

# A Glimpse of England London, Windsor, Stonehenge, Bath, Warwick, Oxford, Stratford, Cotswolds' 6 days/5 nights

(History & Culture)

# Day 1: London

Upon arrival in London you will be met by our representative at Heathrow International Airport and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to rest and adjust to the jetlag or to start discovering the neighborhood of your hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

# Day 2: London

The tour begins with a panoramic drive around Parliament Square to see the magnificent Westminster Abbey. where Prince William and Kate Middleton were married continuing to Kensington Palace, former home of Diana, Princess of Wales. After that, we'll see the Royal Albert Hall and Albert Memorial before heading to St James' Park and Buckingham Palace to see the colorful ceremony of the Changing of the Guard. Accompanied by a military band, a detachment of the Queen's Foot Guard march to Buckingham Palace to change with the old quard. Then have a chance to enjoy lunch at a traditional London Pub (not included). We take you on a guided tour of St Paul's Cathedral. Sir Christopher Wren's masterpiece with its magnificent dome. The Cathedral was rebuilt after the Great Fire of London in 1666. In recent years it has seen the wedding of Charles, Prince of Wales, to Lady Diana Spencer and, more recently, the thanksgiving services for both the Diamond Jubilee and 80th Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen. Founded by William the Conqueror in 1066-7 and enlarged by successive sovereigns, the Tower of London is one of the world's most famous and spectacular fortresses. Over the past 1000 years it has been a Royal Palace, an armory and a place of imprisonment and execution. The Beefeaters who guard the Tower will regale you with stories of its past. We will visit the Crown Jewels, including the magnificent solid-gold crown used at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, the enormous Cullinan diamonds and the extraordinary Koh-I-Noor. City Cruises operate a regular service between the Tower of London and Westminster Pier. You have the choice to take the River Cruise and end your tour at Westminster Pier, or take the cruise on another day and go with your guide back to Victoria. River Cruise Tickets are one-way from Tower Pier to Westminster Pier (or vice versa). [B]

#### Day 3: Windsor, Stonehenge, Bath

Like the other days, have breakfast at the hotel and join today's tour at one of the pick-up points. Built high above the River Thames, Windsor Castle has been home to the Royal Family for 900 years and is still an Official Residence of the Queen. We visit the magnificent State Apartments\*, still used for State occasions and Royal receptions. Take some time to explore the castle grounds and the fourteenth-century St. George's Chapel, one of the most beautiful examples of medieval church architecture in England and a burial place of kings and queens, including Henry VIII and his third wife Jane Seymour.

Clouded in mystery, the ancient stone circle of Stonehenge is an amazing feat of engineering and the most important prehistoric site in England, but beyond its archaeological significance and possible astronomical role, Stonehenge is also a place of spiritual importance. Early legends link it with Merlin and King Arthur, but over the last hundred years the midsummer sunrise has attracted pagan groups and followers of the Ancient Order of Druids.

#### **Note Summer Solstice 2017**



Stonehenge is closed to visitors on 20 & 21 June for the Summer Solstice. Our tours will visit Avebury on these dates

We also visit the beautiful Georgian City of Bath and take you on a panoramic tour of some of the finest architectural sights in Europe, including Bath Abbey, the Circus, Assembly Rooms and the famous Pulteney Bridge. Explore the Roman Baths, built around thermal springs, which have been supplying water for over 2,000 years. In Roman times a great Temple was built next to the sacred spring - the waters were believed to have healing properties and attracted visitors from across the Roman Empire. It is time to return to London. Overnight at the hotel. [B]



## Day 4: Warwick, Oxford, Stratford, Cotswolds'

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and go to the departure point of your tour that will bring you to a region around London full of history and beautiful landscapes.

