

HEART OF ENGLAND

Guaranteed Departures - four exciting itineraries to choose from

Enjoy the beautiful countryside in the Heart of England and take in the scenic beauty of North Wales or delve into the mystical circle of Stonehenge and the Roman town of Exeter. Enjoy the scenery of the Cotswolds or explore the splendor of England's southwest coast.

NORTH WALES & THE HEART OF ENGLAND

From London - 3 days of touring with 2 overnights in Chester

Day 01: Departing from Stance 3, Greenline Coach Terminal, Bulleid Way, Victoria at 09:00, we make our way to William Shakespeare's birthplace Stratford on Avon, home to the Tudor thatched cottage and gardens of his wife, Anne Hathaway. You will have time to explore the magnificent village of Stratford and enjoy lunch, before continuing to the World Heritage site of Ironbridge. Set in a stunning forested gorge on the river Severn this historic valley boast the world's first ever iron bridge and a host of attractions to choose from. It was once described as the most extraordinary district in the world! From here you travel up to the historic Medieval town of Chester for your 2 nights away from London.

Day 02: You will have some spare time in the morning to explore the ancient walls of Chester, the stunning cathedral with a history spanning almost 2000 years, built on an ancient druidic temple site, with the monastic cloisters present today dating from the late 11th century. The cathedral itself is a masterpiece of medieval architecture. In the late morning your day will take you into the heart of northern Wales, with a visit to the picture book medieval castle of Conwy, built by Edward 1 in the late 13th century. You can enjoy lunch here before exploring the dramatic mountain scenery of the Snowdonia National Park including the huge Dinorwic slate quarries, the Pass of Llanberis below Snowdon - Wales' highest peak and historic Trefriw - a spa town since Roman times. You return to Chester in the early evening.

Day 03: Immediately east of Chester lie the beautiful hills of the Peak District with historic spa towns very popular in Victorian times, including the stunning town of Buxton, famous for its mineral waters and it Opera House. From here you can visit the famous mansion house and gardens of Chatsworth, home to the Cavendish family, Duke of Devonshire. Chatsworth is often named the UK's favorite country house and a visit will reveal some of the finest collections of furniture, priceless paintings, Old Master drawings and neo-classical sculptures. Following lunch here you will return to London through the heart of Robin Hood country. Tour ends in London.



TOURS INCLUDES

NORTH WALES & THE HEART OF ENGLAND

- GUARANTEED DEPARTURES
- Transportation by top of the range 16 seat Mercedes mini coaches
- Two nights accommodation in your choice of B&B or Hotel in Chester
- Breakfast on day 02 and 03
- Services of professional driver/guide
- Three days of touring per itinerary
- Local taxes
- Tips to your driver are not included, as they are considered personal

THE COTSWOLDS, BATH & OXFORD

- GUARANTEED DEPARTURES
- Transportation by top of the range 16 seat Mercedes mini coaches
- One nights accommodation in your choice of B&B or Hotel in Cirencester
- Breakfast on day 02
- Services of professional driver/guide
- Two days of touring per itinerary
- Local taxes
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PACKAGE PRICES & DATES

NORTH WALES & THE HEART OF ENGLAND

Departs on Monday & Friday
From May 14, 2012 to March 29, 2013
B&B: Twin pp \$559 / Single \$639 / Child \$449
Hotel: Twin pp \$619 / Single \$779 / Child \$499

THE COTSWOLDS, BATH & OXFORD

Departs Wednesday and Saturday
From May 16, 2012 to March 30, 2013
B&B: Twin pp \$339 / Single \$389 / Child \$269
Hotel: Twin pp \$369 / Single \$449 / Child \$299

THE COTSWOLDS, BATH & OXFORD

From London - 2 days of touring with 1 overnight Cirencester

Day 01: Departing from Stance 3, Greenline Coach Terminal, Bulleid Way, Victoria at 09:00, leaving the great city of London behind us today we head west. We arrive at the pretty village of Avebury. Here we will be able to wander amidst the largest stone circle in the world and a World Heritage Site. Nearby is also the site of the Marlborough White Horse, which was cut in 1804 by a party of boys from Mr. Greasley's academy. Not far from here, set in rural Wiltshire, is Lacock village, famous for its picturesque streets, historic buildings and its more recent role as a television and film location. The Abbey, located at the heart of the village within its own woodland grounds, is a quirky country house of various architectural styles. We spend some time in afternoon in Bath, suffused with relics of its Roman past and of course it's famous Bath. From here we continue to Cirencester, set in the heart of the Cotswolds, which is so quintessentially English. Cirencester was the second largest town in Britain during Roman times!

