

BEST OF BRITAIN

11 DAYS

3 COUNTRIES

16 MEALS

FROM A\$3495 PP*

TRAVEL TO THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS, EXPLORING RUGGED DARTMOOR, THE IDYLIC LAKE DISTRICT, THE ISLE OF SKYE AND TUDOR CHESTER.



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ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR** with a Local Specialist in Liverpool and Edinburgh
- **ORIENTATION** of Bath, Plymouth, Cardiff, Chester, Glasgow and York
- **VISIT** the ancient stone circle at Stonehenge, the Roman Baths in Bath, Polperro, Buckfast Abbey, Glastonbury Abbey, the town of Ludlow, the Isle of Skye, Edinburgh Castle, Alnwick and Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon
- **VIEW** Eilean Donan Castle, Alnwick Castle used as Hogwarts in the Harry Potter films, York Minster and Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage
- **SEE** Dartmoor, the Lake District, Ben Nevis and Glencoe in the Scottish Highlands and the 18th green at St. Andrews

DAY

1 LONDON – STONEHENGE – BATH – EXETER (2 NIGHTS) Rural Wiltshire provides a stunning backdrop for our drive to Stonehenge, which we'll explore before travelling to UNESCO-listed Bath. Our home for the next two nights is Exeter, where we will enjoy a memorable Welcome Reception. **(WR)**
Hotel: Mercure Southgate

2 EXETER – EXCURSION TO PLYMOUTH, POLPERRO, DARTMOOR AND BUCKFAST ABBEY Our first stop today is in Plymouth, where we'll delve into the history of the brave Pilgrim Fathers who set sail for an unknown New World. See the Royal Citadel overlooking Plymouth Sound and consider an optional cruise. We take a step back in time at our next stop – the artists' retreat of Polperro. Continuing along the brooding moorland of Dartmoor, we arrive at Buckfast Abbey where we'll 'Dive Into Culture' and gain insights into how Benedictine monks have lived and prayed for over 1,000 years. **(B, 🍷)**

3 EXETER – GLASTONBURY – CARDIFF Enjoy a scenic drive and visit the ruined Glastonbury Abbey. Later, 'Connect With Locals', joining the Dyer family on their 15th-century dairy farm in Somerset for a 'Be My Guest' lunch. Our final stop today is Cardiff, the capital of Wales, where we'll enjoy an orientation tour before a free evening. **(B, BMG, 🍷)** **Hotel: Park Inn City Centre**



Explore the ancient ruins of Glastonbury Abbey where you'll learn about the area's connection with the legend of King Arthur and its mythical status as Avalon, where Excalibur was forged.

4 CARDIFF – LUDLOW – CHESTER – LIVERPOOL We explore Tudor history in Ludlow and Chester this morning, enjoying views of Chester's medieval city walls and red sandstone Cathedral. Join a 'Local Specialist' later in Liverpool to gain insight into the city's Beatles' history. **(B)** **Hotel: Jurys Inn**

5 LIVERPOOL – LAKE DISTRICT – GLASGOW We travel along the shores of Lake Windermere through countryside made famous by the poet William Wordsworth. Stop in Gretna Green, where many an eloping couple has tied the knot. We arrive in Glasgow later for an orientation tour, including views of the Cathedral, George Square and the River Clyde. Warm Scottish hospitality and hearty flavours are ours to enjoy during a Regional Dinner in a local restaurant. **(B, RD)** **Hotel: Crowne Plaza/Holiday Inn City Centre Theatreland**

6 GLASGOW – GLENCOE – FORT WILLIAM – SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS (2 NIGHTS) Journey along Loch Lomond, whose bonnie banks were immortalised in the well-known Scottish song. We arrive in Glencoe and remember the 1692 massacre that led this place to be called the 'Glen of Weeping'. At the World War II Commando Memorial near Fort William, admire views of Britain's highest mountain Ben Nevis. Our day

in beautiful surrounds comes to an end with a cosy dinner at our hotel located within the Cairngorms National Park in the Scottish Highlands. **(B, D)**
Hotel: Laggan Gaskmore/Carrbridge

7 ISLE OF SKYE SIGHTSEEING AND SCENIC HIGHLAND EXCURSION We travel to the coast this morning to the Isle of Skye where a 'Local Specialist' will take us on a journey to admire the remarkable Cuillin Mountains. Later, we cross back to view scenic Eilean Donan Castle on the mainland. Travel through the Scottish Highlands on your return to your Highland hotel. **(B, D)**

8 SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS – PITLOCHRY – ST. ANDREWS – EDINBURGH (2 NIGHTS) We stop in Pitlochry before heading to St. Andrews. See its famous 18th hole before crossing the Firth of Forth to Edinburgh. Tickets to see the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates. **(B)** **Hotel: Marriott/Jurys Inn**

