

Tour Code: LMUK14



Britain's *Quaintest Villages*

June 2 - 15, 2014

Optional
London extension:
June 15-18, 2014



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Monday, June 2 & Tuesday, June 3, 2014 • Departure from US OR arrival from Ireland

Our adventure begins as we depart our US International Airport on our overseas flight to Glasgow with *optional pre-night hotel package*, or depart from Ireland from our pre-tour.

Wednesday, June 4, 2014 • Moffat, Scotland

We meet our tour director at our hotel and take a panoramic tour of Glasgow before meeting the pre-tour group. We proceed to Edinburgh to stretch our legs and have a look at the beautiful capital of Scotland. We enjoy a city tour to see the important sights including the Walter Scott Monument, the elegant Prince's Street and Edinburgh Castle with its foreboding ramparts and walls, Crown Jewels, Mon's Meg (siege gun) and amazing views of the city. We will also visit St Giles' Cathedral where John Knox, leader of the Scottish Reformation and founder of the Presbyterian Church, preached and played a principal role in establishing the styles of worship and administration that were to be accepted throughout the country. We have a bit of free time open for options, an opportunity to visit the 15th century John Knox House, museums, explore, or perhaps shop for that special "Scottish Tweed." We end our day in the sleepy little town of Moffat near the Scottish-English border in time for dinner together. **B/D**

Thursday, June 5, 2014 • Lake District, England

We slow our pace now and stop for a walk and to see remnants of the Roman Hadrian's Wall. After some time to explore we arrive in Ullswater to visit the Airedale Waterfall, a 70-ft waterfall with magnificent views from a lovely stone bridge. We arrive at our hotel in time to relax and explore before dinner. **B/D**

Friday, June 6, 2014 • Lake District, England

Today we explore the Lake District, a tranquil, timeless area, and the "most perfect setting in the world." Here the great poets Wordsworth, Byron and others composed some of the finest lyrical poetry in the English language. Grasmere was once the home of the famous poet William Wordsworth. In the center of Grasmere is St. Oswalds Church, the churchyard of which contains the Wordsworth family graves. We also visit Dove Cottage & Garden, where William spent several years of "plain living, but high thinking." We then continue exploring the area around Lake Windermere. We arrive in Ambleside for some time to shop or explore. Those who wish may choose to visit the Armitage Collection, which houses some of Beatrix Potter's collection including a first edition of "The Tale of Peter Rabbit." Later we visit Rydal Mount for a private tour of the garden and William Wordsworth's most beloved home. We relax while soaking in the history during a private poetry reading of the "Romantic" time period, while enjoying a glass of wine and a taste of the famous Grasmere gingerbread. Later we return to our hotel for dinner. **B/D**

Saturday, June 7, 2014 • Conwy, Northern Wales

After breakfast we have time for a morning walk before continuing our sightseeing. We head south through thickly-wooded hills, taking lakeside roads beside stone fences containing sheep grazing on lush vegetation, to Chester for lunch and a couple leisurely hours exploring the ancient city with a guide. Chester boasts the only complete set of medieval walls in Britain. One of Old England's loveliest cities, Chester's attractive bridges and parks, gates, cathedrals and river walks, as well as the remarkable Rows (medieval shops and houses) make this quaint city a must-see. Later we continue the short distance to Northern Wales. Before checking in, we visit the medieval Conwy Castle and have awesome views of late afternoon activity in the bay and the mountains as well as learn the history of this exceptional, military stronghold built 700 years ago. **B/D**

Sunday, June 8, 2014 • Conwy, Northern Wales

We spend the day enjoying the rugged beauty in and around

Snowdonia National Park. Nearby we visit the finest garden in Wales, Bodnant Garden, which draws horticulturalists from around the world. The mountains of Snowdonia National Park form a fabulous backdrop to the azaleas, rhododendrons, and camellias for which the garden is famous. While in the Conwy Valley we explore the village of Betws-y-coed. This is one of several built by the English King Edward I during his campaign to subdue the Celtic tribes in the 13th Century. From the mid-19th to the mid-20th century, this area was the world's supplier of slate roofing tiles, and there is still evidence of a formerly thriving industry, which we will see on our ride on the Ffestiniog-Welsh Highland railway. Today we attend a Welsh Men's Choir as they rehearse for their next performance. **B**

