



Highlights of Scotland & England: Edinburgh to London With OLLI CSU

10 days | 12 days with London extension | Sep 08 2025—Sep 17 2025

Take time to uncover the amazing sights Great Britain has to offer. Start in Edinburgh, soaking in the Scottish city's Georgian charms, before setting off into the English countryside for everything from Shakespeare to Stonehenge. Then, end in London, where you'll see iconic landmarks and get a glimpse into the royal life outside Buckingham Palace.



Your tour package includes

- 8 nights in handpicked hotels
- 8 breakfasts
- 3 dinners with beer or wine
- 6 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- The Royal Mile
- Edinburgh Castle
- York Minster
- Stratford-upon-Avon
- Roman Baths
- Stonehenge
- Trafalgar Square
- Buckingham Palace

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you will walk for at least 1.5 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with some hills and stairs.

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Edinburgh today.

Edinburgh → 3 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Edinburgh

Included meals: welcome dinner

Welcome to Scotland! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Edinburgh

Included meals: breakfast

Get to know Edinburgh in all its medieval beauty on a tour led by a local expert.

- View the elegant Georgian-style New Town and the Royal Mile, two UNESCO World Heritage sites.
- Pass the Sir Walter Scott monument, the largest monument to a writer in the world.
- Enter Edinburgh Castle to view the Scottish crown jewels and Stone of Scone.

Enjoy a free afternoon in Edinburgh or add an excursion.

Please note: The order of today's activities are subject to change.

+ Abbotsford House & Melrose Abbey

Day 4: Free day in Edinburgh

Included meals: breakfast

Spend a free day in Edinburgh or add an excursion.

+ Coastal Scotland & St Andrews Pub Lunch

York → 1 night

Day 5: Transfer to York & sightseeing tour

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Travel to York and soak in the city's medieval charms on a sightseeing tour.

- Visit the ruins of St. Mary's Abbey and the Shambles, a historic street in York lined with timber-framed houses.
- Join a local guide inside York Minster, home to the world's largest collection of medieval stained glass.

- View the Roman wall, the oldest section of the city's historic fortifications.

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Bath → 2 nights

Day 6: Bath via Stratford-upon-Avon

Included meals: breakfast

Drive through the countryside to Stratford-upon-Avon, the town of Shakespeare's birth. Here, you'll step inside the Shakespeare family home for a tour with your Tour Director. Then, continue on to the town of Bath.

Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Bath

Included meals: breakfast

On a guided sightseeing tour, get to know the charming city of Bath, named a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1987.

- See the city's most famous architectural sites, including the Roman Baths, the Royal Crescent, and the Circus.
- Enjoy free time for lunch, shopping, or visit the Bath Abbey on your own.

Spend a free afternoon in Bath or add an excursion

+ Literary Bath & Afternoon Tea

London → 2 nights

Day 8: London via Lacock & Stonehenge

Included meals: breakfast

Travel to London today. En route, visit the charming village of Lacock and stop to admire the mysterious monoliths at Stonehenge.

- Walk through the beautifully preserved medieval town of Lacock.
- Continue on to Stonehenge, where you'll learn about the ancient site at the visitor center before making your way to the monument.

Day 9: Sightseeing tour of London

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

View the regal landmarks of England's vibrant and cosmopolitan capital on a guided sightseeing tour.

- Pass the grand Trafalgar Square and Baroque-style St. Paul's Cathedral, perched atop Ludgate Hill.
- See Westminster Abbey, the setting for royal coronations, weddings, and funerals.
- View icons like Big Ben, the London Eye, Tower Bridge, and the Tower of London.
- Stop by Buckingham Palace, where you may catch the Changing of the Guard.

Spend a free afternoon in London or add an excursion.

Tonight, celebrate your trip with your fellow travelers at a farewell dinner.

+ Windsor Castle

Flight Home

Day 10: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay to continue exploring London.

+ London extension

Extend your stay in London and your next quintessentially British experience will be just a Tube (that's what the Brits call the subway) ride away. Lean on your Tour Director to point you toward the city's best, and set off to chase your own sense of adventure.

London → 2 nights

Day 10: Free day in London

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a free day in London or add an excursion.

