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# 2025 Great Britain Tour

# Scotland, Wales and England

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This is a proposed itinerary and some tour aspects may change in the final itinerary.

# PROPOSED TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 Saturday, March 15

Meet at the airport and check in for the flight.

18:15 Depart Edmonton for Amsterdam on KLM 676





# Day 2 Sunday, March 16

09:55 Arrive in Amsterdam

12:05 Depart Amsterdam for Edinburgh on KL927

12:35 Arrive in Edinburgh, Scotland

Meet our coach and guide then depart for the hotel.

Check in to the hotel

Dinner included at the hotel or a restaurant.

Evening free to explore the city.

Meals: D Overnight: Edinburgh, Scotland







# Day 3 Monday, March 17

Breakfast at the hotel

Meet our local guide for a walking tour of Edinburgh including the Royal Mile in the Old Town. The tour will focus on the historical, cultural, and architectural heritage of Edinburgh. We end with admission and a guided tour of <a href="Edinburgh Castle">Edinburgh Castle</a>.

The rest of the day is free for you to sightsee, shop an explore the city.

Meals: B Overnight: Edinburgh, Scotland







# Day 4 Tuesday, March 18

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning departure to the medieval kingdom of Fife travelling north to South Queensferry passing the Forth Rail Bridge. Stopping at the fishing village of Anstruther for short stop to take some photos and maybe visit the <a href="#">Anstruther Fish Bar</a> known for some of the best fish and chips in the UK.







Next we stop at St. Andrews. St Andrew is the patron Saint of Scotland, and according to legend his remains were washed up on the Fife coast. The town is home to the third oldest university in Britain and the ruins of the beautiful <u>St. Andrews Castle</u> perched on a cliff. You will have 2 hours of free time to explore the town and maybe visit the "home of golf", the <u>St. Andrews Golf Club</u> or the R&A World Golf Museum.





On our return to Edinburgh we stop at picturesque Falkland to visit the <u>Falkland Palace</u> which dominates this old village. The palace was one of the main residences of the old Royal family of Scotland, the Stewarts (Stuarts). Leaving Falkland we return to Edinburgh, passing Loch Leven, where Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned by her Protestant nobility.

We return to Edinburgh crossing the Firth of Forth and arrive at the hotel.







Evening Edinburgh Spirit of Scotland Show. Immerse yourself in the captivating world of traditional Scottish song and dance at The Spirit of Scotland in Edinburgh. This delightful evening show offers an unforgettable journey through the heart and soul of this beautiful country, accompanied by a delectable selection of authentic Scottish cuisine.

Meals: B, D Overnight: Edinburgh, Scotland



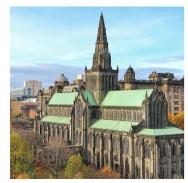




#### Day 5 Wednesday, March 19

Breakfast at the hotel and check out and depart for Stirling Castle. Along the way we make a brief stop at the Helix visitors center just off the M9 highway to see the equine statues of the Kelpies.

Stirling Castle, is one of the largest and most historically and architecturally important castles in Scotland. The castle sits atop an intrusive crag, which forms part of the Stirling Sill geological formation. Stirling Castle was once the seat of Scottish kings and queens, including Mary, Queen of Scots. Generations of Scottish monarchs have enlarged, adapted and embellished Stirling Castle. See the Wallace Monument from the castle walls, paying tribute to the Scottish hero who fought for Scotland's independence. Lunch included at a restaurant.







Depart for <u>Glasgow</u> and enjoy a guided tour of the city on arrival including Glasgow Cathedral, bustling George Square, the Necropolis, the thriving Merchant City and the River Clyde which has been a centre for shipbuilding for hundreds of years.

Check in to the hotel. Evening free to explore the city and have dinner on your own.

Meals: B, L Overnight: Glasgow, Scotland









Day 6 Thursday, March 20

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.

Morning departure for <u>Liverpool</u>, <u>England</u>.

Stop along the way at the <u>Appandale Distillery</u>:

Stop along the way at the **Annandale Distillery** for a guided tour and tasting.

Free time for lunch at the distillery cafe, the Maltings Coffee Shop.









Arrive in Liverpool and meet our local guide. Enjoy a guided walking and bus tour of the city including various locations with Beatles history. The tour ends at the Beatles Story Museum.

Meet our coach, depart for the hotel and check in to the hotel.

The evening is free for you to have dinner on your own and maybe visit the intimate <u>Cavern Club</u>, the birthplace of the Beatles with brick vaulted cellars, 1960s memorabilia, and hosting live tribute acts day & night.

