
Essential Britain

12 Day Tour from London to London

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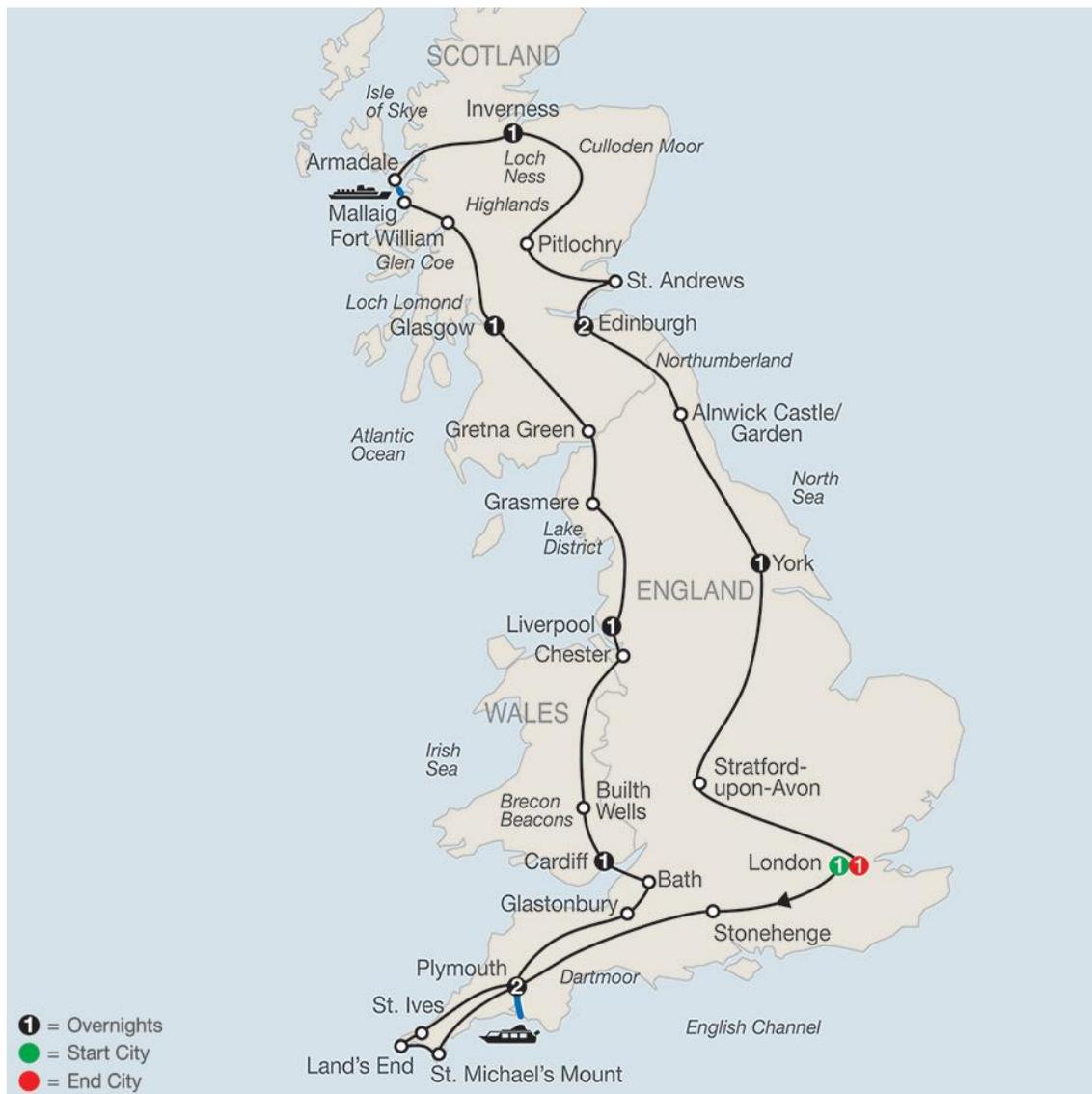
Vacation overview

