BRITAIN SAMPLER

9 Day Tour from London to London

Starting at ~~$1,649~~ **$1,484**

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…Globus has 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 Britain tour is a great way to sample what Britain has to offer!

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Inside visits and special features are shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description, including admission charges where applicable.

DAY 1 Arrive In London, England

Welcome to London! Uniformed Globus Hosts are available to help you make the most of your stay.

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, how about an optional dinner, followed by a cruise on the Thames River?

 Breakfast

DAY 3 London–Stonehenge–Bath

Meet your Tour Director and traveling companions, and depart at 8 am for a memorable day of sightseeing. First, try to unravel the mystery of prehistoric STONEHENGE. Explore the visitor center with its imaginative exhibitions, then take the shuttle to the stone circle and admire the magnificence of the monument up close. Cross Salisbury Plain and head for the elegant Georgian city of Bath, where you see the amazing excavations of the ROMAN BATHS. You will also have time to explore the town further on your own. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner with wine at your hotel.

 Breakfast

Dinner

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.

 Breakfast

Dinner

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 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.

 Breakfast

DAY 6 Edinburgh

Morning city sightseeing with a Local Guide introduces you to the 200-year-old “New Town,” and the 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 departure numbers July 31 through August 21, 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.

 Breakfast

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 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.

 Breakfast

Dinner

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?

 Breakfast

DAY 9 London

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

 Breakfast

## MEALS

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

## DESTINATIONS & SIGHTSEEING

**LONDON**

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

**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; try original Grasmere gingerbread

**EDINBURGH**

Guided sightseeing, visit Edinburgh Castle and Holyrood Palace

**ABBOTSFORD**

Guided tour of Sir Walter Scott’s house, then enjoy a cup of tea & shortbread at Ochiltree’s Dining

**JEDBURGH**

Take pictures of the abbey ruins

**YORK**

Walking tour

**CAMBRIDGE**

Explore the university city
Headsets throughout the tour except London

**Notes:**

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* July 31 through August 21 Departures–Edinburgh Military Tattoo ticket included
* June 19 Departure–Stonehenge will be closed due to Summer Solstice and a visit to Salisbury Cathedral will be included instead.



The following UNESCO World Heritage Sites can be seen or visited on this vacation:

* City of Bath
* Old and New Towns of Edinburgh
* Stonehenge
* Westminster Palace, Westminster Abbey and Saint Margaret's Church

**Transportation:**

Motorcoach. Free Wi-Fi available on your motorcoach and in most hotel lobbies.