Meals: B Overnight: Liverpool, England







#### Day 7 Friday, March 21

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.

Depart for <u>Chester</u>. Founded as a Roman fortress in the 1st century A.D. It's known for its extensive Roman walls made of local red sandstone. In the old city, the Rows is a shopping district distinguished by 2-level covered arcades and Tudor-style half-timber buildings.

Meet our local guide on arrival for a two hour guided tour of Chester.

Free time in Chester to sightsee, shop and have lunch on your own.









Depart for <u>Ruthin Castle</u>. The castle is set in acres of immaculate gardens and sprawling woodland. This four-star castle hotel embraces its royal heritage with traditional interiors.

Arrive at the castle and have free time to explore the castle and gardens.

Enjoy a special Ruthin Castle Medieval Evening starting with a tour of the castle that includes sections of the 13th century walls, dungeons, whipping pit and drowning pool. Then guests assemble in the Presence Chamber for the partaking of bread and salt, age-old symbols of hospitality. Kick off the evening with arrival glass of traditional mead, before digging into a hearty 4-course dinner with a goblet of wine. A feast fit for a king and queen! The event will take place in our Tafarn Medieval Hall, whilst live musical entertainment will be provided as you feast by Medieval Troubadors. Our guests may wear everyday clothing, their own costume, or hire one from the Costume Company who rent medieval costumes.

Continue to Wrexham after the party and check in to the hotel

Meals: B, D Overnight: Wrexham, Wales









### Day 8 Saturday, March 22

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.

Free time in Wrexham to explore the city and have lunch on your own.

The town gained notoriety when the local team <a href="Wrexham AFC">Wrexham AFC</a> was purchased in 2021 by actors Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney. Formed in 1864, it is the oldest club in Wales and the third-oldest professional association football team in the world. They compete in EFL League One, the third level of the English football league system. The team has increased in popularity since the purchase due to the show <a href="Welcome to Wrexham">Welcome to Wrexham</a> that follows the transformation of the team and the city since the club's revival under Reynolds and McElhenney,



### 15:00 Wrexham vs Stockport County at the Racecourse Ground

We will try to get game tickets for those that are interested in going to the game.









After the game we depart for Stratford-upon-Avon

Stratford-upon-Avon is renowned for its medieval architecture and as the birthplace of William Shakespeare - one of the most celebrated writers in English literature. The town boasts well-preserved Tudor buildings including Shakespeare's birthplace and Anne Hathaway's cottage.

Dinner is included tonight at the hotel or a restaurant.

Meals: B, D Overnight: Stratford-upon-Avon







# Day 9 Sunday, March 23

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.

Morning free in Stratford-upon-Avon to explore the town on your own then depart for Bath, England. Bath, considered a UNESCO World Heritage site, is a compact city that's best explored on foot. It sits on the banks of the River Avon and is full of fine examples of Georgian architecture. The city of Bath is so named because of the spas that were developed around Roman times. We will meet a local guide for a sightseeing tour of the city then have free time to have lunch on your own.





#### Depart for Stonehenge.

Stonehenge is a prehistoric megalithic structure on Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire, England. It consists of an outer ring of vertical sarsen standing stones, each around 13 feet high, seven feet wide, and weighing around 25 tons, topped by connecting horizontal lintel stones. We will take the groups shuttle to the 4,500 year old stone circle. Afterwards Discover the story of Stonehenge: the stones, the landscape, the people and its meaning, through a powerful combination of cuttingedge audio-visual experiences and incredible ancient objects. The exhibition contains nearly 300 archaeological objects, finds from Stonehenge and other nearby monuments. You can download a free audio guide on your phone for the tour.

Depart for London.

Arrive in London and check in to the hotel.

Dinner is included tonight at the hotel or at a restaurant.

Meals: B, D Overnight: London, England







# Day 10 Monday, March 24

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning guided walking tour of London starting from Waterloo Station and then walk around places of interest such as Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Westminster, Buckingham Palace, Churchills Bunker and then back along the south bank of the Thames.

After the tour you will have free time to explore the city.

You can purchase a Visitor <u>Oyster card</u> to move around the London Underground or use the buses. Maybe visit the free <u>British Museum</u>, the <u>National Gallery</u>, or <u>Victoria & Albert Museum</u>.

Maybe go visit the <u>Churchill War Rooms</u> are not included in your London pass, go to the Camden Market.

Maybe take in a <u>London Theatre</u> performance, West End musicals or productions tonight or if you are an ABBA fan maybe consider the new <u>ABBA Voyage</u> show.

Meals: B Overnight: London, England







#### Day 11 Tuesday, March 25

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning tour of the Tower of London.