On this Essential Britain [guided tour](#), you'll experience some of Britain's most fascinating towns as you travel through England, Wales, and Scotland stopping for overnights in London, Plymouth, Cardiff, Liverpool, Glasgow, Inverness, Edinburgh, and York. Plus, part of the charm of traveling through Britain is seeing the marvelous scenery and on this Britain tour you'll get the opportunity to witness some of its most scenic areas. You'll cruise on Plymouth Sound, one of the world's great natural harbors; take a photo at breathtaking Land's End, England's most south-westerly point; drive through Brecon Beacons National Park, with its dramatic landscapes; explore England's tranquil Lake District, England's largest and finest natural park; visit the Isle of Skye, with some of Scotland's best scenery; and trace the shores of Loch Ness.

On this tour to Britain, you'll also travel to some of the charming towns. In Bath, you'll explore the excavations of the Roman baths, used over 2,000 years ago for bathing and socializing. In Chester, you'll enjoy a walking tour of this city famed for its Roman remains, black and white half-timbered buildings, and famous two-tiered arcades. In Liverpool, take a journey into the life of the Beatles. Walk through York's quaint streets with your Tour Director, who will bring York and all of Britain alive with firsthand, in-depth knowledge throughout your tour. Globus also brings these destinations to life with out-of-the-ordinary experiences—such as a wedding re-enactment at Gretna Green and original Grasmere gingerbread in Grasmere—arranged just for you.

Majestic scenery, fascinating towns, special treats, an expert Tour Director bringing these destinations to life, and so much more are offered on this spectacular escorted Britain vacation. Be sure to grab your camera so all you have to do is sit back and relax as you experience these wonderful destinations.





Itinerary

Day 1 ARRIVE IN LONDON, ENGLAND

Welcome to London! Uniformed Globus Hosts will be waiting to welcome you. After checking into [your hotel](#) and an afternoon at leisure, we recommend our optional Taste of London excursion with dinner, followed by a guided illumination cruise on the Thames River.

Day 2 LONDON-STONEHENGE-PLYMOUTH

Meet your Tour Director and traveling companions, and depart London at 8 am. 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. Continue on through Thomas Hardy's Wessex, and head to Plymouth, where you follow in the footsteps of Drake, Raleigh, and the Pilgrim Fathers with a  CRUISE on Plymouth Sound, one of the world's great natural harbors. You will also have time at the historic Barbican to see the Mayflower Steps. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner at your hotel.

Day 3 PLYMOUTH. CORNWALL EXCURSION

A day full of West Country sights as you head through Poldark's Cornwall. After viewing St. Michael's Mount, take photos at Land's End before exploring the popular seaside resort of St. Ives. Back in Plymouth, why not [join](#) an optional excursion into Dartmoor National Park for an evening of storytelling at a local pub?

Day 4 PLYMOUTH–GLASTONBURY–BATH–CARDIFF, WALES

At Glastonbury, hear about its associations with King Arthur, and in elegant Bath, see the amazing excavations of the ROMAN BATHS, with time to explore further on your own. Stay the night in Cardiff, the Welsh capital. You might want to join an evening of Welsh entertainment and dinner tonight.

Day 5 CARDIFF–BUILTH WELLS–CHESTER, ENGLAND–LIVERPOOL

Your journey through Wales takes you north along the Taff Valley and Brecon Beacons National Park, and via the ancient market town of Builth Wells to Chester. On your walking tour, see the Roman remains, the characteristic black and white half-timbered buildings, and the famous two-tiered arcades called the "Rows." Spend the night in Liverpool; you may wish to join an optional city tour this afternoon.

Day 6 LIVERPOOL–GRASMERE–GRETN A GREEN, SCOTLAND–GLASGOW

Start the day with a visit to the award-winning BEATLES STORY, an atmospheric journey into the life, times, culture, and music of the "Fab Four." Later, focus on the tranquil Lake District, recently awarded UNESCO World Heritage status. Take a break in Wordsworth's beloved Grasmere and try original  GRASMERE GINGERBREAD. Then, head north for the Scottish border and stop at Gretna Green, where the blacksmith used to wed runaway couples, and take part in a  WEDDING RE-ENACTMENT. Overnight in Glasgow, Scotland's largest city.

