

England & Scotland

Days 1 & 2 - Flight to London. We will pick you up at your door and escort you to the airport for your overnight flight in the company of your Globe Treks tour manager. After our morning arrival in London we will have a short highlights city tour featuring Winston Churchill's War Room museum and exhibit.

Days 3 & 4 - The Cotswolds and Bath. The next day we will visit Bath where we will enjoy a guided tour of the ancient waterworks and the Circus, among other sites that reflect its rich Roman history. We will also enjoy a beautiful journey through the hills and plateaus of the peaceful Cotswolds (from the Old English for "God's high open land") en route to Oxford for a guided walking tour of its esteemed university, now just a few decades short of its 1,000th anniversary. Later, it is on to pastoral Stratford-upon-Avon, the city of William Shakespeare and a show at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre.

Day 5 Chester. Much of this 2,000-year-old city still follows its original pattern dating back to when it was the Roman town of Deva; its old defensive walls make a pleasant walk around the ancient city center, sporting Roman ruins, a Gothic cathedral, and a mix of medieval, Georgian, Victorian and modern architecture. After arriving in London's Heathrow we will immediately head 90 minutes west and 4,000 years back in time to mysterious Stonehenge where the new interpretive center is sure to amaze.

Days 6 & 7 - England's Lake District. Travel through some of Britain's most beautiful landscapes to England's Lake District. We will also visit Dove Cottage in Grasmere, the early 19th-century home of poet William Wordsworth, who hailed this corner of England "the loveliest spot that man hath ever found".



Days 8 & 9 - Glasgow & the Trossachs. First will be Robert Burns country featuring a short train ride south to coastal Ayre and a visit to Culzean Castle and the Robert Burns birthplace and museum. Time permitting we will also have a brief city tour and visit the Glasgow School of Art for a Rennie Mackintosh tour. Later we will enjoy a "Scottish Evening"—regaled by a Scottish piper with all manner of stories and snippets of local history while partaking of traditional Scottish dishes. Our next day will feature an incredible scenic rail ride on the West Highland line from Glasgow to Fort William. Through the Highlands, wild Rannoch Moor, Upper Tyndrum, Crianlarich, skirting the banks of Loch Lomond; this is one of the most scenic rail trips in Europe.

Days 10, 11 & 12 - Edinburgh & the Scottish Highlands We will start with a short guided tour around Scotland's fascinating capital. This neoclassical town is filled with history, contemporary street performers and beautiful Georgian architecture. We will stroll down the Royal Mile and head to medieval Old Town with its narrow, cobblestone streets to visit Edinburgh Castle. Our 2nd day will feature a rail adventure on the morning train along the Borders route to Tweedbank, recently reopened in 2015. We will be collected by coach to enjoy Melrose Abbey and Roslyn Chapel before heading back to Edinburgh.

Day 13 - Return Home. Back to your door in the United States!

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