

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-Departure Itinerary *British Landscapes* *Thursday, April 5 – Saturday, April 14, 2012*

Discover the best of the British Isles—the historically significant and glorious cities of London and Edinburgh, England’s picturesque Lake District, 1,000-year-old castles and cathedrals, an ancient Roman town, mysterious Stonehenge and a London theater performance.

Includes

- Round-trip regularly scheduled flights from Boston to London
- Eight nights’ first-class accommodations: London two nights, York one night, Edinburgh two nights, Ruthin one night, Stratford-Upon-Avon two nights
- Fourteen meals: eight breakfasts, six dinners
- Round-trip airport/hotel transfers
- Sightseeing and touring

Rates

\$2,699 per person double occupancy
\$2,669 per person triple occupancy
\$3,129 for single reservations
Add \$250 for current air taxes and fees.
Cancellation waiver and travel insurance is \$200.
Although not required, we recommend purchasing the waiver. Passport required. Per person deposit is \$300.

Features

London tour, London theater performance, Cambridge, York, Hadrian’s Wall, Cheviot Hills, Edinburgh tour, English Lake District, Ruthin Castle in Wales, Stratford-Upon-Avon, Warwick Castle dinner, Bath, Stonehenge

OPTIONAL:

Edinburgh—Traditional Scottish Dinner & Entertainment

DAILY ITINERARY

Air 1: Overnight Flight

Feel the vibrant energy of England, hear the unique sounds of Scotland and see the rolling countryside of Wales on a trip that combines the exploration of dramatic history and natural wonders.

Day 2: London, England

Your tour begins in London, the cosmopolitan and historic capital of Britain. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. **Today dinner will be included.**

Day 3: London

This morning, see the quintessential sights of London, hosted by a local guide. View Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey., and the changing of the guard*. London has one of the best live theatre scenes in the world. Later today, enjoy one of London’s spectacular theatre** performances. **Today breakfast will be included.**

Day 4: London - Cambridge - York

Today you visit Cambridge, home of the famous university which is nearly 800 years old. Later, stroll through the medieval city of York and the famous “Shambles,” a quaint, narrow street that appears today almost as it did during the Middle Ages. Here you’ll find great shopping and a street that is so narrow in parts that you can almost reach both sides with your outstretched arms. A visit is included to the magnificent 13th-century York Minster, one of the finest medieval cathedrals in all of Europe. **Today breakfast and dinner will be included.**

Day 5: York - Cheviot Hills - Edinburgh, Scotland

Head north through the rolling fields on your way to Bonnie (“lovely” in Scottish) Scotland. Stretching over the open moorland you will find Hadrian’s Wall, which once marked the northern border of the Roman Empire. Stop to see this ancient fortification that was built in AD 121 in response to repeated barbarian invasions against the Romans. Next, drive through Northumberland National Park and the Cheviot Hills before arriving in Edinburgh, the “Athens of the North.” Enjoy discovering Scotland’s exciting capital city which is rich in scenic beauty and culture. **Today breakfast and dinner will be included.**

Day 6: Edinburgh

Enjoy a locally-guided tour of Edinburgh that includes Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish crown jewels. You will get a glimpse at what life is like for the royals during your visit to the Palace of Holyroodhouse***, the Queen’s official residence in Edinburgh, and once the home of Mary, Queen of Scots. Your evening is at leisure to sample one of Edinburgh’s fine restaurants and perhaps take an evening stroll through Princes Street Gardens to view the illuminated castle above you. **Today breakfast will be included.**

Day 7: Edinburgh - Lake District, England - Wales

Your final stop in Scotland is at the border town of Gretna Green where generations of runaway couples came to be married. Here you will discover what it means to be married “over an anvil.” Later today return to England and travel through the picturesque English Lake District. In the heart of the Lake District, visit the charming village of Grasmere, home of the poet William Wordsworth. End your day with an overnight stay in beautiful Ruthin Castle situated in the north of Wales. Upon arrival, a brief tour of the castle introduces such niceties as the ladies walk and gardens (and the not-so-nice whipping pit and dungeon). Tonight, enjoy a medieval dinner complete with Welsh entertainment. **Today breakfast and dinner will be included.**

Day 8: Wales - Stratford-Upon-Avon

Journey to Stratford-Upon-Avon, your home for the next two nights and birthplace of William Shakespeare, England’s most famous playwright. Walk in Shakespeare’s footsteps, visiting his birthplace as well as his wife’s thatch-roofed home, Anne Hathaway’s cottage. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for dinner at the magnificent and historical 1,000-year-old Warwick Castle. **Today breakfast and dinner will be included.**

Day 9: Stratford-Upon-Avon - Bath - Stonehenge - Stratford-Upon-Avon

Journey through some of England’s most beautiful countryside. Stop in the ancient Roman town of Bath - renowned for more than 2,000 years for its spas and natural hot springs. Visit the Roman Baths Museum to see the elaborate spas, valued since Roman times for their curative properties. Finally, no visit to Britain would be complete without a visit to Stonehenge of Celtic and Druid lore. **Today breakfast will be included.**

Day 10: Stratford-Upon-Avon - Tour Ends

Your journey through Britain ends today. You will be transferred to the London airport for your return flight to Boston. **Today breakfast will be included.**

Optional Tour

Edinburgh

Traditional Scottish Dinner & Entertainment

\$95.00

Experience an evening of classic Scottish entertainment while dining on a banquet prepared from a collection of local recipes. Your tastebuds will have savored the true flavor and goodness of this special country. The evening is full of entertainment including Highland piper & dancers and the very best in Scottish music, song and dance. If there is one thing you should see and, of course try, it is the Ceremony to the Haggis. Be prepared for a Scottish night of fun and many fond memories.

Duration Approximately 4 hours

Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included

Proof of Citizenship: *US citizens require a passport with at least six months' validity past the date of return.. Passports are the responsibility of the traveler.*

PLEASE NOTE: *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.*

PLEASE NOTE: *This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2–3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.*