



England, Scotland & Wales

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2011 – 14 Days from \$5,190

Explore the best of the British Isles on Tauck's Scotland, Wales and England travel experience. Discover Scotland's vibrant culture and rich history on visits to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Stirling Castle and Loch Lomond. Travel the *Yellow Roads* through England's Lake District and the Cotswolds... to Oxford's hallowed halls, Churchill's Blenheim Palace and Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon... to mysterious Stonehenge, ancient Bath and sophisticated London... to unique Welsh treasures like Caernarfon and Portmeirion. Enjoy a private Tauck cruise on Loch Lomond... a visit to Hadrian's Wall on a journey across the moorlands from Scotland to the English Lake District ... and a private dinner in the Tower of London prior to the historic Ceremony of the Keys!

Day-by-Day Itinerary

2011 Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrive Edinburgh

Tauck's Scotland, Wales and England travel adventure begins: 6:00 PM, Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Welcome to Edinburgh, Scotland's jewel of a capital city. A transfer from Edinburgh Airport to the Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa is included. You'll meet your fellow travelers who will share your Scotland and England travel adventures at a welcome reception and dinner tonight at your hotel near historic Edinburgh Castle.

Meals: Dinner

Lodging: Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, Edinburgh, Scotland

Day 2 - Edinburgh's castles and palaces

A sightseeing tour of historic Edinburgh with a local guide is the perfect place to begin any Scotland and England travel. Start at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official home in the city (subject to closure when Her Majesty is in residence). Then explore 12th-century Edinburgh Castle, on the opposite end of the city's famous Royal Mile, on a guided tour. There is much more of Edinburgh to explore on your own this afternoon. Journeys departing August 4 through August 25 will attend an outdoor evening performance of the famed Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

Meals: Breakfast

Lodging: Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, Edinburgh, Scotland

Day 3 - Of castles, queens and legendary lochs

An excursion from Edinburgh brings you on a visit to impressive Stirling Castle - a prime example of Scottish Renaissance architecture, parts of which date back to the 12th century - where Mary Queen of Scots was crowned. Then you're off for a private cruise on bonnie Loch Lomond and a tour of Glasgow on the Clyde before returning to Edinburgh for an evening at leisure and dinner à la carte at the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Lodging: Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, Edinburgh, Scotland

Day 4 - From Roman walls to England's lovely Lake District

Travel from Scotland through some of Britain's most beautiful landscapes to England's Lake District today. En route, stop to check out the remains of Hadrian's Wall - constructed across Roman Britain in the 2nd century AD and named for the emperor who built it, now preserved as a UNESCO World Heritage Site - and enjoy lunch. Arrive at your hotel and spa, set on a 35-acre estate in the heart of the English Lakes, for a two-night stay; dig into a barbecue dinner this evening.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch dinner

Lodging: Langdale Hotel & Spa, Langdale, England

Day 5 - Cumbrian gardens and Wordsworth's Dove Cottage

An excursion today takes you first to an Elizabethan estate in South Cumbria dating back to 1350; a highlight of your visit to stately Levens Hall and Gardens is its topiary gardens - among the oldest and most celebrated in the world - which have been continuously maintained since 1694. Later, as you visit Dove Cottage - where poet William Wordsworth penned many a worthy word as a resident between 1799 and 1808 - you'll see for yourself why so many authors and poets have been inspired by this romantic region. Return to your hotel in the heart of one of England's largest national parks.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Lodging: Langdale Hotel & Spa, Langdale, England

Day 6 - Ancient Chester and on to Wales

Set out across what's considered among the loveliest parts of England to Chester. Much of this 2,000-year-old city still follows its original pattern dating back to when it was the Roman town of Deva; its old defensive walls make a pleasant walk around the ancient city center, sporting Roman ruins, a Gothic cathedral, and a mix of medieval, Georgian, Victorian and modern architecture. Cross into Wales,

arriving in the idyllic coastal village of Portmeirion for a two-night stay. Television fans may remember the village's celebrated pastel-colored Italianate villas from the 1960s British series *The Prisoner*, which featured exterior scenes filmed at your Victorian seaside hotel, the Hotel Portmeirion, overlooking Cardigan Bay.

