

GRAND TOUR OF THE UK – ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND AND WALES



This epic adventure illuminates some of the hidden corners of the British Isles, crafted to please those with a love of nature and history. Along the way encounter the full arc of Celtic heritage, culture, legend and tradition, for which these countries are famous.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Visit the Orkney Islands and the 5000-year-old village of Skara Brae**
- **Walk within the walls of Edinburgh Castle to view the Scottish Crown Jewels, Stone of Destiny and Mons Meg.**
- **Learn about whisky production and sample a 'wee dram'.**
- **Tell your friends that you dangled from the castle ramparts to kiss the Stone of Eloquence, and they'll probably think it's a load of Blarney!**
- **Discover the mystery of Stonehenge and Glastonbury, the resting place of the legendary King Arthur and the Holy Grail**
- **Scenic Drives: Fall in love with incredible scenery and countryside as you pass the Cotswolds, the English Lake District, the Scottish Highlands, Loch Ness, Loch Duich, Isle of Skye, Glencoe, Loch Lomond, the Mountains of Mourne, Boyne Valley, the Burren, Dingle Peninsula, the Ring of Kerry, the MacGillicuddy Reeks Mountain Range, Pembrokeshire, the valleys of south Wales, Severn Bridge and Dartmoor.**
- **Bath: The Roman Baths have existed for over 2,000 years and are now one of the best-preserved Roman remains in the world. Learn the importance of this historic site, still used as a center for bathing and socialising.**
- **Killarney: Venture into a world of towering cliffs, lush lakelands and remote villages, as you journey the magical Ring of Kerry**

Day 1: Sunday 21 July 2019 Arrive Edinburgh

Upon arrival today at Edinburgh airport, you will be met by your tour representative and transferred by coach to the hotel. Later, join your Tour Director for a warm and friendly Welcome Reception, with drinks and the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other over a pleasant evening of dinner and wine.

Hotel: Edinburgh

Hotel: Breakfast



Day 2: Mon 22 July 2019 Edinburgh and English Lake District

This morning travel across the Yorkshire Dales and wild Pennines to the picturesque English Lake District. Here a scenic wonderland awaits - rugged mountains and tranquil waters, inspiration to a host of English poets including Wordsworth, Coleridge, Tennyson and Shelley. After a visit to Wordsworth's grave in the village of Grasmere, cross into Scotland and stop briefly at Gretna Green. This is the famous spot where runaway lovers were married over the anvil at the Blacksmith's Shop. Then it's back to the majestic Scottish capital for the evening.

Hotel: Edinburgh

Hotel: Breakfast



Day 3: Tue 23 July 2019 Edinburgh, Athens of the North

After a restful night's sleep, join a local expert to see the highlights of the 'Athens of the North'. Drive along Princes Street to see the ornate Victorian Gothic monument to Sir Walter Scott. Then tour the elegant 18th century New Town with its classical Adam facades. Over in the Old Town, visit the castle, home of Mons Meg, the Stone of Destiny and Scotland's glittering crown jewels. At the bottom of the Royal Mile, stands the Palace of Holyrood house, the official Scottish residence of the Queen. The rest of the day is at leisure. Perhaps research your family tartan in the Tartan Centre or visit the art treasures in the National Gallery.

Hotel: Edinburgh

Meals: Breakfast



Day 4: Wed 24 July 2019 St Andrews & the Highland Capital of Inverness

Cross the Firth of Forth into Fife and make your way to St Andrews, the home of golf. After some time to explore, cross the Tay and drive to the charming Victorian resort town of Pitlochry, famous for its salmon leap. Continue via Blair Atholl and over the Grampian Mountains to the sparkling Spey Valley.

The Scottish Border Collie is world renowned for its herding abilities. Visit a working Highland farm for a personal insight into the daily life of a shepherd and his dogs. Continue to stately Inverness, where your centrally located hotel looks over the River Ness and up to Inverness Castle.

Hotel: Inverness

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 5: Thu 25 July 2019 Loch Ness, Whisky & Wick

Travel to Culloden Moor this morning, where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army was finally crushed in 1746. Visit the Culloden Visitor Centre a before continuing along the shores of Loch Ness. Keep your eyes peeled for the monster.

Now follow the rugged coast north to the fishing port of Wick. Pause at the Old Pulteney Distillery to taste a wee dram of whisky and learn about the production of the national drink a Don't blink as you drive on to your hotel - you pass Ebenezer Place, which at 2.06m, is the world's shortest street!

