



TIMELESS ISLES

A Gentle Journey Through the UK & Scotland

1 - 27 JUNE • 27 DAYS



Step back in time and soak up the rich history, heritage, and breathtaking landscapes of **England** and **Scotland** on this easy paced journey. With leisurely **three and four-night stays**, you'll have time to truly experience the charm of each destination — from medieval cities and quaint villages to grand castles and sweeping countryside. Explore **York's** cobbled streets, **Edinburgh's** Royal Mile, and the tranquil beauty of the **Lake District**. Discover Shakespeare's **Stratford-upon-Avon**, wander the **Cotswolds** and stroll the elegant crescents of **Bath**. Enjoy unique experiences such as a **canal ride** at **Stoke Bruerne** and a visit to the **Royal Yacht Britannia**. This is a journey filled with culture, character, and gentle exploration, where every stop reveals another timeless treasure of the **British Isles**. Colourful history, impressive architecture and ever-changing scenery await, as we explore **Great Britain** together.



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from \$ **19,950** per person share twin

NEW ZEALAND – MANCHESTER – YORK

three nights York

Days 1-2 We depart New Zealand, leaving the cool of winter behind with a transit stop en route. On arrival in Manchester we'll be transferred by coach to picturesque **York**. York is totally unique offering examples of Roman, Viking, and Medieval times. The walls surrounding the city are over two miles in length and with a history stretching back nearly 2,000 years. We'll take a wander and familiarise ourselves with the city of York before giving you the rest of the day to relax.

YORK

Day 3 We spend the day exploring all the city has to offer. There is time to visit the **Jorvik Centre**, wander the quaint cobbled streets '**the Shambles**' and pay a visit to the famed '**Minster**'. Train enthusiasts will enjoy a visit to the renowned **National Railway Museum**, with a collection of over 100 locomotives including The Royal Carriages.

YORK

Day 4 We take an excursion to the Yorkshire Moors. Our journey takes us to **Goathland Station** (featured in the TV series Heartbeat and in the Harry Potter movies). We explore the old whaling town of **Whitby** with time to meander and descend the steps from the old Abbey. It was here that Captain Cook began his apprenticeship, learning about navigation and seamanship.

YORK – EDINBURGH

three nights Edinburgh

Day 5 We drive through Northumberland stopping at Alnwick to view the spectacular gardens and castle which was a key filming site for **Harry Potter** and **Downton Abbey**. Scotland here we come!

EDINBURGH

Days 6-7 During our time in **Edinburgh** we will visit famous **Edinburgh Castle**, which houses the Scottish crown jewels. We walk the **Royal Mile** past bagpipe makers, whiskey and kilt sellers to the **Palace of Holyrood House**. There is time to take tea and scones and a tour of her majesty's former **Royal Yacht Britannia** which gives an insight into the Royal family's life at sea. Enjoy some leisure time to explore, shop or perhaps research your family tartan at the **Tartan Centre**. A Scottish dinner and entertainment are included.

EDINBURGH – PITLOCHRY – INVERNESS

one night Inverness

Day 8 Leaving Edinburgh we cross the **Forth Road Bridge** and head into the Highlands stopping at the quaint town of **Pitlochry** en route to Inverness, the capital of the Highlands. We end the day with a visit to **Culloden** – where Bonnie Prince Charlie's army was defeated by the English. We will enjoy our overnight stay in Inverness, the charming capital of the Highlands.

INCLUDED

- Economy class airfares ex AKL & CHC
- Quality 4-5 star hotels throughout
- All, tips, gratuities and taxes
- Local city guides
- All transfers, sightseeing and entrance fees as specified
- All breakfasts & 11 dinners
- Private touring coach
- Services of a Travel 2U tour leader
- Travel 2U tour kit

NOT INCLUDED

- Items of a personal nature
- UK ETA
- Meals and drinks other than mentioned
- Fuel surcharges **\$590**

OPTIONAL p/p subject to availability

- Single room supplement **\$5,482**
- Upgrade to business class **POA**
- Upgrade to premium economy **POA**



"Collect moments, not things." – Unknown



INVERNESS – LOCH NESS – FALKIRK

one night Falkirk

Day 9 Our scenic journey takes us along the banks of **Loch Ness**, home of the mysterious Nessie where we are surrounded by breathtaking landscapes. Continue onward through the dramatic Scottish countryside to **Falkirk**. The **Falkirk Wheel** is one of Scotland's most remarkable engineering marvels — a rotating boat lift that connects the Forth and Clyde Canal with the Union Canal.

GLASGOW – GRETNA GREEN – LAKE DISTRICT

two nights Lake District

Day 10 Leaving the wild landscapes of Scotland behind we drive to the tranquil Lake District. It was here that such writers as **Beatrix Potter** and **William Wordsworth** found their inspiration and the scenery continues to fuel the creative spirits of poets and artists to this day. En route we'll stop at **Gretna Green**, renowned for runaway weddings and still a popular place for weddings today.

LAKE DISTRICT

Day 11 A leisurely day is in store at **Lake Windermere**. Options include cruising the lake, visiting Ambleside or Lakeside to visit the Motor Museum and ride a Steam Train.

