

# BRITISH LANDSCAPES FEATURING HIGHCLERE CASTLE

Presented by AAA Travel & WITF

July 28 - August 8, 2016



*London, England*

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- » London
- » Highclere Castle
- » Oxford
- » North Wales
- » Lake District
- » Edinburgh Castle
- » York
- » Stratford-upon-Avon
- » Stonehenge
- » Cotswolds

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- » Free parking with roundtrip transfers to Baltimore Washington International Airport
- » Roundtrip airfare – Baltimore, MD to London, England
- » Roundtrip transfers – airport/hotel
- » Ten night hotel accommodations
- » Sightseeing as stated in itinerary by luxury coach
- » Services of Professional AAAMCV driver and guide
- » Meals: 10 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners
- » All local taxes, hotel service charges & portorage for one suitcase per person
- » WITF Host

## PRICE PER PERSON

### OCCUPANCY

Double	<b>\$5,569</b>
Single	<b>\$6,579</b>
Triple	<b>\$5,519</b>

*Rates are subject to availability at time of booking and include taxes, fees and fuel surcharges which are subject to change. All pricing and included features are based on a minimum of 25 full-fare passengers.*

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## TOUR ITINERARY

### Thursday, July 28: Depart for England

Motorcoach transfer from WITF in Harrisburg to Baltimore Washington International Airport for your overnight flight to London.

### Friday, July 29: London, England

Your tour begins in London, the cosmopolitan and historic capital of England. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. Hotel: *Grange City Hotel*, London (Dinner)

### Saturday, July 30: London

This morning, see the quintessential sights of London with your local guide. View the Tower of London, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace and the changing of the guard (if held).\* Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to further explore one of the world's greatest cities. This evening, you may choose to join an optional dinner followed by one of the city's spectacular theatre performances. (Breakfast)

### Sunday, July 31: London, Winchester & Highclere Castle

Travel to historic Winchester, the ancient capital of England, and explore its majestic cathedral, one of the largest in Europe. This afternoon you enter the world of *Downton Abbey* as you visit Highclere Castle, filming location for this show. Highclere is the home of the Earls of Carnarvon and has one of the world's best private Egyptian collections. Enjoy full access to the castle, the Egyptian exhibition and the grounds. (Breakfast, Dinner)



### **Monday, August 1: London**

Enjoy the freedom of a full day at leisure to explore all that London has to offer. You may choose to take an optional excursion to Windsor Castle. Originally built to guard the city of London, Windsor Castle has been the home of kings and queens for nine centuries and is the oldest royal residence still in use today. (Breakfast)

### **Tuesday, August 2: London, Oxford & Wales**

Today you visit Oxford, home of the famous university which is more than 800 years old. Explore the Welsh countryside before ending your day with an overnight stay in Wales. Hotel: *Ruthin Castle*, Ruthin (Breakfast, Dinner)

### **Wednesday, August 3: Wales, Lake District & Edinburgh**

Travel through the picturesque English Lake District. In the heart of the Lake District, visit the charming village of Grasmere, home of the poet William Wordsworth. Continue to Scotland where your first stop is at the border town of Gretna Green, where generations of runaway couples came to be married. Today's final destination is Edinburgh, the "Athens of the North." Discover Scotland's exciting capital city which is rich in scenic beauty and culture. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. Hotel: *Radisson Blu Edinburgh*, Edinburgh (Breakfast, Dinner)

### **Thursday, August 4: Edinburgh**

Today it's your choice! You may choose to get acquainted with this regal city on a locally guided panoramic city tour. Or, for a different perspective, join a local expert to explore the city on foot. Both tours include visits to Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels; and the Palace of Holyroodhouse,\*\* the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary, Queen of Scots. The remainder of the day is free to independently explore the city. (Breakfast)