Hotel: Norseman, Wick

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 6: Fri 26 July 2019 Orkney Islands Excursion

On the following morning, drive to the most northerly town on the British mainland, John O'Groats. Board the ferry to the beautiful Orkney Islands - where the hardy locals live 'below the wind and above the water'. Sightseeing includes visits to the 5000-year-old village of Skara Brae, the mysterious Ring of Brodgar, Kirkwall and the small chapel built by Italian prisoners of war during WWII. Return to your hotel for dinner this evening.

Hotel: Norseman, Wick

Meals: Breakfast



Day 7: Sat 27 July 2019 Ullapool & Over the Sea to Skye

Relax and enjoy the pristine landscapes of lochs and mountains on your way to the fishing town of Ullapool. Then drive alongside Loch Carron and through Glen Carron before crossing to the magical Isle of Skye, the largest and most beautiful island of the Inner Hebrides. Hear the story of the song 'Over the Sea to Skye', which tells of young Flora MacDonald and how she helped to rescue Bonnie Prince Charlie, who fled in disguise after his defeat at Culloden. Admire the scenic splendour of the Cuillin Hills on the way to your hotel in Portree/Broadford.

Hotel: Portree/Broadford

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 8: Sun 28 July 2019 Along the Banks of Loch Lomond to Glasgow

Return to the mainland to see remote Eilean Donan Castle, which under a clear sky offers a perfect reflection in its loch. Move on to the WWII Commando Memorial where there are views of Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain. Continue on through the pleasant highland town of Fort William to the Valley of Glencoe, its dramatic peaks still echoing with the ghastly cries of massacred clansmen.

Stop on the 'bonnie banks' of Loch Lomond, the 'Queen of Scottish lakes' according to Sir Walter Scott, before arriving in Glasgow.

Hotel: Marriott, Glasgow

Meals: Breakfast



Day 9: Mon 29 July 2019 To Belfast

Cross the Irish Sea, enjoying views of the Island of Arran on the way. To Belfast

Hotel: Belfast

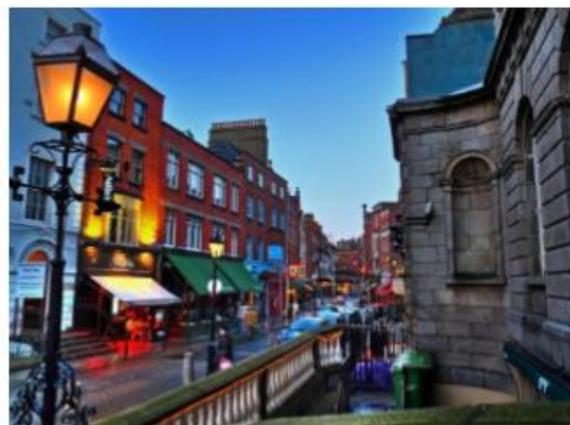
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 10: Tue 30 July 2019 To Dublin

Continue to Ireland's lively capital, Dublin, and spend a leisurely evening relaxing, exploring or perhaps taking in a famous Irish Cabaret show?

Hotel: Doubletree by Hilton Dublin

Meals: Breakfast



Day 11: Wed 31 July 2019 In Dublin's Fair City

Next morning, see the elegant Georgian squares, Irish President's home, O'Connell Street and Customs House with a local expert. Your sightseeing tour includes a visit to the Trinity College Library to admire the 9th century Book of Kells, its delicate paintings one of the treasures of the Middle Ages. Upstairs in the barrel-vaulted Long Room, walk from one magnificent oak bookcase to the next containing 200,000 of the library's oldest books. This afternoon is at leisure.

Hotel: Doubletree by Hilton Dublin

Meals: Breakfast



Day 12: Thu 01 Aug 2019 Galway & Limerick

Continue to Galway. See St Nicholas Cathedral, the Spanish Arch and Eyre Square, dedicated to the late US president John F. Kennedy. Move on to your hotel in Limerick, famous for rhymes, lace and Georgian houses.

Hotel: George Boutique, Limerick

Meals: Breakfast



Day 13: Fri 02 Aug 2019 Bunratty Folk Park & Killarney

An orientation tour shows you King John's Castle, St. Mary's Cathedral and the treaty stone. Now experience the lifestyle of rural Ireland over the centuries at Bunratty Folk Park ! Continue through the land of song and legend via the picturesque thatched village of Adare, into County Kerry and your Killarney hotel.

Hotel: Killarney Towers, Killarney

Meals: Breakfast



Day 14: Sat 03 Aug 2019 Ring of Kerry Excursion

In the morning, enjoy an excursion around the Ring of Kerry, one of the world's greatest scenic journeys! See towering cliffs, lush lake lands, remote villages, Ireland's highest mountain range and the three peaceful Lakes of Killarney.