+ London Eye & Pub Dinner

Day 11: Free day in London

Included meals: breakfast

Spend a free day in London or add an excursion.

+ Tower of London

Flight Home

For more information, contact

1-800-438-7672

Day 12: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: **1-800-438-7672**

Day 3: Abbotsford House & Melrose Abbey

\$109/\$119* (5 hours, departs in the afternoon with lunch)

Travel through the Scottish Borders region to Abbotsford, where you'll enjoy an included lunch. Continue on to Abbotsford House, the 19th-century estate of Sir Walter Scott. The poet designed his home in the Romantic style to imitate the elaborate baronial estates of British aristocrats. Today, it serves as a museum for Scottish memorabilia and artifacts that Walter Scott collected throughout his lifetime. Later, visit the ruins of Melrose Abbey, one of the most impressive of the four Borders abbeys. Please note: Some areas of the abbey are closed off due to masonry and damage repairs.

Day 4: Coastal Scotland & St Andrews Pub Lunch

\$145/\$155* (8 hours, departs in the morning with lunch)

Travel from Edinburgh to the beautiful Scottish coast, stopping to explore the traditional fishing village of Anstruther in East Neuk. Then, join a local guide for a visit to St Andrews, famous for being the birthplace of golf—as well as the location of Scotland's oldest university. When you arrive, sit down to a traditional pub lunch of fish and chips—a local favorite. Then, pass by the 16th-century grounds of St Andrews University, the alma mater of Prince William, who met Kate Middleton here. You'll also enter the ruins of the town's medieval cathedral and 13th-century castle, which overlooks the North Sea. After your tour, enjoy free time to explore the town before returning to Edinburgh.

Day 7: Literary Bath & Afternoon Tea

\$129/\$139* (3 hours, departs in the afternoon)

World-famous for novels that defied gender norms and detailed iconic characters, author Jane Austen was Bath's most famous resident. Make your way to the Jane Austen Centre, where you'll enjoy a presentation delivered by a costumed guide. Then, explore this beautifully decorated Georgian townhouse on your own, learning more about the Regency era and how it informed Austen's work. Once finished, you'll sit down for a cuppa in the Regency Tea Room, paired with a light lunch. Turn the page on your visit by heading to Persephone Books, an independent publisher that reprints neglected authors—most of whom are women from the mid-20th century. Peruse its collection of novels, short stories, and more (and maybe grab a book for your return flight) before going back to your hotel.

Day 9: Windsor Castle

\$125 (5 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Led by a Blue Badge Guide, you'll travel to Windsor for a guided tour of the world's largest and longest-inhabited castle. Founded by William the Conqueror in 1070, Windsor has been the British Royal Family's preferred retreat for the past 900 years. Step inside the State Apartments and St. George's Chapel, where knighting ceremonies of the Most Noble Order of the

Garter take place. View the exhibit of royal treasures within the castle. You'll then have time to stroll through the town of Windsor and have a look at Eton College, a prestigious prep school attended by Princes William and Harry. Please note: When the Windsor Castle excursion falls on a Wednesday, entrance will be replaced by an excursion to Hampton Court. For any departures where the Windsor Castle excursion falls on a Tuesday, the excursion will be moved to another day on tour or cancelled. Additionally, St. George's Chapel is closed to the public on Sundays. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Extension excursion options

Day 10: London Eye & Pub Dinner

\$149 (5 hours, departs in the evening with dinner)

Glide through London's skyline, 450 feet above the River Thames, on the London Eye—the world's fourth-tallest observation wheel. Settle into an enclosed gondola for a 30-minute ride and take in the view of the city below. (In clear weather, the panorama stretches for 25 miles.) Afterward, take a brief tour of London's West End before ending your outing with dinner at a local pub. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 11: Tower of London

\$109 (3 hours, departs in the morning)

Enter the Tower of London, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for its dark history of treason, imprisonment, and beheadings. With a local Blue Badge Guide leading the way, you'll explore the nooks and crannies of this royal castle, seeing ancient coin collections, suits of armor, and the glittering Crown Jewels as you go. Explore exhibitions about the Royal Mint and old armaments before watching a live historical reenactment and visiting the White Tower. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.com/terms