

GREAT BRITAIN – CASTLES, COUNTRYSIDE AND CAPITALS

Scotland • England • Wales



10 DAYS • 12 MEALS

2017 Departure Dates:

March 23; April 20; September 14; October 5


MayflowerTours™
Life Enriching Experiences

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Edinburgh Castle dominates the city center

The Mayflower Way

- ✓ 12 Meals (8 breakfasts and 4 dinners)
- ✓ Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Tours
- ✓ Included visits to Edinburgh, Cardiff and Windsor Castles
- ✓ Discover the capital cities of Edinburgh, Cardiff and London on included guided tours
- ✓ Visit Gretna Green, 'the marriage capital of the UK'
- ✓ Relax aboard a scenic cruise on Lake Windermere in England's famed Lake District
- ✓ Tour the medieval town of York and visit the Minster
- ✓ Become acquainted with William Shakespeare during the visit to Stratford-upon-Avon and tour of his childhood home
- ✓ Enjoy a scenic journey through the Cotswolds, one of England's most picturesque areas
- ✓ Discover the mystique of Stonehenge on an included visit
- ✓ \$50 in Mayflower Money

DAY ONE – Depart the USA

Today you'll depart the USA on your overnight flight to Edinburgh, Scotland, a place where centuries of history meet a vibrant, cosmopolitan city.

DAY TWO – Edinburgh, Scotland

Upon arrival, you'll be met by a Mayflower Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. All flights should arrive by 3:30pm. The remainder of the day is at leisure to begin immersing yourself in the Scottish culture. This evening, join your Tour Manager and traveling companions for an included dinner.

(Dinner)

DAY THREE – Edinburgh

The day begins with an included tour of this capital city. During the tour, you'll see the delightful contrast of the city between the 18th-century Georgian "New Town" with its wide, tree-lined streets and elegant squares and the medieval "Old Town" with its cobbled lanes. The famed Royal Mile is the backbone of

the Old Quarter, running from the Palace of Holyrood House to Edinburgh Castle. See the iconic sites of St. Giles Cathedral, Parliament Square and John Knox House. During the included visit of Edinburgh Castle, which dominates the city from its 400-foot perch, you'll see the Scottish crown jewels and the Stone of Destiny. Time will be allowed at the castle for you to visit the Royal apartments and St. Mary's Chapel. The balance of the day and evening are at your leisure. (Breakfast)

DAY FOUR – Edinburgh to Manchester, England via the Lake District

Today's adventure begins as you depart the hotel on the motor-coach journey through the rolling hills of the Scottish countryside en-route to England. Before leaving Scotland, visit the famous Gretna Green, known as the 'marriage capital of the UK', and see Gretna Green Famous Blacksmiths Shop which is steeped in history and magical charm. Learn the local legends and lure of this historic site. Crossing into England, travel through the scenic countryside to Hadrian's Wall, part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site 'Frontiers of the Roman Empire'. Considered Britain's greatest Roman monument, this impressive fortification is the epitome of Roman power, a massive feat of engineering, and stands as a testament to the skill and ingenuity of its builders. The scenic wonders of northern England continue with a visit to the Lake District. Upon arrival, a local guide may inspire you while talking about William Wordsworth and Beatrix Potter, each of whom resided in this area at some point in their lives. Sit back and relax aboard a cruise on Windermere, the largest natural lake in England, as you enjoy the tranquil setting and picturesque landscape. This evening, arrive in Manchester, home for the next two nights. (Breakfast)

DAY FIVE – York, England

Today's excursion takes you to the Viking city of York. Upon arrival, a local guide will lead you on a walk through the historic Shambles, a medieval shopping street filled with character and charm. See the Roman city walls and visit the spectacular York Minster, the largest medieval cathedral in the United Kingdom. After the tour, free time will be available for your independent exploration before returning to Manchester this afternoon. This evening, dinner is included at a local restaurant.

(Breakfast and dinner)



Relax aboard a cruise on Lake Windermere



DAY SIX – Manchester to Cardiff, Wales

Departing Manchester, your journey continues to another capital city, Cardiff, Wales. En-route, a stop is made in the traditional English town of Stratford-upon-Avon with its typical oak-beamed, gable-roofed houses. Visit the most famous house in town, the birthplace and childhood home of the Bard himself, William Shakespeare, Britain's most famous playwright. You'll also see the school where Shakespeare received his education, and the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, erected in his memory. Continuing on, experience the beauty of the Cotswolds, an area of rolling hills ('wolds'), beautiful countryside, river valleys, and sleepy villages that was designated as an 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty' in 1966. Houses made from the Cotswold Stone and cozy shops line the meandering streets of these typically picturesque English villages where time has stood still for over 300 years. Enjoy a visit to one of these charming towns before arriving in Cardiff early this evening. Upon arrival, the remainder of the evening is at leisure. (Breakfast)

