

# Taste of Britain

Starting at **\$2,695**\*

### The very best of Scotland & England

Sample the highlights of England and Scotland on this weeklong adventure, covering the bustling cities of London and Edinburgh, the history of Bath and Stratford-Upon-Avon, and the charming scenery of the Cotswolds and the Lake District.





#### Trip Highlights:

- Windsor Castle
- Shakespeare's Birthplace
- Tower of London
- Roman Baths
- Edinburgh Castle
- Lake Windermere Cruise
- Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

#### **Hotels:**

- DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel London Victoria
- Bailbrook House Hotel
- Delta Hotels by Marriott Liverpool City Centre
- Macdonald Houstoun House Hotel

# 2025 Taste of Britain - 7 Days/6 Nights

## **Trip Itinerary**

#### Day 1 London Tour & Tower of London

Your tour departs from your hotel at 2:00 PM on a panoramic tour of central London to see famous landmarks, including Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, Big Ben, and the Houses of Parliament. Visit the historic Tower of London to view the Crown Jewels. Enjoy a welcome drink with your group before dining independently.

#### Day 3 Windsor Castle or Blenheim Palace & Bath

Travel to Windsor or Blenheim Palace today, depending on your tour's departure day. Friday departures will take a panoramic tour of Windsor before visiting the State Apartments of Windsor Castle, the largest inhabited castle in the world and one of the King's official residences. Sunday departures will visit Blenheim Palace, the magnificent country house once home to Winston Churchill and often seen as the setting for popular TV shows and movies; tour the house and explore the gardens. Next, travel on to the beautiful city of Bath. Founded by the Romans and rich in elegant Georgian architecture, the city is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Tour the Roman Baths to discover why these hot springs have been popular since ancient times. (B, D)

#### Day 5 Lake District & Windermere Cruise

Travel through the Lake District, a region that has inspired numerous painters and writers, including William Wordsworth and Beatrix Potter. Cruise along Lake Windermere to admire the stunning scenery of wooded isles and neighboring mountains. Spend free time in a traditional Lakeland village. Pass through Gretna Green, just over the Scottish border, on your way to your hotel outside Edinburgh, where you'll enjoy a free evening. (B)

#### Day 7 Tour Ends in Edinburgh

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

#### Day 2 Independent Touring in London

Discover London's iconic attractions at your own speed, as you please, with your choice of routes on a Hop-On, Hop-Off bus tour. Your evening is free to continue exploring and dining independently. (B)

#### Day 4 Cotswolds Drive, Shakespeare's Birthplace & Liverpool

Take in the Cotswolds, a quintessentially English region with gently rolling hills, colorful gardens, and honey-colored stone buildings. Stop in one of its many charming old market towns or traditional villages. Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon to see an exhibition about his life and work, before walking through the house where he was born. Travel on to Liverpool and spend the evening exploring its rich pop-music history with dinner on your own. (B)

#### Day 6 Edinburgh Castle, City Tour & Scotch Whisky Experience\*

Explore central Edinburgh on a panoramic tour; including the 200-year-old "New Town" with elegant Georgian houses and the Royal Mile where medieval houses are clustered closely together. Tour Edinburgh Castle to see the Crown Jewels of Scotland. Enjoy an evening of storytelling, whisky tasting and dinner at the Scotch Whisky Experience. (Departures from July 27 - August 15 will instead experience the world-famous Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, with free time for dinner on your own prior to the event). (B, D\*)



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