

Sharon Battle Travel

invites you to...

The British Sampler

9 Day Tour from London to London

November 3 - 12, 2024 ~

SPECIAL RATE ~

From **\$1999** per person

If deposited by July 1, 2024

Non-refundable deposit of \$699.00 per person. Balance due August 20, 2024



Vacation Overview

Our most popular Britain tour offers you the best of this great land. You'll have amazing experiences and see the fascinating sights as you travel from London to Edinburgh and back to London. History buffs will be delighted in seeing mysterious, prehistoric Stonehenge (just imagine how these stones got there!); the Roman baths in Bath, constructed around 70 AD and today one of the best preserved Roman remains in the world; Chester, one of Britain's best cities for archaeological and architectural treasures; Edinburgh, home to many Scottish monarchs, including Queen Margaret, who died here in 1093; and York, England's most complete medieval city with its cobbled streets and the magnificent York Minister.

Literary fans will enjoy visiting Shakespeare's birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon; Abbotsford House, home of Sir Walter Scott; Grasmere, home to William Wordsworth; and Cambridge, where you have the chance to explore the city and the colleges attended by many famous writers. But that's not all...We have also arranged special, out-of-the-ordinary experiences for you. You'll enjoy Grasmere gingerbread, invented in 1856 in the English Lake District, and a cup of tea and shortbread in Abbotsford.

From the historical sights to the beautiful scenery to the special experiences, this British tour is a great way to sample what Britain has to offer!

MEALS - Full English breakfast; 3 three-course dinners with wine and choice of menus, including a welcome dinner in Bath



Vacation Highlights

ROUND TRIP AIRFARE PIT / LONDON

LONDON - Guided sightseeing, visit St. Paul's Cathedral and see the Changing of the Guard, if held

HAMPTON COURT A special walking tour through the palace's ornamental gardens

STONEHENGE Visit the prehistoric monument

BATH Visit the Roman relics; welcome dinner

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD Take a stroll in this Cotswolds village

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON Take pictures of Anne Hathaway's Cottage, visit Shakespeare's birthplace

LLANGOLLEN Visit the picturesque village

CHESTER Walking tour

GRASMERE Visit Wordsworth's village; [LF] try original Grasmere gingerbread

EDINBURGH Guided sightseeing, visit Edinburgh Castle and Holyrood Palace

ABBOTSFORD Guided tour of Sir Walter Scott's house, then enjoy [LF] a cup of tea & shortbread at the Ochiltree's Dining

JEDBURGH Take pictures of the abbey ruins

YORK Walking tour

CAMBRIDGE Explore the university city

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See Reverse Side for a Full Itinerary

ITINERARY

Day 1 Arrive In London, England

Welcome to London!

Day 2 London

After a hearty English breakfast, morning sightseeing with a Local Guide includes all the famous landmarks: the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben beside the Thames River, Westminster Abbey, Whitehall's mounted horseguards and the Prime Minister's Downing Street, Piccadilly Circus, and Buckingham Palace. Highlights are a visit to ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL (except on Sundays) and the ceremonial pageantry of the Changing of the Guard, if held. Free time in the afternoon for independent activities or to join an optional excursion to Windsor Castle or the Tower of London with its fabulous Crown Jewels. Later, maybe an optional dinner followed by a cruise on the Thames River? (B)

Day 3 London–Hampton Court–Stonehenge–Bath

Meet your Tour Director and traveling companions and depart at 8 am for a memorable day of sightseeing. First, a special visit to admire the breathtaking ORNAMENTAL GARDENS of Henry VIII's Hampton Court Palace. Your Tour Director will take you on a walk to see the Great Vine, Pond Garden, Privy Garden, and the flower borders of the Great Fountain Garden. Then, westward to the intriguing prehistoric monument of STONEHENGE. Explore the stunning visitor center with its imaginative exhibitions, then take the shuttle to the stone circle and admire the magnificence of the monument up close. Across Salisbury Plain, head for the elegant Georgian city of Bath, where you see the amazing excavations of the ROMAN BATHS. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner with wine at your hotel. (B,D)

Day 4 Bath–Stow-On-The-Wold–Stratford-Upon-Avon–Llangollen, Wales–Chester, England

Savor vistas of the Cotswolds on your way via the medieval market town of Stow-on-the-Wold to Stratford-upon-Avon. Time here to visit SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHPLACE and for pictures of Anne Hathaway's Cottage. The afternoon is dedicated to North Wales. Take a stroll in picturesque Llangollen, home of an annual international contest for poets and musicians. Spend the night at Chester, the historic county town on the Dee River. (B,D)

Day 5 Chester–Grasmere–Gretna Green, Scotland–Edinburgh

This morning's walking tour includes the Roman remains, black and white half-timbered buildings, the cathedral, and the two-tiered shopping arcades called the "Rows." Focus now on the tranquil Lake District, considered to be the finest of England's national parks. Take a break in Wordsworth's beloved Grasmere, and try original [LF] GRASMERE GINGERBREAD. Then, head north for the Scottish border. On the way through the history-steeped Lowland Hills, stop at Gretna Green, where the blacksmith used to wed runaway couples. In Edinburgh, don't miss our optional Scottish evening with Highland dancers, bagpipers, and the Ceremony of the Haggis. (B)

Day 6 Edinburgh

Morning city sightseeing with a Local Guide introduces you to the 200-year-old "New Town" and famous scientists, inventors, and novelists who lived there. In the "Old Town," drive up the narrow Royal Mile to EDINBURGH CASTLE to admire Scotland's Crown Jewels, then explore HOLYROOD PALACE (when available). The afternoon is free to enjoy the Scottish capital at your own pace. Later, a unique optional experience: board the former Royal Yacht Britannia, once the perfect royal residence for glittering state visits and family holidays. Dinner rounds off this optional evening. For departures July 31 through August 22, tickets are included for tonight's performance of the world-renowned MILITARY TATTOO, a vast spectacle of massed Scottish pipe bands that takes place in an arena on the esplanade of Edinburgh Castle. (B)

Day 7 Edinburgh–Abbotsford–Jedburgh–York, England

First on today's agenda is a guided tour of Sir Walter Scott's ABBOTSFORD HOUSE. After the tour, enjoy a [LF] CUP OF TEA and SHORTBREAD at Ochiltree's Dining. Melrose Abbey and the ruins at Jedburgh are pointed out on the way to the English border and Northumberland National Park. In York, England's most complete medieval city, stand in awe in front of the great structure of York Minster, then follow your Tour Director through a maze of quaint streets including the narrow Shambles. (B,D)

Day 8 York–Stamford–Cambridge–London

Leave Yorkshire and its associations with James Herriot, and drive through the richest farmland in Britain. Pause in the market town of Stamford before arriving in the beautiful university city of Cambridge. Return to London around 3:30 pm. How about a night out on the town with newfound friends? (B)

Day 9 London

After breakfast take transfer to airport for flight home(B)

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