

14 Day Classic England and Scotland Tour

Saturday, July 21 – Friday, August 3, 2018

Hosted by Dana and Denny Hampton

Enjoy the best of England and Scotland on this escorted tour...



Our Package Includes:

Modern motor-coach from Salem to airport and return

Flights St. Louis or Chicago to London, and return from Glasgow. Airline taxes & fuel surcharges are included as is the fee for one carry on and one regular checked bag per person.

12 nights accommodations: * 2 nights London * 1 night Bath * 1 night Liverpool
* 3 nights Edinburgh * 2 nights Aviemor * 1 night Fort William * 2 nights Glasgow

17 meals: breakfast every day at your hotel, 5 dinners with wine

Gate 1 Travel UK tour guide plus featured local guides Sightseeing per itinerary in air-conditioned motor-coach

Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring Gratuities for hotel portering, tour manager, guides & driver

Special Features:

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| *London city tour | *visit Stonehenge | *Bath's Roman Baths | *Cotswolds |
| *Stratford-Upon-Avon | *Liverpool | *Farmhouse visit | *Lake District |
| *Edinburgh city tour & castle | *St. Andrews | *Glamis Castle | *Scottish Highlands |
| *Cairngorms National Park | *Culloden Moor Battlefield | *Clava Cairns | *Whiskey Distillery and tasting |
| *Loch Ness | *Isle of Skye | *Fort William | * Clan Donald Museum of Isles |
| *Loch Lomond | *Glasgow city tour | *Stirling Castle | *Kelpies |

Is This Trip Right for You?

This moderately active trip covers a fair amount of ground each day. We can spend 2-3 hours on our feet during tours where you will encounter some uneven surfaces, stairs, steps and significant slopes. This tour is not recommended for people who have difficulty walking.

This group is limited to a maximum of 42 passengers.

Tour package price: \$ 5295.00 per person double \$970 Single supplement

Discount for payment by cash/check - \$100.00 per person

Travel Insurance is recommended and can be added to the final payment. Travel insurance cost \$ 299-\$359 per person.

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DAY 1, Saturday – July 21st Depart for England

We will take a motor-coach from Salem to Chicago for our overnight flight to London. Flights are non-stop Chicago London and Edinburgh Chicago.

DAY 2, Sunday – July 22nd Arrive in London

Upon arrival in London, transfer to your hotel, *afternoon at leisure*. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Drink, orientation, and a **Welcome Dinner**

Overnight: London – 2 nights – Park Plaza Victoria 4*

DAY 3, Monday – July 23rd London City Tour

Today, discover the history, pageantry and sights of the city with a **half day tour of London's West End**. Begin with a drive through fashionable Kensington with its elegant squares and parks. Pass Harrods store and continue to view Piccadilly and Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abbey, Houses of Parliament and the famous Big Ben. Continue to view **Buckingham Palace**, the London residence of Her Majesty the Queen. Your tour ends in the heart of the city to explore this *afternoon at leisure*. Perhaps join our in-depth optional tour of St. Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London.

Optional: Tower of London & St. Paul's Cathedral (PM) \$85

DAY 4, Tuesday – July 24th Stonehenge, Bath

Today, depart London and head to the circles of **Stonehenge**. Located in the middle of Salisbury Plain, Stonehenge is unique among stone circles and its construction still defies belief. The first stone was placed here 5000 years ago and the structure was finally completed 1400 years later, it remains the best-known prehistoric monument in England and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to **Bath's Georgian Crescents** to find elegant stone buildings with terraces, crescents, and graceful squares. Visit the original 2000-year-old **Roman Baths and Georgian Pump Room** with its natural mineral water. Later in the afternoon join the optional tour to the Village of Lacock. You will have time to explore the village before a delicious dinner at a historic local Inn.

Optional: Village of Lacock with dinner (PM) \$65

Overnight: Bath – 1 night – Macdonald Bath Spa Hotel 5*

DAY 5, Wednesday – July 25th Cotswolds, Stratford-upon-Avon, Liverpool

Drive north today into the Heart of England through the **villages of the Cotswolds**, with its stone and thatch cottages, to the **birthplace of Shakespeare, Stratford-upon-Avon**, a charming market town. View **Anne Hathaway's cottage**, the school that William Shakespeare attended, and Shakespeare's birthplace. *Enjoy time at leisure* in this historic town, where the Bard's plays are still performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company. Then travel to lively **Liverpool** for a change of pace, where **The Beatles** were born and rose to fame. With your guide, explore the notable sights made famous in song by the Beatles - Penny Lane and Strawberry Fields. Then view the legendary Cavern Club where the Beatles began their journey to fame and Liverpool's stunning Albert Dock complex, a reminder of Liverpool's history as a great and prosperous port. Dinner tonight will be at the hotel.

