



**2026**  
GYC TOUR

# A Tour of *England and Scotland*

**August 26 - September 5**  
England, UK and Scotland, UK

Discover the magic and history of England and Scotland on this unforgettable journey through the heart of the United Kingdom. From the iconic landmarks of London to the historic castles of Edinburgh, this adventure blends rich history, breathtaking landscapes, and vibrant culture. You won't want to miss your change to create memories to last a lifetime.

## Highlights

- Round trip airfare
- 9 nights hotel accommodations
- 18 meals included: 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 8 dinners
- Tours of London, Edinburgh, and the Scottish Highlands
- Visit the birthplaces of Shakespeare and the game of golf
- Explore the Culloden Battlefield Visitor Center and Inverness
- Search for the Loch Ness Monster on a cruise on Loch Ness

Always included in all GYC Tours: Deluxe round-trip motor coach, escort and gratuities for group activities.



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# Day-to-Day Itinerary

## Day 1 – Wednesday, August 26 | In-flight

Depart US for our overnight flight to London, England

## Day 2 – Thursday, August 27 | D

Arrive in London and meet our local guide. We'll transfer to central London for a panoramic sightseeing tour including some of the best known landmarks – Buckingham Palace, Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and the London Eye.

Later today, we'll check into the Rembrandt Hotel for two nights. Located in Knightsbridge, our hotel is nestled right in the heart of the museum district. This evening join your fellow travelers and enjoy a welcome dinner.

## Day 3 – Friday, August 28 | B/D

We'll spend this morning at the Tower of London to explore the White, Bloody and Martin Towers where prisoners were held. See the Crown Jewels, displayed in a specially built jewel house, and don't forget the legendary Ravens, without whom the White Tower would supposedly fall, and great disaster befall the monarchy!

This afternoon we'll embark on a sightseeing cruise on the River Thames followed by a ride on the London Eye, the world's largest cantilevered observation wheel. The remainder of the afternoon is free for you to shop, visit a museum or relax.

We'll have an early dinner this evening before taking our seats for a West End Musical Show.

## Day 4 – Saturday, August 29 | B/D

After breakfast, we depart for Bath. Enroute, we will visit Stonehenge, which lies prominently on the flat Salisbury plains. Stonehenge is Britain's, and possibly Europe's, most important prehistoric monument. The standing stones are between three and four thousand years old, and some of them were brought in from Wales, approximately 154 miles away. The purpose of Stonehenge is now largely obscured by time, but it is a wonder of the world and a source of inspiration.

Upon arrival in Bath, we will have a guided walking tour and free time to explore the area and have lunch on your own.

This afternoon we'll check into the Apex City of Bath hotel for one night. Our hotel is located in the heart of the city, and just a short walk away from the famed Thermae Bath Spa. Dinner is included this evening at a local restaurant.

## Day 5 – Sunday, August 30 | B/L

Our travels today take us through the beautiful Cotswold Hills, home to some of the most unspoiled, historic and famous towns and villages in England. The honey-colored stone buildings provide a quintessential English charm found nowhere else in the world. This area is known for gentle hills ("wolds") lovely countryside, beech woods, ancient limestone homes and historic market towns where time has stood still. We'll stop for lunch at a traditional pub in a picturesque Cotswold village.

In Stratford-upon-Avon, a charming town situated on the banks of the River Avon in the heart of the English midlands, we will visit Shakespeare's birthplace, a half-timbered house where he was born in 1564. The house offers fascinating insight into life as it was when Shakespeare was a child. We will also visit Anne Hathaway's Cottage, a twelve-roomed former farmhouse where Anne Hathaway, the wife of William Shakespeare, lived as a child.

Later today, we will check into the Doubletree by Hilton in Stratford-upon-Avon, for one night. The evening is free for you to relax and enjoy dinner on your own.





### **Day 6 – Monday, August 31 | B/D**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we depart and travel to York. Upon arrival our local guide will lead us on a walking tour through Old Town York. We'll walk along Shambles, a medieval street, to see its narrow houses and the famous Snickelways - a collection of small streets and footpaths that link many parts of the city. Our tour includes a visit to York Minster, the largest Gothic Cathedral in Northern Europe that took over 250 years to build, which is filled with exquisite, handcrafted stone and an unrivalled collection of medieval stained glass.