We take you back through Warwick Castle's 1,000-year history to a time of bloody battles, extravagant banquets and royal ceremony. Visit the magnificent interiors of the Great Hall & State Rooms, climb the Towers and Ramparts for an archer's view of the historic town of Warwick, and enter the multi-sensory Kingmaker attraction and journey back to 1471 as Richard Neville prepares his army for battle. Alternatively, you might like to stroll through some of the 60 acres of Warwick Castle's landscaped gardens. From 16th November to 3rd January the stunning grounds of Warwick Castle and its opulent interior décor will be sprinkled with yuletide trimmings adhering to Daisy, Countess of Warwick's, Victorian traditions. The centerpiece of the transformation will be a 25ft Christmas tree, bedecked with an array of beautiful Victorian ornaments, which will be located in the Castle's magnificent Great Hall. The stunning display will continue throughout the Castle's sumptuous State Rooms giving guests the opportunity to step back in time and experience Daisy's very Victorian Christmas rituals...see an ornate red-varnished sleigh brimming with festive trinkets, once used by Daisy to ferry gifts from the Castle to children living in the town of Warwick...and look out for the baby elephant that Daisy gifted to her own very lucky children one Christmas morning! Stratford upon Avon, birthplace of William Shakespeare! If you have ever used the expression: 'Too much of a good thing'. 'Come what may' or 'Laughing stock.' you are quoting the great playwright. We will visit his birthplace, and will gain a fascinating insight into his life.

Then, we drive through one of the most scenic areas of England, the Cotswolds. Passing through charming villages with thatched cottages, teashops and ancient inns to reach Oxford.

The colleges in Oxford date back to the 13th century and among its famous students were Bill Clinton, C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien and Lewis Carroll. We take you on a fascinating walking tour to see Christ Church where many scenes from Harry Potter were filmed. We'll also see the Bodleian Library and the picture perfect college courtyards for which Oxford is famous. Return to London for overnight at the hotel. [B]

#### Day 5: London

A free day to complete your visit of London and take advantage of all that London has to offer. You may take one of our optional tours such as the Hop-On-Hop-Off Thames Cruise or visit Madame Tussauds interactive waxworks. These and other options are available from our representative so you don't have to make a commitment right away.

# Day 6: London

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and get ready to be picked-up for your transfer to the Heathrow International Airport and board the flight for your next destination.

[B] = Breakfast | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch

**Note**: Additional nights in London available upon request Order of tours may change depending on day of arrival The order of the visits may change

## Package includes:

- Round trip transfers between the airport and your hotel
- · 5 nights accommodation
- · Breakfast daily
- Full-day tour of London
- 2 full-day excursions to England
- Tour of the Tower of London and the Crown Jewels
- Visit Warwick Castle
- Visit Oxford University
- Visit Windsor Castle

- Tour mysterious Stonehenge
- Cruise on the River Thames
- · Air conditioned buses
- · English speaking guides

### Package does not include:

- Airfare between USA and United Kingdom
- Airport taxes
- · Meals not mentioned under inclusions
- · Tips to guides or drivers
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Any item not mentioned as "Included



Hotels on your Package:

Category	HotelName	Tripadvisor
Superior Tourist Class	Holiday Inn London West	4
First Class	The Caesar	4.7
First Class	DoubleTree by Hilton Kesington	4

Hotels will be confirmed at time of reservation and may be substituted by similar class or better.

**Package Prices:** 

Category	HotelName	Season	Double	Single
Superior Tourist Class	Holiday Inn London West	April	\$959	\$1,549
		May-June	\$1,059	\$1,749
		July-October	\$1,125	\$1,885
		November-December	\$1,095	\$1,819
First Class	Caesar	Apr 1-Juy 20l	\$1,125	\$1,885
		July 21-September 15	\$1,025	\$1,685
		September 15-30 November	\$1,125	\$1,885
		December	\$1,159	\$1,949
First Class	DoubleTree by Hilton Kesington	April 1-May 15	\$1,309	\$2,249
		May 16-July 31	\$1,545	\$2,719
		August	\$1,325	\$2,285
		September-November	\$1,645	\$2,919
		December	\$1,445	\$2,519

Prices are per person, valid until December 17, based on room chosen and may change without notice.

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