LAKE DISTRICT – STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

four nights Stratford-upon-Avon

Day 12 We journey south to **Chester** with its unique black and white shopping arcades and Roman history. Onwards to the home of **Shakespeare**. A beautiful part of England and we have four nights to experience it! Along with some fascinating day trips we'll have time to meander through picturesque villages with thatched roof cottages oozing with charm.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

Day 13 Today we enjoy a memorable journey through **Stratford-upon-Avon**, starting at the beautifully preserved **Anne Hathaway's Cottage** – the charming, thatched farmhouse where Shakespeare's wife grew up. Wander through the picturesque gardens, admire the original 15th-century interiors and learn about Tudor life and young Shakespeare's courtship of Anne. Next, we head to Shakespeare's Birthplace, right in the heart of Stratford. Discover the home where William Shakespeare was born and spent his early years. Walk in his footsteps, see rare artefacts and enjoy engaging exhibits that bring his story to life.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

Day 14 Today we enjoy the timeless charm of the English countryside on a picturesque day trip to the **Cotswolds**. Wander through honey-coloured villages like **Bourton-on-the-Water** and **Stow-on-the-Wold**, explore rolling green hills, and enjoy traditional cream teas in cosy tearooms. Perfect for nature lovers, history buffs, and those seeking a peaceful escape, this journey promises unforgettable views and quintessential English charm — all just a short drive away.



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EXCURSION TO STOKE BRUERNE

Day 15 Today we head for **Stoke Bruerne** where we learn all about life on the canal and take a ride on a canal boat on the **Grand Union Canal** which once bustled with traffic. Stroll through the charming village, admire traditional stone cottages, and enjoy the tranquil canal-side atmosphere. Whilst in the area we'll explore the enchanting gardens filled with colour, structure, and charm.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON – SALISBURY

four nights **Salisbury**

Day 16 The morning takes us to impressive **Warwick Castle** – the finest medieval castle in England. Experience a thousand lifetimes as you see the richly furnished staterooms, the Armoury, Watergate Tower, jousting knights and archery displays that recapture key moments of Britain's History.

SALISBURY

Day 17 After a leisurely start to the day, this afternoon we step into over 800 years of history with a guided tour of **Salisbury Cathedral**, one of England's most iconic and inspiring medieval churches. Nestled in the heart of Wiltshire, this masterpiece of Early English Gothic architecture captivates visitors with its soaring spire, stunning interior, and rich heritage.

EXCURSION TO BATH

Day 18 From Salisbury we travel to the elegant city of **Bath**, renowned for its Roman Baths, Georgian architecture, and graceful crescents where novelist Jane Austen once lived. The Great Roman Temple and bathing complex built 2,000 years ago is one of the country's finest monuments.

EXCURSION TO BEAULIEU

Day 19 Today we journey into the New Forest to visit **Beaulieu's historic Palace House**, the ancestral home of the Montagu family. Discover elegant rooms, treasured heirlooms, and beautiful gardens, all set within the tranquil surroundings of this grand country estate. There'll also be time to peruse the impressive motoring collection in the **National Motor Museum**.



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SALISBURY – LONDON

four nights London

Day 20 Travel from Salisbury through the English countryside, stopping at the magnificent **Windsor Castle**, the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world. Explore the **State Apartments** and **St George's Chapel** before continuing to London where we spend four nights discovering the many treasures of this wonderful city.

LONDON

Day 21 Today we're going to ride the famous London Underground to visit the **Tower of London**, one of the city's most iconic landmarks. Discover its fascinating history as a royal palace, fortress, and prison, see the dazzling Crown Jewels, and hear stories of intrigue, mystery, and legend within its ancient walls.



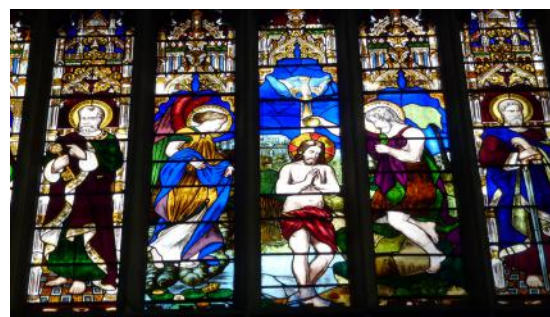
LONDON

Days 22-23 Enjoy two full days at leisure to explore London in your own way. Perhaps step back in time at **Shakespeare's Globe Theatre**, take in the views from the **London Eye**, visit **Madame Tussauds** or **Kensington Palace**. Garden lovers may choose a visit to the **Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew**, while history enthusiasts will delight in the city's world-class museums. There's also time for last-minute shopping at **Harrods** or a leisurely wander through **Hyde Park**. During one of the evenings there is an opportunity to attend a **West End show**.

LONDON – NEW ZEALAND

one night transit stop

Days 24-27 Your last chance for some shopping before we say farewell to the United Kingdom. This afternoon we transfer to the airport for our flight home with a stopover en route. We land in New Zealand filled with fond memories of an incredible journey together and experiences that we will treasure forever.



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