

England and Scotland Heritage

Trip Map



-  Start Location
-  End Location
-  Over night

-  Visited Location
-  Cruise
-  Ferry

-  Plane
-  Train

Day 1 | London - Windsor - Oxford - Birmingham



This morning, meet your Travel Director and travel companions and head west for a memorable encounter with royalty and academia. Start with a stop in Windsor, home to the oldest and largest inhabited castle in the world, then continue to the historic university city of Oxford. Explore its renowned colleges and historic architecture. Finally, journey onward to Birmingham for your overnight stay.

Meals: Dinner

Hotel: Holiday Inn Birmingham M6

Day 2 | Birmingham - Chester - Liverpool



The Romans left their magic touch on the pretty town of Chester. You'll view the city walls that they built in the first century to defend their fortress and the black-and-white half-timbered buildings, famously known as 'The Rows'. Take some time to explore Chester your way or join a Choice Experience to Llangollen in North Wales. Home of the International Eisteddfod, Llangollen has a tiny population but punches well above its weight when it comes to serene scenery and an array of cafés, bars and restaurants. Our home for the night is the haunt of the 'Fab Four', with an evening at leisure to explore Liverpool's legendary nightlife.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Ibis Albert Dock

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

North Wales Scenic Excursion - Get ready for a Welsh adventure as you visit North Wales and land in the picture-perfect village of Llangollen. You're in for a treat with quaint views like the River Dee and the old-school Victorian Railway Station. Your journey doesn't stop there—you'll wind through the Valley of the Cross and climb up to the Horseshoe Pass, where breathtaking green hills await your camera. Snap away and capture those travel moments that everyone back home will wish they were part of!

Adult: 19.00 GBP

Famous Sights and the Fab Four - Explore Liverpool's mix of history and rock 'n' roll on a guided tour with your Local Guide. You'll check out the city's two cathedrals, get the scoop on its maritime glory days, and of course, walk in the footsteps of The Beatles. Visit Mathew Street, where the fab four kicked off, and soak up the sounds that put Liverpool on the map.

Adult: 26.00 GBP

Day 3 | Liverpool – Lake District – Gretna Green – Glasgow



Settle in for a scenic drive north to the Lake District. Here you'll see first-hand why the rugged and untamed beauty of the Lake District inspired William Wordsworth to wander 'lonely as a cloud' in his acclaimed piece of poetry, 'Daffodils'. There's no better way to embrace the area's heritage than to join a Choice Experience and chug between Haverthwaite and Lakeside in an old-world steam train followed by a cruise on Lake Windermere. Crossing the Scottish border, you'll stop at Gretna Green, where eloping couples would exchange their vows over the Blacksmith's anvil and be bound to each other forever. Resist the urge to tie the knot yourself and continue to the bold city of Glasgow, where you'll have an opportunity to join a Choice Experience for a night on the "toon".

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Ibis City Centre

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will have the opportunity to choose between the following two Choice Experiences:

Scenic Cruise on Lake Windermere - You won't want to miss a scenic cruise on Lake Windermere, along the northern coastline. Pass by photo worthy homes, gardens and the jaw-dropping beauty of Wray Castle – all from the comfort of the water. On the way you'll tick off deserted islands, spot quirky wildlife, and soak in the views adored by the rockstars of words, Beatrix Potter and William Wordsworth.

Adult: 29.00 GBP

Steam Train Ride and Windermere Cruise - Get ready to be blown away by the scenery of the Lake District on an epic cruise across England's largest lake, taking in beautiful homes, castles and more. Then, zip through time as you jump aboard a historic steam train from Lakeside to Haverthwaite. Prepare yourself for all the views on this time-traveling, nature-loving thrill ride.

Adult: 34.00 GBP

* Occasionally this experience will operate in reverse.

Glasgow City Evening - Strap in for a wild Glasgow adventure as the city lights up after dark. Join your Travel Director out on the town for an evening packed with delicious bites, cool drinks, and unforgettable moments. Glasgow's got it all – cozy bars, a killer live music scene, and stunning Victorian architecture. Here's to embracing your inner night owl in a city that throws a party like no other!

Adult: 64.00 GBP

Day 4 | Glasgow – Scottish Highlands



Kick-start your day with an introduction to Glasgow's industrial past and modern revival that has given the city its characteristic gallus strut. Channel your inner Highlander next, embarking on a journey north to the banks of Loch Lomond, where a cruise to Rob Roy's cave could be on the cards should you choose to join this Choice Experience. Later, the breathtakingly beautiful scenery of Glencoe, 'Glen of Weeping', will stir all your emotions – not least as you remember the brave clans people who fought relentlessly for their beliefs. Local shepherd Neil and his enthusiastic border collies are ready to welcome guests on their Highland sheep farm for a Choice Experience this afternoon. You can perfect your sheep-shearing skills before settling into your Highland hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Laggan

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Loch Lomond Boat Trip - Set sail along the wild and wonderful 'Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond', one of Scotland's most breathtaking sights. Cruise across the loch as the skipper shares stories on the area, pointing out must-see spots like Rob Roy's Cave. Kick back, relax, and soak in the jaw-dropping views on this unmissable Scottish adventure.

Adult: 23.00 GBP

Highland Farm Experience - Discover life in the Scottish Highlands with a visit to a genuine Highland sheep farm, where you'll meet Neil the Shepherd and his trusty border collies. Watch as he uses unique whistles to command each dog. You can even get involved in farm life, with the chance to feed the lambs yourself. This authentic, hands-on experience lets you connect with local traditions and get a real feel for Highland life—definitely one for the bucket list!

