BRITAIN & IRELAND
COUNTRY ROADS

ELEGANCE OF GREAT BRITAIN

"My guests love to meet Sir Ludovic Shaw-Stewart, because he speaks from the heart about his family's roots (he is a descendant of King Robert the Bruce) and his hopes for the future." **- Michael, Travel Director**

Ardgowan Estate, Scotland

INSIGHT EXPERIENCES

York: During a private tour of Birdsall House, enjoy a glass of sparkling wine and canapes as you learn about the estate, before taking your seat in the stately dining room to join a member of the Willoughby Family for dinner.

TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Travel by cruise in Windermere • Ride a steam train along River Leven.

Visit Edinburgh Castle • Brontë Parsonage Museum • Lincoln Castle • Shakespeare's birthplace • Blenheim Palace • Roman Baths and Pump Room • Stonehenge.

City tours of Edinburgh and York with Local Experts.

See Gretna Green • Wordsworth's grave • Bath Abbey • Salisbury Cathedral.

AUTHENTIC DINING

Welcome Dinner in Edinburgh • Traditional Sunday roast in Stratford • Fresh tea and scones at Ardgowan Estate • Celebration Dinner at Brasserie Blanc in Bath.

TRIP PLANNER - 11 or 12 DAYS

EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT
SAVE UP TO $485 pp
TRIP CODE: B917

STARTS	ENDS	TWIN	STARTS	ENDS	TWIN
Sun 03 May	Wed 13 May	$4325	Sun 26 Jul	Wed 05 Aug	$4395
Sun 17 May	Wed 27 May	$4325			
Sun 31 May	Wed 10 Jun	$4325	Sun 09 Aug	Wed 19 Aug	$4850
			Sun 16 Aug	Wed 26 Aug	$4850
Sun 14 Jun	Wed 24 Jun	$4325	Sun 23 Aug	Wed 02 Sep	$4850
Sun 28 Jun	Wed 08 Jul	$4395			
			Sun 06 Sep	Wed 16 Sep	$4395
Sun 12 Jul	Wed 22 Jul	$4395	Sun 20 Sep	Wed 30 Sep	$4395

NOTES: Twin prices are per person. Alternative stately homes or gardens may be substituted if those mentioned are closed. These departures attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

FURTHER SAVINGS UP TO: Young Traveller $440 | 2nd Trip $121 | Past Guest $243

START LONDON OPTION: Twin $695 p.p. | Single $1010 p.p.

ROOMING OPTIONS: Single Supplement $1200 p.p.

PREPAID GRATUITIES OPTION: For your Travel Director and Driver $164 p.p.

WHY NOT DEPART FROM LONDON? ADD AN EXTRA NIGHT IN LONDON AND INCLUDED TRAIN TO EDINBURGH. SEE THE DATE CHART FOR PRICES.

TOP UP WITH TAP WATER ON THIS TRIP

Key:
- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- 1 Central Hotels + Nights
- 1 Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Trip Options

FROM **$394** PER DAY

COACH WITH EXTRA LEGROOM

SMALLER GROUPS

For information on this trip, or to book, go to **insightvacations.com**, call **1800 001 777** or speak to your travel agent.

YOUR ITINERARY - AT A GLANCE

START EDINBURGH | 11 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 10 BREAKFASTS | 1 MORNING TEA | 5 DINNERS | 15 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES
START LONDON | 12 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 11 BREAKFASTS | 1 MORNING TEA | 5 DINNERS | 16 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

DAY 1

WELCOME TO EDINBURGH.

Welcome to the land of legends and romance. On arrival at Edinburgh airport, transfers depart for your hotel at 09:00, 11:00 and 13:00.

Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers at 17:30 for a Welcome Dinner of modern European cuisine and wine at a chic bistro tucked away in the New Town. (DW)

Macdonald Holyrood Hotel, Edinburgh.
●●●●○ | Traditional |

DAY 2

EDINBURGH, THE CAPITAL OF CULTURE.

☆ With your Local Expert, enjoy a drive along Princes Street to the ornate Scott Memorial and see the 18th century New Town.

☆ Visit Edinburgh Castle, home of Mons Meg, Stone of Destiny and the Honours of Scotland. See the official Scottish residence of the Queen, the Palace of Holyroodhouse. The afternoon is at leisure.

Select departures, will also attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo - a colourful mix of pipes and drums, dance and display, set against the floodlit backdrop of Edinburgh Castle. (B)

DAY 3

ARDGOWAN AND GRETNA GREEN.