This afternoon we'll check into The Grand York, for one night. Dinner is included this evening.

### **Day 7 – Tuesday, September 1 | B/D**

Depart York and travel along the scenic Northumbria Coast. We'll stop to visit the iconic Alnwick Castle, a filming location for Harry Potter, Downton Abbey and other popular films.

Continue this afternoon through the Borders region of Scotland to Edinburgh. Along the way, we'll watch an amazing sheepdog demonstration where a team of dogs work together to maneuver sheep through various obstacles.

Upon arrival in Edinburgh, we'll set off on a panoramic guided city tour featuring Old and New Towns. Old Town is a labyrinth of cobbled streets, narrow alleyways and hidden courtyards contrasted by the neat and orderly elegance of New Town. Together they are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Royal Mile, the center of Old Town, is packed full of specialty shops for you to explore. A tour of St. Giles' Cathedral, with its inspiring stained-glass windows and medieval history, will be a highlight of our day! Later today we will check into the Apex Grassmarket Hotel in Edinburgh for one night. Enjoy dinner this evening at a local restaurant.

### **Day 8 – Wednesday, September 2 | B/D**

Our day begins with breakfast at the hotel before we depart for a visit to the iconic Edinburgh Castle, home to Scotland's Crown Jewels. Next, we will tour the Royal Yacht Britannia, the royal vessel that played host to numerous dinner parties around the world as well as the honeymooning Charles and Diana. Then we'll journey to St. Andrew's Golf Course where we will visit the R & A Golf Museum. The immersive galleries bring the past, present, and future of golf to life around you. Thousands of fascinating objects reveal hidden stories of the game and personalities. Explore over 400 years of golf history rooted in St Andrew's, recognized worldwide as the home of golf.

Later this afternoon we arrive in Scotland's Perthshire region and check into the Crieff Hydro Spa Hotel and Resort for three nights.

### **Day 9 – Thursday, September 3 | B/D**

After breakfast we'll travel through spectacular Cairngorms National Park to the Scottish Highlands, a mountainous region with Loch Ness at the center. We'll explore the Culloden Battlefield Visitor Center, located at the scene of Scotland's bloodiest battle where the 1745 Jacobite Rising came to its tragic end. We arrive in Inverness, the capital of the Highlands, for some free time and lunch. Later, we'll enjoy a Loch Ness cruise featuring magnificent scenery, historic monuments, intriguing tales surrounding a mysterious monster, and the weathered ruins of Urquhart Castle. We'll learn about the castle's dramatic history and view a collection of artifacts and historic replicas. As our day comes to an end, we return to the hotel for a delicious dinner.



## Day 10 – Friday, September 4 | B/D

Our day begins with a scenic drive through Trossachs National Park, which boasts some of the most stunning scenery in the world with its majestic mountains, glens, and the vast tranquil beauty of Loch Lomond. We will visit the Trossachs Woollen Mill followed by time for lunch at your leisure in the charming town of Callander. Then we'll journey to the inspiring and historical city of Stirling. Across the valley stands a large memorial to Sir William Wallace and his great victory at Stirling Bridge in 1297. At Stirling Castle we'll step back in time to the richness of royal life in the 1500s. Our guide will captivate us with stories of knights, foreign ambassadors and nobles who once flocked to the castle to revel in its grandeur. Next, we arrive at the Glenturret Distillery, home of Famous Grouse Whisky, for a tour and tasting. Dinner is included upon our arrival back at the hotel this evening.



## Day 11 – Saturday, September 5 | B/In-flight meals

As we fly home today, we'll be taking with us fond memories of the enchanting places we have visited in England and Scotland!

## Trip Details

	<i><b>Cost Per Person</b></i>	<i><b>Travel Protection</b></i>
<b>Member</b> (Double Occupancy)	\$7,400	\$533
<b>Non-Member</b> (Double Occupancy)	\$7,565	\$545
<b>Member</b> (Single Occupancy)	\$8,400	\$605

### Down Payment

**\$500 + Travel Protection**

*Due within 10 days of placing reservation.*

### Final Payment

**Due April 24, 2026**

*A \$10 fee will apply if the full payment is not received by the final due date.*

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