



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

Discover England by Train

10-Day, 9-Night Journey

London, Oxford, Stratford-Upon-Avon, York, Manchester

Embark on an enchanting journey through England's cultural tapestry on our memorable tour featuring London's iconic landmarks and vibrant energy. Explore the scholarly haven of Oxford, where ancient spires and academic excellence converge. Immerse yourself in the birthplace of Shakespeare, Stratford-upon-Avon, where the Bard's legacy breathes life into charming Tudor streets. Step into the medieval charm of York, a city boasting historic walls, Gothic architecture, and captivating tales. Conclude your adventure in the dynamic city of Manchester, a blend of industrial heritage and modern innovation. Explore the diverse tales woven into the fabric of these cities on your journey, creating memories to last a lifetime.



Tower Bridge, London



British Parliament
& River Thames Cruise Boats



The Radcliffe Camera, Oxford



Hertford Bridge (Bridge of Sighs), Oxford



Cotswolds Countryside



Stratford-upon-Avon,
Shakespeare's Birthplace

Inclusions

- ▶ Hotel Accommodations
- ▶ Daily Breakfast & Selected Meals
(See tour plan for details)
- ▶ English-speaking guide
- ▶ Private Airport/Train Station Transfers

Exclusions

- ▶ International Air Fare & Domestic Train Fares
- ▶ Travel Insurance
- ▶ Medical Expenses
- ▶ Visa Fee
- ▶ Gratuities
- ▶ Personal Expenses

Nearby Airports

London – Heathrow Airport (LHR)

London – Gatwick Airport (LGW)

Manchester – Manchester Airport (MHT)

Itinerary

DAY 1: ARRIVE LONDON

Arrive at Heathrow Airport and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

London is the capital of the United Kingdom (UK). It is one of the most diverse and vibrant cities in the world.

[3 Nights in **London**. Meals: None]

DAY 2: LONDON CITY BUS TOUR

Today, we take a bus tour to explore London's top attractions.

Visit **Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, London Eye, Westminster Abbey, Downing Street, Trafalgar Square, St. Paul's Cathedral, Hyde Park** and **the Houses of Parliament**.

Note: Attraction admission tickets are not included.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 3: LONDON PERSONALIZED EXCURSION DAY

Today, select one of the following options included in this tour.

OPTION 1: Dinner Cruise on the Thames River (3 hours @7:45pm)



Enjoy a 3-hour dinner cruise, including a pre-cruise glass of sparkling wine or soft drink, a delicious 4-course dinner, live performance and dancing till late.

OPTION 2: Afternoon Tea Bus with a Glass of Prosecco (1.5 hours @3pm/4pm/5pm)

A taste of afternoon tea with a twist on the delightful English Tea Bus. Ride aboard a traditional double-decker offering beautiful views of London, including the Coca-Cola London Eye, the Tower of London, and St. Paul's Cathedral, all while indulging in a delicious mix of sweet and savory treats.

OPTION 3: 3-Hour Secret British Food Tour (3 hours @11:00am)

Explore a variety of classic British foods such as award-winning Fish & Chips, World Famous Sausage Rolls and breakfast baps, tasters from street food vendors, English cheeses paired with local beer/cider and try a classic British Dessert alongside a Fresh Pot of Tea.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 4: LONDON – OXFORD | OXFORD UNIVERSITY AND CITY TOUR

After breakfast we take the train to Oxford. Hotel and train station transfers are included.

Today we explore Oxford, the city of dreamy towers, on a **walking tour** with an experienced guide. Visit the city's most famous sights, discover its hidden history and enjoy all the amazing stories of Oxford's famous characters - real and imagined.

Visit the Martyrs' Memorial, a site of terrible religious punishments in medieval times, and continue to Northgate's oldest St Michael's tower built in Saxon times.

Then head to the heart of the University and the inspiration behind Harry Potter's Hogwarts school.

Pass the pubs where the Inklings used to meet to discuss their writings, as well as the pubs where the TV series Inspector Morse was filmed and the most popular student drinking doors in the old days.

Discover the city that is home to several of Britain's most famous literary characters - fictional and real - such as JRR Tolkien and CS Lewis, Philip Pullman and Colin Dexter, as well as some of their most famous creations such as Lyra and Will, and Inspector Morse.

