

Gems of Britain

This fabulous four-day tour is suitable for passengers with limited time who would like to see the very best of Britain. It includes everything you would expect: Cambridge, York, Edinburgh, the English Lake District, the walled town of Chester and Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon.

Visit Edinburgh's historical Castle



DAY 1 – MON – LONDON – DARLINGTON. Meet your Tour Director early this morning and drive north to the university town of *Cambridge*. Stroll by some of the colleges, including the magnificent *King's College*, before continuing to historic *York*. Inside the ancient *city walls*, you approach the magnificent *York Minster*, England's largest medieval cathedral. Then walk through the narrow *cobbled streets* to the Tudor '*Shambles*', where the houses lean so far they almost touch! Use your free time to shop before continuing to your hotel. **Hotel: Blackwell Grange.** (D)

DAY 2 – TUE – DARLINGTON – EDINBURGH. Cross the wild Northumberland Moors and go past the romantic ruins of *Jedburgh Abbey*, cross the Borders and head on to Scotland's elegant capital, *Edinburgh*. On a *guided city tour*, drive down the stately *Royal Mile*, past *St Giles' Cathedral* to *Holyroodhouse Palace* – the Queen's residence in Edinburgh – and on to the 18th century *New Town*. **Visit Edinburgh Castle, housing the Honours of Scotland, the nation's crown jewels.** Why not spend the evening eating haggis and listening to the sound of bagpipes? (May-Oct). **Hotel: Jurys Inn.** (B)

DAY 3 – WED – EDINBURGH – LIVERPOOL. Drive through the Southern Uplands to *Gretna Green*, where many an eloping English couple have been married, then cross the border back into England. Enjoy a drive through the *Lake District*, a region so beautiful it inspired a host of English poets. Wander in Wordsworth's footsteps by the lake before continuing to your hotel on Liverpool's famous waterfront, adjacent to the Liver Buildings and close to the Albert Docks. **Hotel: Thistle.** (B,D)

DAY 4 – THU – LIVERPOOL – LONDON. First stop today is at the former Roman fortress town of *Chester*. Walk with your Tour Director along part of the *well preserved walls*. See the *Cathedral*, the unique black and white '*Rows*' (shopping arcades) and the remains of the *Roman Amphitheatre*. *Continue to the famous Wedgwood China factory, where there is much to tempt those seeking fine British souvenirs.* Now to *Stratford-upon-Avon* where you visit *Shakespeare's birthplace*. Return to London through the flower-trimmed *villages of the Cotswolds*, one of the most beautiful parts of England. (B)

4 DAYS ~ ENGLAND ~ SCOTLAND



Enjoy Your Included Tour Features

Premium Highlights

Visit Edinburgh Castle to see the Honours of Scotland - the oldest royal regalia in Britain
Visit Shakespeare's birthplace in the pretty market town of Stratford-upon-Avon

Personal Insights

Interact with skilled craftspeople who demonstrate the techniques of ceramic manufacture at the world famous Wedgwood Visitor Centre

Additional Excursions & Sights

- See King's College, Cambridge
- See the 'Shambles' and York Minster
- See Jedburgh Abbey
- Drive down Edinburgh's Royal Mile past St Giles' Cathedral to Holyroodhouse Palace
- Walk by Chester's 'Rows' and see the Cathedral and Roman Amphitheatre
- Scenic drives in the Cotswolds
- Lake District, Northumberland Moors

Insight's First Class Services

Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portage

Escorted by a professional Tour Director
Luxury 40 seat coach with onboard toilet

Quality Dining

- 3 full Breakfasts (B), 2 three-course Evening Meals with choice, or buffets, plus tea or coffee (D)

4 days
from US\$206 per day

Departs Mondays	Price
30 Mar '09	\$825
from 06 Apr '09 to 12 Oct '09	\$850

These departures are preferred - see page 182
Apr 27, May 11, 25, Jun 01, 08, 22, Jul 13, 20, 27, Sep 14.

Supplements

Single room	\$135
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Reductions (details & conditions page 182)

Triple Room Discount	SAVE \$20 p.p.
Young Traveller Discount	SAVE \$85
Early Payment Discount	
12mths \$85	10mths \$60
6mths \$40	

Notes

REF: B995 Prices are per person sharing a twin.
Tours depart Mondays and return Thursdays.
See Insight's European Autumn, Winter and Spring brochure for low season departures.

Tour departure point

This tour departs from the **Thistle Marble Arch**, our recommended pre/post tour accommodation, (see page 20 for booking details and sightseeing).

Included are worth approximately US\$51

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