

Heart of Wales & England Starting at \$2,449*

Fall in love with Britain

Explore key historical sites, beautiful landscapes, and cultural landmarks on this tour around the heart of the England and Wales.

Trip details



* Prices listed are per-person, double-occupancy. If you would prefer a single room, there is a single-room supplement of \$580



Trip Highlights:

- Train Ride Through Snowdonia National Park
- Caernarfon Castle
- Shakespeare's Birthplace
- Roman Baths
- The Cotswolds
- Tower of London
- St Paul's Cathedral

Hotels:

- DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel London West End
- Park Plaza Cardiff
- Celtic Royal HotelMercure Shakespeare Hotel
- Macdonald Windsor Hotel

2020 Heart of Wales and England 8 Days/7 Nights

Trip Itinerary

Day 1 London Arrival | St Paul's Cathedral

Tour begins 2:00 PM at your London hotel. Take a panoramic tour of central London to see the city's famous landmarks. Stop at St Paul's Cathedral to tour the awe-inspiring interior. Enjoy a welcome drink with your group at your hotel.

Day 3 Stonehenge | Bath | Cardiff Castle Banquet

Head to Salisbury Plain to view the huge monoliths of Stonehenge and, in the visitor center, learn about how they were built over 4,500 years ago. Visit the Roman Baths, hot mineral-rich springs that have been popular since Roman times and enjoy some free time to explore on your own. Travel into Wales to tour Cardiff Castle, then enjoy a fun Welsh banquet with entertainment. (B, D)

Day 5 National Slate Museum | Snowdonia | Betws-y-Coed | Conwy | Caernarfon Castle

Visit the National Slate Museum, which highlights the region's former slate industry at its height in Victorian times. Pause for photos of Mount Snowdon, the highest peak in Wales. Stroll in the quaint village of Betws-y-Coed. Stop in Conwy and take a walk through the narrow medieval streets to see the smallest house in Britain. Tour the walls and battlements of 13th-century Caernarfon Castle. (B, D)

Day 2 Independent Touring in London

Explore London at your own pace on an independent Hop-On, Hop-Off bus tour to see the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, and more. With your included vouchers, visit either Kensington Palace, former home of Princess Diana, or the Tower of London to view the magnificent Crown Jewels, guarded by Beefeaters in their distinctive Tudor uniforms. The evening is free for dining on your own. (B)

Day 4 Train Ride | Welsh Scenery | Caernarfon

Enjoy a panoramic drive around Cardiff to view its principal features. Continue through the Brecon Beacons National Park and through rural Wales with its picturesque countryside. Take in the beauty of the Snowdonia National Park. A narrow-gauge train ride will take you through the heart of the region to admire mountain scenery. Head to your hotel in Caernarfon where you might choose to take a gentle walk through the ancient streets after dinner. (B, D)

Day 6 Llangollen | Shakespeare's Stratford-Upon-Avon

Head to the charming village of Llangollen and take a look around this typical Welsh settlement with many quaint tearooms and shops. Then head across the English border to enjoy the picturesque town of Bridgnorth, with attractive black and white houses. Take a panoramic tour of Stratford-upon-Avon and visit Shakespeare's birthplace, with an exhibition about his life and work, before walking through the house where he was born. (B, D)

Day 7 Cotswolds | Windsor Castle

Take in the gentle hills of the Cotswolds, renowned for its pretty cottages and colorful gardens. Stop in Broadway, typical of the lovely old villages in the region. Take a walking tour through Oxford to learn about the famous colleges and enjoy lunch on your own. Tour Windsor Castle, one of the Queen's official residences, to see the State Apartments and St George's Chapel. Then take a brief stroll around the compact and historic town of Windsor with a local guide. Spend your evening independently. (B)

Day 8 Tour Ends in Windsor

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



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