



ENGLAND, SCOTLAND & WALES

CELEBRATE GLORIES PAST AND PRESENT... as you dine with a former Member of Parliament... see a world-class show in London's theatre district... discover whiskies, tartans, and castles in Edinburgh... brave ancient fortified walls in England and Wales... see Wordsworth's cottage, Shakespeare's home, and Blenheim Palace... explore learned Oxford and mysterious Stonehenge... marvel at one of the world's finest topiary gardens... visit the Queen's weekend home... enjoy a special lunch in Bath... have dinner with cutting-edge Welsh chefs... and much more.

1. ARRIVE EDINBURGH

Tour begins: 6:00 PM at the Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, Edinburgh. A transfer from Edinburgh Airport to your accommodations at the Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, Edinburgh, is included. This luxury property is located in the center of Edinburgh, near historic Edinburgh Castle and elegant shopping. Join us for a fitting welcome to Scotland's impressive capital city at this evening's reception and dinner. **Meals D**

2. SCOTTISH CASTLES, CAPITAL SIGHTS & WHISKY

A guided visit to Stirling Castle recalls the long and bloody struggle between the Scots and the English for control of the kingdom. Back in Edinburgh, enjoy an introductory tour to this city of cobbled streets, Georgian architecture and trendy lifestyles, including the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official residence in Scotland (if Her Majesty is not visiting), and Edinburgh Castle. Then at "The Scotch Whisky Experience,"



Traveling Well Includes...

- TAUCK'S YELLOW ROADS! In-depth exploring from Scotland's capital city Edinburgh to England's Lake District, coastal Wales, and across the heart of England to London
- An evening with a former Member of Parliament in London & your choice of West End shows
- Royal history & noble architecture: Edinburgh, Stirling, Caernarfon, Blenheim & Windsor; Ancient roots: Wales' walled cities, Stonehenge & Bath's Roman Baths; Literary history & learned traditions: Shotton, Stratford-upon-Avon & Oxford
- Tasting discoveries: Scotch whisky & a showcase of traditional Welsh foods
- Airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
- 28 meals, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes and portage

learn the history of Scotland's most famous export and enjoy a tasting. Journeys departing August 5 through August 26 will attend an outdoor evening performance of the annual Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. **Meals BD**

3. ON TO ENGLAND'S LAKE DISTRICT

Depart your hotel for a visit to Hadrian's Wall; the most famous of all the frontiers of the Roman empire, it was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987. The views of the wall from Birdoswald Roman Fort and the Steel Rigg are spectacular. Drive through landscapes of forest, rivers, castles and country houses en route to England's Lake District, stopping for lunch in a manor house. Traveling on, pause in the village of Grasmere. As you please, enjoy the sights of this pretty village of pubs, cafés, and the churchyard where William Wordsworth lies. Or visit tiny Dove Cottage, where he wrote some of his most famous poems. Arrive at your hotel in Ambleside late afternoon and dine at your leisure in the hotel this evening. **Meals BLD**

4. TOPIARY, LAKE WINDERMERE & ALE

Explore Levens Hall today, renowned for its gardens, particularly its topiary garden, one of the oldest and most extensive in the world. Enjoy free time on the shore of Lake Windermere in the Victorian-Edwardian town of Bowness-on-Windermere before returning to your country club hotel. **Meals BLD**

5. WALLED CITIES OF YORE & MODERN WALES

Journey to Wales today, taking the opportunity to visit Chester, one of England's best preserved Roman walled cities, along the way. Your accommodations for the next two nights are ideally located in Colwyn Bay, a seaside resort town on the north coast of Wales. A taste of local specialties awaits tonight at the Bodnant Welsh Food Centre when artisan chefs share the best of Welsh cuisine at a Tauck-only cooking demonstration, followed by your freshly prepared dinner. **Meals BD**

6. MIGHTY CAERNARFON & MEDIEVAL CONWY

Take a private tour of Caernarfon Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site begun circa 1283 by Edward I as a symbol of English power over the Welsh. On the way back to your hotel, you may choose to explore the walled city of Conwy, an earlier stronghold of Edward I, on your own. Dinner is à la carte at the hotel this evening, where optional outdoor dining offers a view of Conwy Castle and the beauty of the bay. **Meals BD**

7. SHAKESPEARE'S STRATFORD & OXFORD

Walking in the footsteps of one of the most acclaimed English playwrights of all time is in itself memorable, but the experience becomes even more incredible when you visit places where he lived and wrote on the 400th anniversary of his death in 2016. The pursuit of literary history takes you to the village of Shotton to visit the timber-framed childhood home of Anne Hathaway, wife of William Shakespeare. Then on to Stratford-upon-Avon,



to discover Shakespeare's birthplace. Browse exhibits that tell the story of how his name and works came to be known around the world and check out the town at your own pace. Your destination tonight is Oxford, one of the world's most famous university towns. A guided walk introduces its cobbled streets, quadrangles, celebrated libraries and traditions of learning. Dinner is at leisure in your hotel. **Meals BD**

