



# Highlights of Scotland & England: Edinburgh to London

10 days | 12 days with London extension

Take time to uncover the amazing sights Great Britain has to offer. Start in Edinburgh, soaking in the Scottish city's Georgian charms, before setting off into the English countryside for everything from Shakespeare to Stonehenge. Then, end in London, where you'll see iconic landmarks and get a glimpse into the royal life outside Buckingham Palace.



## Your tour package includes

- 8 nights in handpicked hotels
- 8 breakfasts
- 3 dinners with beer or wine
- 6 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach

## Included highlights

- The Royal Mile
- Edinburgh Castle
- York Minster
- Stratford-upon-Avon
- Roman Baths
- Stonehenge
- Trafalgar Square
- Buckingham Palace

## Tour pace

On this guided tour, you will walk for at least 1.5 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with some hills and stairs.

## Group size

15-38

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## Overnight Flight → 1 night

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Edinburgh today.

## Edinburgh → 3 nights

### Day 2: Arrival in Edinburgh

*Included meals: welcome dinner*

Welcome to Scotland! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

### Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Edinburgh

*Included meals: breakfast*

Get to know Edinburgh in all its medieval beauty on a tour led by a local expert.

- View the elegant Georgian-style New Town and the Royal Mile, two UNESCO World Heritage sites
- Pass the Sir Walter Scott monument, the largest monument to a writer in the world
- Enter Edinburgh Castle to view the Scottish crown jewels and Stone of Scone

Enjoy a free afternoon in Edinburgh or add an excursion.

+ Abbotsford House & Melrose Abbey

### Day 4: Free day in Edinburgh

*Included meals: breakfast*

Spend a free day in Edinburgh or add an excursion.

+ Coastal Scotland & St Andrews Pub Lunch

## York → 1 night

### Day 5: Transfer to York & sightseeing tour

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Travel to York and soak in the city's medieval charms on a sightseeing tour.

- Visit the ruins of St. Mary's Abbey and the Shambles, a historic street in York lined with timber-framed houses
- Join a local guide inside York Minster, home to the world's largest collection of medieval stained glass
- View the Roman wall, the oldest section of the city's historic fortifications

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

## Bath → 2 nights

### Day 6: Bath via Stratford-upon-Avon

*Included meals: breakfast*

Drive through the Cotswolds countryside to Stratford-upon-Avon, the town of Shakespeare's birth. Here, you'll step inside the Shakespeare family home with a local guide. Then, continue on to the town of Bath.

### Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Bath

*Included meals: breakfast*

On a guided sightseeing tour, get to know the charming city of Bath, named a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1987.

- See the city's most famous architectural sites, including the Roman Baths, the Royal Crescent, and the Circus
- Enter Bath Abbey to view its fan vaulting and striking stained glass window

Spend a free afternoon in Bath or add an excursion

+ No. 1 Royal Crescent Museum & Afternoon Tea

## London → 2 nights

### Day 8: London via Lacock & Stonehenge

*Included meals: breakfast*

Travel to London today. En route, visit the charming village of Lacock and stop to admire the mysterious monoliths at Stonehenge.

- Walk through the beautifully preserved medieval town of Lacock
- Continue on to Stonehenge, where you'll learn about the ancient site at the visitor center before making your way to the monument

### Day 9: Sightseeing tour of London

*Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner*

View the regal landmarks of England's vibrant and cosmopolitan capital on a guided sightseeing tour.

- Pass the grand Trafalgar Square and Baroque-style St. Paul's Cathedral, perched atop Ludgate Hill
- See Westminster Abbey, the setting for royal coronations, weddings, and funerals

- View icons like Big Ben, the London Eye, Tower Bridge, and the Tower of London
- Stop by Buckingham Palace, where you may catch the Changing of the Guard

Spend a free afternoon in London or add an excursion.

Tonight, celebrate your trip with your fellow travelers at a farewell dinner.

+ Windsor Castle

## Flight Home

### Day 10: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay to continue exploring London.

## + London extension

Extend your stay in London and your next quintessentially British experience will be just a Tube (that's what the Brits call the subway) ride away. Lean on your Tour Director to point you toward the city's best, and set off to chase your own sense of adventure.

## London → 2 nights

### Day 10: Free day in London

*Included meals: breakfast*

Enjoy a free day in London or add an excursion.

