



A scenic drive through England's glorious Lake District

Gems of Britain

Succinct and feature packed, which calls for a spirited itinerary, but you wouldn't want it any other way with only a few days to capture the essence of Britain. It includes everything you would expect: Cambridge, York, Edinburgh, the English Lake District, Chester and Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon.

4 DAYS ~ ENGLAND ~ SCOTLAND

Visit Edinburgh Castle



Liverpool, City of the Beatles



Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace
Experience a taste of Olde England



DAY 1 – LONDON – CAMBRIDGE – YORK – DARLINGTON. Meet your Tour Director early this morning and head northwards to the gracious city of *Cambridge*, home of Britain's second university. A glimpse here of the age-old tradition of learning as you stroll by some of the colleges, including the magnificent *King's College*. Continue through the heart of 'Robin Hood Country' (though sadly little now remains of the leafy glades of Sherwood Forest) to historic *York*. Inside the ancient *city walls*, you approach the magnificent *York Minster*, England's largest medieval cathedral. Then walk through the narrow *cobbled streets* to the Tudor '*Shambles*', where the houses lean so far they almost touch! Free time to shop before continuing to your hotel. Hotel: Blackwell Grange (D)

DAY 2 – DARLINGTON – EDINBURGH. Cross the wild Northumberland Moors and go past the romantic ruins of *Jedburgh Abbey*, cross the Borders and head on to Scotland's elegant capital, *Edinburgh*. On a *guided city tour*, drive down the stately *Royal Mile*, past *St Giles' Cathedral* to *Holyroodhouse Palace* – the Queen's residence in Edinburgh – and on to the 18th century *New Town*. *Visit Edinburgh Castle, housing the Honours of Scotland, the nation's crown jewels*. Why not spend the evening eating haggis and listening to the sound of bagpipes? Hotel: Jury's Inn (B)

DAY 3 – EDINBURGH – LIVERPOOL. Drive through the Southern Uplands to *Gretna Green*, where many an eloping English couple have been married, then cross the border back into England. Enjoy a drive through the *Lake District*, a region so beautiful it inspired a host of English poets. Wander in Wordsworth's footsteps before continuing to lively *Liverpool*, home of the Beatles! Your hotel is adjacent to the iconic *Liver Building* and overlooking the *Dock Front World Heritage Site*. Hotel: Atlantic Tower by Thistle (B,D)

DAY 4 – LIVERPOOL – CHESTER – STRATFORD – LONDON. First stop today is at the former Roman fortress town of *Chester*. Walk with your Tour Director along part of the *well preserved city walls*. See the *Eastgate Clock, Cathedral*, the unique black and white '*Rows*' (shopping arcades) and the remains of the *Roman Amphitheatre*. *Continue to the famous Wedgwood China Visitor Centre, where there is much to tempt those seeking fine British souvenirs*. Now to *Stratford-upon-Avon* where you visit *Shakespeare's birthplace*. Return to London through the flower-trimmed *villages of the Cotswolds*, one of the most beautiful parts of England. (B)

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Notes

REF: B995. Prices are per person sharing a twin in US\$.
 Tours depart on Mondays and return on Thursdays.

Tour Departure Point

This tour departs from the Thistle Marble Arch, our recommended pre/post tour accommodation (see page 16 for booking details, airport transfers and sightseeing).

Included are worth approximately US\$51

A super concise tour crafted for guests with limited vacation time who would like to experience the very best of Britain in just four days.

Included

Premium Highlights

- Visit Edinburgh Castle to see the Honours of Scotland - the oldest royal regalia in Britain
- Visit Shakespeare's birthplace in the pretty market town of Stratford-upon-Avon

Included

Personal Insights

- Learn about the techniques of ceramic manufacture at the world famous Wedgwood Visitor Centre

Included Additional Excursions & Sights

- See King's College, Cambridge
- See York Minster and the medieval 'Shambles'
- See Jedburgh Abbey
- Drive down Edinburgh's Royal Mile past St Giles' Cathedral to Holyroodhouse Palace
- Walk by Chester's 'Rows' and see the Cathedral and Roman Amphitheatre
- Scenic drives in the Cotswolds, Lake District, Northumberland Moors

Included First Class Services

- Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage
- Escorted by a professional Tour Director
- Luxury 40 seat coach with onboard toilet
- Free London Airport shuttle service, conditions apply, see pages 17 & 173

Included Quality Dining

- 3 full Breakfasts (B), 2 three-course Evening Meals with choice, or buffets, plus tea or coffee (D)

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