

England and Scotland Tours - Globus® Britain Tours

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Even if you're not bold enough to try bubble and squeak, haggis and tatties, or cockles and laverbread, you'll still enjoy this perfect sampling of England, Scotland, and Wales. Our most popular tour of Britain, this tri-country introductory vacation has something for everyone. History buffs will treasure prehistoric Stonehenge, the Roman ruins of Bath and the medieval cities and towns such as York and Ludlow. Music lovers will cherish the music-festival town of Llangollen and The Beatles' home city of Liverpool. Literary fans will relish the countryside homes of William Shakespeare and Sir Walter Scott. And beer and whisky connoisseurs will delight in the dimly lit pubs from London to Edinburgh and back where if you just can't bring yourself to taste the black pudding, there's always delicious fish and chips!

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Notes:

This tour requires some uphill walking on rough terrain at Edinburgh Castle which may pose a challenge to guests with physical limitations or reliant on mobility devices such as wheelchairs. Some walking involved back to the hotel after the Edinburgh Tattoo for departures that include the Tattoo.

Headsets available on tour except for London

Meals

Full English breakfast daily; 2 three-course dinners

Itinerary

Day 1

ARRIVE IN LONDON, ENGLAND Welcome to London! Uniformed Globus Hosts will be waiting to welcome you. Free time this afternoon.

Day 2

LONDON The Royal Treatment LONDON Morning sightseeing with a Local Guide includes sights of the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Whitehall, Prime Minister's Downing Street residence, Piccadilly Circus, Buckingham Palace, and a visit to St. Paul's Cathedral. Free time this afternoon.

 Breakfast

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

HISTORIC SITES See the legendary landmarks of England's historic capital city. Walk where voices have rung out for centuries in Parliament Square and where chimes rise high above you with the ringing of Big Ben's quarter bells. See Westminster Abbey, where royal coronations, weddings, and funerals have made history.

Day 3

LONDON–STONEHENGE–BATH Ancient Stones & Spa Days LONDON Meet your Tour Director and travel companions at 8 am before departing for Stonehenge.

STONEHENGE Visit the prehistoric monument. (Departure 19 June: due to closure, Stonehenge visit replaced by Salisbury Cathedral visit).

BATH Visit the excavations of the Roman Baths. Free time the remainder of the day.

 Breakfast  Dinner

125 mi / 201 km

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

CULTURAL GEMS The traditions of one ancient Roman ritual are in full flow in Bath. Amid the remarkable Roman and Georgian architecture and the best-preserved Roman Baths of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, a good spa day is never hard to find in one of the "Best Spa Towns in Europe." The city of Bath sits above geothermal springs that bubble up from the limestone below. Bath also turns up the heat with some of Britain's grandest Georgian buildings, a mecca for elite 18th-century society.

Day 4

BATH–LUDLOW–LLANGOLLEN, WALES–LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND Welsh Country

Beauties LUDLOW Visit the historic market town.

LLANGOLLEN Visit the picturesque town.

LIVERPOOL Free time the remainder of the day.

 Breakfast


204 mi / 335 km

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

CULTURE & TRADITION Explore the charming medieval town of Ludlow on the River Teme. Noteworthy buildings include Ludlow Castle and the impressive St. Laurence's church. With nearly 500 buildings on the Historic England list, Ludlow's medieval and Tudor-style half-timbered architecture inspired poet laureate Sir John Betjeman to call it "the loveliest town in England."

Day 5

LIVERPOOL–GRASMERE–GRETNA GREEN, SCOTLAND–EDINBURGH Sonnets, Sweets & Scottish Blacksmiths LAKE DISTRICT Take a scenic drive.

GRASMERE Visit Wordsworth's beloved village. Sample the  original Grasmere gingerbread.

GRETNA GREEN See where a Scottish blacksmith performed weddings for eloping young couples.

EDINBURGH Free time this evening.

 Breakfast

237 mi / 390 km

LOCAL FAVORITE

TIMELESS TRADITIONS Sweeten the day with classic gingerbread in Grasmere baked following an 1854 recipe invented by Sarah Nelson, the Victorian cook who invented the world famous cross between cake and biscuit.

Day 6

EDINBURGH Crown Jewels & Castle Views EDINBURGH Morning city sightseeing with a Local Guide includes the New Town, the Old Town, and a visit to Edinburgh Castle to see Scotland's Crown Jewels. Free time this afternoon.

 Breakfast

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

THE ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO Unpack your plaid! Edinburgh Military Tattoo performances included on departures July 28, August 4, 11 and 18.