Monday, June 9, 2014 • Bath, England

Today's journey south takes us through the heart of Wales, far from the beaten track. We stop in two or three of the quaint villages with such improbable names as Llandiloes or Rhayader. This will be a day of "riding gentle," a leisurely drive through the unspoiled countryside and sleepy little hamlets to the Bath area, our next destination. This afternoon, we visit the Roman Baths Museum and spend some time shopping and exploring. Those who wish may choose to visit the Jane Austen Centre, the Museum of Costume, or perhaps take a river cruise. **B**

Tuesday, June 10, 2014 • Bath, England

After breakfast, we are joined by a local guide and head through the gorge at Cheddar, famous worldwide for cheese production, and also for its ghostly limestone caves. Then we travel on across the atmospheric Levels and Moors of Somerset, King Arthur's fabled Avalon, criss-crossed by watery channels which are a lure for unusual wildlife. This area produces willow from which cricket bats are made. We'll visit Glastonbury Tor and the Chalice Well. Archaeological evidence suggests that the well has been in continuous use for over 2000 years. 25,000 gallons a day comes forth and is said to have healing powers. The ruined Abbey evokes tales of King Arthur and his Queen, Guinevere. Next we visit the exquisite and tiny city of Wells with its beautiful cathedral, England's oldest street and Bishop's Palace and Gardens. We attend Evensong before taking the route back to Bath through the Duchy of Cornwall farmland and rolling countryside. **B/D**

Wednesday, June 11, 2014 • Cornwall, England

Our fun continues as we set out for Cornwall and Devonshire including a visit at Tintagel Castle. We'll be swept away by unforgettable vistas. We also look for clues to Arthur's chivalry (and existence) as we inspect the "Arthur Stone," Merlin's Cave and other tenuous mysteries. We have free time in the afternoon at our accommodations in the Port Isaac area on the windswept coast. **B**

Thursday, June 12, 2014 • Cotswolds, England

We enjoy an unstructured day as we begin to make our way back to central England. We stop for short walks and coffee along the way, sightseeing as we go. We also stop in Avebury to view the ancient stone formations and curious circular patterns, the origins of which remain a mystery today. We arrive in at our hotel with time to spare for a stroll around town before dinner. **B/D**

Friday, June 13, 2014 • Cotswolds, England

Noted for its gentle hillsides ("wolds"), and handsome buildings constructed with Cotswold stone or thatched roofs. The Cotswolds are indeed a place where time has appeared to stand still. We begin with a short scenic walk from Upper to Lower Slaughter and stop in sleepy, quaint villages like Stow-on-the-Wold and Bourton-on-the-Water to enjoy the gardens, scenery and leisurely strolls along the river, and delight in the miniature Model Village. We discover more horticultural delights when we visit Hidcote Manor Garden. Hidcote is one of England's greatest gardens and includes a series of outdoor rooms, each with their own unique character. **B/D**

Saturday, June 14, 2014 • Cotswolds, England

This morning those who would like to, may choose to do a bit longer walk along the Cotswold Way. Others may opt to visit Blenheim Palace. This afternoon we begin a visit in Stratford-Upon-Avon and see where the Great Bard (William Shakespeare) himself lived. We also visit Anne Hathaway's Cottage. **B/D**

Sunday, June 15, 2014 • Return to USA or extend in London

Regretfully, it's time to say "cheerio" and transfer to Heathrow Airport, where our flight is waiting to return us to the United States. **B**