You have a couple of free days to use your included 2 day <u>London Pass</u> to enjoy London at your pace and with what is of interest to you. Here are the <u>attractions</u> that are included with your pass.

The London pass includes the <u>Big Bus</u> hop-on hop-off city sightseeing tour. They have 3 routes that you can enjoy with English commentary. London is packed with plenty of things to do so let the bus guide you through the city to visit the prime locations and top attractions including historical museums, striking parks, and modern galleries.

Maybe use the pass to see Westminster Abbey, the Royal Mews, or to take a ride on the London Eye.

Jason's Original Canal Boat Tour 45 minute one way journey along the Regent's Canal is and interesting trip that ends at the bustling Camden Market.

Maybe see a <u>London Theatre</u> show tonight. Meals: B Overnight: London, England







# Day 12 Wednesday, March 26

Breakfast at the hotel.

Maybe use your London Pass on the <u>Uber Boat by Thames Clippers</u> to visit Maritime Greenwich, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On the way, you'll pass the glittering skyscrapers of Canary wharf and even see the distinctive dome of the O2 Arena. Visit the <u>Royal Observatory</u>, the <u>Cutty Sark</u>, the free <u>National Maritime Museum</u> and maybe the <u>Tower Bridge</u>, or <u>Shakespeare's Globe Theatre</u>.

Soccer fans may want to do a home stadium tour of <u>Arsenal</u>, <u>Chelsea</u> or <u>Tottenham</u>.

Meals: B Overnight: London, England

# Day 13 Thursday, March 27

Breakfast at the hotel

Depart for the airport

06:30 Depart London for Amsterdam on KL1000

09:00 Arrive in Amsterdam

14:30 Depart Amsterdam for Edmonton on KL675

16:15 Arrive in Edmonton



#### **Tour Includes**

Bus transportation for all transfers.

Dinner on arrival in Edinburgh.

Walking tour of Edinburgh including entrance fee and tour of Edinburgh Castle

Day trip to Anstruther, St. Andrews, and Falkland Palace (entry fee to palace & garden included)

Edinburgh Spirit of Scotland Show

Stirling Castle entry fee and guided tour

Lunch included in Stirling

Guided sightseeing tour of Glasgow

Guided tour and tasting at the Annandale Distillery

Beatles themed bus tour of Liverpool

Entry fee to the Beatles Story Museum

Guided sightseeing tour of Chester

Ruthin Castle tour on arrival and Medieval Evening (costume rental possible at an extra cost)

Dinner included in Stratford-upon-Avon

Guided walking tour of Bath ending at the Roman Baths (entry ticket included)

Entry fee and return shuttle to Stonehenge from the visitors centre.

London sightseeing walking tour

Two Day London Pass

#### **Tour Does Not Include**

Free time activities and drinks at dinner or lunch unless otherwise indicated.

Entry fee in St. Andrews for the R&A World Golf Museum or St, Andrews Castle.

Game ticket to a Wrexham FC game.

London Oyster Card for public transportation including the underground.

Optional free time activities.

Any visas or entry requirements.

#### **Tour Cost**

Double or Twin room cost per person— \$ 7495.00

Single room cost - \$ 8995.00

# **Tour Payment Schedule**

Initial deposit to guarantee your spot on the tour - \$ 500.00

Please submit a copy of your passport at the time of registration.

Passports must be valid at least 3 moths from the date of return.

Second payment of \$500 by September 1, 2024

Final Payment and final name list by December 10, 2025

Payments can be made by check, bank draft or etransfer. Contact us for etransfer details.

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#### **Tour No Flight Discount and Extended Stays**

Receive a **\$1900.00** discount to arrange your own flights and meet the group in Europe. Economy seats are reserved for the group.

If you want to extend your stay Azorcan can change your return flight and the gateway. There may be an additional cost to do this and on a group file we are limited by the number of passengers we can do changes on either the outbound or return flight.

#### **Optional Travel and Trip Cancellation Insurance**

Azorcan Global offers an all-inclusive insurance policy or just a trip cancellation policy with Allianz Insurance. A copy of the insurance booklet and coverage is available on the tour webpage. It is up to each passenger to review the coverage and understand exclusions. We are not insurance agents so please call Allianz for any clarification on coverage. It is each passenger's responsibility to ensure they have proper coverage. Azorcan will get a quote for *all-inclusive insurance* and for just *trip cancellation insurance* based on your age, tour cost and length of your trip once the tour is close to being full. Passengers over 65 will need to fill out a medical questionnaire to get quotes. After we get the quotes, Azorcan will have an insurance form where passengers can select their coverage option or they can decline our insurance.



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