### **Friday, August 5: Edinburgh, Borders Region & York**

Today you head south through Scotland's rolling Borders region back to England. Stretching across the country you will find Hadrian's Wall which once marked the northern border of the Roman Empire. Stop to see this ancient fortification that was begun in A.D. 122 to protect Roman Britain from the tribes of Scotland. Later, stroll through the medieval city of York. See the famous Minster and walk on the "Shambles," a quaint, narrow street that appears today almost as it did during the Middle Ages. Here you'll find great shopping and a street that is so narrow in parts that you can almost reach both sides with your outstretched arms. Tonight, stay within the city's historic walls. Hotel: *Hotel 53*, York (Breakfast)

### **Saturday, August 6: York & Stratford-upon-Avon**

Journey to Stratford-upon-Avon, your home for the next two nights and birthplace of William Shakespeare, England's most famous playwright. Step back in time as we visit Shakespeare's birthplace. Afterward, it's your choice! You may choose to tour Anne Hathaway's thatch-roofed cottage, the childhood home of the author's wife; or, enjoy a leisurely cruise along the picturesque Avon River. Hotel: *Walton Hotel*, Stratford-upon-Avon (Breakfast)

### **Sunday, August 7: Stratford, Stonehenge & Cotswolds**

Complete your visit to Britain with a trip to Stonehenge. Discover the legends of this mystical and fascinating site before traveling through some of England's most beautiful countryside. Explore the picturesque villages of the Cotswolds region. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a private farewell dinner at Hall's Croft, a 400-year-old Shakespeare-family home. As traditionally costumed actors perform some of the playwright's most renowned scenes, toast to the end of a wonderful journey. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### **Monday, August 8: Depart for home**

Your journey through Britain ends today with your flight from London to Baltimore and motorcoach transfer back to WITF in Harrisburg. (Breakfast)

\*The changing of the guard ceremony at Buckingham Palace is not held every day. When it is not available, a stop will still be made at the Palace.

\*\*The Palace of Holyroodhouse may occasionally be closed when the Queen is in residence or for official state functions.

*Hotels and itinerary are subject to change at any time without notification and/or compensation.*

**\*Please see your travel consultant to reserve your choice of optional excursions.**

**\*\*Optional 4 Days 3-Night Paris Post Tour extension – See your travel consultant for more details.**



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Original, signed passport valid for 6 months beyond stay, and with at least one blank visa page for visa stamp(s).

### PAYMENT

Deposit of \$250 per person will confirm your reservation. Final Payment is due to AAA by May 12, 2016.

### CANCELLATION/PENALTIES

Deposit date to day of departure

From May 29 – July 12, 2016

From July 13 – 27, 2016

After July 27, 2016

\$275 per person, plus...

30% per person, plus additional suppliers' fees

50% per person, plus additional suppliers' fees

NON REFUNDABLE

**\*Airfare is non-refundable after final payment.**

### INSURANCE

For your protection AAA recommends travel insurance. Pre-existing medical conditions may be waived with proper coverage if travel insurance is purchased within 14 days of initial deposit only. Other conditions may apply; ask your travel agent. AAA recommends Allianz.

### FLIGHT

Air arrangements are handled by the tour operator. Seat assignments cannot be confirmed until the tour operator releases names to the airline 30 days prior to departure. Specific seat requests cannot be guaranteed. Some flight schedules may contain code share agreements.

### CLOTHING/CLIMATE

Temperatures for Britain in July/August average in the 70's with cooler evenings. Pack for a variety of temperatures. Casual clothes that can be layered work best. Comfortable walking shoes and a small umbrella are recommended.

### BAGGAGE

One suitcase per person will be allowed. You may also bring a carry-on bag small enough to fit under your seat. Baggage fees and other charges may be directly assessed by airlines or airport.

### TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

For personal comfort, group participants who need assistance are required to have a traveling companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the needed assistance.

### CONSUMER DISCLOSURE NOTICE - PART OF CONTRACT OF SERVICE.

#### PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE, IT CONSTITUTES PART OF YOUR CONTRACT FOR TRAVEL-RELATED SERVICES.

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