Optional Extension to London

Sunday, June 15, 2014 • London

Our first stop today is at London airport to drop off our friends who are departing for home today. Our activities in "London Towne" formally begin with a tour of the world's most visited city including Big Ben and Parliament, Trafalgar Square with the Lord Nelson Column, the Thames River, and of course, Piccadilly Circus. We have free time afterwards in Covent Garden for lunch and shopping. Later we check in and enjoy dinner together at our hotel. **B/D**

Monday, June 16, 2014 • London

This morning we hop on the London Tube our mode of transportation for the next two days. We visit the magnificent Tower of London where we will see the crown jewels and learn something about the lives of child-king Richard II and of Henry VIII. Many of Henry VIII's political opponents were jailed and then beheaded here, including two of his wives. Yeoman Warders and audio guides will give us an overview of the secrets that lay within the castle walls. After lunch we visit the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew. We can learn more about this World Heritage Site and the conservation and preservation work being done there. Of course, we also can admire the amazing masterpiece gardens, glasshouses, lilyponds, and discover the horticultural wonders and biosystems there. We have the remainder of the day free. **B**

Tuesday, Jun 17, 2014 • London

After breakfast we visit the Gothic masterpiece, Westminster Abbey, including the naves, cloisters, Poets' Corner and Royal Chapel. An architectural masterpiece of the thirteenth to sixteenth centuries, Westminster Abbey also presents a unique pageant of British history - the Confessor's Shrine, the tombs of Kings and Queens, and countless memorials to the famous and the great. The remainder of the day is open for options, a time to explore more in-depth on our own. Just a few of the many possibilities are St Paul's Cathedral, the British Museum, the Docklands or Greenwich area, the British War Museum, and for art lovers, the Tate Gallery. Why not go to St. James Church to do a brass rubbing, and bring back one of the nicest souvenirs possible? Certainly of interest would be an hour or two at Harrods, one of the finest department stores in Europe. A ride on the London Eye (ferris wheel) would be spectacular on a clear day. Tonight we celebrate our final evening in Britain with dinner and a West End musical! **B/D**

Wednesday, June 18, 2014 • Return to USA

Our travels must truly come to an end today. After packing our bags we are transferred to the airport for our return trip to the USA. We return, however, with memories of lovely landscapes, fabulous architecture, inspiring stories, and most importantly, a wealth of new friends! Welcome home! **B**

TOUR PRICE: \$3,399* *per person, land only*

Single Supplement = \$775

London Extension: \$1,100

London Single Supplement: \$275

**June 3 Glasgow pre-night package
\$150 per person double occupancy**

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (twin/double occupancy) in moderate 3 and 4 star hotels
- **Meals** per the itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Services of **professional tour manager**
- **Local step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services on land tour, excluding tour manager and driver

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- **Airfare** to Glasgow, Scotland and return from London plus related taxes, fees and fuel charges.
- **Meals** other than indicated above
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for coach driver and tour manager
- **Items of a personal nature** such as passport fees. (Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (This insurance is available and recommended.)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$1500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due February 28, 2014. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

Currency:

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Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to March 31, 2014 a \$350 administrative fee plus any airfare penalties will be assessed. From April 1, 2014 land tour is non-refundable. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable.

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

Abbreviations for Meals

B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

Terms and Conditions

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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Registration Form

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Please register me for:

- Britain's Quaintest Villages: June 2 - 15, 2014
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Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: _____

(Nickname): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: _____

(Nickname): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Work phone/cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Deposit Payment Information

(please fill out if paying by check):

Enclosed is my check made payable to

Ed-Ventures, Inc. in the amount of:

_____ \$1500 _____.

Deposit Payment Information (please fill out if paying by credit card):

Credit Card Number: _____

Visa/MasterCard/Disc: _____ Card ID Code:* _____

Exp. Date: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds

Roommate name: _____

Single supplement (\$775) ___ Yes ___ No London Extension Single Supplement (\$275) ___ Yes ___ No

Travel Insurance (please check one): Yes, sign me up No, I decline

Insurance Payment Information: Charge my card below Check enclosed

Credit Card Number: _____

Card ID Code: _____ Visa/MC/Disc: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions. Please sign me up for the trip!

Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____

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