+ Thames River Cruise & Pub Dinner

### Day 11: Free day in London

*Included meals: breakfast*

Spend a free day in London or add an excursion.

+ Tower of London

## Flight Home

### Day 12: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

# Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.\* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: [goaheadtours.com/HGB](https://goaheadtours.com/HGB) | 1-800-597-0350

## Day 3: Abbotsford House & Melrose Abbey

\$109/\$119\* (5 hours, departs in the afternoon with lunch)

Travel through the Scottish Borders region to Abbotsford, where you'll enjoy an included lunch. Continue on to Abbotsford House, the 19th-century estate of Sir Walter Scott. The poet designed his home in the Romantic style to imitate the elaborate baronial estates of British aristocrats. Today, it serves as a museum for Scottish memorabilia and artifacts that Walter Scott collected throughout his lifetime. Later, visit the ruins of Melrose Abbey, one of the most impressive of the four Borders abbeys. Please note: Due to renovation projects, groups will visit Dryburgh Abbey through the end of 2024. Dryburgh is regarded as the most peaceful of the four Borders abbeys thanks to its location set within the woods along the River Tweed.

## Day 4: Coastal Scotland & St Andrews Pub Lunch

\$145/\$155\* (8 hours, departs in the morning with lunch)

Travel from Edinburgh to the beautiful Scottish coast, stopping to explore the traditional fishing village of Anstruther in East Neuk. Then, join a local guide for a visit to St Andrews, famous for being the birthplace of golf—as well as the location of Scotland's oldest university. When you arrive, sit down to a traditional pub lunch of fish and chips—a local favorite. Then, pass by the 16th-century grounds of St Andrews University, the alma mater of Prince William, who met Kate Middleton here. You'll also enter the ruins of the town's medieval cathedral and 13th-century castle, which overlooks the North Sea. After your tour, enjoy free time to explore the town before returning to Edinburgh.

## Day 7: No. 1 Royal Crescent Museum & Afternoon Tea

\$139 (4 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Step into history with a visit to the No.1 Royal Crescent, a museum that has been decorated and furnished with Georgian period designs. You'll get a taste of the aristocratic life in Bath at an elegant, 18th-century style afternoon tea. Enjoy an unlimited selection of teas paired with plenty of traditional treats, including pastries, freshly baked scones, jams, and clotted cream. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 70 days prior to departure.

## Day 9: Windsor Castle

\$125 (5 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Led by a Blue Badge Guide, you'll travel to Windsor for a guided tour of the world's largest and longest-inhabited castle. Founded by William the Conqueror in 1070, Windsor has been the British Royal Family's preferred retreat for the past 900 years. Step inside the State Apartments and St. George's Chapel, where knighting ceremonies of the Most Noble Order of the Garter take place. View the exhibit of royal treasures within the castle. You'll then have time to stroll through the town of Windsor and have a look at Eton College, a

prestigious prep school attended by Princes William and Harry. Please note: When the Windsor Castle excursion falls on a Wednesday, entrance will be replaced by an excursion to Hampton Court. For any departures where the Windsor Castle excursion falls on a Tuesday, the excursion will be moved to another day on tour or cancelled. Additionally, St. George's Chapel is closed to the public on Sundays. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

## Extension excursion options

### Day 10: Thames River Cruise & Pub Dinner

\$125 (5 hours, departs in the afternoon, dinner included)

Step aboard a riverboat for a cruise down the Thames and take in views of the London skyline, Tower Bridge, Southbank, and more from the water. As you travel from Tower Pier to Westminster Pier, you'll snap photos of Shakespeare's Globe, the National Theatre, and Jubilee Gardens before disembarking and taking a tour through the Covent Garden area of the West End. Then, sit down for a three-course dinner including beer or wine at a local pub. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

### Day 11: Tower of London

\$109 (3 hours, departs in the morning)

Enter the Tower of London, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for its dark history of treason, imprisonment, and beheadings. With a local Blue Badge Guide leading the way, you'll explore the nooks and crannies of this royal castle, seeing ancient coin collections, suits of armor, and the glittering Crown Jewels as you go. Explore exhibitions about the Royal Mint and old armaments before watching a live historical reenactment and visiting the White Tower. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

\*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at [goaheadtours.com/terms](https://goaheadtours.com/terms)