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Tour Dates: August 29 - September 8, 2024



# Royal Highlights of England, Scotland and Wales





DAY 1 Depart the USA: Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Edinburgh, Scotland, where centuries of history meet a vibrant, cosmopolitan city.

DAY 2 Edinburgh, Scotland: Upon arrival, you'll be met by a representative of Mayflower Cruises & Tours and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to begin immersing yourself in the Scottish culture.

DAY 3 Edinburgh: The day begins with an included tour of this capital city. See the delightful contrast of the city between the 18th-century Georgian "New Town" and the medieval "Old Town". The famed Royal Mile, backbone of the Old Quarter, runs 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 visit of Edinburgh Castle see the Scottish crown jewels and the Stone of Destiny. The balance of the afternoon is at leisure. This evening, join your Tour Manager and traveling companions for an evening of entertainment with an included dinner and show. Meals: B, D

### **DAY 4** Edinburgh – Chester, England via the Lake District:

Today's adventure begins with the motorcoach journey through the rolling hills of the Scottish countryside en-route to England. Enjoy the scenic wonders of northern England with a visit to the Lake District. In the picture-postcard village of Grasmere, see some historical sites of Woodsworth, and learn about the history of the famed Grasmere Gingerbread. The journey continues as you travel through the British countryside arriving in Chester this evening. Meal: B

DAY 5 Chester: A walking tour of this picturesque city with its Tudor-style buildings, ancient ruins and a complete city wall starts your day. Discover the history of the city's former occupations by the Romans, Vikings, Danes, Saxons, Scots and Normans, while viewing the medieval half-timbered houses

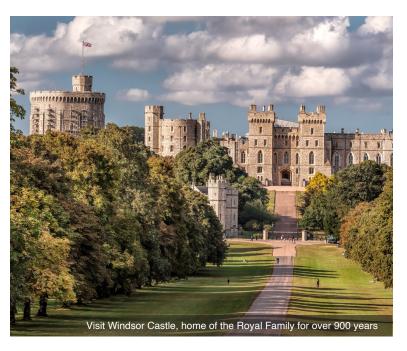
(some dating back to the 13th century), the Eastgate Clock (the 2nd most photographed clock in the UK, behind Big Ben), the Chester Cathedral and the 'Rows' – the highlight of the city center. The remainder of the day and evening is at your leisure to experience the charms of Chester. **Meal: B** 

#### **DAY 6** Stratford-upon-Avon – Cotswolds – Cardiff, Wales:

Departing Chester, continue 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. You'll also see the school where he received his education, and the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, erected in his memory. Continuing on, experience the beauty of the Cotswolds - rolling hills ("wolds"), river valleys, and sleepy villages where houses made from the Cotswold Stone and cozy shops line the meandering streets. Experience the British tradition of 'tea and scones' at a local village in the Cotswolds before arriving in Cardiff early this evening for an included dinner. Meals: B, D

DAY 7 Cardiff: The day begins with a guided tour of Cardiff, the largest city in Wales. During the panoramic portion, 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 of this capital city. Meal: B

DAY 8 Cardiff – Bath, England: Depart Wales and return to England for the final three nights. Enroute to London, visit the ancient city of Bath. A local guide will explain its history as you see the historic Roman baths and lovely Georgian architecture. Continue to Stonehenge for a self-guided (audio) tour of this



mystical, prehistoric site. Arrive in London with an included dinner at the hotel. **Meals: B, D** 

DAY 9 London: A morning panoramic tour showcases the city's highlights including Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, the West End and other monumental sites. See the Changing of the Guard by Buckingham Palace and visit Westminster Abbey. This afternoon, explore on your own using an included Hop On / Hop Off tour ticket. Meal: B

DAY 10 London: On your final day, visit Windsor Castle, home of the Royal Family for over 900 years. The largest and oldest occupied castle in the world, its proud, strong walls dominate the town that has grown around it over the years. Journey by motorcoach with a local guide from your hotel to Windsor. While touring the castle, experience a true sense of British history and the lifestyle of the royals, past and present. 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, a senior chivalric order. Return to London for an afternoon at leisure prior to a farewell dinner at a local pub. Meals: B, D

DAY 11 London / USA: It's time to bid "cheerio" to the British Isles as you depart for London's Heathrow Airport with warm memories of the castles, countryside, and capital cities of your journey through these amazing countries. Meal: B

Itinerary subject to change

#### **HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Days 2 and 3 - DoubleTree by Hilton, Edinburgh, Scotland

Days 4 and 5 - McDonald Hotel or similar, Chester, England

Days 6 and 7 - Radisson Blu, Cardiff, Wales

**Days 8 through 10 –** King's Cross Crowne Plaza or similar, London, England



### Tour Highlights

- 13 Meals: 9 breakfasts and 4 dinners
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Included visits to Edinburgh, Cardiff and Windsor Castles
- Discover the capital cities of Edinburgh, Scotland, Cardiff, Wales, and London, England on included guided tours
- Witness the beauty of England's Lake District and learn the history of Grasmere Gingerbread
- Tour the medieval city of Chester, England
- Visit the childhood home of William Shakespeare in Stratford-upon-Avon
- Enjoy a scenic journey through the Cotswolds, one of England's most picturesque areas
- Experience the British tradition of tea and scones in a local village of the Cotswolds
- See the historic Roman Baths in Bath, England
- Visit the mystical site of Stonehenge
- Witness the changing of the guards in London and visit Westminster Abbey
- Discover British history at Windsor Castle

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2024 Departure	Per Person Twin	Single Room
August 29	\$6,199	+ \$2,599

Pricing includes local Geneseo pickup, round trip ORD air, hotel baggage handling, land package, Travelers Protection Plan, gratuities to guides and drivers, professional tour manager and Classic Club Escorts.







#### Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) - \$349 INCLUDED

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 Cruises & 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)

91 days or more
90 to 45 days prior
44 to 15 day prior
14 to 1 day prior
Day 1 of departure
100% of tour cost
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No refund on unused portions of the tour

Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its refund and cancellation policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours.

### UPGRADE YOUR FLIGHTS TO BUSINESS CLASS FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$5,000 PER PERSON\*

\*Upgrades must be purchased **at least 120 days prior to departure** and are subject to availability. Some domestic flights within the United States and Europe may require travel in Economy class. If our contracted levels of business class are sold out, we will advise of the price of published fares, if available, at time of confirmation and before purchase. Business Class must be ticketed immediately and is non-refundable.





Deposit Amount of \$599 per person Final Payment due date: May 22, 2024

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