DAY SEVEN – Cardiff

The day begins with a guided tour of Cardiff, the largest city in Wales. During the panoramic portion of the tour, your local guide will point out architectural sites that range from historic to modern, as well as provide history of the city. On the included visit to Cardiff Castle, whose walls conceal 2,000 years of history, you'll discover stories from the times of the Romans, Normans, Vikings, Victorian Era and even WWII. After the excursion, return to the hotel where the rest of the day is free of planned activities for your independent exploration. This evening, enjoy an included dinner. (Breakfast and dinner)

DAY EIGHT – Cardiff to London, England

The day begins with a sense of mystery as you depart Wales and head to the pre-historic monument of Stonehenge. One of the Seven Wonders of the Medieval World and on the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, this circular stone formation has puzzled man since it was founded. Scientific? Astrological? Spiritual? Will anyone ever know the true purpose of this mystifying stone circle? Discover the intrigue and learn about the history and significance of this awe-inspiring site on the self-guided audio tour. Continuing on, the next stop is the royal



town of Windsor and a visit to its famous medieval Castle, the largest and oldest occupied castle in the world. Home of the Royal Family for over 900 years, it still serves as the weekend home to the Queen. During the included visit you get a real sense of British history as you see the lavishly decorated State Apartments containing priceless furniture in glorious colors and St George's Chapel, home to the 14th-century Order of the Royal Garter, Britain's senior chivalric order. Following a short drive to London, check into your hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure. (Breakfast)

DAY NINE – London

A guided panoramic tour of London, the last of our capital cities, will take you past the highlights of this magnificent city. See Westminster Abbey, steeped in more than a thousand years of history, and marvel at the amazing gothic architecture of the nearby Houses of Parliament and Big Ben. Nelson's Column, a monument dedicated to Lord Nelson, is the centerpiece of Trafalgar Square which commemorates Lord Nelson's victory in the Battle of Trafalgar. Drive past Buckingham Palace and the Queen Victoria Memorial. Get a feel for the local life as you drive through Piccadilly Circus and along Oxford Street. Admire the baroque architecture of St. Paul's Cathedral, designed by Sir Christopher Wren, and the site of many historic events in London. As you see the Tower of London, one of the city's most famous landmarks, your imagination can help you picture what went on behind the walls of the fortress as your guide reveals some of its legends. After the tour, free time is available for you to visit the places that piqued your interest, or any other aspect of the city you wish to explore. Tonight, gather with your traveling companions and Tour Manager for the farewell dinner. (Breakfast and dinner)

DAY TEN – London / USA

It's time to bid 'cheerio' to Great Britain as you depart for Heathrow Airport with warm memories of the castles, countryside and capital cities of your journey through this amazing country. (Breakfast)

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Houses of Parliament and Big Ben stand proud along the Thames in London

2017 DEPARTURES	PER PERSON TWIN ROOM	SINGLE ROOM
March 23	\$2,429	add \$1,089
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Call for air rates and schedules from your city to
Edinburgh, Scotland and from London, England

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

EASY 1 2 3 4 5 ENERGETIC

FOR RESERVATIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT:

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days Two and Three – Crowne Plaza Royal Hotel*,
Edinburgh, Scotland

Days Four and Five – Midland Hotel, Manchester, England

Days Six and Seven – Holiday Inn City Center, Cardiff, Wales

Days Eight and Nine – Holiday Inn Kensington Forum,
London, England

**April departure is at the Apex City Hotel*

**September departure is at the Mercure Haymarket*

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) - \$149

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included **ONLY** if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

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| • 91 days or more | Deposit Amount |
| • 90 to 45 days prior | 20% of tour cost |
| • 44 to 15 day prior | 30% of tour cost |
| • 14 to 1 day prior | 40% of tour cost |
| • Day 1 of departure | 100% of tour cost |
| or early departure from tour | |
| • No refund on unused portions of the tour | |

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Passport & Visas

Each U.S. citizen must have a valid passport. Expiry date of passports should be at least 6 months after the return date of tour. If you don't have a passport, call our office and we'll tell you how to apply for one. Some countries require visas for entry by U.S. citizens. We will send visa applications and instructions if a visa is required for your tour. Holders of non-U.S. passports should contact their nearest consulate and inquire about the necessary passport or visa documentation required for entry into the countries visited. NOTE: Due to airline security measures, your passport name must match your airline ticket name and your tour reservation name or you may be denied aircraft boarding.

