

Cornwall to Canterbury

8 days – 7 nights

**Plymouth, Newquay, Saint-Michael's Mount, Saint Ives, Exeter, Wells, Bristol, Bath, Stonehenge,
Windsor, Leeds, Canterbury, London
Fun, Discovery, Culture, History**

**This program may be operated for individual or for groups
This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize**

A tour to discover a new side of Britain that has preserved its authentic rural character and maritime vocation with its rocky coves, sandy beaches, green plains. Cornwall hides tiny quaint villages between moors and shores beaten by the waves of the immense ocean. Cornwall's main attraction is probably Tintagel Castle, which is supposed to be the legendary King Arthur's home. The story goes that Count Richard of Cornwall ordered its construction in the 12th century. Although practically only ruins remain it is interesting to be able to imagine how lived the brave King Arthur, whose adventures have been recorded in several films, books and television. After visiting the ruins of the fortress, we must visit the cliff where is the cave Merlin.

Let yourself be seduced by the picturesque harbors nestled along one of the country's most beautiful coastlines, lined with beaches or cliffs, discover exciting historic cities: Exeter and Bath, discover the beautiful Wells Cathedral, the mysterious stones of Stonehenge before visiting historical Leeds Castle and Canterbury. Finally visit London, the bubbling "so British" capital before returning home to relive your fresh memories.

Day 1: Plymouth

After your clear customs and immigration, you'll be met by your guide and driven to the hotel. A few hours to freshen-up before meeting your guide, again, for a city tour. Plymouth is historically connected to the Mayflower ship, which in 1620, brought English immigrants, also known as the "Pilgrim Fathers", to Massachusetts, USA. An exhibition at the Mayflower in the city center traces the history of these immigrants including several presidents of the United States descend from their lineages such as Franklin Roosevelt where the Bush dynasty. You will certainly enjoy strolling the cobbled streets of the Barbican quarter where you will discover art galleries that exhibit works by local artists, some of whom are world-renowned, small shops, taverns and restaurants with explosive and original atmospheres. To make originality, we suggest you to push the gin distillery doors to the Plymouth Gin Distillery, 200 years old activity in an old monastery which was the last passage of the pilgrims before the great adventure to the "new world". After the guided tour, you will have the opportunity to leave with a bottle bought in the adjoining shop. After dinner at a local restaurant return to the hotel for overnight. [D]

Day 2: Plymouth, Newquay

Departure to Liskeard, located in a former kaolin quarry. This environmental complex on the theme of nature and sustainable development is home to domes that reproduce humid tropical climates and warm and dry climates to discover an exceptional set of plant species from around the world organized along a landscaped path. Lunch and, then, continuation to Tintagel, presumed birthplace of King Arthur, high place of the legends of Cornwall, to visit the impressive ruins of the castle overlooking steep rocks and overlooking the sea Route to Newquay, former sardine port and now beautiful seaside resort with its sandy beaches. Dinner and accommodation in Newquay. [B/L/D]

Day 3: Newquay (Saint-Michael's Mount, Saint Ives)

Departure to Saint-Michael's Mount, a granite and steep island culminating at 197 feet above the sea. According to the tide, access by dike or boat to discover the site, old place of pilgrimage today dominated by a 14th century castle influenced by different architectural styles that is the object of our visit. Lunch in the seaside resort of Penzance, then drive to Land's End (the End of the Earth), the most westerly point in England, where the Channel joins the Atlantic Ocean and where the swell keeps bumping against the cliffs, a superb panorama from the 200-foot high granite coast, one of the most

beautiful cliffs in the region. Continue to Saint-Ives and stop in this charming fishing port with winding streets, very popular with painters. Back to Newquay, dinner and accommodation. [B/L/D]

Day 4: Newquay, Exeter, Wells, Bristol

Departure to Exeter, capital of Devon, through Bodmin and Launceston. Visit Exeter, which preserves a marvelous medieval cachet. Walk through the historic quarters that preserve the vestiges of the Roman foundations, the medieval ramparts and alleys and the half-timbered houses. Visit the cathedral, superb building of Gothic style dating from 1050 and dedicated to Saint Peter. Lunch before taking the highway to Taunton, Bridgewater and Glastonbury before arriving at Wells, a small city full of history, which many well-preserved old houses give it all its charm. Guided tour of the beautiful cathedral, one of the most beautiful in the country that stands inside a large enclosure. Continuation to Bristol for dinner and accommodation. [B/L/D]

Day 5: Bristol, Bath, Stonehenge, Windsor

This morning we head to Bath a famous spa, classified by the UNESCO, that retains its eighteenth-century atmosphere with its elegant Georgian mansions built in local stone. Panoramic discovery of the city including the Royal Crescent - a monumental facade in the shape of a half-ellipse lined with 114 giant ionic columns - real emblem of the city, the circular square "the Circus" and Pulteney Bridge. Visit the famous Roman baths exhumed in the late nineteenth century and fed by natural hot springs and the small museum that presents the objects discovered on the site. Lunch and departure to Stonehenge to visit the prehistoric site listed on UNESCO's World Heritage List. This enigmatic circle of megaliths still arouses, today, many questions about its role. Continue to Windsor for dinner and accommodation. [B/L/D]

