



BRITISH LANDSCAPES

September 8-20, 2025

Embark on an enchanting journey through the British landscapes, where each day unfolds with new adventures and stunning scenery. Explore quaint villages, immerse yourself in rich history, and cruise along peaceful waters. Whether discovering iconic landmarks like Buckingham Palace and Edinburgh Castle or enjoying serene boat rides, this trip offers a perfect blend of historical exploration and natural beauty.

Space is limited.
**Register
today!**





Buckingham Palace



Cardiff Castle

DAY 1 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

FLIGHT TO LONDON

Today we will transfer to the airport for our overnight flight to **London, England**.

Note: The airport location and airline will be confirmed nine months before departure.

DAY 2 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

LONDON, ENGLAND

(Dinner)

Upon our arrival in London, we will be met by our local tour manager for a **city tour**! Today's touring will feature the city's highlights, including views of the **Houses of Parliament** and **Big Ben**. We'll continue to **Westminster Abbey** to uncover over a thousand years of captivating history, exploring the coronation church of England's monarchs and the final resting place of many historical figures. Our final stop today will be a visit to **Buckingham Palace**, the official residence of the British monarch. With its magnificent architecture and expansive gardens, the palace offers a peek into the grandeur and tradition of the British royal family. Tonight, we will check in to **Millenium Gloucester Hotel** and gather for a delicious welcome dinner.

DAY 3 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

BATH, ENGLAND

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Enjoy breakfast this morning before we travel to the charming town of Amesbury, home to the prehistoric **Stonehenge**. Little is known about the origin and purpose of this unique ring of standing stones dating back to around 3100 BC. Was it a calendar, a clock, a temple, or an altar? After exploring the mysteries of Stonehenge, we'll continue our travels to **Bath** for a **walking tour of the city**. The area is famous for its elegant, honey-colored Georgian architecture and is both a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a tourist mecca. Our touring will begin at the **Royal Crescent**, a magnificent row of thirty terraced houses that offer a glimpse into eighteenth-century high society. We'll visit the iconic **Pulteney Bridge**, which spans the river Avon, before venturing to the city's **Roman baths**. Here, we'll view the remarkably preserved saunas and hot and cold pools that remain from one of the greatest religious spas of the ancient world. These baths are fantastic examples of early thermal engineering and plumbing! After an exciting day, we will settle into the **Abbey Hotel** and come together for dinner.

DAY 4 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

BATH, ENGLAND

(Breakfast, Tea)

Following breakfast, get ready to be memorized by the natural beauty of the **National Trust's Hidcote**! Wander through meticulously manicured gardens and lush greenery, and marvel at the timeless splendor of this renowned estate. Next, the ultimate English experience awaits with a delightful cream tea in the picturesque Cotswolds, featuring freshly baked scones topped with clotted cream and jam. Nestled in the heart of **the Cotswolds**, take in the serene hills and green landscapes, dotted with unspoiled market towns and charming villages crafted from stone. We'll return to our hotel this evening with dinner on our own.

DAY 5 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

CARDIFF, WALES

(Breakfast, Dinner)

We say goodbye to Bath after breakfast and begin our journey to **Wales**! A scenic drive over the Severn Bridge will bring us breathtaking views of the River Severn and the picturesque countryside. Our exploration continues as we dive into the history of **Tintern Abbey / Abaty Tyndryn** and explore the majestic ruins of this ancient monastery, rich with centuries of legend and lore. Our travels will take us to Cardiff, where we'll discover **Cardiff Harbour**, a bustling waterfront dotted with shops, restaurants, and attractions. Afterwards, we'll have the opportunity to explore the fascinating background of the famous **Cardiff Castle** before settling into the **Radisson Blu Hotel** and gathering for dinner.

DAY 6 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

CARDIFF, WALES

(Breakfast)

After breakfast this morning, we'll be greeted by our knowledgeable local guide, who will provide captivating insights into the history and culture of Wales. Our first stop is the **Museum of Welsh Life (St. Fagans)**, a gateway to unraveling the rich heritage and vibrant traditions of the Welsh people. Dive into interactive exhibits that breathe life into the past, offering a deeper understanding of Welsh culture. Later, we'll venture into the breathtaking backdrop of the **Brecon Beacons**, where rugged mountains and lush valleys await our exploration. Take time to relax and absorb the peaceful atmosphere of this stunning national park before returning to our hotel for an evening of leisure.



Snowdonia National Park



Edinburgh Castle

DAY 7 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

CHESTER, ENGLAND

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Today, we will journey along the scenic **A49 Hidden Highway** through Abergavenny and Ludlow, where each turn reveals stunning vistas and hidden gems. As we head north, take in the serene beauty of the countryside, passing through quaint villages and rolling hills. Upon our arrival in Llangollen, we'll experience the charm of a **horse-drawn canal boat tour** along the tranquil waters of Llangollen Wharf, drifting for forty-five minutes and admiring the elegance and historical landmarks lining the waterway. Our day will come to an end in **Chester**, where we'll check in to **Crowne Plaza Chester** and enjoy dinner as a group.