Day 02: We will discover some more of the Cotswold scenery and villages. You will see some outstanding countryside with river valleys, water meadows and beech woods, sleepy ancient limestone villages, historic market towns and for being so 'typically English' where time has stood still for over 300 years. Our visits will include Bourton on the Water, also known as the 'Venice of the Cotswolds'. It is a picturesque village with many of the traditional features unique to this area. Next stop will be Stow-on-the-Water, the highest town on the Cotswold and packed with charming traditional houses. The quaint village of Woodstock cannot be missed to conclude your tour of the area, with a photo stop at Blenheim Palace. In the afternoon we visit Oxford, renowned for over 900 year as a centre of academic excellence. Discover at your own pace the college courtyards, unspoilt narrow alleys and the historic town square. Early evening return back to London, where our tour ends.

Note: Due to the start/end times of these tours, Pre/Post nights are recommended. Your British Isles Travel Specialist will be happy to arrange these and offer you the best possible hotel rate in conjunction with your tour.

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Queens Jubilee June 2-5, 2012
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DEVON & CORNWALL

From London - 5 days of touring and 4 overnights (2 nts Exeter, 2 nts Falmouth)

Day 01: Departing from Stance 3, Greenline Coach Terminal, Bulleid Way, Victoria at 09:00, we travel out through the old kingdom of Wessex to the most famous Neolithic standing stone circle of Stonehenge. Having explored this mystical place, your tour will continue to the dramatic south Devon Coast enjoying panoramic views over white sandy beaches and the natural rock arch of Durdle Door. An afternoon here to explore some of the coast before arriving at the historic city of Exeter, Rome's most south westerly fortified settlement, your base for 2 nights.

Day 02: Your morning is spent exploring the magnificent wilderness of Dartmoor, the menhir bridge at Postbridge and the historic market town of Tavistock, home to Francis Drake. Return to Exeter in the early afternoon to explore this Roman town, with its underground passages, ancient walls, Royal Albert Memorial museum and its famous 12th century Norman Cathedral. Your second night is spent here.

Day 03: Travel west into the heart of Arthurian legend country and the Celtic kingdom of Cornwall. The day's highlights include the ancient capital of Cornwall, Launceston with its 12th century Norman keep perched overlooking Bodmin moor and Bodmin moor itself with the wild ponies wandering amongst the pre-historic stones called the Hurlers and the Cheese-wring. Legends of piskies and spriggins abound and the resting place of King Arthur's sword Excalibur in Dozmary pool all combine with mythical tales of the Beast of Bodmin to make this a very special place. A brief visit to the Golitha falls and St. Neot's stunning crusader church add further variety to your day. Continue to the west coast and the romantic Tintagel Castle, birthplace of King Arthur, before travelling south to the seaside University town of Falmouth for 2 nights.

Day 04: Explore the most westerly tip of England on this magnificent day taking in St. Michael's mount, the stunning cliff top village of Mousehole, the incredible Minack theatre built into the cliffs overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and the beautiful National Trust beach at Porthcurno. You may even see some pirates at Penzance! England's most westerly point beckons at Lands End before following the dramatic coast, with windswept moors and old stone Celtic communities up to the artistic haven of St. Ives. We return to Falmouth for the night.

Day 05: Before departing Cornwall you get the opportunity to visit the world renowned Eden Project Gardens, before we head back eastwards to London, a city completely removed from the remote country experiences you would have enjoyed in the magical ancient Kingdom of King Arthur, King of Wessex. Tour ends in London.



ENGLAND'S SOUTH WEST HIGHLIGHTS

From London-3 days of touring with 2 overnights in Exeter

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Day 03: We are heading to Glastonbury this morning where we will visit Glastonbury Tor. The Tor has been associated with the name Avalon and identified with King Arthur. Climb the Tor for a spectacular view across the counties. In the afternoon we continue to Bath for lunch. Then there will be time for sightseeing in the town suffused with relics of its Roman past and of course its famous bath. Bath Cathedral is also recommended for a visit. Returning back to London early evening, where our tour ends.

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Departs on Monday: May 14, 28, Oct 15, 2012
With Daily from June 4 to Oct 1, 2012
B&B: Twin pp \$989 / Single \$1129 / Child \$789
Hotel: Twin pp \$1189 / Single \$1489 / Child \$949

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