Overnight: Liverpool – 1 night – Jurys Inn Liverpool 3*

DAY 6, Thursday – July 26th Local Farmhouse Visit in the Lake District, Moffat, Edinburgh

Today, travel along the shores of Windermere, the largest lake in England at the heart of the rolling hills of the picturesque **Lake District**, stopping for **tea and fresh-baked scones at a local farmhouse**. Continue towards the charming village of **Grasmere**, the 19th century home of the poet **William Wordsworth**. Next, **cross into Scotland** at the border town of Gretna Green, famous for its "runaway" weddings, and past Moffat, known for its high-quality wool products. Arrive in **Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city**, with its exquisite Georgian and Victorian architecture and winding medieval streets. During your stay, discover the city's rich heritage and historic buildings. Its Old and New Town are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Tonight explore Edinburgh on your own

Overnight: Edinburgh - 3 nights – Hilton Edinburgh Grosvenor 4*

DAY 7, Friday – July 27th Edinburgh City Tour

This morning, join a local guide for a **city tour of historic Edinburgh**. The route will take you past the Scottish Parliament, Holyrood Palace, the Museum of Scotland, the Royal Mile, and Princes Street. Also included is a visit to Edinburgh Castle, where you can see The Crown Room, Royal Palace, St. Margaret's Chapel, and much more! ***The balance of the day is at leisure.*** Tonight, don't miss the optional evening of traditional Scottish entertainment that includes dinner. **Optional: Scottish Dinner & Show (PM) \$85**

DAY 8, Saturday – July 28th Full Day in Edinburgh

Today enjoy a free day in Edinburgh on your own. Shop for traditional handicrafts and savor the relaxed atmosphere of this elegant city, known for its arts and military festivals. Purchase locally a Hop on Hop off bus tour to take you around the city. Catch one of the many museums or join the optional tour to Royal Yacht Britannia and Holyrood Palace. You will have the opportunity to board the former Royal Yacht Britannia. Learn about life aboard this elegant ship which has seen many historic occasions during 40 years of service to Her Majesty. Continue with a visit to Holyrood House, the official residence of the Monarch of the United Kingdom in Scotland. Salem Travel will also offer an optional **Golfers Dream** tour to visit the British Museum of Golf and tour the first, 17th and 18th holes of the Old Course at St. Andrews, cost will vary with the number of participants estimate \$125 per person, let us know if you might be interested.

Optional: Half Day Royal Yacht Britannia & Holyrood Palace (AM) \$75

DAY 9, Sunday – July 29th St Andrews, Glamis Castle, Aviemore, Inverness-shire

Sightseeing begins in **the town of St Andrews**, renowned for its famous golf course and the University where Prince William studied. Continue to **Glamis Castle**, childhood home of the Queen-Mother; visit this well-preserved ancient Scottish castle with its literary connections to Shakespeare's Macbeth. Despite local legends of mysterious monsters and ghosts, the castle is still home to the Lyon family. Next, scenic views await you as you travel farther north into the **Scottish Highlands** and through the mountainous **Cairngorms National Park**. Arrive in the winter sports resort of Aviemore in time for **dinner at the hotel**.
Overnight: Aviemore – 2 nights – Morlich Hotel at Macdonald Aviemore Resort 4*

DAY 10, Monday – July 30th Culloden Moor Battlefield, Clava Cairns, Whisky Tasting

Spend the morning at the site of the famous **Culloden Battlefield** where the Jacobite forces faced the British army in 1746. This battle marked the decisive collapse of the Jacobite uprising and the beginning of the integration of the Highlands into the British Kingdom. A **Visitor's Center** has been established to help in the preservation of the battlefield and educate visitors about the battle through films and exhibitions. Then travel on to **Clava Cairns**, one of Scotland's most evocative **prehistoric sites**, with its mysterious sacred stone burial cairns dating back to the Bronze Age. Next, **tour a whisky distillery and enjoy a tasting** before returning to Aviemore. ***The rest of the day is at leisure.***

