

Devon, Cornwall & London

11 DAYS/10 NIGHTS - GROUP TRAVEL
SUGGESTED ITINERARY - CAN BE CUSTOMIZED



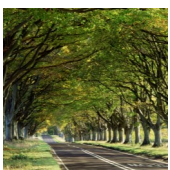
From prehistoric sites, to medieval castles and abbeys, explore the incredible history, architecture and natural beauty of England. Experience quaint English villages, lovely beaches and mysterious moors. Tour one of the official homes of the Royal Family, and enjoy modern London with a ride on the London Eye as well as spectacular shopping opportunities.



DAY 1 ~ ARRIVE BARNSTAPLE

Upon arrival to one of London's airports, meet your Tour Director in the arrivals hall (located past immigration, baggage claim and customs) who will escort your group to a private coach. He or she will remain with your group throughout the tour in England. Drive to the village of Avebury, home to the largest prehistoric stone circle in Britain and the most popular megalithic site after Stonehenge.

On to Salisbury for lunch, its history dates back over 5,000 years - you will visit one of the best medieval Cathedrals in Britain - Salisbury Cathedral. Guided tour of Montacute House and Gardens, a magnificent Elizabethan mansion built in the late 16th century for Sir Edward Philips. Its "Long Gallery" - the longest of its kind in England - displays more than 60 of the finest Tudor and Elizabethan portraits from the National Portrait Gallery collection. Arrive into Barnstaple and check into your hotel. Welcome dinner at the hotel.



DAY 2 ~ BARNSTAPLE

Spend the day visiting Braunton, the gateway to North Devon's Golden Coast. The excellent shopping facilities and

good selection of cafes, pubs and restaurants make Braunton an ideal base from which to explore the varied natural attractions of North Devon. The dramatic coastline and spectacular beaches of Saunton, Croyde and Putsborough with their golden sand, safe bathing and excellent surfing are all within a short drive. So too is the magnificent scenery of the North Devon Coast's "Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty."



DAY 3 ~ BARNSTAPLE

Enjoy a day trip to Clovelly, a beautiful fishing village built into the cleft of a 400 ft. high cliff. Its whitewashed cottages adorned with flowers gradually descend down to the tiny working port. Clovelly is famous for its donkeys, which traditionally carry goods up the hill; sledges carry them down. There are historical connections between Clovelly and Charles Kingsley, Turner, Dickens and the Spanish Armada. Make a special trip to the Bird of Prey Handling Experience. This is an opportunity for all ages to handle a bird of prey and to ask questions of a Master Falconer. Lunch on your own in Clovelly.

You'll proceed to the National Trust Carriage Museum, an unexpected jewel. This intimate Regency house contains

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in London
- 1 night each in Wotton-under-Edge and Bath
- 3 nights each in Barnstaple and Falmouth
- Breakfast daily
- Lunch and dinner per itinerary
- Ground transport via air conditioned luxury coach
- English speaking assistant and guides
- Admission tickets as outlined in itinerary

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the largest prehistoric stone circle in Britain
- View the medieval cathedral of Salisbury
- Bird of Prey handling experience
- Visit the location said to be the birthplace of King Arthur
- View Glastonbury Abbey and the Roman baths
- See one of the official residences of the Queen of England in Windsor

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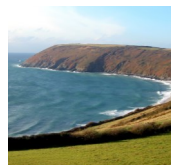


treasures for all tastes, from model ships to shells, all collected by generations of the Chichester family. The 19th-century picturesque garden is a perfect place to explore, picnic or play. Inside the stables of the Carriage Museum you'll see a vehicle for every occasion from cradle to grave. Challacombe is a traditional rural "dispersed settlement" (a settlement of scattered farmsteads rather than a nucleated village) with a population of about 150 people located within the Exmoor National Park. There are many interesting walks and places to visit in Challacombe. Take an easy walk before dinner on your own in Challacombe. Afterwards the group will return to the hotel.



DAY 4 ~ FALMOUTH

After breakfast depart Barnstaple for Falmouth in Cornwall. Our first stop, Tintagel Castle, is steeped in legend and mystery; said to be the birthplace of King Arthur, you can still visit nearby Merlin's Cave. The castle is also featured in the tale of Tristan and Isolde. Stop in the small, picturesque fishing village of Port Isaac for lunch on your own. After lunch we'll make our way to Pencarrow House and Gardens for a guided tour of the house. For nearly 500 years, Pencarrow has been the much-loved home of the Molesworth-St Aubyns, and it is still owned by his descendants. It contains family photos, children's toys, hats on classical busts and pet dogs Oscar and Sambo that bring this Cornish mansion to life. Upon arrival into Falmouth, check into your hotel. Dinner on your own.



