

Real Britain

6 Days

3 Countries

7 Meals

Medieval castles and the inspiring beauty of the Lake District are highlights on this exciting England, Scotland and Wales trip. Learn about the runaway wedding capital, Gretna Green and Tudor history in Ludlow before you ascend to lofty Castle Rock for spellbinding views of Edinburgh.

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Your Must-See Highlights

- **Explore** Edinburgh with a Local Specialist
- **Discover** Bath, Cardiff, Liverpool and York
- **Visit** Stonehenge, the Roman Baths in Bath, the Tudor town of Ludlow, Gretna Green, Edinburgh Castle, and Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon
- **View** Bath Abbey, Cardiff Castle, the Lake District's magnificent scenery, Hadrian's Wall, York Minster, and Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage
- **See** the Principality Stadium in Cardiff, and the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh
- **Tickets** for the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates

Day

1 Journey to Stonehenge, Bath and Cardiff
Experience first-hand what's 'great' about Great Britain on this mesmerising sojourn past the peaks of Wales and the rolling hills and lush farmlands of England to 'bonnie' Scotland. We kick-start our adventure in the cosmopolitan capital of London, heading west to visit Stonehenge's stone monoliths, whose centuries-old myths have yet to be fully revealed. The elegant Georgian architecture of Bath takes centre stage during our visit to this famous spa town. Here, we'll see the Abbey and visit the Roman Baths, before crossing the Severn Estuary to Cardiff. Delve into the proud culture and heritage of the Welsh as you embark on an orientation of the city to see the Principality Stadium and Cardiff Castle, in the heart of the city. Tonight, we celebrate the beginning of an epic adventure through Great Britain at a Welcome Reception. **(WR)**
Hotel: Mercure Holland House

2 Through the Scenic Countryside to Liverpool The half-timbered Tudor houses of Ludlow feature today on our exploration of this market town with its medieval walls and historic castle. We journey north through the Shropshire Hills and Cheshire landscapes to the bold British city of Liverpool, hometown of the 'Fab Four'. Saunter through its edgy 'Scouse' streets and perhaps visit The Cavern Club, where the Beatles once played, during your evening at leisure. **(B)** **Hotel: Mercure Atlantic Tower**

3 Venture to the Romantic Lake District and on to Edinburgh The enchanting views of Britain's Lake District provide a scenic backdrop for our drive north to Scotland. Skirt the romantic shores of Lake Windermere and enjoy views that inspired literary greats like William Wordsworth. We stop at the runaway wedding capital that is Gretna Green where 'Blacksmith Priests' would marry couples over the Marriage Anvil. Later, we arrive in enchanting Edinburgh – our home for the next two nights. Tickets to see the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates. **(B)** **Hotel: Holiday Inn**

4 Discover Edinburgh's Treasures Ramble up the Royal Mile in the mesmerising medieval city of Edinburgh, where you'll join a *Local Specialist* on an included city sightseeing tour. Stroll through the Old Town and view Arthur's Seat and the Palace of Holyroodhouse, for centuries the seat of the kings and queens of the Scots. Visit Edinburgh Castle perched atop Castle Rock overlooking the city. Spend the rest of the day exploring *Auld Reekie's* medieval relics and elegant Georgian and Gothic façades on your own, or join your Travel Director on an Optional Experience to visit Rosslyn Chapel. This evening, consider attending a lively Scottish banquet with traditional haggis and bagpipes. **(B)**

5 Explore Hadrian's Wall and Onwards to York Trace the northern frontier of the Roman Empire at Hadrian's Wall before crossing the River Tyne and venturing south to the ancient cathedral city of York, whose origins hark back to Roman times. Walk along the famous Shambles and view York Minster, one of the greatest cathedrals in the world. This evening we *Connect With Locals*, joining a family at their stately home in York for a home-cooked *Be My Guest* Farewell Dinner and some hearty British hospitality. **(B, BMG, ☺)** **Hotel: Novotel Centre**



Dine with a Yorkshire family.

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6 Admire Stratford-upon-Avon and return to London Delve into the fascinating story of Shakespeare's life at his Birthplace and Visitor Centre in Stratford-upon-Avon, and view Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage. We return to London this evening where our memorable encounter with Britain's icons comes to an end. **(B)**

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo 4 - 26 August 2023

One of the most spectacular annual events is the Edinburgh Tattoo. It is simply not to be missed. Military bands from around the world take to the esplanade of Edinburgh Castle to play rousing tunes culminating in the haunting melody of the Lone Piper. The Tattoo is run for charitable causes and has donated over £5 million to military and civilian charities and organisations.

Trafalgar includes tickets and arrangements for our guests for every trip in this brochure that stays in Edinburgh during the Tattoo.



See below for a selection of departure dates. Speak to your Travel Agent or search 'Real Britain' on [trafalgar.com](https://www.trafalgar.com) for all available departures and pricing.

2023

Jan	02 [■]	16 [■]	30 [■]	Aug	07 [●]	14 [●]	21 [●]	28	
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- **Edinburgh Tattoo 4 - 26 August 2023:** We've included Tattoo tickets when you're in Edinburgh during these dates. See Edinburgh Military panel for further details.
Edinburgh Tattoo dates for 2024 subject to change.
- These departures may vary in itinerary, hotels, and inclusions in line with seasonal changes.
- ★ **Festive Meals:** Christmas and New Year's Eve dinners have been arranged for these departures. Join us in Britain to celebrate the festive season.
- ◆ **Hogmanay:** Marked departure will celebrate Hogmanay in Edinburgh.
- + **Special Rate Solo Rooming:** These departures include 20 - 100% discount on our standard single supplement.

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