



## Itinerary

**British Landscapes** featuring Highclere Castle and the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

**Aug 2, 2019 - Aug 12, 2019**

### Pre Night: Grange City Hotel



Just steps from the River Thames, experience London from its heart at the Grange City Hotel. A modern, luxury hotel situated among ancient historic landmarks, the Grange City Hotel offers a unique London experience. Stroll along the River Thames. Visit the iconic Tower of London and Tower Bridge. Explore classic London, but return to modern oasis. Enjoy a state-of-the-art fitness center and spa, complete with a virtual golf simulator. Take advantage of the many fine-dining and lounge options. Take in views of England's classic city from luxurious rooms and plush beds. Enjoy London from the Grange City Hotel.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight



Feel the vibrant energy of England, hear the unique sounds of Scotland, and see the rolling countryside of Wales on a trip that combines dramatic history and natural wonders.

### Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins



Your tour opens in London, the cosmopolitan and historic capital of England. This evening, join your fellow travelers for an ale and pie tasting at a traditional English pub.

#### Hotel

Leonardo Royal Hotel London City  
London

#### Culinary

Dinner

#### Weather

High 70°  
Low 54°

### Day 3: London - Highclere Castle - London



Today you enter the world of Downton Abbey as you visit Highclere Castle, filming location for this show. Highclere is the home of the Earls of Carnarvon and has one of the world's best private Egyptian collections. Enjoy full access to the castle, the Egyptian exhibition and the grounds.

#### Hotel

Leonardo Royal Hotel London City  
London

#### Culinary

Breakfast

#### Weather

High 70°  
Low 54°

### Day 4: London



London's quintessential sights await you this morning. Alongside a local guide, view the Tower of London, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace. This afternoon, enjoy some time at leisure to explore this iconic city on your own.

**Hotel**

Leonardo Royal Hotel London City  
London

**Culinary**

Breakfast

**Weather**

High 70°  
Low 54°

**Day 5: London - York**



It's time to say farewell to London and travel to the medieval city of York, stopping in the 800-year-old university town of Cambridge along the way. Upon arriving in York, join your Tour Manager for a brief orientation tour. Or, choose to arrive in York earlier by way of an optional high speed rail.\* Climb aboard at London's King's Cross and sit back and relax as you travel 125mph through England's stunning countryside; arriving in York just over two hours later, meet up with a local expert at York Station and embark on a walking tour of this remarkable city where you'll see its famous Minster and walk the labyrinth of quaint narrow streets that still appear as they did in the Middle Ages. Tonight, stay within the city's historic walls.

**Hotel**

Doubletree By Hilton York  
York

**Culinary**

Breakfast

**Weather**

High 69°  
Low 52°  
Rain 2"

**Day 6: York - Borders Region, Scotland - Edinburgh**



Enjoy a leisurely morning in York before traveling north through the rolling fields to bonnie ("lovely" in Scottish) Scotland. Stretching across the country you will find Hadrian's Wall, once the mark of the northern border of the Roman Empire. Stop to see this ancient fortification that was begun in A.D. 122 to protect Roman Britain from the tribes of Scotland. Next, drive through Scotland's Borders region before arriving in Edinburgh, the "Athens of the North." Discover Scotland's exciting capital, and one of Europe's most beautiful cities, alive with history and culture. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

**Hotel**

Apex Grassmarket Hotel  
Edinburgh

**Culinary**

Breakfast & Dinner

**Weather**

High 65°  
Low 51°  
Rain 2"

**Day 7: Edinburgh**



Today it's your choice! Get acquainted with this regal city on a locally guided all-encompassing tour of the city via coach -OR- join a local expert and explore the city on foot. Both tours include visits to Edinburgh Castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels, and the Palace of Holyroodhouse,\*\* the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh and the former home of Mary, Queen of Scots. Later this evening, take your seat at the world-famous Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, one of Scotland's greatest events.

**Hotel**

Apex Grassmarket Hotel  
Edinburgh

**Culinary**

Breakfast

**Weather**

High 65°  
Low 51°  
Rain 2"

**Day 8: Edinburgh - Lake District, England - Ruthin Castle, Wales**



Our final stop in Scotland comes at the border town of Gretna Green, where generations of runaway couples came to get married. Later, return to England and travel through the picturesque Lake District. Here in the district's heart, visit the charming village of Grasmere, home of the poet William Wordsworth. End your day with an overnight stay in beautiful Ruthin Castle, situated in the north of Wales.

**Hotel**

Ruthin Castle  
Ruthin

**Culinary**

Breakfast & Dinner

**Weather**

High 68°  
Low 55°  
Rain 2"

**Day 9: Wales - Stratford-upon-Avon, England**



Step back in time to the birthplace of the bard, William Shakespeare, on a journey to Stratford-upon-Avon – your home for the next two nights. Then, it's your choice! Tour Anne Hathaway's thatch-roofed cottage, the childhood home of the author's wife -OR- choose to enjoy a leisurely cruise along the picturesque Avon River.

**Hotel**

Doubletree By Hilton Stratford Upon Avon  
Stratford-upon-Avon

**Culinary**

Breakfast

**Weather**

High 72°  
Low 52°  
Rain 2"

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## Day 10: Stratford - Stonehenge - Cotswolds - Stratford



Complete your visit to Britain with a journey to mystical Stonehenge – an incredible entrée to some of England's most gorgeous countryside. Explore the arrestingly beautiful villages of the Cotswolds region. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a private farewell dinner at Hall's Croft, a 400-year-old Shakespeare family home. Toast the end of a wonderful journey while actors in traditional costume perform some of Shakespeare's most renowned scenes.

### Hotel

Doubletree By Hilton Stratford Upon Avon  
Stratford-upon-Avon

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

### Weather

High 72°  
Low 52°  
Rain 2"

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## Day 11: Stratford-upon-Avon - Tour Ends



Your journey through Britain concludes today.