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Start Location

Plane

Cruise

Over night

Visited Location

End Location

Train

Ferry

Day 1 | Welcome to London



Delight in the magic and mystery of an ancient land of kings and queens, knights and magical creatures. Your springboard to an unforgettable Family Experience through Britain is the lively capital of London, which you will have an opportunity to explore with your clan before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a memorable kick-off bash.

Meals: Dinner

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Kings Cross

Day 2 | Discover the Sights of London



March down the grand boulevards and secret lanes of London, exploring the city's iconic sights with a Local Specialist. Practice your royal wave at Buckingham Palace, snap a selfie in front of Big Ben and see where Britain's royalty has been crowned since the 11th century. Enjoy some Family Fun and head to platform 9¾ to see if you can catch a glimpse of the Hogwarts Express. Admire the pomp and ceremony of the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace (subject to the event taking place), before enjoying free time for a leisurely lunch at St. Katherine's Dock near Tower Bridge. Our last stop today is the brooding Tower of London where we'll rub shoulders with the Beefeaters and see the Crown Jewels.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Kings Cross

Day 3 | London Your Way



Soak up the buzzing multicultural atmosphere of London on this full day at leisure. Explore the wonders of science and centuries of natural history at the city's fascinating museums, delve into the dark depths of the London Dungeon or take a spin on the London Eye. Wander through the colorful array of toys at Hamleys on Regent Street or take a day trip to 11th-century Windsor Castle – the choice is yours.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Kings Cross

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Windsor Visit Including Castle Tour - We'll take a short drive to Windsor where you'll enjoy a tour of Windsor Castle, with entrance to the State Apartments included. Inside the apartments you'll also have the use of an individual audio guide.

Adult: 48.00 GBP

**On Sundays, St George's Chapel is closed to the public.*

London Eye and Thames Cruise - There's no better way to experience London than from a cruise along the Thames. You'll also experience incredible views of London from the world-famous London Eye, open from 10am - 6pm.

Adult: 59.00 GBP

Day 4 | Journey to Oxford and on to Elegant Bath



Imagine yourself as an Oxford scholar as you enjoy a quick visit (as long as students are not sitting exams) to the imposing historic hall of Oxford's Divinity Schools. This was used as the film location for the Hogwarts hospital wing. Later, we continue to the pretty Wiltshire village of Lacock for some Family Fun to see Harry Potter's house. Perhaps visit the 13th-century Lacock Abbey, or devour a traditional afternoon tea and cake in one of the local tea rooms before arriving in Bath for your overnight stay. Gain insights into the elegant city of Bath during Roman times, enjoying an orientation that will include beautiful Pulteney bridge. Admire the honey-hued Georgian architecture of Bath and view such highlights as the 15th-century Bath Abbey before crossing the border into Wales.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Hampton by Hilton

Day 5 | Onwards to Historic Wales and Ruthin Castle



Stop in the historic town of Llangollen, famous for its annual Eisteddfod, and then cross the Horseshoe Pass to a medieval castle and Stays with Stories experience, where you'll spend the next two nights. Dine like lords and ladies this evening enjoying a delicious Welsh dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Ruthin Castle

Day 6 | Exploring North Wales



Begin your day exploring the wonders of North Wales. First, we'll visit Llanberis, the gateway to Mount Snowdon. Next, we head to Caernarfon, home to a majestic medieval castle. Enjoy free time to explore the historic town or join an optional experience for a traditional pub lunch and time to wander the castle grounds. Our journey continues along the coastal road, with views of the Menai Strait and Anglesey – once famed as the stronghold of the ancient Druids. We'll return to Ruthin Castle in the evening, where you can relax and reflect on a day filled with Welsh legends and breath-taking landscapes.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Ruthin Castle

Day 7 | Explore a Manor Farm and Continue to Lancaster

Step into history at Tatton Park, set within a 1,000-acre deer park, for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Transport yourself back to the 1940s as costumed farm workers guide you through life on the Farm. You'll discover the farm's significant role in food production, stretching back to the 18th century, meet rare breed animals and soak in the sights and sounds of this historic estate.

Next, embrace the magic of Strawberry Fields with a Be My Guest experience at this iconic site. Once a Salvation Army children's home and immortalized by The Beatles, it now features restored facilities that preserve its rich history. Enjoy stories, a community welcome and the unique charm of this landmark.

Explore Liverpool at your own pace or dive deeper with an Optional Experience, discovering the city's industrial past or its rock-and-roll roots. Later, head north to Lancaster, where you'll cap off the day with dinner at the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Lancaster House

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Famous Sights and the Fab Four - Come along with our Local Guidet for a guided tour of Liverpool. From its glorious maritime past to its famous cultural present, you'll discover the two magnificently different cathedrals, see Mathew Street, birthplace of The Beatles, and enjoy the Mersey beat.
Adult: 26.00 GBP

Day 8 | Admire Hadrian's Wall and on to Edinburgh



Journey into the Lake District, whose landscapes have inspired writers and poets for generations. You can explore further with an Optional Experience steam train ride followed by a tranquil cruise across Lake Windermere.

Then, dive into Roman history as you explore Hadrian's Wall and the Roman Army Museum, getting a glimpse of life as a soldier defending Emperor Hadrian's northern frontier.

Continuing north, cross the border into 'Bonnie Scotland' and arrive in Edinburgh, Scotland's capital. The evening is yours to discover the city's charm and character at your own pace.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Delta by Marriott

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Steam Train Ride and Windermere Cruise - There is no better way to appreciate the scenic beauty of the English Lake District than a relaxing cruise and steam train ride. First take to the limpid waters of Windermere for a spectacular voyage, offering magnificent views of rugged mountains, secluded bays and wooded islands. At the southern end of the lake, your cruise connects with a steam locomotive for a nostalgic ride along the banks of the beautiful River Leven to Haverthwaite Station.*
Adult: 34.00 GBP

**Occasionally this experience will operate in reverse.*

Historic Old Town Edinburgh Walk With Traditional Fish & Chips - Walk through Edinburgh's Historic Old Town with a Local Specialist. Stroll along Victoria Street, with its unusual shape and collection of quirky shops its said to be the inspiration behind Diagon Alley in the Harry Potter books. Afterwards, tuck into some traditional Fish and Chips at Bertie's Restaurant.
Adult: 48.00 GBP

Day 9 | Uncover Edinburgh's Treasures



Delve into the magic of Edinburgh's iconic sights and stunning landscapes as you join a sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. Ramble up the Royal Mile and see the tall spires of the Scott Monument, visit Edinburgh Castle, where you will hear tales of bravery, treason and intrigue. Get lost in 'Auld Reekie', strolling through its secret lanes and past medieval façades or join your Travel Director for an Optional Experience. Our epic family adventure is almost at its end. Celebrate a memorable holiday with new friends and your Travel Director at dinner. Tickets to The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo are included on departures that align with performance dates.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Marriott

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Rosslyn Chapel - We'll drive out of Edinburgh to the tiny village of Rosslyn, where we'll hear the inside story of the famous Rosslyn Chapel from a Local Warden. One of Scotland's most unusual 15th-century buildings, Rosslyn is famed for its associations with the Knights Templar, the Masonic movement, and now 'The Da Vinci Code'.

Adult: 30.00 GBP

Day 10 | Journey Home



It's time to say bye for now, but not goodbye forever, as the curtain falls on an unforgettable Family Experience through Britain.

Meals: Breakfast