

TRAFALGAR

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14 days - **13** nights | **1** Country(ies)

\$4,350.00 per person twin share

\$1,244.00 per person single supplement

Start date: **02 September 2024**

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DAY 1: 02 SEPTEMBER 2024

Welcome to London

London's vibrant city streets are your launch pad to an epic journey through the iconic sights of Britain. Embrace the pomp and ceremony of this multi-cultural capital, exploring the treasures of its former Empire in museums, rambling through its picturesque Royal Parks or admiring the ancient façades that line its grand boulevards and hidden lanes.

Transfer note: When guests take advantage of our land and air packages, we have included a complimentary transfer from London Heathrow Airport (LHR) and your Trafalgar London hotel. Flight information will be needed by final payment.

Hotel(s): Park Plaza Riverbank

DAY 2: 03 SEPTEMBER 2024

Explore Historic London

Join a Local Specialist today for a tour of the city's iconic sights. See Big Ben and the imposing Houses of Parliament on the banks of the Thames, then Buckingham Palace, the official UK residence of the British sovereigns since the mid-19th century. The rest of the day is yours to explore London - an effortless mix of centuries-old heritage and modern sophistication.

Meal(s): Breakfast

Hotel(s): Park Plaza Riverbank

DAY 3: 04 SEPTEMBER 2024

Journey to Stonehenge, Bath and Exeter

Meet your Travel Director and commence your journey through the rolling green and golden landscapes of rural Wiltshire to Salisbury Plain. We tread in the footsteps of druids and pagans at Stonehenge, before travelling to UNESCO-listed Bath with its elegant Georgian façades and the centuries-old Roman Baths. Our home for the next two nights is the historic cathedral city of Exeter, where we will enjoy a memorable Welcome Reception this evening at our hotel.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Welcome Reception

Hotel(s): Mercure Southgate

DAY 4: 05 SEPTEMBER 2024

Plymouth and More in the Southwest Dive Into Culture

Our first stop today is in the ancient port city of Plymouth, where we'll delve into the history of the brave Pilgrim Fathers who set sail for an unknown New World from its shores. See the Royal Citadel overlooking Plymouth Sound and consider an optional cruise around the dramatic coastline. We take a step back in time at our next stop - the delightful village of Polperro. Continuing along the brooding moorland of Dartmoor, we arrive at Buckfast Abbey, where we'll Dive Into Culture and gain insights into how Benedictine monks have lived and prayed for over 1,000 years.

Meal(s): Breakfast

Hotel(s): Mercure Southgate

DAY 5: 06 SEPTEMBER 2024

Onwards to Glastonbury and Cardiff Connect with Locals

Enjoy a scenic drive through the pretty Devon and Somerset countryside to mystical Glastonbury, where we'll visit the ruined Abbey, said to be the final resting place of King Arthur. Your journey back to a time of knights, lords and ladies is just beginning and you'll head to Somerset for an unforgettable experience with Ian and Ann Dyer who are your warm Be My Guest hosts on their modern-day dairy farm, where guests will get to see the ancient manor which was mentioned in the Domesday book of 1085. The Dyers both hail from old farming families and you'll learn what life is like in the rural countryside and the historical significance of their home as you Connect With Locals over a lunch featuring family favourites prepared by keen cook, Ann. We journey to Cardiff, the capital of Wales, where we'll explore the proud heritage of the Welsh and modern icons, including the Principality Stadium during an orientation tour.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Be My Guest

Hotel(s): Mercure Holland House



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DAY 6: 07 SEPTEMBER 2024

Explore Tudor History and on to Liverpool

Tudor history is explored this morning as we visit the historic towns of Ludlow and Chester with their characteristic black and white half-timbered buildings. Join your Travel Director for an orientation walk past these famous Tudor Rows and enjoy views of Chester's medieval city walls and red sandstone Cathedral. The haunt of the 'Fab Four' is our final stop today. Join a Local Specialist to gain insight into Liverpool's Beatles' history and enjoy a free evening in one of Britain's edgiest cities.