DAY 8 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

CHESTER, ENGLAND

(Breakfast)

After breakfast, our day starts with an adventure through the captivating landscapes of Northwest England and Wales. We'll embark on an unforgettable journey **aboard the Great Orme Tramway** to marvel at the panoramic views of Llandudno and the surrounding coastline, soaking in the beauty of this iconic Welsh landmark. This seaside town is famous for its Victorian promenade, bustling shops, and stunning vistas. After some free time to browse the local shops, we'll continue our adventure at **Snowdonia National Park**. The park boasts the historic Snowdon Mountain Railway, which rises to the top of Wales' highest peak, Mount Snowdon, providing breathtaking views stretching across the sea to Ireland. The park also features a variety of trails, over a hundred lakes, and iconic peaks such as Cader Idris and Tryfan. Upon our return to Chester, time will be available to enjoy dinner on your own.

DAY 9 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

WINDERMERE, ENGLAND

(Breakfast, Dinner)

This morning, we'll **set sail across Lake Windermere aboard Windermere Lake Cruises**. Sit back, relax, and soak in the gorgeous scenery as we cruise over the calm waters, admiring beautiful views of the fields and lakeside villages. Our adventure continues with a picturesque drive through the enchanting Lake District, where we'll stop to explore charming towns and villages along the way. We'll cap off our day by checking in to the **Low Wood Bay Resort & Spa** and gathering for a delicious dinner.

DAY 10 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Enjoy the crisp morning air as we journey northwest into Scotland, beginning with a stop in the charming village of Grasmere. While here, delve into the legacy of the renowned poet William Wordsworth with a visit to **Dove Cottage**. This iconic site provides a glance into the world of one of England's greatest poets, surrounded by the magnificence that inspired his enduring works. Tonight, our travels continue to the vibrant city of **Glasgow**, where we'll settle into our overnight accommodations at **Maldron Hotel Glasgow City** and enjoy dinner together.

DAY 11 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Following breakfast, embark on a memorable **one-hour cruise with Cruise Loch Lomond**. Glide across the relaxing waters of Loch Lomond, surrounded by amazing landscapes and majestic mountains. We will then make our way to **Edinburgh**, a city with a captivating blend of history and modernity, with its ancient cobblestone streets, impressive architecture, and vibrant culture. Along the way, be sure to soak in the awe-inspiring views and capture plenty of photos! Our home for the next two nights will be at the **Delta by Marriott Hotel**, where we'll freshen up for a group dinner.

DAY 12 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Today's tour will have us exploring highlights of Edinburgh! Our day begins with a visit to the **Royal Mile**, a historic street steeped in charm and lined with picturesque medieval and Georgian buildings, now home to a variety of shops, eateries, and museums. As we stroll along, keep an eye out for iconic landmarks such as St. Giles' Cathedral, the Real Mary King's Close, and the Scottish Parliament Building, where lively street performers and artists often entertain visitors. Our exploration continues with a visit to **Edinburgh Castle** at the top of Castle Rock. Edinburgh Castle is alive with exciting tales of its time as a military fortress, royal residence, and war prison. The remainder of afternoon is yours to explore at your leisure before we gather for a delightful farewell dinner.

DAY 13 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

HOME

(Breakfast)

Following breakfast we will transfer to the airport for our flight home.



TOUR PRICING

\$6,799 per person, Double Occupancy
\$7,899 per person, Single Occupancy

Tour requires a minimum of 30 passengers to operate.

OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION

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A \$500 deposit per person is required with your registration form in order to reserve your spot:

**FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE:
 APRIL 15, 2025**

**Contact your Private Banker with any questions
 or to sign up for our Southern adventure!**

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INCLUSIONS

- Round-Trip Airport Transfers
- Round-Trip Air to London & Return From Edinburgh (air allowance of \$1,400)
- Private Motorcoach Transportation
- 11 Nights' Accommodations
- 20 Meals (11 Breakfasts, 1 Tea, 8 Dinners)
- Admission to Attractions as Stated on Itinerary
- Porter Service of One Bag Per Person at Hotels
- Taxes & Gratuities for Included Services
- Professional Tour Manager

Not included in the price of this tour: Meals other than those listed on the itinerary, beverages other than tea/coffee/water with included meals, items of a personal nature/souvenirs, phone calls and faxes from hotels, travel protection plan, passport fees, visa fees (if applicable), current baggage fees at the airport as assessed by the airline, fees related to any COVID-19 requirements for this destination, and any service not listed in the above inclusions.

Activity Level: Moderate

In order to participate in this tour, **you must:**

- Be able to walk/stand 3-4 hours at a time at an easy pace in all weather conditions
- Be able to regularly maneuver stairs, inclines, and uneven surfaces without assistance



DOCUMENTATION: Each U.S. citizen must have a valid passport through March 19, 2026, to participate. If you don't have a passport, call our office and we'll tell you how to apply for one. Holders of non-U.S. passports have different entry requirements. Please NOTE: Due to airline security measures, your passport name must match your airline ticket name and your tour reservation name or you may be denied aircraft boarding.

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