Day 6: Windsor, Leeds, Canterbury, London

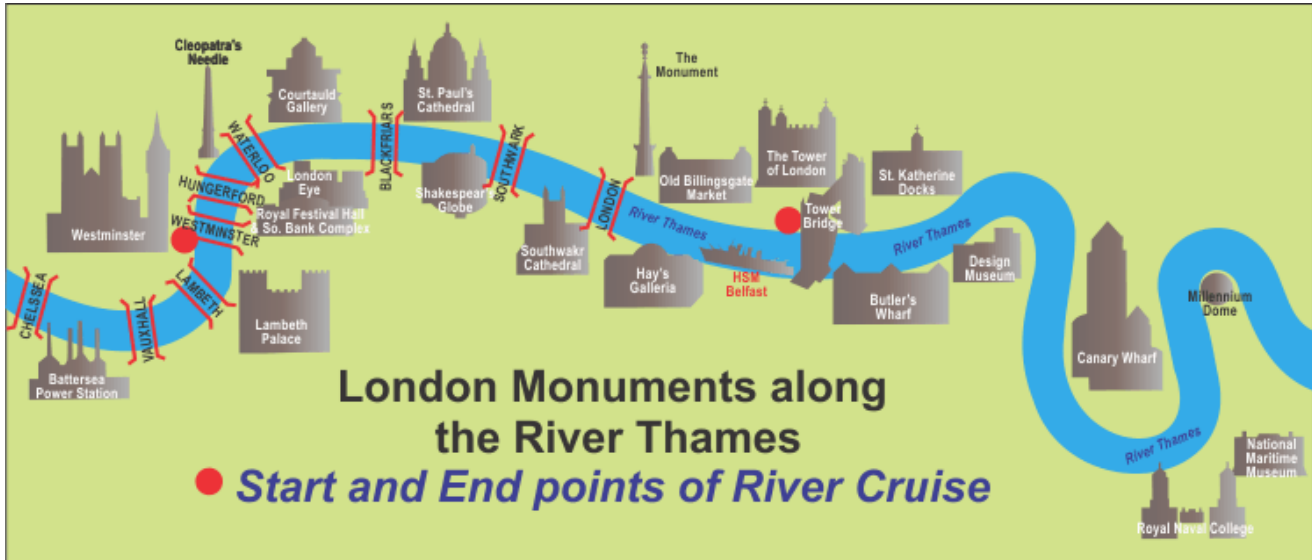
Have your breakfast at the hotel and start the day heading out to Leeds Castle, passing through Greenwich, home of the famous 'Cutty Sark' tea clipper and the Royal Observatory, and crossing over the Greenwich Meridian. Leeds Castle was described by Lord Conway as 'the loveliest castle in the world' and is set in the middle of a natural lake, surrounded by 500 acres of parkland and gardens. Experience its magic in an atmosphere of still tranquility. There will also be time to explore the castle's grounds where you will find the 'Lady Baillie Garden' with views over the lake, an aviary and maze. After lunch travel through Kent, the county known as the 'Garden of England', to make our way to Canterbury and visit the Cathedral. This magnificent monument is the most important church within the worldwide Anglican faith. The central 'Bell Harry Tower' dates back to 1498 and the crypt to the



11th Century. It is here where your guide will tell the story of the shocking murder of Archbishop Thomas Beckett in 1170 and there will also be time to explore the narrow streets of Canterbury. Some free time to walk the city streets before we continue to London for overnight at your hotel. [B/L]

Day 7: 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 guard. Then have a chance to enjoy lunch at a traditional London Pub. 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/L]



Day 8: London, USA:

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel and at the appointed time you'll be picked up and driven to the airport to board your flight back to the USA. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch | [B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Your Tour includes:

- Round-trip airfare USA-London
- One-way domestic airfare London-Plymouth
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 7 nights' accommodation in hotels of your choice:
 - Plymouth 1 night
 - Newquay 2 nights
 - Bristol 1 night
 - Windsor 1 night
 - London 3 nights
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily
 - 6 lunches
 - 5 dinners
- Guided excursions and visits:
 - Visit of "Eden Project"
 - Castle of Saint-Michael's Mount
 - Exeter and its cathedral

- Wells Cathedral
- Bath Roman Bath Tour
- Visit Stonehenge
- Windsor Castle
- Leeds Castle
- Canterbury Cathedral
- Guided Tour of London
- Tour of London Tower and Crown Jewels
- Travel by deluxe A/C vehicle
- English-speaking Driver/Guide
- Luggage portage
- Local taxes

Your Tour does not include:

- International airfares taxes & fees
- Travel insurance
- Meals not mentioned under inclusions
- Tips to guides or drivers
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Any item not mentioned as "Included"

Note: All included tours may be replaced by private tours with driver/guide

Suggested Hotels in your Tour:

| City | Hotel Name | Tripadvisor |
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| Tourist Class | | |
| Plymouth | Sea Breezes | 5 |
| Newquay | Sands Resort Hotel & Spa | 4.5 |
| Bristol | Premier Inn City Center (Lewins Mead) | 4.5 |
| Windsor | The George Inn | 4.5 |
| London | The Hide | 4.5 |
| First Class | | |
| Plymouth | Westwinds | 5 |
| Newquay | Sands Resort Hotel & Spa | 5 |
| Bristol | Holiday Inn City Centre | 4.5 |
| Windsor | Alma House B&B | 4.5 |
| London | Montague on the Gardens | 5 |
| Deluxe | | |
| Plymouth | The Royal Suites No 1 The Crescent | 5 |
| Newquay | The Harbour | 5 |
| Bristol | Number Thirty Eight | 5 |
| Windsor | Park Farm B&B | 5 |
| London | Chesterfield Mayfair | 5 |

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Note: Additional nights in London available upon request

Tour Prices:

From: \$2,175 including airfare

Add-ons available from all US gateways.

Prices are per person and may change without notice

This program can be customized for individuals and groups.

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- **Airfare**

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

- **Program**

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

- **Other options**

- The program was designed with private services; however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

- **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

Group Quotations

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the lad journey.
- Booking both air an land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.