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

Lodging: Hotel Portmeirion, Portmeirion, Wales

Day 7 - To Caernarfon and along the Welsh coast

The day begins with a visit to the historic seaside town of Caernarfon and the 13th-century riverside castle where the investiture of the Prince of Wales takes place. Then wind your way along the Atlantic coast and back to Portmeirion for an evening at leisure and dinner à la carte at your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

Lodging: Hotel Portmeirion, Portmeirion, Wales

Day 8 - The Bard's backyard and on to Bath

Your England travel adventures continue today with a drive from rural Welsh landscapes to atmospheric Stratford-upon-Avon, city of William Shakespeare. Explore the Bard's pastoral riverfront hometown - site of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and many historic Elizabethan and Jacobean buildings - as you please with Tauck's admission to Shakespeare-associated sites, before continuing on to the ancient city of Bath. Spend the next two nights at the Macdonald Bath Spa Hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

Lodging: Macdonald Bath Spa Hotel, Bath, England

Day 9 - Roman, Georgian & Victorian treasures in Bath

Known as one of the architecturally finest and most fascinating cities in all of Britain, the historic spa town of Bath invites your exploration with its splendid Georgian townscape crafted from native limestone. Enjoy a guided tour including the Roman Baths, the Circus and the impressive Royal Crescent, among other sites that reflect its rich Roman, Georgian and Victorian history. Spend the rest of the day as you wish.

Meals: Breakfast

Lodging: Macdonald Bath Spa Hotel, Bath, England

Day 10 - Ancient mysteries and the hallowed halls of Oxford

Depart Bath on this memorable day of England travel, and head across the Salisbury Plain, passing through rolling countryside where grazing sheep appear to be everywhere. Let your imagination take you back in time 4,000 years or more as you view Stonehenge, the mysterious circle of stones and monoliths erected by still-unknown ancient peoples. Continue on to Oxford for a guided walking tour of esteemed Oxford University, now just a few decades short of its 1,000th anniversary, and the rest of the day spent as you please.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch

Lodging: Macdonald Randolph Hotel, Oxford, England

Day 11 - A look at young Winston & the charming Cotswolds

Enjoy a glimpse into the life of famed 20th-century British statesman Sir Winston Churchill on visits to Blenheim Palace - the Baroque estate where he was born, now the home of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough - and his burial place in Bladen. Journey through the hills and plateaus of the peaceful Cotswolds (from the Old English for "God's high open land"), stopping for lunch on your own in one of these quaint villages dotting the countryside. Return to Oxford for a special dinner this evening.

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

Lodging: Macdonald Randolph Hotel, Oxford, England

Day 12 - Windsor Castle and on to London

Call on one of the world's most famous addresses today - Windsor Castle, which British royalty has called home for about 900 years. Schedule permitting, your tour of this extraordinary complex includes St. George's Chapel, Queen Mary's Dolls' House, and the State Apartments. Your final destination today is legendary London, capital of the United Kingdom. Your landmark Victorian hotel, Europe's original "grand hotel," is ideally located close to many of the city's major sites and within walking distance of some of the world's most famous shops.

Meals: Breakfast

Lodging: The Langham, London, England

Day 13 - Merrie olde London and a grand finale in the Tower

Your day in London begins with a visit to majestic Westminster Abbey, dating back nearly a thousand years, followed by a guided sightseeing tour including famous sights such as Piccadilly Circus, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, #10 Downing Street, and Green Park. After some time to explore on your own, join us this evening for a remarkable end to an extraordinary journey - a private dinner at the Tower of London, followed by the 700-year-old tradition known as the Ceremony of the Keys... where you'll witness the Chief Yeoman Warder and his men secure the Tower for the night! *Note: Accessing the Tower requires walking on cobblestones and up steps.*

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

Lodging: The Langham, London, England

Day 14 - Journey Home

Tauck's Scotland, Wales and England travel adventure ends: London, England. Fly home anytime. A transfer from The Langham, London to London's Heathrow Airport is included. Allow a minimum of 3 hours for flight check-in.

Meals: Breakfast

Prices**14 Days from \$5,190 plus airfare**

2011 Price per Person	Double	Single	Triple
May – August 3, August 30 – October	\$5190	\$6165	\$5125
August 4 – 29 (Edinburgh Military Tattoo)	\$5390	\$6365	\$5325

14 Days from \$5,970 plus airfare – Small Group Departures

Small Group Departures with no more than 26 Tauck Guests are available on select dates – Jun 2 & 30, Aug 11, Sep 22 – specially priced from \$5970 per person double; specific dates apply – inquire at time of booking.

2011 Price per Person	Double	Single	Triple
May – August 3, August 30 – October	\$5970	\$6945	\$5905
August 11 (Edinburgh Military Tattoo)	\$6190	\$7165	\$6125

26 meals included.

Special 2011 departures where the single price is from \$5865 – May 26, July 7 and September 1, 29; inquire at time of booking.

International Airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the U.S. (subject to availability).

Please ask at time of booking about additional hotel nights before or after your tour and about our comprehensive Guest Protection Product.