Day 7 GLASGOW–ISLE OF SKYE–INVERNESS

Follow the "Bonnie Banks" of Loch Lomond, then proceed via Rannoch Moor, Glen Coe, Fort William, and the "Road to the Isles." At Mallaig, board your FERRY for the crossing to the Isle of Skye, the largest island of the Inner Hebrides and famous for its dramatic landscapes. Return to the mainland and trace the shores of Loch Ness on the way to the Highland capital.

Day 8 INVERNESS–CULLODEN—PITLOCHRY–ST. ANDREWS–EDINBURGH

Main features today: the battlefield of Culloden Moor; the Victorian mountain resort of Pitlochry; St. Andrews; and over the elegant Forth Road Bridge to Edinburgh. Tonight, an optional Scottish evening with Highland dancers, bagpipers, and the Ceremony of the Haggis. For departure numbers 0728 through 0818, tickets are included for tonight's performance of the world-renowned MILITARY TATTOO.

Day 9 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). Later, a unique optional excursion: board the former Royal Yacht Britannia, once the perfect royal residence for glittering state visits and family holidays. Dinner rounds off this optional evening.

Day 10 EDINBURGH–ALNWICK, ENGLAND–YORK

This morning at ALNWICK CASTLE, the choice is yours: visit the CASTLE itself, the opulent ancestral home of the Duke and Duchess of Northumberland, featured in Harry Potter and Downton Abbey, or explore ALNWICK GARDEN, where the fountains and waterfalls are a breathtaking feature. Next, make your way to York, England's most complete medieval city. Here, stand in front of the great structure of the Minster, then follow your Tour Director through a maze of quaint streets, including the narrow Shambles.

Day 11 YORK–STRATFORD-UPON-AVON–LONDON

On the last leg of your journey, stop at Stratford-upon-Avon to take pictures of Anne Hathaway's Cottage and visit SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHPLACE. On return to London at about 3:30 pm, a Shownight Theater Evening would be an incredible finale to your vacation.

Day 12 **LONDON**

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

Vacation Highlights

STONEHENGE

Visit the prehistoric monument

PLYMOUTH

[LF] Plymouth Sound cruise; welcome dinner

CORNWALL

Take photographs of St. Michael's Mount, visit Land's End and St. Ives

BATH

Visit the Roman relics

BUILTH WELLS

Visit the ancient market town

CHESTER

Walking tour

LIVERPOOL

Visit the Beatles Story

GRASMERE

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

GRETNA GREEN

[LF] Take part in a wedding re-enactment

MALLAIG-ARMADALE

Cross the Sound of Sleat by ferry

PITLOCHRY

Visit the Victorian mountain resort

ST. ANDREWS

Visit the home of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club

EDINBURGH

Guided sightseeing, visit Edinburgh Castle and Holyrood Palace

ALNWICK

Visit the ancestral home of the Duke and Duchess of Northumberland or explore the spectacular garden

YORK

Walking tour

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

Take pictures of Anne Hathaway's Cottage, visit Shakespeare's birthplace

- July 28 through August 18 Departures—Edinburgh Military Tattoo ticket included

Meals

Full English breakfast daily; 4 three-course dinners with wine and choice of menus, including a welcome dinner in Plymouth

Plymouth

Cardiff

Liverpool

Edinburgh

Plymouth

Plymouth



Tales Of Dartmoor Pub Supper

Head to the heart of Dartmoor. After driving across misty moors you arrive in Princetown where your local expert will regale you with stories, myths and legends from the land of the Hound of The Baskervilles. Enjoy two drinks of your choice and a tasty pub supper.

Price Range: \$\$

Cardiff

Cardiff



Welsh Evening

Experience Welsh culture at its finest during this delightful evening of food, wine, and traditional entertainment.

