

INSIGHT VACATIONS

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KEY


1 Central Hotels + Nights

① Scenic Hotels + Nights


● Place Visited

○ Optional Place Visited

||||| Trip Option

 Cruise

 Train

 Join/Leave Options

 Included Flights

 UNESCO Heritage Site

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.

Meals: Dinner with Wine

Hotel: Hilton York.

Day 2 | Hadrian's Wall to Edinburgh



See a part of Hadrian's Wall, an impressive Roman construction that once spanned 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. This evening, perhaps partake in a traditional dinner at Ghillie Dhu.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Edinburgh Hotel Holyrood By Marriott

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Ceilidh Evening and Dinner at Ghillie Dhu - Experience the best of Scottish tradition at Ghillie Dhu, where we'll be welcomed by a Scottish piper and enjoy a welcome drink before settling in for a delicious three-course meal and live Ceilidh music. And you can't miss the iconic Piping in the Haggis ceremony, a true highlight of the Scottish experience.

Adult: 79.00 GBP

**This experience will only be offered during the summer months April - October.*

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 His Majesty the King. 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.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Edinburgh Hotel Holyrood By Marriott

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Royal Edinburgh - We'll enjoy views of the Queen's Park and take in a spectacular panorama of Scotland's Capital before arriving at Holyrood Palace - the King's official home in Scotland. Our Local Expert will bring its ancient stories to life before a leisurely visit through the official rooms of the palace.

Adult: 43.00 GBP

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Dinner In Edinburgh - Edinburgh has more eateries per head than any other city in the UK and your Travel Director knows which ones shine and which ones to shun! Join your fellow companions for a fun evening out in this vibrant city. Visit a prized local restaurant for a delicious three course dinner with a glass of wine, beer or soft drink included.

Adult: 58.00 GBP

Edinburgh - The Untold Story - Walk Edinburgh's heart with your Local Expert, to hear about the ultimate loyal dog, grave robbers, executions and other untold stories. Stroll through the Wynds and Closes of the real Edinburgh and enjoy a drink in one of this city's most famous pubs.

Adult: 28.00 GBP

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.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Lake Cruise - Enjoy a relaxing cruise around picturesque Loch Lomond - the largest stretch of inland water to be found in the British Isles. Settle with a complimentary cup of tea or coffee and enjoy the flawless natural beauty, while all the history and legend is brought to life by on-board commentary.

Adult: 21.00 GBP

Visit To Medieval Doune Castle - We enjoy a visit of Doune Castle, overlooking the beautiful village of Doune. Famous for its association with Monty Python and now used as a film location for Game of Thrones, Doune is also the main Castle in the hit show, Outlander.

Adult: 20.00 GBP

Glasgow Dinner - In recent years, Glasgow has developed a fearsome culinary reputation. With its elegant and chic atmosphere, tonight's dining experience will feature one of the venues at the forefront of Glasgow's foodie scene. Enjoy an evening of Scottish fayre and experience the city's atmosphere at night.

Adult: 58.00 GBP

Guided Visit and Dinner at The Mackintosh at the Willow - Step inside the stunning surroundings of Mackintosh at the Willow after-hours and relax with a glass of prosecco. Explore the history of the tearoom and Glasgow in a private visit to our onsite interactive exhibition. Let our specialist guide tell you more about the building and immerse yourself in the magic of Mackintosh. Our guide will be on hand to answer any questions. Take a seat in the historic surroundings of the Original Willow Tea Rooms building and enjoy a delicious 3 course menu curated with the best Scottish produce and hand selected wine.

Adult: 72.00 GBP

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.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

Hotel: Castle Green Hotel, Kendal.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Windermere Cruise and Steam Train Ride - There is no better way to appreciate the scenic beauty of the English Lake District than a relaxing cruise and steam train ride. First take to the limpid waters of Windermere for a spectacular voyage, offering magnificent views of rugged mountains, secluded bays and wooded islands. At the southern end of the lake, your cruise connects with a steam locomotive for a nostalgic ride along the banks of the beautiful River Leven to Haverthwaite Station.*

Adult: 31.00 GBP

**Occasionally this experience will operate in reverse.*

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.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Clayton Hotel, Cardiff.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Cardiff Castle Tour - Take an 'insider' look at this unique Castle started by the Romans 2,000 years ago where we have our own private tour. The refurbishments done in the 1800s have been described as outrageous to opulent, bogus to brilliant and some even say the architect, William Burgess, smoked his opium pipe too much! His influences include Arab and Islamic art, Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales and even Aesop's fables. In addition, we can walk on the battlements and climb the 1,000-year-old Norman keep for superb views over Cardiff.

Adult: 24.00 GBP

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Welsh Evening - Join us for a lively night celebrating Welsh food and culture at a stunningly-renovated deconsecrated church in the heart of Cardiff. Enjoy a traditional and locally-sourced three-course meal whilst being entertained by Welsh stories, enchanting music and renowned Welsh singers.

Adult: 78.00 GBP

Pub Dinner - Visit a traditional country pub with its stone floors, real ale, and a cosy atmosphere where you can relax and enjoy a mouth-watering meal, featuring freshly-cooked traditional British food. During your meal, you'll enjoy a performance from a Welsh harpist.
Adult: 49.00 GBP

Day 7 | Georgian Bath and Devon



Cross the Severn Bridge back into England and drive to the golden 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. View the ruined monastery before continuing to your hotel in the heart of Plymouth.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Leonardo Hotel

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Cornwall Dinner - There can be nothing better than a delightful meal in a quintessential English country pub. Enjoy a three-course dinner of superb local food with wine. Cheers!
Adult: 46.00 GBP

Day 8 | Dartmoor National Park



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 Heskyn 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.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

Hotel: Leonardo Hotel

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.

Meals: Breakfast