Adult: 25.00 GBP

Day 5 | Scottish Highlands – St. Andrews – Edinburgh



Robert Burns once wrote of his beloved hills of the Highlands. Your scenic drive through its mystical landscapes will leave you similarly inspired as you venture to picturesque Pitlochry on the banks of the Tummel. There's time to explore this salmon fishing centre on your own or join a Choice Experience to Blair Castle, home of the Duke of Atholl and Europe's last remaining private army. The fairways and greens of St. Andrews, the birthplace of golf, beckon and you'll have an opportunity to snap a selfie against the backdrop of the famous 18th green.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Moxy Edinburgh Airport

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Pitlochry, Visit of Blair Castle - Step inside Blair Castle, where 750 years of Scottish history aren't just showcased, they're brought to life. From Civil War clashes to royal visits from figures like Mary, Queen of Scots, this place is a direct line to the past. Home to the Dukes of Atholl, it's rich in cultural stories and artefacts for you to discover on your tour. Expect an authentic dive into Scottish heritage, where every room and garden tells a story.

Adult: 31.00 GBP

You will have the opportunity to choose between the following two Choice Experiences:

Dinner and Drive to Historic Torphichen - Unwind on a scenic drive to the ancient village of Torphichen, steeped in tales of Scottish Kings and the Knights Templar. At the Torphichen Inn, be greeted with a warm toast from your host, followed by a fabulous dinner showcasing local flavors and some cultural entertainment to round off the experience.

Adult: 73.00 GBP

Ceilidh Evening and Dinner at Ghillie Dhu - Step into the heart of Scottish tradition at Ghillie Dhu. Greeted by the stirring sounds of a Scottish piper, kick things off with a welcome drink. Then, get cozy for a scrumptious three-course feast, all while live Ceilidh tunes get your toes tapping. The star of the show? The iconic Piping in the Haggis ceremony – an unforgettable slice of Scotland.

Adult: 88.00 GBP

* This experience is subject to seasonal availability and will only be offered during the summer months April - October.

Day 6 | Edinburgh sightseeing and free time



Tuck into a hearty Scottish breakfast with tattie scones and all the trimmings. Today you'll need some extra sustenance as there's much to see and do in Scotland's hilly capital. The Georgian New Town, Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Royal Mile and Edinburgh Castle all wait to be viewed in the company of your Local Specialist, so grab your camera and prepare for a memorable sightseeing tour revealing all the highlights of Auld Reekie. You'll have plenty of time to explore on your own or consider joining an Optional Experience to Rosslyn Chapel or an in-depth tour of Edinburgh Castle.

Tickets to The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo are included on departures that align with performance dates.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Moxy Edinburgh Airport

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will have the opportunity to choose between the following two Choice Experiences:

Edinburgh Castle Experience - Don't miss a royal adventure at Edinburgh Castle, reigning supreme on Castle Rock for centuries. Your Local Guide is your go-to for all the action at this fortress, famous for being the ultimate battleground in Great Britain and one of the most attacked fortresses in the world. Hold onto your hats because you're not just sightseeing – you're diving into history! Witness the crown jewels, aka the Honours of Scotland, and march through the epic halls of the National War Museum of Scotland.

Adult: 43.00 GBP

Rosslyn Chapel - Hit the road out of Edinburgh and land in the oh-so-charming village of Rosslyn. Get the inside scoop on the legendary Rosslyn Chapel from your Local Guide. This is not your run-of-the-mill 15th-century building – Rosslyn is like Scotland's very own celebrity, rocking ties with the Knights Templar, the Masonic movement, and even 'The Da Vinci Code'.

Adult: 30.00 GBP

You will have the opportunity to choose between the following two Choice Experiences:

Dine Beneath the Iconic Three Bridges of South Queensferry - Take a drive to the Iconic 3 Bridges built over the Firth of Forth where the Victorian Rail Bridge dates to 1890 and the two Road Bridges dating to 1964 and 2017 taking rail and vehicles across the Firth of Forth. Dine in the Thirty Knots Restaurant below these bridges.

Adult: 59.00 GBP

Edinburgh by Night and Dinner - Dive into Edinburgh's old city by night, where the history shines brighter under the stars. Snap a pic or two of the Castle and Grassmarket in their nighttime glory. Ghost-chasers, get ready—you might just sneak into one of the city's eeriest graveyards to say hey to Greyfriars Bobby, the world's most loyal Skye Terrier. Then, it's time for a local spot to get a real taste of Scotland with a hearty dinner and a drink to wash it down.

Adult: 59.00 GBP

Day 7 | Edinburgh – York – Bradford



Cheerio the noo and wave goodbye to Scotland. It's time to venture south on your return journey through England to London, but not before you come face-to-face with Hadrian's first-century attempt to keep the 'barbarians' out of his Roman Empire. You'll not see an ancient Roman wall like it anywhere else on earth. Continue to the walled city of York, where an orientation tour will guide you through its narrow medieval streets to the 13th-century Gothic cathedral, York Minster, which dominates the city. You'll have some time to admire the structure's beautiful stained glass before an evening on your own, although York's alluring history may keep you on the edge of your seat. Delve into its tales of Romans, roses and ghosts. It's the stuff great books are made of.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Leonardo

Day 8 | Bradford – Stratford-upon-Avon – London



Your return journey to London is almost at its end, but not before a visit to Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of the famous bard, William Shakespeare, who became England's most beloved playwright. It's time for one last group picture as you say a fond farewell to your Travel Director and new friends in the capital of the United Kingdom.

Meals: Breakfast