Price Range: \$\$

Liverpool

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Evening City Tour

Enjoy a detailed introduction to the splendid city of Liverpool on this entertaining private guided tour. Along the way, visit the magnificent cathedral, admire stunning historic civic buildings, hear about the legendary Beatles, and discover the city's glorious maritime history.

Price Range: \$

Edinburgh

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Scottish Night with Bagpipers and the Ceremony of the Haggis

Enjoy a delicious three-course meal followed by traditional Scottish song and dance and the Ceremony of the Haggis.

Price Range: \$\$



Royal Yacht Britannia Excursion & Dinner

Enjoy a visit to the former Royal Yacht Britannia, which was used on over 700 overseas visits and sailed over a million nautical miles, and discover what life was like on board Her Majesty's floating residence. Later dinner with wine and coffee at an excellent local restaurant is included.

Price Range: \$\$

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- Vacation departures, itineraries and prices are subject to change.
- A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit is required for Globus to reserve space for you. View [Terms & Conditions](#) for limited exceptions.
- The following charges are not included in the land vacation price unless otherwise noted: airfare to and from the start of your vacation; Intra-vacation air unless specified in the itinerary; airline baggage fees including checked and/or excess baggage fees; Federal inspection fees for the Federal U.S. Customs and Immigrations; International Air Transportation tax; agricultural tax; other per person taxes imposed by government entities; airport taxes and fees including the September 11th Security fee up to \$11.20 per person, passenger facility charges up to \$18 per person, Federal domestic flight segment fees up to \$4.00 per segment, and U.S. and International arrival and departure and other government-imposed added by the airline and applicable at time of booking; port taxes; passports; visas (except on Cuba programs) and vaccinations; tips to your Tour or Cruise Director, Globus Group Leader in Cuba, Local Host, driver, Local Guides, and/or ship's crew; gratuities on ferries, trains, and cruise ships; laundry; telephone;

minibar; alcohol, beverages, and food outside of the contracted Globus menu as presented at a hotel or restaurant or onboard your vessel (these extra items will be billed to you before leaving the hotel, ship, or restaurant); airport transfers on non-qualifying flights; optional excursions; additional activities and excursions purchased online; portage at airports and train stations; Travel Protection; and all other items of a personal nature.

Booking your Vacation with Air

For air departure dates within 331 days, you'll be offered a choice of carriers and flight schedules as well as price points to choose from when selecting your flights. Your schedule will be provided to you at the time of booking (schedules are subject to change by carriers). Globus offers 2 air options: Flex Air and Instant Purchase Air. Flex Air allows flexibility if you want to make changes to your vacation schedule. Instant Purchase Air may offer additional airline options but has more restrictions. Some vacations may only offer one Air type option. Guaranteed air-inclusive prices: air is only available to passengers traveling from the United States and only available when booked in conjunction with a land vacation. An additional \$300 per person non-refundable air deposit is required for Flex Air booked in conjunction with any land vacation (i.e. air-inclusive vacation). Air can only be booked by Globus in conjunction with a vacation package. Instant Purchase Air requires air payment in full at time of booking (i.e. air-inclusive vacation) plus non-refundable per person service fee (\$30 for North/Central America, \$50 for Europe/Middle East and \$80 for all other destinations. Once booked, Instant Purchase Air is non-refundable, and non-changeable. Some vacations may only offer one Air type option. However, once your airfare is confirmed and Globus has received your full air and land deposit, your air-inclusive vacation price is guaranteed.

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Air-inclusive vacations include government-imposed taxes and fees applicable at the time of booking and will be shown as a Total Amount. Additional airline fees for baggage may apply. At the time of booking your air-inclusive vacation online, carrier Websites will be provided to check baggage fees, or you can visit www.iflybags.com for up-to-date baggage pricing/restrictions. For return travel from some countries, international travelers are required to pay entry and/or exit fees at the airport. These fees will be collected by the local government and are payable by the traveler at time of travel. Your confirmation booking information will contain information about these fees.

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