Meal(s): Breakfast

Hotel(s): Jurys Inn

DAY 7: 08 SEPTEMBER 2024

Venture to the Romantic Lake District and on to Glasgow

Rolling Lancashire pastures give way to the soul-stirring Lake District, whose beautiful scenery has inspired poets and writers for centuries. We travel along the shores of Lake Windermere, through countryside made famous by the poet William Wordsworth. Stop in Gretna Green on the Scottish border, where many an eloping couple have tied the knot. We arrive in Glasgow later for an orientation tour, including views of the Cathedral, magnificent George Square and the Clyde River, the former heart of the shipbuilding industry. This evening, enjoy a Regional Dinner in a local restaurant.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Regional Dinner

Hotel(s): Crowne Plaza

DAY 8: 09 SEPTEMBER 2024

On to Fort William and the Scottish Highlands

Journey along Loch Lomond, whose bonnie banks were immortalised in the well-known Scottish song. We arrive in Glencoe and remember the MacDonald clansmen who died tragically in the 1692 massacre which led this place to be called the 'Glen of Weeping'. At the World War II Commando Memorial near Fort William, we admire views of Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis. Our day in beautiful surrounds comes to an end with a cosy dinner at our hotel located within the Cairngorms National Park in the Scottish Highlands.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel(s): Laggan, Carrbridge

DAY 9: 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

Discover the Isle of Skye

We travel to the coast this morning to the Isle of Skye where a Local Specialist will take us on a journey to view the remarkable Cuillin Mountains. Against the backdrop of heather-clad mountains, we stop at the ancient settlement of Kyleakin. Later, we cross back to the mainland to view scenic Eilean Donan Castle. Travel through the Scottish Highlands past its picturesque lochs and glens, keeping your camera at the ready to capture 'Nessie' if you can.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel(s): Laggan, Carrbridge

DAY 10: 11 SEPTEMBER 2024

Journey to Enchanting Edinburgh

Heading back to the lowlands of Scotland, we stop in Pitlochry before heading to the historic home of golf, St. Andrews. Here, the first games were played during the 1400s. See its famous 18th hole before crossing the Firth of Forth to Scotland's enchanting capital, Edinburgh. Tickets to see the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates.

Meal(s): Breakfast

Hotel(s): Marriott

DAY 11: 12 SEPTEMBER 2024

Uncover Edinburgh's Treasures

Ramble up the Royal Mile today and see the iconic sights of one of Britain's most enchanting cities. The elegant Palace of Holyroodhouse, in the shadow of Arthur's Seat, and the Scottish Parliament feature on your sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. Visit Edinburgh Castle perched atop Castle Rock overlooking the city. Admire the elegant Georgian architecture in the New Town and amble through the hidden passages of the Old Town before enjoying an evening at leisure. Consider an Optional Experience including traditional song, dance and Scottish fare.

Meal(s): Breakfast

Hotel(s): Marriott



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DAY 12: 13 SEPTEMBER 2024

Continue to York

We travel to the medieval market town of Alnwick this morning, where we'll see the impressive castle home to the Duke of Northumberland and the Tenantry Column, upon which the Percy Lion sits and surveys the town. Journey through Northumberland to the cathedral city of York. We'll embark an orientation walk past its cobblestone Shambles and see the inspiring Minster with its 'heart of Yorkshire' before joining our newfound friends for a Farewell Dinner.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

Hotel(s): Novotel Centre

DAY 13: 14 SEPTEMBER 2024

Onwards to Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon and London

Shakespeare's legacy and life are celebrated in his hometown of Stratford-upon-Avon, which we will have an opportunity to visit today on our return to London. See Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage and visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and Visitor Centre. Later, we travel back to London for our final night at leisure.

Meal(s): Breakfast

Hotel(s): Park Plaza Riverbank

DAY 14: 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

Cheerio London

Say a fond farewell to London and your newfound friends at the end of an unforgettable journey.