9 EDINBURGH SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Ramble up the Royal Mile today and see the city's iconic sights. The elegant Palace of Holyroodhouse and the Scottish Parliament feature on our sightseeing tour with a 'Local Specialist'. Visit Edinburgh Castle perched atop Castle Rock overlooking the city. Consider an Optional Experience this evening, including traditional song, dance and Scottish fare. **(B)**

10 EDINBURGH – ALNWICK – YORK We travel to the medieval market town of Alnwick this morning where we'll see the impressive castle home to the Duke of Northumberland and the Tenantry Column. Then it's on to Northumberland and York, where we will enjoy an orientation walk past its cobblestone Shambles and see the Minster with its 'heart of Yorkshire'. We enjoy a final Farewell Dinner together to bring our memorable journey to a close. **(B, FD)** **Hotel: Novotel Centre**

11 YORK – STRATFORD-UPON-AVON – LONDON Shakespeare's legacy and life are celebrated during our visit to Stratford-upon-Avon. Later, we travel back to London where our amazing holiday comes to an end. **(B)**

Please Note: Hotels in the Scottish Highlands are generally simpler establishments typical of the region.

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

* All prices are per person, twin share.

Your London Hotel: Park Plaza Riverbank/Park Plaza County Hall

For rates and full details please see page 255. This trip departs from our London Reception Centre or the above hotel providing that you have reserved your accommodation at this hotel through Trafalgar.

London Airport Transfers: Transfers available to purchase. Conditions apply. See page 259 for details.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, A\$143 per person.

Drinking Water: Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.

Trip code: BBOB



YOUR HOLIDAY PLANNER

Price PP			Price PP		
Start London	End London	Twin Share	Start London	End London	Twin Share
SA 28 MAR	TU 07 APR	3495	SA 11 JUL	TU 21 JUL	3625
SA 04 APR	TU 14 APR	3495	SA 18 JUL	TU 28 JUL	3625
SA 11 APR	TU 21 APR	3495	SA 25 JUL	TU 04 AUG	3625
SA 18 APR	TU 28 APR	3495	WE 29 JUL	SA 08 AUG	3795
SA 25 APR	TU 05 MAY	3525	● SA 01 AUG	TU 11 AUG	3995
SA 02 MAY	TU 12 MAY	3525	● WE 05 AUG	SA 15 AUG	3995
SA 09 MAY	TU 19 MAY	3525	● SA 08 AUG	TU 18 AUG	3995
WE 13 MAY	SA 23 MAY	3525	● WE 12 AUG	SA 22 AUG	3995
SA 16 MAY	TU 26 MAY	3525	● SA 15 AUG	TU 25 AUG	3995
SA 23 MAY	TU 02 JUN	3525	● SA 22 AUG	TU 01 SEP	3995
WE 27 MAY	SA 06 JUN	3525	WE 26 AUG	SA 05 SEP	3725
SA 30 MAY	TU 09 JUN	3525	SA 29 AUG	TU 08 SEP	3650
SA 06 JUN	TU 16 JUN	3575	WE 02 SEP	SA 12 SEP	3650
WE 10 JUN	SA 20 JUN	3625	SA 05 SEP	TU 15 SEP	3650
SA 13 JUN	TU 23 JUN	3625	WE 09 SEP	SA 19 SEP	3650
SA 20 JUN	TU 30 JUN	3625	SA 12 SEP	TU 22 SEP	3650
WE 24 JUN	SA 04 JUL	3625	WE 16 SEP	SA 26 SEP	3650
SA 27 JUN	TU 07 JUL	3625	SA 19 SEP	TU 29 SEP	3595
SA 04 JUL	TU 14 JUL	3625	SA 26 SEP	TU 06 OCT	3595
WE 08 JUL	SA 18 JUL	3625	SA 03 OCT	TU 13 OCT	3525
			SA 10 OCT	TU 20 OCT	3525

Single Supplement (add to price above): A\$800 PP
Exceptions 28 Mar 20 to 09 May 20: A\$750 PP
19 Sep 20 to 10 Oct 20: A\$750 PP

● **Edinburgh Tattoo 7-29 August 2020:** We've included Tattoo tickets when you're in Edinburgh during these dates. See page 95 for further details.



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- Young Traveller Savings **SAVE A\$360**
- Multi Trip Savings **SAVE UP TO A\$100**
- Triple Share Savings **SAVE UP TO A\$10 PP**
- VIT** (Very Important Traveller) Benefits for past guests

HANDCRAFTED HIGHLIGHTS

Here's just a sample of the many special Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.



CONNECT WITH LOCALS

Enjoy a 'Be My Guest' lunch with the Dyer family on their 15th-century dairy farm in Somerset complete with home-made ice-cream. **(Day 3)**



DIVE INTO CULTURE

Visit Buckfast Abbey, a Benedictine monastery built on the site where monks have lived and prayed for over 1,000 years. **(Day 2)**