DAY 11, Tuesday – July 31st Loch Ness, Isle of Skye, Fort William Glencoe

Today, drive to the most notorious site in all of Scotland, **Loch Ness**. There will be time to take pictures and try to spot the elusive Nessie in the largest lake in Scotland. The tour continues its exploration of the Highlands up into the **Isle of Skye**, passing Eilean Donan Castle and crossing Skye Bridge. Drive through the lush countryside to the **Clan Donald Museum of the Isles** before returning to the mainland. Arrive in Glencoe in the late afternoon. Dinner tonight will be at the hotel.
Overnight: Fort William – 1 night – Alexandra Hotel 3*

DAY 12, Wednesday – August 1st Loch Lomond, Glasgow City Tour

Continue towards **Loch Lomond** and enjoy a cruise on the lake, taking in the views of the surrounding **Trossachs National Park**. This afternoon, arrive in vibrant Glasgow, where you will enjoy **a tour of the city** sights.
Overnight: Glasgow – 2 nights – Hilton Glasgow Hotel 5*

DAY 13, Thursday – August 2nd Stirling Castle

Today, visit **Stirling Castle**, one of the largest and most important castles in Scotland. Then view the impressive **"Kelpies"**, the world's largest equine sculptures and Scotland's latest iconic landmark rising majestically over the Forth & Clyde Canal. Return to Glasgow in the late afternoon. **Farewell Dinner** with your fellow travelers and Tour Manager.

DAY 14, Friday – August 3rd Depart Scotland – non-stop flight home returning the same day.

What you need to know...

DEPOSIT: \$500 per person to confirm.

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: Friday, May 1, 2018

BOOKING FACTS: Deposits are non-refundable.

Airline tickets are non-refundable.

After final payment all arrangements are non-refundable.

OPTIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE \$299 per person will cover cancellations, travel interruptions, baggage, medical, etc... price varies with tour cost.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: US citizens require a passport valid for six months beyond travel dates. Please submit a copy of the photo page of your passport when booking this tour.

OPTIONAL TOURS: May be requested at time of booking the tour and will be billed in the final payment.

The consensus from travelers returning from our WJBD Alaska tour was that it was excellent! The only negative was that there was very little free time/down time. For that reason we have not included the optional tours, this leaves some free time for exploring on your own or relaxing. The optional tours are provided by Gate 1 Travel, the Golfers Dream by Salem Travel. If you would like other excursions on your free days, we can arrange those at prevailing rates.

Day 3 – Tower of London and St. Paul’s Cathedral afternoon tour \$85. 4.5 hours

Day 4 – Village of Lacock with dinner \$65 3.5 hours Village is owned by the National Trust, where many movies including Harry Potter, Pride and Prejudice, Cranford and many others were filmed. Dinner will be at a historic inn.

Day 7 – Scottish Dinner and Show \$85 4 hours *highly recommended*

Colorful tartan clad entertainers, Scottish music and highland dancers, bagpipers, plus a hearty dinner with wine.

Day 8 – Royal Yacht Britannia & Holyrood Palace \$75 5 hours

Tour the Royal yacht and visit the Royal residence when the Queen is in Scotland (closed for state visits, substitution Rosslyn Chapel)

Day 8 – Golfers Dream \$125 7 hours minimum of 14 travelers required to operate

Visit the Old Course at St. Andrews tour takes place around the 1st, 17th and 18th holes, visit the British Golf Museum, and more.

NOT INCLUDED: Meals and tours not listed in itinerary, and items of a personal nature. Optional Travel Insurance is highly recommended. Optional “Economy Plus” Seating may be available, additional cost will be known ten months before departure.

CURRENCY: Prior to departure, we will assist all travelers in obtaining British Pounds.

GOOD FAITH: These arrangements are offered in Good Faith by Gate 1 Travel and The Travel Bureau, LTD, dba Salem Travel Bureau. A detailed Terms and Conditions is available. This is a guaranteed departure but not an exclusive departure. There will be travelers on our bus in the UK who are not booked by Salem Travel Bureau.

TRAVELERS WITH DISABILITIES: Tour participants requiring any form of assistance are required to notify Salem Travel Bureau in writing at the time of reservation, and must be accompanied by an individual responsible for providing those services. Tour managers, guides, drivers or hotels are not able to provide such assistance. Escorted tours are fast-paced, often requiring lengthy walks over uneven terrain. Clients with special needs will be better served independently. Salem Travel can suggest tours based upon specific requirements.

We look forward to welcoming you on this tour and traveling with you to Great Britain.

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