



# Best of Britain

Starting at \$2,815\*

## 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** ☀  
Days

**9** 🌙  
Nights

**13** 🍴  
Meals

\* Prices listed are in US dollars, and are per-person, double-occupancy. If you would prefer a single room, there is a single-room supplement of \$810



## Trip Highlights:

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

## Hotels:

- Castle Hotel Windsor
- Delta Hotels by Marriott York
- Norton House Hotel & Spa
- Hilton Liverpool City Centre
- Clayton Hotel Cardiff
- 100 Queen's Gate Hotel London, Curio Collection by Hilton

# 2023 Best of Britain - 10 Days/9 Nights

## Trip Itinerary

### Day 1 Windsor Castle | Walking Tour | Welcome Drink

Your tour departs at 2:00 PM from your Windsor hotel. Visit Windsor Castle, residence of the King and the largest inhabited castle in the world. Take a walk around this compact and historic town with your tour director. In the evening, join your group for a welcome drink; you are then free to dine independently.

### Day 3 York Walking Tour | York Minster | Bamburgh Castle

Take a walking tour of York's medieval streets, including the Shambles, one of the city's narrowest alleyways. Tour Gothic York Minster, renowned for its magnificent medieval stained glass windows. 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 enjoy an evening free to dine independently. (B)

### Day 5 Lake District | Liverpool

Travel through the Lake District, a region that inspired the famed children's author Beatrix Potter. Stop in the village of Grasmere to visit the Grasmere Gingerbread Shop. Enjoy a talk and tasting of this traditional spicy-sweet treat, first made 165 years ago. Head to Liverpool, a city that once dominated global trade and is now better known as the home of the Beatles. Take a short walking tour of the docks before some free time for dinner. Meet your group again to experience live music at the world-famous Cavern Club, where the Fab Four got their start. (B)

### Day 7 Cardiff Panoramic Tour | Roman Baths | Stonehenge

Take a panoramic drive around Cardiff with a brief walk to see the principal areas and buildings. Head to Bath for a visit to the Roman Baths, hot mineral-rich springs that have been popular since ancient Roman times. Stop for lunch on your own in this historic spa town. Then marvel at 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 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, Piccadilly Circus and more await you. (B)

### Day 2 Blenheim Palace | Cotswold Drive

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, a city founded by the Romans in the first century and a major wool trading center in the Middle Ages. (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. View Princes Street, the city's premier shopping street, and see the Royal Mile, where medieval houses are clustered closely together. Tour the imposing Edinburgh Castle to see the Crown Jewels of Scotland and the Stone of Destiny. The afternoon is free to explore on your own. Enjoy a lively Scottish evening with dinner and entertainment. August 6 - 20 departures experience the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on the Castle Esplanade. (B, D\*) \* Meal counts vary on Tattoo departures, as the Scottish Evening is replaced with the Tattoo and an independent dinner.

### 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. Head to Cardiff and tour the splendid Cardiff Castle, which was magnificently restored in the Victorian era. Dine at your hotel. (B, D)

### Day 8 London Tour | Tower of London | Independent Sightseeing

Set out on a panoramic tour of central London with a local guide 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 and evening is free for further exploring. (B)

### Day 10 Tour Ends in London

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



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