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Meal(s): Breakfast

▮ HIGHLIGHTS ▮

- Explore London, Liverpool, the Isle of Skye and Edinburgh with a Local Specialist
- View Eilean Donan Castle, Alnwick Castle used as Hogwarts in the Harry Potter films, York Minster and Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage
- See Dartmoor, the Lake District, Ben Nevis and Glencoe in the Scottish Highlands and the 18th green at St. Andrews
- Glastonbury: Visit the historic Glastonbury Abbey. Founded in the 7th century, its ruins are now registered as a Grade I listed building.



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- Bath: Admire UNESCO-listed Bath, with its elegant Georgian façades and the bimillennial Roman Baths from which the city takes its name.
- Stonehenge: Walk around the strange and awe-inspiring monoliths that have reputedly stood for 5,000 years.
- Glastonbury: Visit the historic Glastonbury Abbey. Founded in the 7th century, its ruins are now registered as a Grade I listed building.
- Chester: See the Jubilee Clock, cathedral, city walls, and famous black and white Rows.
- Glasgow: See the grand public buildings of Glasgow, including George Square and St. Mungo's Cathedral.
- Gretna Green: Visit the famous spot where runaway lovers were married.
- Lake District: Drive through the hauntingly beautiful Lakes District, immortalized by literary greats of the Romantic Movement

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED: Airfares (unless otherwise stated), passports and applicable visa fees, charges imposed by third parties, laundry, phone calls, items of a personal nature, beverages, meals and sightseeing not detailed on the itinerary, excess baggage, travel insurance. Travel Insurance is highly recommended. Ask your Travel Advisor or Group Specialist for further details.

PRICE: The advertised price is in US dollars, per person twin share.

DEPOSIT: A non-refundable deposit of **\$200.00** is due at time of booking.

FINAL PAYMENT: Required **60** days prior to the group's departure date. Final payment due dates are based on trip type or region. See contract or brochure for details.

CANCELLATION FEES: In the event you have to cancel your booking, cancellation fees will apply. For full details of cancellation fees, contact your Travel Advisor or Group Specialist.

AMENDMENTS: Fees may apply to any change made to your booking once confirmed. **REFUNDS:** No refund is available if cancellations occur after the trip has commenced or in respect of any sightseeing, accommodation, meals or any other services not utilized.

ITINERARY CHANGES & TRIP CANCELLATION: Prices are based on costs, charges, tariffs, taxes, levies and exchange rates at the time of publication. In the event that such fluctuations affect the price to be paid for services, we reserve the right to adjust the price as necessary at any time. Trafalgar reserves the right to vary itineraries should circumstances dictate, as well as cancel or reschedule any trip departure in accordance with operating requirements, or circumstances beyond its control. The advertised trip requires minimum numbers to depart. Should these not be met,

Trafalgar reserves the right to alter or cancel arrangements.

PASSPORT AND VISAS: You must have a valid passport with 6 months validity from date of return. For Visa requirements, contact your Travel Advisor or Group Specialist. **HOTELS:** The hotels listed in the itinerary are listed as a guide only and are subject to change.

PORTERAGE: for one suitcase is included in the trip price on arrival and departure from each trip hotel. Refer to <https://www.trafalgar.com/en-us/resources/website-terms-of-use> for details of luggage allowances.

TRANSFERS: Your Travel Advisor or Group Specialist can provide details of arrival and departure transfers.

DOCUMENTATION: Documentation will be emailed approximately 2 weeks prior to departure.

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: apply to this special departure. Full terms and conditions are available from Trafalgar. Refer also to the Trafalgar website at <https://www.trafalgar.com/en-us/resources/website-terms-of-use>

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DISCOUNTS AND TRAVEL PROTECTION: You may be able to take advantage of special offers and Travel Protection as detailed in the Trafalgar brochure or website on this trip. Please check with your Travel Advisor or Groups Specialist for applicable discounts. Note: the Travel Protection insurance plan will not cover any additional group discounts or benefits applied to the rest of the group.

ROOMING ARRANGEMENTS: All pricing is based on twin share accommodation. If a single room is required, the appropriate single supplement will need to be paid. Single rooms are subject to availability. Triple rooms may be available on request.

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