

Stonehenge monument



Great Britain Performance Tour

London Tower Bridge

Sample Itinerary



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Day 1 • Depart USA

Our adventure begins as we depart the United States on our scheduled international flight bound for the United Kingdom. Complimentary movies, beverages and meals will be served in flight. **In flight meals**

Day 2 • Edinburgh

Upon our arrival at the Glasgow airport, we meet our driver and begin our story tale adventure. We drive to Edinburgh and enjoy a panoramic tour of the city many consider to be the “Athens of the North!” Highlights include the **Walter Scott Monument**, the elegant **Prince’s Street**, plus much more! The remainder of the afternoon is open for options, an opportunity to visit museums, explore, or perhaps shop for that special gift for mom or dad. **In flight meals/D**

Day 3 • Edinburgh

Today we first enjoy an inside visit of **Edinburgh Castle**, with its foreboding ramparts. Another highlight on our agenda will be a visit to the royal yacht **Britannia**, a 300 foot vessel until recently commissioned to Queen Elizabeth II. *Today we will perform our first concert with St. Giles Cathedral as a possible venue.* We spend the remainder of the day relaxing in Edinburgh. Scotland’s majestic architectural sights are situated along Prince’s Street, one of the loveliest streets in Europe. In Edinburgh there are numerous excellent museums (most free of charge). Edinburgh also boasts magnificent botanical gardens. **B/D**



Edinburgh Castle



Stirling Castle

Day 4 • Edinburgh

Our destination today is the **Trossachs**, long considered the “Mecca” of travelers to Scotland. With their birch and pine forests, they represent the very essence of the Highlands. On our agenda are visits to **Aberfoyle**, the **Antonine Wall** and **Bannockburn** (site of Robert the Bruce’s great victory in 1314). Highlighting our day is a tour of **Stirling Castle**, which dominated Scottish history for centuries and is one of the most imposing castles in Britain. *Today we perform our second concert perhaps at the Castle Esplanade along the Royal Mile. Stirling Castle also offers a potential site.* **B/D**

Day 5 • Yorkshire area

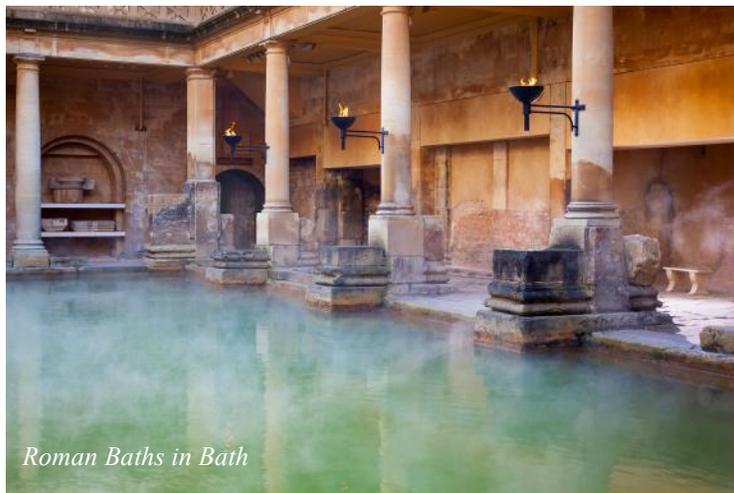
Today’s agenda is filled with memorable sights, as we explore one of “Olde England’s” loveliest cities! This morning we drive southward to **York**, one of England’s most historic cities. Here we enjoy a locally-guided tour which includes the impressive **Minster**, a *possible concert venue* and one of Britain’s greatest churches, as well as the “**Old Towne**” area. After our tour, there is time to explore the **Shambles**, a medieval shopping street thought to be one of the inspirations for Diagon Alley in the *Harry Potter* series. **B/D**

Day 6 • Cotswolds

Our destination today is **Warwick** in the charming Cotswolds. En route we stop in **Stratford-Upon-Avon**, home of Shakespeare, the great bard himself! We visit some of the Shakespeare sights in the area, including the birthplace of the great writer, as well as the famed **Anne Hathaway Cottage**.



Cotswolds



Roman Baths in Bath

A highlight of our day is exploring medieval **Warwick Castle** with its magnificent towers and ramparts. Warwick Castle offers you a thousand years of history. This is a memorable day in the charming Cotswolds! **B/D**

Day 7 • Bath

Today we will drive through the leisurely lanes of the Cotswolds, past bubbling brooks, and quaint villages. We may stop in the seemingly golden village of **Chipping Campden**. On a sunny day, the yellow painted buildings take on a golden hue. We may also stop at other towns such as **Stow-on-the-Wold** and **Upper** and **Lower Slaughter**, depending on our time. Our final destination is Bath, once an important Roman town, it houses the remnants of ancient thermal baths. We visit them as well as visit the **Pump House** and the **Temple of Sulis Minerva**. *Concert performance possible at the Bath Abbey.* **B/D**

Day 8 • London

Driving eastward we visit the mysterious formations at **Stonehenge**. After learning something about this prehistoric enigma, we continue to the **Salisbury Cathedral**, another of the great cathedrals of England. We continue to “London Town” for overnight. *Concert performance-possible venue is the Salisbury Cathedral.* **B/D**

Day 9 • London

Our activities in London begin with a locally-guided tour of the world’s most visited city. Highlighting our tour will be **Big Ben** and **Parliament**, **Trafalgar Square** with the



Guards band marching in front of Buckingham Palace

Lord Nelson Column, **Westminster Abbey**, and of course, **Picadilly Circus**. The afternoon is open for options, a time to explore on our own. London has a wealth of museums and many of them are free of charge. Not to be missed is the prestigious British Museum with its incomparable section of antiquities. Art lovers want to spend time in the Tate Gallery, one of the world’s greatest museums of art! Shoppers and non-shoppers alike would appreciate an hour or two spent exploring Harrod’s, the world’s greatest department store. Britain’s World War II “war room” has been preserved just as it was and is open to the public. The possibilities are endless! Tonight we celebrate our final evening in Britain with dinner at the original **Hard Rock Cafe** followed by one of London’s fine **West End** musicals! **B/D**

Day 10 • Return

Regretfully, it’s time to say *cheerio* and transfer to the London Airport, where our flight is waiting to return us to America. We return, however, with memories of lovely landscapes, fabulous castles, exceptional concert sites, and most importantly, a wealth of new British friends! Welcome home! **B/In flight meals**

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast D=Dinner

Possible Performance Venues:

Scotland

Edinburgh Castle
 Aberdeen International Festival of Youth Arts
 St. Giles’ Cathedral
 Stirling Castle
 Guildhalls/Art Centers

England

York Early Music Festival
 St. Paul’s Cathedral
 Bath Abbey
 York Minster

Prices vary according to season, group size, and customization of each tour.
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Included

Transportation

- Private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach

Accommodations

- Youth hostels and multi-bedded tourist class hotels

Meals

- As indicated in itinerary

Sightseeing

- Admission to all activities as indicated in itinerary

Tour Guides

- Teacher serves as tour leader (Professional tour director can be added upon request)
- Local guides for city tours and major attractions

Taxes and Tips

- All taxes and tips for provided services except end of tour tip for driver

Complimentary Tours

- One per 8 paying participants

Not included

- Roundtrip air transportation (Included upon request)
- Professional tour director
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Beverages, except with breakfast
- End of tour tip for driver
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees (*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date*)
- Travel Insurance

This tour can be customized to your specifications.



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