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Castles and Kilts





Your itinerary




 Start Location

 Plane

 Cruise

 Over night

 Visited Location

 End Location

 Train

 Ferry

Day 1 | Welcome to London



Delight in the magic and mystery of an ancient land of kings and queens, knights and magical creatures. Your springboard to an unforgettable Family Experience through Britain is the lively capital of London, which you will have an opportunity to explore with your clan before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a memorable Kickoff bash.

Meals: Kickoff Party

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Kings Cross

Day 2 | Discover the Sights of London



March down the grand boulevards and secret lanes of London, exploring the city's iconic sights with a Local Specialist. Practice your royal wave at Buckingham Palace, snap a selfie in front of Big Ben and see where Britain's royalty has been crowned since the 11th century. Enjoy some Family Fun and head to platform 9¾ to see if you can catch a glimpse of the Hogwarts Express. Then shrug off your Muggle mantle and see the red telephone box where Harry Potter and Mr. Weasley descended into the secret Ministry of Magic in 'Order of the Phoenix'. Admire the pomp and ceremony of the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace (subject to the event taking place), before enjoying free time for a leisurely lunch at St. Katherine's Dock near Tower Bridge. Our last stop today is the brooding Tower of London where we'll rub shoulders with the Beefeaters and see the Crown Jewels.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Kings Cross

Day 3 | London Your Way



Soak up the buzzing multicultural atmosphere of London on this full day at leisure. Explore the wonders of science and centuries of natural history at the city's fascinating museums, delve into the dark depths of the London Dungeon or take a spin on the London Eye. Wander through the colourful array of toys at Hamleys on Regent Street or take a day trip to 11th-century Windsor Castle – the choice is yours.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Kings Cross

Optional Experiences:

Windsor Visit Including Castle Tour - We'll take a short drive to Windsor where you'll enjoy a tour of Windsor Castle, with entrance to the State Apartments included. Inside the apartments you'll also have the use of an individual audio

guide.

Adult: 41.00 GBP

**On Sundays, St George's Chapel is closed to the public.*

London Eye and Thames Cruise - There's no better way to experience London than from a cruise along the Thames. You'll also experience incredible views of London from the world-famous London Eye, open from 10am - 6pm.

Adult: 45.00 GBP

Day 4 | Journey to Oxford and on to Elegant Bath



Imagine yourself as an Oxford scholar as you enjoy a quick visit (as long as students are not sitting exams) to the imposing historic hall of one of Oxford's Divinity Schools. This was used as the film location for the Hogwarts hospital wing. Later, we continue to the pretty Wiltshire village of Lacock for some Family Fun to see Harry Potter's house. Perhaps visit the 13th-century Lacock Abbey, or devour a traditional afternoon tea and cake in one of the local tea rooms before arriving in Bath for your overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton

Day 5 | Onwards to Historic Wales and Ruthin Castle



Gain insights into the elegant city of Bath during Roman times, enjoying an orientation that will include beautiful Pulteney bridge. Admire the honey-hued Georgian architecture of Bath and view such highlights as the 15th-century Bath Abbey before crossing the border into Wales. We stop in the historic town of Llangollen, famous for its annual Eisteddfod, and then cross the Horseshoe Pass to a medieval castle and one of Trafalgar's Stays With Stories, where we'll spend the next two nights. Dine like lords and ladies this evening enjoying a delicious Welsh dinner with your new travel friends.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Ruthin Castle

Day 6 | Enjoy a Day in Chester



Go back in time today during your visit to Chester, whose medieval city walls and famous red cathedral will give you a sense of what it must have been like to live in the Middle Ages. You'll take to its ancient walls with a Roman centurion Local Specialist, learning all there is to know about 2,000-year-old Deva, Britain's biggest Roman fortress on which modern-day Chester was built. The highlight of today will undoubtedly be the opportunity to Connect With Locals at an exclusive Be My Guest experience featuring an English cream tea. We return to our regal home-away-from-home this afternoon for free time to relax, or ramble along its ancient walls and through the beautiful castle grounds.

Meals: Breakfast, Be My Guest

Hotel: Ruthin Castle

Optional Experiences:

Famous Sights and the Fab Four - Come along with our Local Specialist for a guided tour of Liverpool. From its glorious maritime past to its famous cultural present, you'll discover the two magnificently different cathedrals, see Mathew Street, birthplace of The Beatles, and enjoy the Mersey beat.

Adult: 19.00 GBP

Day 7 | Explore a Manor House and Continue to Lancaster



Discover centuries of history at Tatton Park, set within a 1,000 acre (400 ha) deer park. We'll join the butler and housekeeper of this elegant medieval manor house and Dive Into Culture, gaining insights into the day-to-day of English aristocrats once upon a time. We continue north to the Lake District, whose enchanting landscapes have inspired poets and writers for centuries. Consider boarding a steam train for a brief journey, then cruise across the tranquil waters of Lake Windermere before arriving at your hotel, where you'll dine tonight.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Lancaster House

Optional Experiences:

Windermere Cruise and Steam Train Ride - Step back in time as we board the steam train for a short journey from Haverthwaite to Lakeside. Then a chance to view the glorious scenery of the Lake District as we cruise across England's largest lake.

Adult: 24.00 GBP

**Occasionally this experience will operate in reverse.*

Day 8 | Admire Hadrian's Wall and on to Edinburgh



Start today with some Family Fun to experience life as a brave Roman soldier on Emperor Hadrian's northern frontier, exploring the treasures of the Roman Army Museum and Hadrian's Wall. We cross into 'Bonnie Scotland' and arrive in the charismatic capital of Edinburgh where we'll have an opportunity to explore tonight at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Marriott

Optional Experiences:

Of the two following optional experiences, you will be offered the 'Scottish Show With Dinner'. However, on the rare occasion that this is not available, the 'Dinner and Drive to Historic Torphichen' has been selected as a suitable alternative.

Dinner and Drive to Historic Torphichen - Enjoy a scenic drive to the ancient village of Torphichen, associated with Scottish kings and Knights Templar. At the Torphichen Inn, your arrival will be toasted by our gracious host before enjoying an excellent dinner of local specialties and entertainment.

Adult: 56.00 GBP

Scottish Show with Dinner - Tonight is your chance to put on that tartan and join us for an evening of singing, dancing and bagpipe playing. You'll enjoy Scottish food and wine, join in the singing and watch a Highland dance or two. There's even a chance to sample Scotland's national dish – haggis.

Adult: 72.00 GBP

Day 9 | Uncover Edinburgh's Treasures



Delve into the magic of Edinburgh's iconic sights and stunning landscapes as you join a sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. Ramble up the Royal Mile and see the tall spires of the Scott Monument, visit Edinburgh Castle, where you will hear tales of bravery, treason and intrigue. Get lost in 'Auld Reekie', strolling through its secret lanes and past medieval façades or join your Travel Director for an Optional Experience. Our epic family adventure is almost at its end. Celebrate a memorable holiday with new friends and your Travel Director at a Farewell Dinner. Tickets to see the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates.

Meals: Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

Hotel: Marriott

Optional Experiences:

Rosslyn Chapel - We'll drive out of Edinburgh to the tiny village of Rosslyn, where we'll hear the inside story of the famous Rosslyn Chapel from a Local Specialist. One of Scotland's most unusual 15th-century buildings, Rosslyn is famed for its associations with the Knights Templar, the Masonic movement, and now 'The Da Vinci Code'.

Adult: 22.00 GBP

Day 10 | Journey Home



It's time to say bye for now, but not goodbye forever, as the curtain falls on an unforgettable Family Experience through Britain. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers.

Meals: Breakfast