



The Best of Great Britain

Detailed Itinerary

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Depart the USA for London, England

Monday, September 1, 2025



Embark on a captivating journey from London to the ancient wonder of Stonehenge, where the iconic stone circle stands as a testament to human ingenuity and mystery. Archaeologists believe it was constructed from 3000 BC to 2000 BC. After soaking in the mystique of this UNESCO World Heritage site, continue to the historic city of Bath, renowned for its Georgian architecture and Roman Baths. The Roman Baths, a site for public bathing dating back to 60 – 70 AD, are

among the best preserved Roman ruins in the world. Spend the afternoon exploring the city's charm, from strolling through the elegant streets lined with honey-colored stone buildings to visiting the famed Bath Abbey and the serene Pulteney Bridge. As evening falls, enjoy the unique atmosphere of Bath with its inviting surroundings, vibrant cultural scene, theaters, and galleries, as well as its thriving shopping and dining scene.



Overnight: Hotel Indigo Bath, an IHG Hotel or similar

Tuesday, September 2, 2025



Begin your day in the enchanting city of Bath, then journey westward to the majestic Cardiff Castle, a striking blend of Roman, Norman, and Victorian architecture set in the heart of Wales's vibrant capital. Explore its richly decorated interiors and learn about its storied past. Continue north to the picturesque market town of Shrewsbury, renowned for its medieval streets, timber-framed buildings, and charming riverside setting. After soaking in Shrewsbury's old-world charm, head to Liverpool, a

dynamic city brimming with maritime history and cultural heritage. Spend the evening immersing yourself in its vibrant atmosphere, perhaps beginning your exploration of The Beatles' legacy at the Cavern Club where The Beatles played over 290 gigs, or enjoying the lively waterfront, before an overnight stay in this iconic city.

Overnight: Hard Days Night Hotel or similar

Meals: Breakfast



Wednesday, September 3, 2025



After breakfast, step into the heart of Liverpool, the birthplace of The Beatles, on a full day Beatles-inspired tour that takes you through the iconic landmarks that shaped the legendary band's story. Begin at Penny Lane, the famous street immortalized in song, and explore its charming landmarks. Visit Strawberry Fields, a former Salvation Army orphanage that inspired one of the band's most iconic tracks. Continue to John Lennon's childhood home in Woolton, before heading to The Beatles Story Museum at the

Albert Dock, where you'll learn about the band's rise to fame. Make a stop at Mathew Street, home to many of the city's Beatles-themed pubs. Throughout your journey, relive the magic and history of The Beatles, walking in the footsteps of the Fab Four in the city that made them legends.

Overnight: Hard Days Night Hotel or similar

Meals: Breakfast

Thursday, September 4, 2025

After breakfast, take the rail journey from Liverpool to Edinburgh marveling at the stunning British countryside along the way. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel for check-in. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore this historic town on your own.

Overnight: Hotel Du Vin Edinburgh or similar

Meals: Breakfast



Friday, September 5, 2025

Embark on a fascinating full day walking guided tour of Edinburgh, where history, culture, and stunning architecture await at every turn. Begin your journey at the majestic Edinburgh Castle, an iconic fortress perched on Castle Rock, offering panoramic views of the city. Explore the castle's ancient halls, visit the Crown Jewels, and uncover centuries of Scottish history, including its role in battles and

royal ceremonies. From the castle, stroll down the Royal Mile, Edinburgh's historic heart, which stretches from the castle to the grand Palace of Holyrood. As you walk along this famous thoroughfare, your guide will share stories of the medieval city, its hidden narrow alleyways, and the vibrant history that shaped Scotland. Stop at the stunning St Giles' Cathedral, with its beautiful Gothic architecture and intricate stained-glass windows. The tour culminates at Holyrood Palace, the official residence of the British monarch in Scotland, where you'll learn about its royal history and impressive architecture. With expert commentary and plenty of time to explore, this walking tour offers an unforgettable experience of Edinburgh's rich cultural and historical heritage.



Overnight: Hotel Du Vin Edinburgh or similar

Meals: Breakfast

Saturday, September 6, 2025



Embark on an unforgettable journey from Edinburgh to Inverness, taking in some of Scotland's most breathtaking sights along the way. Start with a visit to the historic Stirling Castle, once the residence of Scottish kings and queens, including Mary, Queen of Scots. From there, travel through the stunning Glencoe, a valley known for its dramatic

landscapes and poignant history. Continue to Fort Augustus, a charming village at the southern tip of Loch Ness, where you'll have the chance to enjoy a scenic Loch Ness Cruise. As you sail across the famous waters, keep an eye out for the legendary Loch Ness Monster while marveling at the beautiful views of the surrounding hills. Finally, arrive in Inverness, the capital of the Scottish Highlands, where you can relax and reflect on the incredible sights and stories you've encountered throughout the day.



Overnight: Kingsmills Hotel Inverness or similar

Meals: Breakfast

Sunday, September 7, 2025



Embark on an unforgettable journey from Inverness back to Edinburgh, discovering the natural beauty and rich history of Scotland along the way. Begin with a visit to Leault Farm, in Kincaig, Scotland where a captivating sheepdog demonstration showcases the skill of expertly trained Border Collies and offers a glimpse into traditional rural life. It will be a one-of-a-kind experience and one that you always remember. Continue to Pitlochry, a charming Highland town at the foot of the

Cairngorms, known for its picturesque streets and scenic surroundings. Next, explore the historic village of Culross, famed for its cobbled streets and 16th-century architecture, which has been featured in the hit TV series *Outlander*. As you travel south, marvel at the Kelpies, striking 30-meter-high horse-head sculptures symbolizing Scotland's industrial heritage and mythology. Conclude your Scotland adventure at the Edinburgh rail station for our evening rail journey to London. Upon arrival check into your centrally located London hotel for a good night's rest.



Overnight: Kings Cross Inn Hotel or similar

Meals: Breakfast

Monday, September 8, 2025



After breakfast, embark on a fascinating Thames River Cruise and London City tour including some of its major landmarks such as Buckingham Palace, Tower Bridge, St. Paul's Cathedral, Big Ben, Piccadilly Circus, the London Eye and more (admission fees not included). For our final evening, enjoy some of London's nightlife on your own before transferring to your airport hotel.

Overnight: Holiday Inn Express London Heathrow Airport or

similar

Meals: Breakfast

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

After breakfast, check in for our international flight back to the USA bringing back fond memories of our Best of Great Britain tour.

Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions:

- 8 nights deluxe accommodations
- 8 breakfasts
- Airport transfers with group air booking
- Transportation per itinerary in mini-coaches and trains
- Admission to:
- Stonehenge
- Roman Baths
- Cardiff Castle
- Beatles Story Museum
- Edinburgh Castle
- Holyrood Palace
- Stirling Castle
- Loch Ness Cruise
- Leault Farm Sheepdog Demonstration
- London 24-Hour Hop-on Hop-off Bus & more!

Exclusions:

- Airfare
- Travel Insurance
- Meals not included on itinerary
- Personal spending