Tonight your Dine-Around evening offers you authentic and intimate dining at a selection of local restaurants, ranging in style and ambience.

Hotel: Killarney Towers, Killarney

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 15: Sun 04 Aug 2019 A Gift of the Gab on the way to Waterford

Cross the rugged Derrynasaggart Mountains this morning and head for Blarney. Visit the ruined castle, the home of the famous Stone of Eloquence, once kissed - never forgotten!

Continue on to Cork, Ireland's second most populous city built on the River Lee. See the City Hall and St Finbarr's Cathedral, before a delightful coastal drive brings you to historic Waterford, with its 9C Reginald's Tower and remains of the old city walls.

Hotel: Dooleys, Waterford

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 16: Mon 05 Aug 2019 Waterford Crystal, to Cardiff

Across the sea to Wales. Continue through the countryside to the Welsh capital and see the Millennium Stadium and civic buildings before checking in to your hotel.

Hotel: Radisson Blu, Cardiff

Meals: Breakfast

Day 17: Tue 06 Aug 2019 Bath & Cathedral Town of Exeter

Cross the soaring Severn Bridge to reach the elegant Georgian city of Bath, built amphitheatre style on the surrounding hills. An orientation tour shows you the impressive Royal Crescent and Pulteney Bridge, both built in mellow local stone. See the angels climbing Jacob's Ladder on Bath Abbey before visiting the Pump Room and ancient Roman Baths. Stay tonight in Exeter.

Hotel: Buckerell Lodge, Exeter

Meals: Breakfast



Day 18: Wed 07 Aug 2019 Plymouth & the Cornish Coast Excursion

In the morning, cross the rugged moorlands of Dartmoor, home to 'wild' ponies, on your way to maritime Plymouth. Numerous famous voyagers have set off from this ancient port and you see the 'Mayflower Steps', from where the Pilgrim Fathers set sail for America. Cross the River Tamar to enter Cornwall, the land of legend and of smugglers' coves. Visit the picturesque fishing village of Looe where contraband was once landed in the dead of night!

Experiences shared lead to lasting friendships.

Back in Exeter, enjoy a glass of wine with your new found friends at tonight's delectable Celebration Dinner and toast to an inspiring journey of discovery. Cheers!

Hotel: Buckerell Lodge, Exeter

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

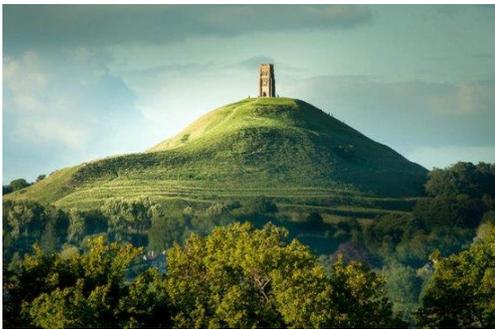


Day 19: Thu 08 Aug 2019 Mysterious Glastonbury & Stonehenge

Leave for Glastonbury this morning, reputedly the resting place of the legendary King Arthur and the Holy Grail. After some time to explore, continue across Salisbury Plain to visit pre-historic Stonehenge, whose strange and awe-inspiring monoliths are reputed to be up to 5,000 years old. Your tour concludes back in London where you will depart on your international flight home.

(You may also wish to extend your time in London at your own expense. We have post-tour package options available)

Meals: Breakfast



*Please note - The itinerary and hotels are subject to change should circumstances dictate.

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

Accommodation

Based on twin share in 4 star hotels for 18 nights. Hotels quoted are to be used as a guide only and are subject to availability and change at the time of booking. If the quoted hotel is unavailable, we will secure another hotel in the same category as similar as possible.

Sightseeing & Meals

All included as per the itinerary.

Travel Director

Services of a professional English speaking Travel Director throughout.
Local expert guides where required and as noted on the itinerary.

Service Charges

Tips to restaurants where a meal is included in the itinerary
Service charges and local taxes on services provided on tour.

Transportation

Transportation by 49 seater air conditioned coach. Arrival and Departure transfers are based on one group arrival and one group departure transfers. Should members of the group require transfers outside these times, they will have to make their own transport arrangements.

Porterage

One piece of luggage per person, in and out of hotels included on tour.

