Best of Britain

Starting at **C$5,295***

Get to know Britain on this whirlwind tour

This fast-paced tour is the perfect introduction to England, Scotland and Wales, showcasing the very best historical and scenic spots, alongside vibrant cities.

Trip details

Tour start
Windsor

Tour end
London

10	9	14
Days	Nights	Meals

* Prices listed are in Canadian dollars, and are per-person, double-occupancy. If you would prefer a single room, there is a single-room supplement of C$1,545

Trip Highlights:
- Edinburgh Castle
- Roman Baths & Pump Room
- Tower of London
- Cardiff Castle
- The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo
- Windsor Castle
- Stonehenge
- Blenheim Palace

Hotels:
- Castle Hotel Windsor
- Delta Hotels by Marriott York
- DoubleTree by Hilton Edinburgh - Queensferry Crossing
- Malmaison Liverpool
- Hilton Cardiff Hotel
- 100 Queen's Gate Hotel London, Curio Collection by Hilton

2026 Best of Britain - 10 Days/9 Nights

Trip Itinerary

Day 1 Windsor Castle, Walking Tour & Welcome Drink

Depart from your hotel at 2:00 PM for a visit to Windsor Castle, residence of the King and the largest inhabited castle in the world. Next, take a walking tour around this compact and historic town. In the evening, join your group for a welcome drink, then dine independently.

Day 2 Blenheim Palace, Cotswolds Drive & York

Travel to Blenheim Palace, a monumental country house and home to the Dukes of Marlborough. Enjoy a scenic drive through the picturesque Cotswolds, passing through quaint towns and villages nestled in distinctive rolling hills and valleys. Travel on to York and take a walking tour around the medieval streets. See Gothic York Minster before dining at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 3 Northumberland & Bamburgh Castle

Travel through Northumberland's rolling countryside and Roman ruins. Stop for lunch in one of the region's many quaint market towns. Visit Bamburgh Castle, an imposing medieval fortress that is one of the largest inhabited castles in Britain. This magical castle is set high on a rocky plateau affording wonderful views along the coast. Continue to your hotel near Edinburgh, where you will dine with your group. (B, D)

Day 4 Edinburgh City Tour, Edinburgh Castle & Scottish Evening

* Explore central Edinburgh starting in the 200-year-old "New Town" with its planned streets and elegant Georgian houses. See Princes Street, the city's premier shopping district, and the medieval Royal Mile, overlooked by the imposing Edinburgh Castle. Tour the castle to see the Crown Jewels of Scotland. The afternoon is free to explore on your own. Enjoy a lively Scottish evening with dinner and entertainment. (August 9 – 23 departures instead experience the world-famous Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, with free time for dinner on your own prior to the event.) (B, D*)

Day 5 Lake District & Liverpool

Travel through the lush hilly countryside of the Lake District; the beauty of this region has inspired many writers and poets. Visit Grasmere, a picturesque village that native William Wordsworth once called, "the most loveliest spot that man hath found." Head to Liverpool, a city that once dominated global trade and is now better known as the home of the Beatles. Take a walking tour of the docks before free time for dinner. Later, meet your group to experience live music at the world-famous Cavern Club, where the Fab Four got their start. (B)

Day 6 Ludlow, Tintern Abbey & Cardiff Castle

Travel through scenic Shropshire, one of the most unspoiled parts of rural England. Stop in Ludlow, a quintessentially English town, to see the castle and quaint old black-and-white houses. Continue through the lovely Welsh countryside to visit the picturesque ruins of Tintern Abbey. In Cardiff, tour the splendid Cardiff Castle, which was magnificently restored in the Victorian era. Dine at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 7 Roman Baths & Stonehenge

Cross the border from Wales to England to the spa town of Bath, where you'll visit the Roman Baths, hot mineral-rich springs that have been popular since ancient Roman times. Continue on to the prehistoric circle of vast monoliths of Stonehenge at Salisbury Plain and learn about the primitive building methods used to create such an enduring monument. Arrive in London and savor dinner with your group at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 8 London Tour, Tower of London & Independent Sightseeing

Set out on a panoramic tour of central London to see famous landmarks including Piccadilly Circus with its statue of Eros, Nelson's Column flanked by huge lions in Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, and the Houses of Parliament. Visit the mighty Tower of London to see the many fortresses, ravens, Beefeaters in their distinctive uniforms, and the priceless Crown Jewels. The rest of the day is free for further exploration. (B)

Day 9 Independent London Sightseeing

Take in a day of independent sightseeing in London as you tour by Hop-On, Hop-Off bus. Choose from two routes to see the iconic sights as you please, at your own pace: Buckingham Palace, St Paul's Cathedral, Covent Garden and more. (B)

Day 10 Tour Ends in London

Your tour ends after breakfast. (B) B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner>

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