

A Taste of Scotland & England



10 Wonderful days departing Thursday May 24th 2012.

You will experience all that Scotland and England have to offer. You'll visit the historic Scottish capital of Edinburgh. Steeped in history, this cosmopolitan city has plenty to offer, from grand architecture to hundreds of quality restaurants where you can experience traditional haggis, neeps and tatties or if you prefer fine Aberdeen steaks.

Edinburgh has built up one of the finest reputations for a tourist destination across Europe and the World - visit the famous castle and Scotland's crown jewels. Experience it and much more on this trip of a lifetime.

Visit York - one of England's most historic cities - and home to the York Minster and the famous 'shambles' - A visit to York is not complete without experiencing the city's oldest and most famous street - Shambles. York's 'Butcher's Street' was originally known as "Fleshamels", the hamel being a bench which was put outside the shop every morning to display the meat. At No.31 is one of the few original timber framed buildings remaining in Shambles.

The shop features many oak beams c.1400, and even maintains the rail from which meat was hung when it was last a butchers over 75 years ago.

After York we visit London - Britain's capital and one of Europe's largest cities. Being a diverse and multi-cultural city it has plenty to offer; breathtaking architecture, countless historical sites and a heritage dating back hundreds of years. The next two days, you'll see Big Ben, The Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, The Tower of London where you'll be dazzled by the breathtaking Crown Jewels plus much much more.

Highlights of your tour

- Air from Rapid City to Edinburgh, Scotland (overnight flight) and back from London, England (Other departure airports on request)
- Transfers to and from the overseas Airport & Hotels
- All accommodations in traditional Bed and Breakfast style hotels
- A Full Hot English / Scottish Breakfast Each Day
- Overnight stays in:
 - Edinburgh (3),
 - York (2)
 - and London (3)
- Magnificent sights including:
 - Edinburgh City Tour,
 - Edinburgh Castle,
 - York Minster,
 - The Tower of London and The Crown Jewels,
 - Big Ben and The Houses of Parliament,
 - Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace
- All transportation - All air taxes & surcharges
- All baggage handling & taxes included
- Fully escorted

Day to Day itinerary

Day 1 - Rapid City to Edinburgh, Scotland

Today we start our journey to Edinburgh, Scotland... Please see your personal travel itinerary for specific flight numbers and flight times. Once aboard it's time to sit back and relax, have supper, watch a movie and then nap! Overnight Aircraft - Supper aboard aircraft

Day 2 - Edinburgh, Scotland

This morning, we arrive in Edinburgh, Scotland and transfer to our accommodations. As we arrive mid morning, we may not be able to check-in immediately but our special request has been made. Time for a wander around Princes Street, the rest of the day is free to explore. Suggest an early night tonight.

Day 3 - Touring Edinburgh

This morning after breakfast you leave the hotel for an escorted tour of this historic city, Edinburgh. Full Scottish breakfast Included - overnight Edinburgh

Day 4 - Edinburgh

After breakfast it's time to visit Edinburgh Castle with time for shopping on the Royal Mile before returning to the hotel mid afternoon. This evening it's time to visit a few of the traditional "Pubs" on Rose Street, Scotland at its best. Full Scottish breakfast Included - overnight Edinburgh

Day 5 - Edinburgh to York

After breakfast and a leisurely morning, it's time to head to the Railway Station at **11.45am**. Our train departs for York **at 1pm** - snacks will be available on the train but if you require a sandwich before boarding, there will be sufficient time at the train station. Our journey time is approximately 2 1/2 hours. On arrival in York, we transfer to our hotel is literally just a few minutes away. Our hotel has been chosen for it's convenience, it's bar and of course it's 'fish and chips'.... York is one of the few 'walled' cities left in the world. It's magnificent Gothic Cathedral, York Minster, is the largest in Northern Europe. Full English breakfast Included - overnight York

Day 6 - York

After taking breakfast it's time to take in a full day's sightseeing of this historical City and surrounding area. **At 9.30am**, we take a short walk from the hotel to board our 'Hop on, Hop off' narrated tour bus. It's suggested that we do a full circuit of the route to get some idea of the layout of the City prior to stopping at the major sights. Of course we visit York Minster and the famous 'shambles' - A visit to York is not complete without experiencing the City's oldest and most famous street - Shambles. York's 'Butcher's Street' was originally known as "Fleshamels", the hamel being a bench which was put outside the shop every morning to display the meat. At No.31 is one of the few original timber framed buildings remaining in Shambles. The shop features many oak beams c.1400, and even maintains the rail from which meat was hung when it was last a butchers over 75 years ago. Another highlight is the Jorvic Center - this is a great way to go back in time and see former lifestyles!!! Full English breakfast Included - Overnight York

Day 7/8/9 York to London

After breakfast we leave the hotel at **10.45am** and head to the train station. Our train departs at **11.35am** for a 2 1/4 hour scenic ride to London. Once again, snacks will be available during the journey. We arrive around 1.45pm and then transfer to our hotel. After checking in at the hotel we will take in a few sights before retiring for the night. The next two days, we will see, Big Ben & The Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, The Tower of London, be dazzled by the breathtaking Crown Jewels plus a whole bunch more. Full English breakfast Included each day - overnight each evening in London

Day 10 - London to Rapid City

Alas, it's time to say goodbye to this amazing City. We take breakfast and then leave to catch our train to London Airport. Journey time is approximately 30 minutes and then it's time to check-in for our flight homeward bound flight. We arrive back into Rapid City late evening.

Itinerary at a glance

Price: \$3,795 (pp based on double occupancy)

Starts: Thursday May 24th 2012

Ends: Saturday June 2nd 2012

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How to book

- Deposit \$1,000pp on booking
- Further deposit \$500pp due January 16th 2012
- Final balance due - March 1st, 2012 (or at time of booking if after this date)

What you'll need

- Passports are required for traveling to the UK
- Camera for all of the amazing scenery
- When packing please keep to one suitcase per person - pack all toiletries in your main baggage
- Keep all medications you may need in your carry-on baggage together with your itinerary and passport and any other travel documents you may have received.
- The UK power supply runs on 240 volts not 110 volts like in the US. Make sure you have an electrical plug adapter for the UK if you are planning to take electrical appliances from home....**PLUS** an electrical current converter.
- Do not take large amounts of cash, use your credit card / debit card—Visa / MasterCard / American Express. The most affordable place to exchange currency is your bank.

Weather

The weather in the UK should be pleasant at this time of year - refer to weather.com for average temperatures.

Travel Advice

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