Journey to Ardgowan, set on a stunning 10,000-acre coastal estate.

Meet Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart for a tour of the expansive house and learn the histories of the area, the family, the domain and its contents - you may even hear about the ghost! Delight in freshly made, traditional Scottish tea, scones cakes and a selection of sandwiches.

Travel to Gretna Green and the picturesque English Lake District to arrive at your hotel in Bowness-on-Windermere. (B) (AT) (D)

Macdonald Old England Hotel and Spa, Windermere.
●●●●○ | Traditional |

DAY 4 · RELAXED START

ENGLISH POETS AND THE LAKE DISTRICT EXPERIENCE.

Devote the day to a scenic wonderland of rugged mountains and tranquil waters - inspiration to a host of English poets.

☆ Visit Wordsworth's grave in the small churchyard at Grasmere.

☆ Appreciate the scenic beauty of the English Lake District on a relaxing cruise admiring the magnificent views of rugged mountains, secluded bays and wooded islands. Then, embark on a nostalgic steam train ride along the banks of the beautiful River Leven. (B)

DAY 5 · RELAXED START

WINDERMERE TO YORK.

Enjoy a morning at leisure before travelling through the Yorkshire Dales to arrive at the charming village of Haworth.

☆ Visit the Brontë Parsonage Museum, created within the actual home of the Brontë family. Learn about the family's literary legacy and what inspired them from the surroundings of their own home.

☆ Your journey continues to York, one of the oldest cities in England for an orientation.

During a private tour of Birdsall House, enjoy a glass of sparkling wine and canapes as you learn about the estate that has been home to the Willoughby Family for almost 300 years. You then take your seats in the stately dining room as you join one of the family members for your home-hosted dinner. (B) (DW)

Hilton York.
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DAY 6 · RELAXED START

THE VIKING CITY OF YORK.

☆ Enjoy an exploration of one of Britain's most historic cities, controlled by the Vikings during the 9th and 10th centuries and now renowned for its exquisite architecture. Walk within the town walls with a Local Expert and see the huge York Minster and the Shambles amongst a tangle of narrow, cobbled streets. There is plenty of time to further explore on you own. (B)

DAY 7

LINCOLN'S MAGNA CARTA.

☆ Visit Lincoln Castle, one of the finest Norman castles in England. Your tour will include a chance to see one of the four remaining copies of the Magna Carta.

Continue to pretty Stratford, beautifully situated on the River Avon. Your hotel is set just a short walk from the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and the town's wealth of black and white timber-framed buildings. (B)

DoubleTree by Hilton Stratford-upon-Avon.
●●●●◐ | Boutique |

DAY 8 · RELAXED START

SHAKESPEARE'S STRATFORD-UPON-AVON.

☆ Discover how William Shakespeare and his incredible works continue to delight audiences today when you visit his birthplace.

Join your Travel Director for a traditional Sunday roast dinner, served with Yorkshire pudding and all the trimmings. (B) (D)

DAY 9

THE COTSWOLDS, BLENHEIM PALACE AND BATH.

☆ Cross the beautiful Cotswold hills en route to Blenheim Palace to visit the magnificent stately home and gardens.

Continue to the elegant Georgian city of Bath.

☆ See the Pulteney Bridge, built in mellow local stone and the angels climbing Jacob's Ladder on Bath Abbey. (B)

Bailbrook House Hotel, Bath.
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DAY 10 · RELAXED START

BATH.

☆ The City of Bath is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the key highlight is of course a visit to the Roman Baths. Learn the importance of this historic site, still used as a centre for bathing and socialising.

The afternoon is free for you to explore, before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers at Brasserie Blanc.

Raise a glass over your Celebration Dinner to commend your wonderful journey, while enjoying a delicious French-inspired meal accompanied with wine at a local restaurant. (B) (DW)

DAY 11

ANCIENT STONEHENGE TO LONDON.

☆ Travel across Salisbury Plain to visit the prehistoric and mysterious Stonehenge, where the strange and awe-inspiring monoliths are reputed to be up to 5,000 years old.

☆ Continue to Salisbury where you have time at leisure to enjoy lunch and explore the city. See the medieval cathedral and walk the streets to observe the city's walls, Tudor town houses, Georgian mansions and Victorian villas.

Your journey concludes upon arrival at the London trip hotel. (B)

ALL INCLUDED EXPERIENCES & DINING WORTH APPROXIMATELY $724