8. BLENHEIM PALACE AND THE COTSWOLDS

Visit simple St. Martin's Church in Bladon and see the gravesite of Sir Winston Churchill, followed by a private tour of his birthplace, the splendid Baroque Blenheim Palace and Park. The palace was built as a celebration of English victory over Louis XIV's troops at the Battle of Blenheim. It has been home to 11 Dukes of Marlborough (Churchill was the grandson of the seventh). After lunch, choose between staying here to explore further on your own, or going to nearby Woodstock, a charming Cotswolds village complete with dove-gray cottages, a village green, and a park said to have been the hunting grounds of Henry II and a place of seclusion for his mistress. **Meals BL**

9. ANCIENT WISDOM AT STONEHENGE & BATH

At Stonehenge, a self-guided walk around the famous ring of stone introduces you to the mystery of its origins. Put into place some 5,000 years ago, Stonehenge was a massive undertaking requiring the labor of thousands. Bath, one of Britain's most beautiful cities, is your next destination. Arrive in time for lunch



Public bathing takes on new meaning when you visit historic Bath

and live music at the sought-after Pump Room Restaurant, set within the city's ancient Roman Baths complex. Founded upon natural hot springs, the baths were built for bathing and socializing around 70 AD; they are among the world's best preserved – as you'll see on your included tour. **Meals BLD**

10. GEORGIAN BATH: EARLY URBAN ELEGANCE

Founded by the Romans as a thermal spa and developed more than a thousand years later into a lavish and popular resort by 18th-century British aristocracy, Bath today reigns as a magnificent Georgian townscape crafted from native limestone.

A TASTE OF LONDON, YOUR WAY!



Experience a taste of London entertainment your way! Tauck includes your choice of a broad selection of restaurants and live shows for a night out in London's West End you'll not soon forget. Simply tell your Tauck Director your choice of dining venue and play at the start of your trip and enjoy a two-course pre-theatre dinner and pre-reserved seats for your favorite show during your three-night stay at The Savoy!



Take a private tour of Churchill's birthplace at Blenheim Palace and Park

Architecturally, it ranks among Britain's finest cities and enjoys UNESCO World Heritage status. You'll learn why on a city tour with a local guide that takes in the 18th-century terraced houses known as the Royal Crescent and the Circus, distinctive elements of British urban planning that were later incorporated in the city of London. View the elegant Pulteney Bridge and Bath Abbey, where the first king of England was crowned. The remainder of the day is free to spend as you choose. **Meals B**

11. WINDSOR CASTLE & A SPECIAL DINNER

Begin the day at Windsor Castle, the oldest and largest inhabited castle in the world, often used as the Queen's weekend home. Your guided visit includes the State Apartments (schedule permitting) and Queen Mary's Dolls' House, "an aristocratic home in perfect miniature." Settle in at The Savoy in London, one of the world's most iconic hotels. Dine tonight with a former Member of Parliament at an exclusive private club, a special experience for Tauck guests only! **Meals BD**

12. LONDON SIGHTS & WEST END DELIGHTS

On this morning's tour of London, see Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Hyde Park, and St. Paul's Cathedral, the masterpiece by Sir Christopher Wren. After a free afternoon, enjoy the dual pleasures of dining at your choice of West End restaurants, followed by your choice of live theatre performances. **Meals BD**

13. A DAY IN LONDON

Visit Westminster Abbey this morning on a guided tour; the final resting place of 17 kings and queens, this esteemed city landmark is alive with storied treasures. Explore London sights as you wish this afternoon, before joining us for our farewell reception and dinner at The Savoy hotel. **Meals BD**

14. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: London. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from The Savoy to the train station or Heathrow Airport or Gatwick Airport. You should allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**



Witness traditions centuries old at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in August

14 DAYS FROM \$6,590 PLUS AIRFARE
(13 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches & 11 Dinners)

BEGINS EDINBURGH

May 8, 15, **22**, 29 Jun 5, **12**, 19, **24**, 26 Jul 3, **10**, 17
Aug 5, **7**, 14, **17**, 19, 21, **31** Sep 4, **11**, 18, **23**, 25 **/= Sold Out!**

Go to **tauck.com** for up-to-the-minute space availability; additional departures may become available as these sell out.

Dates in **blue** indicate **Small Group Departures** averaging 24 Tauck guests, priced from \$7690 per person double; specific dates apply – inquire at time of booking.

PRICE PER PERSON

May – August 4; August 28 – September		
Double \$6590	Single \$8663	Triple \$6449
August 5 – 27* (The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo)		
Double \$6890	Single \$9022	Triple \$6786

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

***Please Note:** Due to the evening performance of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, guests on departures of August 5 – 26 will have dinner in the hotel and will not have The Scotch Whisky Experience on day 2.

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

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2	SHERATON GRAND HOTEL & SPA, EDINBURGH	Edinburgh, Scotland
Night 3,4	THE LANGDALE HOTEL	Langdale, England
Night 5,6	QUAY HOTEL & SPA	Conwy, Wales
Night 7,8	MACDONALD RANDOLPH HOTEL, OXFORD	Oxford, England
Night 9,10	FRANCIS HOTEL BATH - MGALLERY COLLECTION	Bath, England
Night 11-13	THE SAVOY	London, England



CAROLYN ROBB,

co-founder of The Royal Touch and former Executive Chef to the royal household of TRH Prince Charles and Princess Diana, gives a special dinner presentation on the following **small group departures**: May **22**; June **12**, **24**; August **7**, **17**; and September **11**.
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