friend, Phil, shares stories of The Beatles in his Liverpudlian lilt and takes you around his home city's famous sights.



Day 1 : LONDON - STONEHENGE - BATH - EXETER (2 NIGHTS)
This morning travel to rural Wiltshire and visit the mystical ancient monoliths at Stonehenge on Salisbury Plain. On arrival in Bath see the impressive Abbey and visit the Roman Baths from which the town derives its name. Later we arrive into the historic cathedral city of Exeter. This evening get to know your companions and Travel Director during your Welcome Reception at your hotel.

Meal(s)
Welcome Reception
Hotel : Mercure Southgate





Day 2 : EXETER - EXCURSION TO PLYMOUTH, POLPERRO, DARTMOOR AND BUCKFAST ABBEY

Your orientation of Plymouth includes the Mayflower steps where the Pilgrim Fathers set sail for the New World. See the Royal Citadel overlooking Plymouth Sound. Consider taking an optional cruise around the famous coastline. Visit Polperro, a quaint fishing village nestled around a picturesque harbour. Travel along rugged Dartmoor, famous for its dramatic and breathtaking scenery. Later enjoy a Cultural Insight at Buckfast Abbey where monks have lived and prayed for nearly 1000 years.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast



Day 3 : EXETER - GLASTONBURY - CARDIFF

Enjoy a picturesque drive through the South West countryside to Glastonbury. Visit the ruined Abbey, said to be the burial place of King Arthur. Later enjoy a special Be My Guest lunch in a 15th century Manor House on a working dairy farm in Somerset. Cardiff, the capital of Wales, is your final destination. View the impressive Castle and the Millennium stadium during your orientation, before checking in at your hotel.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Be My Guest Dining

Hotel : Clayton



Day 4 : CARDIFF - LUDLOW - CHESTER - LIVERPOOL

View the Malvern Hills on your way to visit the Tudor market town of Ludlow in Shropshire. Your Travel Director takes you on a walking orientation tour of Chester, which includes views of the medieval walls, the Cathedral and the famous Tudor Rows. Liverpool is the home of the Merseybeat. This evening hear tales of the 'Fab Four' as you drive through Liverpool with your Local Specialist on an included Beatles tour.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Hotel : Jurys Inn





Day 5 : LIVERPOOL - LAKE DISTRICT - GLASGOW

Travel north through characteristically glorious scenery from Lancashire to the Lake District. Travelling along the shores of England's largest lake Windermere, and through countryside that inspired the Romantic poets, you reach Grasmere. View the grave of William Wordsworth, buried at St. Oswald's Church. We cross the Scottish border and visit Gretna Green, where eloping couples would say their vows over the anvil. This afternoon your orientation tour of Glasgow includes views of the Cathedral, magnificent George Square and the River Clyde, former heart of the shipbuilding industry. Celebrate your first night in Scotland with a Regional Meal in a local restaurant.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Regional Meal

Hotel : Westerwood



Day 6 : GLASGOW - GLENCOE - FORT WILLIAM - SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS (2 NIGHTS)

Journey along the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond, immortalised in the well-known Scottish song, towards the site of the 1692 massacre Glencoe – 'Glen of the Weeping'. At the Commando Memorial near Fort William see breathtaking views of Britain's highest mountain Ben Nevis. Dine tonight at your hotel in the Scottish Highlands.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Dinner

Hotel : Highlander/Morlich



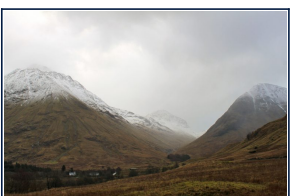
Day 7 : ISLE OF SKYE AND SCENIC HIGHLAND EXCURSION

Travel through Inverness, known as the capital of The Highlands and along the banks of the famous Loch Ness. View Eilean Donan Castle before crossing the bridge to the Isle of Skye. Visit the Clan Donald Centre and the Museum of the Isles, where you can trace your genealogy or explore the wonderful gardens. Later take the ferry to Mallaig and continue your journey through the lochs and glens of the Scottish Highlands to your hotel.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Dinner



Day 8 : SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS - PITLOCHRY - ST. ANDREWS - EDINBURGH (2 NIGHTS)

Heading south, stop in the picturesque village of Pitlochry before heading to the historic town of St. Andrews, the home of golf. Take a photograph on the 18th green of the Old Course, where the first games of golf were played during 1400s. Cross the Firth of Forth to the Scottish capital, Edinburgh, your home for the next two nights. During the Edinburgh Festival tickets to the Edinburgh Tattoo in the castle grounds are included.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Hotel : Marriott

Day 9 : EDINBURGH SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

This morning your Local Specialist takes you on a sightseeing tour of this wonderful city, followed by your choice of sightseeing to Edinburgh Castle or Edinburgh's Camera Obscura. See the Royal Mile, the elegant Palace of Holyroodhouse in the shadow of Arthur's Seat and the new Scottish Parliament building. Admire the elegant Georgian architecture in the New Town. Tonight why not enjoy an optional night out including traditional song, dance and Scottish fare?

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Day 10 : EDINBURGH - ALNWICK - YORK

Visit the medieval market town of Alnwick. See the impressive castle home to the Duke of Northumberland and the Tenantry Column, topped by the Percy Lion. Marvel at the magnificent scenery as you cross Northumberland. Cross the River Tyne at Newcastle en route to York where your walking orientation includes the medieval walls, the Shambles and the awe-inspiring Minster. This evening enjoy a Farewell Dinner with your fellow travellers.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

Farewell Dinner

Hotel : Hotel 53

Day 11 : YORK - STRATFORD-UPON-AVON - LONDON

View Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage and visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and Visitor Centre in Stratford-upon-Avon, where the Bard was born and raised. Explore the cobbled streets or walk along the banks of the River Avon. Later, travel back to London where your amazing holiday comes to an end.

Meal(s)

Full Breakfast

INCLUSIONS:

Sightseeing Highlights:

City tour in Liverpool and Edinburgh Orientation of Bath, Plymouth, Cardiff, Chester, Glasgow and York

Visit the ancient stone circle at Stonehenge, picturesque Polperro, Buckfast Abbey, Glastonbury Abbey, the Roman Baths in Bath, the town of Ludlow, the Clan Donald Centre, Edinburgh Castle, medieval Alnwick, and Shakespeare's birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon

View Alnwick Castle used as Hogwarts in the Harry Potter films, York Minster and Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage

See Dartmoor, the Lake District, Ben Nevis and Glencoe in the Scottish Highlands, the Isle of Skye and the 18th green at St.

Andrews

Dining

10 full breakfasts.

1 lunch (Be My Guest).

5 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

The services of a Trafalgar Local Host at your Trafalgar London hotel.

Use of Trafalgar's London Reception Centre offering a range of services including tickets for day trips and local attractions.

Airport Transfers