

NEW!



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 Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh – The Caledonian. A transfer from Edinburgh Airport to your accommodations at either the Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh – The Caledonian or Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, Edinburgh, is included. Both luxury properties are 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 "Scottish Whisky Experience," learn the history of Scotland's most famous export and enjoy



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: Scottish whisky, Ambleside ales & 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

a tasting. Journeys departing August 7 through August 28 will attend an outdoor evening performance of the annual Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. **Meals BD**

3. ON TO ENGLAND'S LAKE DISTRICT

Travel south through landscapes of forest, rivers, castles and country houses to Cumbria, best known as the home of England's Lake District and many a charming town and village. On a visit to Castletown House, overlooking the River Eden, meet owners Penelope and Giles. Over lunch, they'll share stories of their grand manor house, built in 1805. 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 Williams Wordsworth lies. Or visit tiny Dove Cottage, where he wrote some of his most famous poems. **Meals BLD**

4. TOPIARY, LAKE WINDERMERE & ALE

Discover Levens Hall, renowned for its gardens, particularly its topiary garden, one of the oldest and most extensive in the world. Next, enjoy free time on the shore of Lake Windermere, with time to explore the Victorian-Edwardian town of Bowness-on-Windermere. This evening includes a special presentation on the art of ale making – and tasting! **Meals BLD**

5. WALLED CITIES OF YORE & MODERN WALES

En route to Wales, pause in Chester, one of England's best preserved Roman walled cities. Then head to Colwyn Bay, a seaside resort town on the north coast of Wales. Tonight visit Furnace Farm, where 18th-century buildings have been restored to house the Bodnant Welsh Food Centre, whose artisan chefs share the best of Welsh cuisine at a Tauck-only cooking demonstration, followed by dinner with a chef. **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

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 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. Next you're off to 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, just opposite the Ashmolean Museum. **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 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**



Enjoy stylish modern British cuisine at the exclusive Pump Room Restaurant in the ancient Roman Baths complex in Bath, England

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. 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**

THE BEST OF WELSH CUISINE



Farmhouse cheeses, charcuterie with character, specialty breads, sumptuous chocolates... At the Bodnant Welsh Food Centre, you'll spend an evening with artisan chefs and craftspeople who are passionate about traditional Welsh cuisine. Expect local and seasonal ingredients, state-of-the-art kitchens set in restored 18th-century farm buildings, views of Conwy Valley – and a memorable meal.



Spend three nights at one of the world's most iconic hotels, The Savoy

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. Tonight a Tauck Exclusive experience, at the former town residence of the Prince Regent who was to become King George IV, is sure to be a highlight of your trip – dine with a former Member of Parliament as he shares remarks, Q&A, and conversation. **Meals BD**

12. LONDON SIGHTS & WEST END DELIGHTS

On this morning's London tour, 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

On a guided visit this morning, stroll through Westminster Abbey, where English coronations have taken place since 1066 and 16 royal couples have been married. The abbey is also the final resting place of 17 kings and queens, and there are many memorials to statesmen, poets, scientists, and musicians as well as a treasure trove of paintings, stained glass and artifacts. Following your tour, you're free to pursue what interests you most in London. But please save some energy and room for our farewell dinner at The Savoy, where you'll definitely want to share your thoughts about this amazing journey. **Meals BD**

14. JOURNEY HOME

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



Have a night out in the West End with a wide choice of shows and restaurants

14 DAYS FROM \$6,790 PLUS AIRFARE
(13 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches & 11 Dinners)

BEGINS EDINBURGH

May 10, **24**, 31 Jun 5, 7, 14, 21, 28 Jul 5, 12, 19
Aug 2, 7, ~~9~~, 14, **16**, 19, 23, 30 Sep 2, 6, 13, 20, 27 **/= Sold Out!**

Go to www.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 \$7790 per person double; specific dates apply – inquire at time of booking.

PRICE PER PERSON

May – August 6; August 30 – September
Double \$6790 Single \$9033 Triple \$6562
August 7 – 29 (The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo)
Double \$6990 Single \$9288 Triple \$6698

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

Please Note: Small group departure of Jun 5 will not include the presentation by Carolyn Robb (see left).

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 / WALDORF ASTORIA EDINBURGH – THE CALEDONIAN	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 **24**; Jun 14; July 12; August ~~9~~, **16**, 19; and September 2, 13.

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