DAY 5 ~ FALMOUTH

This morning visit Pendennis Castle, one of the finest of the mighty fortresses built by Henry VIII to defend the

country against invasion. The castle has seen action in many conflicts and was one of the last royalist strongholds to fall during the English Civil War. You can witness a Tudor gun deck in action here and see how the Guardhouse was equipped during the First World War. This award-winning site boasts an exciting interactive exhibition where you can experience the sights and sounds of battle and relive an enemy attack on a Second World War observation post. Balance of the day free to enjoy Falmouth on your own. This evening enjoy a special seafood dinner at a local restaurant.



DAY 6 ~ FALMOUTH

Set out today for St Michael's Mount and St Ives. Explore the amazing island world of St Michael's Mount and discover legend, myth and over a thousand years of incredible history. Gather for lunch at the castle after our visit then continue to the Minack Theatre, an open-air theatre constructed above a gully with a rocky granite outcrop jutting into the sea. Arrive late this afternoon to St Ives. The town really began to open up to the outside world in 1877 when the Great Western Railway began running its Broad Gauge trains on the new branch line. In 2007, St Ives was awarded the accolade of "Seaside Town of the Year" as voted for by Guardian readers. Today St Ives is easy to reach, and there's a wealth of ancient culture to be explored in the landscape, the stones, the wells and even ceremonies. Dinner on your own in St. Ives.



DAY 7 ~ WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE

Begin the day at the conservation area of Lustleigh, a picture-perfect Devon village with a pretty collection of thatched cottages. Walk to Wreyland to see the Manor House. Enjoy cream tea and a light



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Experience

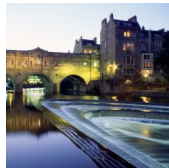
Flexibility

Peace of Mind



lunch in Lustleigh.

Continue to Glastonbury. Glastonbury is full of myth and legend. The town is known for its history, including Glastonbury Lake Village, Glastonbury Abbey, Somerset Rural Life Museum, and Glastonbury Tor. Glastonbury Abbey was a rich and powerful monastery in Glastonbury, Somerset, England. Since at least the 12th century the Glastonbury area was frequently associated with the legend of King Arthur. Arrive into Bristol this evening for dinner before continuing to the hotel in Glastonbury Tor.



DAY 8 ~ BATH

Set off today for Bath and take a comprehensive tour of this World-Heritage-Site city including the Roman Baths and Royal Crescent No.1. The Roman Baths are a well-preserved Roman sacred site in the English city of Bath. The site includes the remains of the Temple of Aquae Sulis, the Roman baths fed by the sacred hot spring, and a well-presented museum of artifacts found at the site. No.1 Royal Crescent Museum was the first town house of the Royal Crescent to be completed, and is an excellent example of Palladian architecture. The house contains period furniture and the artifacts of 18th century daily life. Lunch on your own. After lunch check into your hotel. Balance of the day free to enjoy Bath and have dinner on your own.



DAY 9 ~ LONDON

Depart Bath for Windsor en-route to London. Stop for a visit at Windsor Castle and the State Apartments. Windsor Castle is one of the official residences of The Queen and has been home to the Sovereign for over 900 years. The Castle is the largest inhabited castle in the world and the oldest in continuous occupation. After visiting Windsor continue traveling to

London and check into your hotel. This evening enjoy an evening panoramic sightseeing tour of the city with a flight on the London Eye. You can see about 25 miles from the top of the wheel, each rotation takes about 30 minutes and can carry 800 people. Sip champagne as you see London in the most interesting way possible! We will return to the hotel with dinner on your own this evening.



DAY 10 ~ LONDON

Today you will have the full day free to explore all that London has to offer. Visit one of the many free museums, take in a matinee play, shop at one of the famous department stores, or take an optional guided tour. Tonight we will have our farewell dinner in a local restaurant.



DAY 11 ~ LONDON

After check-out, the group will travel by private coach to one of London's airports for its return flight to the US.



For information and reservations, please see your professional travel agent