Admire Oxford's stunning architecture, gargoyles and grotesques, so beautifully preserved from every historical period and style, and stroll through stunning Radcliffe Square.

Cross the quirky Bridge of Sighs, as it is fondly known, just like those in Venice and Cambridge.

See the Bodleian Libraries from the outside, in the lovely Old Schools Quadrangle.

Learn about the city's famous museums, such as the History of Science Museum, which contains Einstein's blackboard, the Pitt Rivers Museum which once housed shrunken heads, and the magnificent Ashmolean which was one of the world's first museums.

[1 Night in **Oxford**. Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 5: OXFORD – STRATFORD-UPON-AVON | COTSWOLDS EXPERIENCE

After breakfast we take the train from Oxford to Stratford-upon-Avon. Hotel and train station transfers are included.

Enjoy your **Cotswolds Experience**. The Cotswolds is a region of rolling hills, wild meadows, ancient woodland, and charming villages with honey-colored stone cottages.

Visit the charming villages of the Cotswolds region. Explore Castle Combe, Stow-on-the-Wold, Bibury, and Bourton-on-the-Water (the so-called "Venice of the Cotswolds"). Visit Malmesbury Abbey, the burial site of Athelstan, England's first king (time permitting).

[2 Nights in **Stratford-upon-Avon**. Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 6: STRATFORD-UPON-AVON CITY BUS TOUR

Today we offer you the convenient and flexible hop-on hop-off bus to explore **Stratford-upon-Avon**. Travel to all of Shakespeare's houses: Hathaway's Cottage, Mary Arden's House, New Place, Nash's House and Hall's Croft.

The Royal Shakespeare Theatre, where the bard's plays are performed for most of the year.

Holy Trinity Church where Shakespeare is buried, protected by a cursed tombstone.

The old 15th century Grammar School where Shakespeare was educated.

You can also enjoy a wonderful tour of the picturesque Warwickshire countryside by visiting Wilmcote village, the home of Mary Arden (Shakespeare's mother).

Tour Stops at Visitor Information Center, Shakespeare's Birthplace, Market Square & American Fountain, Shakespeare's New Place, Royal Avon & Royal Shakespeare Theater, Halls Croft, Evesham Place, Alcester Road, Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Mary Arden's Farm, Maybird Shopping Park.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 7: STRATFORD-UPON-AVON - YORK

After breakfast we take the train from Stratford-upon-Avon to **York**. Hotel and train station transfers are included. The rest of the day is free.

[1 Night in York. Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 8: YORK - MANCHESTER

After breakfast, take the train from York to Manchester. Hotel and train station transfers are included. The rest of the day is free.

[2 Nights in Manchester. Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 9: MANCHESTER CITY WALKING TOUR

Celebrate the history and cultural significance of Salford Quays on a family-friendly **walking tour of Manchester**. Start and finish at the spectacular Media City Square, visiting major attractions like the Lowry Center for the Arts and more along the way.

Meet your tour guide under the large digital screen in Media City Square, a modern and imposing location designed to provide a purpose-built roof for digital and creative businesses.

From here, you'll set off to explore Salford Quays. Learn about the historical and cultural significance of this area, from its past as Manchester's docks to its present as one of the UK's fastest growing tourist destinations.

Discover hidden gems as you wander the quayside with your local guide and learn about what makes the Quays so special.

The walking route covers approximately 4.5 km (3 miles) and passes amazing sites such as the Lowry Arts Centre, Imperial War Museum North and more, before returning to Media City Square where it started.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 10: DEPART MANCHESTER

After breakfast, transfer to **Manchester Airport (MHT)** for your flight home to the USA or Canada.

[Meals: Breakfast]

*Hotel check-out time is generally around 11 am. If your flight departs in the evening or past midnight, we suggest you consider adding a post-tour hotel night during booking, to be comfortable and well rested before your flight home.

*The duration and start time of excursions are subject to change without prior notice.

Hotels

We carefully handpick our hotels to ensure they provide you with the best comfort and experience. For Private Tours, you may request a specific hotel as one of the customizable options.

Standard double room is included with your tour. Room upgrade available in the same hotel.