Gratuities (Tips)

Gratuities to Travel Director

NOT INCLUDED: Travel Insurance, Flights and items of a personal nature



Further Tour Details

Total Tour/Land Cost: \$9875 per person Australian Dollars (based on twin share) Excludes flights
*please note that this an approximate cost and is subject to change, should minimum numbers not be met or for reasons outside our control if there is a large fluctuation in currency exchange or the itinerary needs to be amended

Single Supplement: \$2500

Deposit: A non refundable deposit of AUD \$1500 is required at the time of booking no later than **Thursday 29th November 2018**

Final Payment: Due to Sing Australia by Friday 15th March 2019

Airfare Payment: Payment for the group airfare will be advised in due course when group numbers are finalised Any changes to airfares once booked do incur costs.

GROUP AIRFARES: A special group airfare will be arranged for you from major capital cities (Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Sydney) Other cities may incur an additional charge. Details will be advised in due course with times and airline details.

*Flying into Edinburgh and departing out of London

*If you are arranging your own airfare you will need to make your way to the start of the tour and transfers to and from the airport will not be included.

PRE OR POST TOUR EXTENTIONS: Please contact Alycia at Travelust, should you wish to add days before or after your tour or for any special amendments. alcyia@travelust.com.au

INSURANCE: Insurance is required to travel on this tour. A special group rate has been organized and further details will be provided by Alycia at Travelust on request. Policy prices vary according to age and if you have any pre existing medical conditions. Please contact her for details on alcyia@travelust.com.au

VISAS: A visa is not required for travel within the UK for up to 90 days for Australian passport holders. For all other passport holders, please check your requirements. It is each individual's responsibility to ensure that they meet visa and passport requirements.

PASSPORTS: Must have at least 6 months validity from the date of travel and 2 free blank passport pages



Terms & Conditions

Price: The advertised price is in Australian dollars and includes security & local taxes as per the itinerary. The price based on minimum passenger numbers and may increase if minimum numbers are not met. Sing Australia would advise in this instance of any changes.

Cancellation Fees:

Deposit is non refundable (unless tour is cancelled due to minimum numbers not met)

Prior to the 15th of March 2019 : loss of deposit

Prior to the 15th of April 2019 : 35% of total tour cost

Prior to the 15th of May 2019: 50% of total tour cost

From 15th of May 2019 to departure: 100% of total tour cost

Cancellation fees for airfares vary, depending on airlines and their individual conditions. These are not included in the above cancellation fees

Amendments: A fee of \$100 may apply to any change made to your booking once confirmed

Refunds: No refund is available if cancellations occur after the tour has commenced or in respect of any tours, accommodation, meals or any other services not utilised.

Itinerary Changes & Tour Cancellation: Travelust and Sing Australia reserves the right to vary itineraries should circumstances dictate, as well as cancel or reschedule any tour departure in accordance with operating requirements, or circumstances beyond its control. The advertised tours require minimum numbers to depart. Should these not be met Travelust and Sing Australia reserves the right to cancel arrangements.

Hotels listed are to be used as a guide only, and are subject to availability unless otherwise stipulated. Travelust and Sing Australia reserve the right to alter or deviate from the tour itinerary, inclusions or hotels should circumstances dictate. Coach use is subject to Driver Regulations.

Baggage Allowance & Portage: Portage of one suitcase per person is included in the tour price for arrival & departure from hotels in Europe. Due to limited coach capacity the sum of the length, width & depth of the case should not exceed 160cm (63 inches), and weight should not exceed 20kg (44 Lbs). Charges may be levied in the event these limits are exceeded & the promise to transport you may be invalidated.

What's Not Included: Passports and applicable visa fees, laundry, phone calls, items of a personal nature, beverages, meals and sightseeing not detailed on the itinerary, tips and gratuities to the Tour Director, coaches drivers and local city guides, excess baggage, optional excursions and travel insurance. Please note that travel insurance is highly recommended. Please see your Travel Agent for further details.

Documentation: Will be sent out approximately 3 weeks prior to departure

Disclaimer

In case of sudden price increases or surcharges levied by suppliers such as, but not limited to, fuel surcharges, government tax increases or other unforeseen price increases, Sing Australia and Travelust reserves the right to alter the price quoted in this document or the conditions mentioned. Travelust also reserves the right to change any arrangement (including tours, programs, prices and services) in the best interest of its Client, with or without prior notice.

Booking Terms and Conditions: These conditions incorporate the basis upon which bookings are accepted the Sing Australia member and Travelust. By making a booking you are agreeing to these terms & conditions. These must be studied prior to making the commitment of paying the deposit as they must be referred to. Additional terms and conditions may be applicable to group bookings and will be advised as they become known