TOUR HIGHLIGHT

MUSIC & MASTERPIECES Ascend to Castle Rock to explore Edinburgh Castle, one of the most important historical strongholds in the Kingdom of Scotland, with a 1,100-year history as "the most besieged place in Great Britain". Here, you'll find the royal regalia and Scotland's Crown Jewels. The Castle forms the background of the Tattoo, an extravaganza of bagpipes and drums performed en masse in August each year.

Day 7

EDINBURGH–ABBOTSFORD–JEDBURGH–YORK, ENGLAND Augustine's Monks & Medieval Markets **ABBOTSFORD** Take a guided tour of Sir Walter Scott's Abbotsford House.

JEDBURGH Take photos of the Augustinian abbey ruins.

YORK See York Minster on  a guided walk through The Shambles.

 Breakfast  Dinner

202 mi / 325 km

LOCAL FAVORITE

HISTORIC SPOT While strolling the cobblestones of York's Shambles, it's easy to imagine the medieval butcher shops and boisterous crowds bartering for beef and bones outside the 14th-century timber-framed windows. The Shambles is one of the best-preserved medieval shopping streets in Europe, said to have been the inspiration behind Harry Potter's Diagon Alley, and today is a vibrant gathering place with cheerful cafés and quirky boutiques brimming with the sweet aromas of chocolate, pastries, and pies.

Day 8

YORK–STRATFORD-UPON-AVON–LONDON Mr. & Mrs. Shakespeare **STRATFORD-UPON-AVON** See Anne Hathaway's Cottage. Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace.

 Breakfast

256 mi / 411 km

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

A LEGEND SLEPT HERE Ah, young love! Even more true, as Shakespeare's fiancée was eight years his senior. See Anne Hathaway's Cottage, the family home where the bard's wife-to-be was born and courted by young Will. Built more than 500 years ago, much of the original structure remains. Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and family home in the heart of Stratford-upon-Avon. Hear tales about his family life, marriage, and children with a close look at fascinating artifacts in a world-class collection assembled by the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust.

Day 9

LONDON Safe travels until we meet again! Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

 Breakfast

Tour Director

With Globus, there's no better way to get to know your destination than through the eyes of your Tour Director. Averaging over a decade... we'd like you to meet a Tour Director, who is representative of the type of expert that will be with you on your vacation.

GAVIN CRUICKSHANK

Escorting tours for more than 20 years

" Having spent most of my youth in the hospitality industry, I became a Tour Director many years ago. Originally from Edinburgh, I enjoy showing travelers Britain and Ireland-from Land's End and John O'Groats to Giant's Causeway and Waterford. It fills me with so much pride to show off the countries and tell the stories of my ancestors to our guests."



TRICIA WILLIAMSON

Escorting tours for more than 20 years

" What I love most is the magnificent scenery of the British Isles, the pleasure of being able to show travelers evidence of our long and varied history, and the opportunity to meet so many interesting people; both the travelers themselves and the people we encounter at the many stops along the way!"



KAELEIGH CAMPBELL

Escorting tours for more than 5 years

" People often ask me how a Canadian ended up leading tours of the UK and Ireland. But with a British history degree and a huge passion for the literature, culture, and history of the region, I really couldn't imagine a more perfect job. I get to introduce other travellers to a region I'm proud to call my second home, and that makes for an immensely satisfying day of work, every day."



Accommodations

LONDON

PARK PLAZA WATERLOO

Hotel as shown or similar

Superior First-Class

Free Wifi

BATH

DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON BATH

Hotel as shown or similar

Superior First-Class

Free Wifi

LIVERPOOL

PULLMAN LIVERPOOL

Hotel as shown or similar

Superior First-Class

Free Wifi

EDINBURGH

LEONARDO EDINBURGH HAYMARKET HOTEL

Hotel as shown or similar

First-Class

Free Wifi

YORK

PRINCIPAL HOTEL YORK

Hotel as shown or similar

Superior First-Class

Free Wifi

Optional Excursions

Contact your Travel Consultant for more information.

Price Ranges

\$ (\$50 USD and under)

\$\$ (\$51 - \$100 USD)

\$\$\$ (\$101 - \$150 USD)

\$\$\$\$ (Over \$150)

* The "Starting at" or listed price is based on the lowest price available to book. Price is per passenger based on double occupancy and does not include airfare; additional fees/charges are not included. If a price is crossed out, the new price includes a limited time promotional offer(s) – please review current promotions or deals for additional information. Some tours require intra-vacation flights (and in some cases intra-vacation segments must be purchased from Globus).

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