

## TRIP START DATES

2023	2024
APR   26	APR   24
MAY   03, 10, 17, 24, 31	MAY   01, 08, 15, 22, 29
JUN   07, 14, 21, 28	JUN   05, 12, 19, 26
JUL   05, 12, 19, 26	JUL   03, 10, 17, 24, 31
AUG   02, 09, 16, 23, 30	AUG   07, 14, 21, 28
SEP   06, 13, 20, 27	SEP   04, 11, 18, 25
NOV   01, 29	
DEC   23, 30	

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### REGIONAL JOURNEY

ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

9 DAYS

3 COUNTRIES

11 MEALS

21 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★★

### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER

**Cornwall:** John and Anne welcome you to historic Heskyn Mill for a Farm-to-Table dinner. Savour a delightful meal, with all ingredients responsibly sourced from local producers or carefully foraged from the local area to reduce waste.

Visit the Roman Baths in Bath, providing quality education.

### INSIGHT CHOICE

**Dartmoor National Park:** Choose to walk amid the rolling valleys of Dartmoor National Park. Alternatively, set sail on a cruise of Plymouth harbor, where the pilgrims left over 400 years ago.

### AUTHENTIC DINING

Welcome Dinner in York • Dinner in Windermere.

### TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace • Edinburgh Castle • the Roman Baths • Stonehenge. City tour of Edinburgh with a Local Expert.

# BEST OF BRITAIN

"I am passionate about sharing the history of Britain with you. Throughout this trip you will be immersed in the various cultures and traditions across the country." - Cameron, Travel Director



EDINBURGH CASTLE, SCOTLAND



CARDIFF



YORK MINSTER



## DAY 1 LONDON AND MEDIEVAL YORK

At 07:30, meet your Travel Director at the trip hotel in London to begin your journey north to Stratford-upon-Avon, with its black-and-white, timber-framed house. Discover how William Shakespeare and his incredible works continue to shape society today when you visit his birthplace, full of interesting memorabilia and artefacts relating to his life. Continue to historic York to stroll the narrow lanes including the Shambles and view York Minster, England's largest medieval cathedral.

Later, join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly Welcome Dinner and the opportunity to mingle over a pleasant evening.(DW)

Hilton York.



 TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT Stroll on The Royal Mile. (Photo by @carolineinsightvacations, Day 4, Edinburgh)

## DAY 2 HADRIAN'S WALL TO EDINBURGH

See a part of Hadrian's Wall, once spanning 80 miles from coast to coast, marking the northern frontier of the mighty Roman Empire. Continue past Jedburgh Abbey en route to the Scottish capital, Edinburgh, for your two-night stay in this stunning city. (B)

Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, Edinburgh.

## DAY 3 EDINBURGH SIGHTSEEING

In the morning join a Local Expert to explore the Royal Mile. You will see the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of Her Majesty the Queen. Continue past the Sir Walter Scott Monument to the 18th century New Town with its neoclassical Adam facades. Visit Edinburgh Castle, home of the Honours of Scotland, to view Mons Meg, and see the Stone of Destiny. The afternoon is at leisure. In the evening, select departures will attend the spectacular Military Tattoo - a colourful mix of pipes and drums, dance and display, set against the floodlit backdrop of Edinburgh Castle. (B)

## DAY 4 LOCH LOMOND TO GLASGOW

Drive via historic Bannockburn and Stirling and enjoy the scenery of the Trossachs. Continue along the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond, before arriving in Glasgow for an orientation of the city with your Travel Director. See the grand public buildings, including George Square and St. Mungo's Cathedral. (B)

Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow.

## DAY 5 THE GLORIOUS LAKE DISTRICT

Travel via Gretna Green to the English Lake District, with scenery so beautiful it inspired a host of writers. Learn about the life of William Wordsworth and visit his grave in the picturesque, stone-built village of Grasmere. (B) (DW)

Castle Green Hotel, Kendal.

## DAY 6 THE WELSH MARCHES AND CARDIFF

Stop in ancient Ludlow, one of England's most attractive towns, dominated by its castle, rich in tragic royal history. Why not spend time exploring the traditional open-air market, admiring the local crafts and perhaps sampling the produce? Afterwards, cross into southern Wales and head for the capital of Cardiff for an orientation of the port city, upon the River Taff. See Cardiff Castle and the impressive Principality Stadium. (B)

Clayton Hotel, Cardiff.

## DAY 7 GEORGIAN BATH AND DEVON

Cross the Severn Bridge back into England and drive to the Georgian City of Bath, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the well-preserved Roman Baths, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER \* Experience, which serve as a hub of culture and education for the local population. Continue to Glastonbury, steeped in legend and reputed to be the final resting place of King Arthur and the Holy Grail. Continue on to your hotel in the heart of Plymouth. (B)

Jurys Inn Plymouth.

## DAY 8 DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK


Relaxed Start. Explore Dartmoor with Insight Choice. Choose to join a scenic exploration of Dartmoor National Park. Spend time reconnecting with nature amidst the stunning landscape of towering granite tors, open moorland, beautiful rivers and lush, wooded valleys. Alternatively, enjoy a relaxing cruise of Plymouth Harbour and see the Mayflower Steps, Barbican, Royal Citadel and Plymouth Hoe.

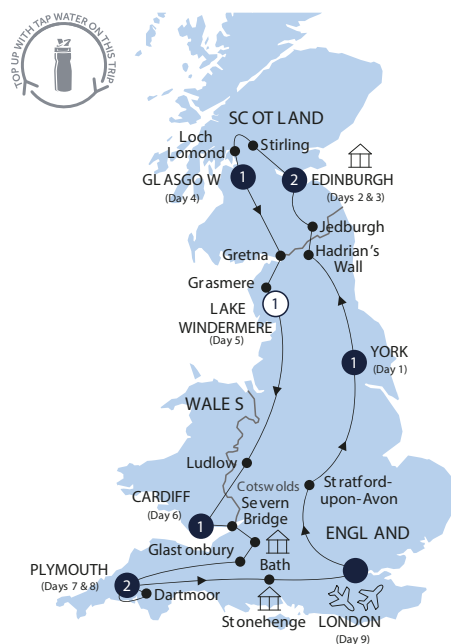
Later this evening, savour an unforgettable Celebration Dinner at Heslyn Mill during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER \* Experience. Join your Travel Director and newfound friends for the ultimate Farm-to-Table dining experience. Enjoy a mouth-watering meal prepared from organic seasonal produce, freshly picked from the surrounding fields, served with a glass of wine.(B) (DW)

## DAY 9 STONEHENGE AND LONDON

Travel across Salisbury Plain to visit the pre-historic and mysterious Stonehenge, where the strange and awe-inspiring monoliths are reputed to be up to 5,000 years old. Your journey concludes upon arrival at the hotel in London.(B)




 TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT Visit the ancient site of Stonehenge. (Photo by @t4ms\_92, Day 10, Stonehenge)




### KEY

 Join/Leave Options

 UNESCO Heritage Site

 Central Hotels + Nights

 Scenic Hotels + Nights

 Place Visited

### CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travellers.



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