Wednesday July 29, 2015

Upon arrival at the airport, you will make your own way to the hotel. Individual transfers available (on request).

Five nights at the four-star Hilton London Olympia on bed and English breakfast basis. http://www.hilton.co.uk/olympia

Lunch on your own.

Evening transfer from your hotel to a pre-selected restaurant and return (max three hours hire). Enjoy a three-course welcome dinner including tea/coffee.

Return to hotel for your first overnight.

Thursday July 30, 2015

Full English Breakfast. Full day to visit the city of London on your own.

Lunch on your own.

Return to hotel for overnight.

*During our stay in London, we will attend two Proms concerts at the Royal Albert Hall. The famous annual eight-week summer festival has been called “the world’s largest and most democratic music festival.” The exact evenings and programs for the Proms will be determined after April 23, when this year’s schedule is announced. An additional evening in London will be free for you to enjoy a theatre performance on your own.*

Friday July 31, 2015

English breakfast in the hotel.

You have a full day private coach at your disposal.

*Visit the architect Sir John Soane’s house, museum and library at No. 13 Lincoln’s Inn Fields which has been a public museum since the early 19th century.*

Lunch on your own.

*Visit The Foundling Museum which tells the story of the Foundling Hospital, London’s first home for abandoned children, and of three major figures in British history: its campaigning founder the philanthropist Thomas Coram, the artist William Hogarth and the composer George Frideric Handel. Guided Tour included.*

Dinner on your own. Return to hotel for overnight.
Saturday August 1, 2015

English breakfast in the hotel.

You have a full day private coach at your disposal.

Visit Handel House Museum at 25 Brook Street which was home to the great baroque composer George Frideric Handel. He lived here from 1723 until his death in 1759, and composed some of the greatest music in history, including Messiah, Zadok the Priest and Music for the Royal Fireworks.

Lunch on your own.

Visit the State Rooms at the heart of Buckingham Palace. They provide the setting for ceremonial occasions and official entertaining. They are furnished with many of the greatest treasures from the Royal Collection.

Dinner on your own.

Return to hotel for your fourth overnight.

Sunday August 2, 2015

English breakfast in the hotel.

Today's activities and lunch/dinner on your own.

Evening transfer from your hotel to the Coca-Cola London Eye and return.

Take a flight on the Coca-Cola London Eye where you will get a bird's eye view of London. At 443 feet, the Coca-Cola London Eye is the world's largest cantilevered observation wheel. It was conceived and designed by Marks Barfield Architects and was launched in 2000.

You will get your own private capsule (18+ years old) including nibbles and one glass of Chablis or Rioja wine per person.

Return to hotel for your last overnight.

Monday August 3, 2015

English breakfast in the hotel and check-out.

This morning you will board your private touring coach bound for Oxford (60 miles).

The City of Dreaming Spires is famous throughout the world for its University and place in history. For over 800 years, it has been a home to royalty, scholars and writers, and since the 9th century an established town, although people are known to have lived in the area for thousands of years. Nowadays, the city is a bustling cosmopolitan town.
You will get the opportunity to visit Christ Church College, one of the largest in the University of Oxford, the inspiration for Lewis Carroll’s Alice in Wonderland and recently the location where scenes from J K Rowling’s Harry Potter films were shot.

After visit to the University of Georgia Campus at Oxford and lunch, you will continue your journey up north to Stratford upon Avon (55 miles).

Visit Shakespeare’s Birthplace. This is the house where William Shakespeare was born, grew up and played. He ate meals in the hall and he slept and dreamt in these rooms. Shakespeare also spent the first five years of married life in this house with his new wife, Anne Hathaway.

Dinner on your own.

Attend The Merchant of Venice at Royal Shakespeare Company tonight.

Transfer to your next hotel near Birmingham (25 miles) for one night: the four-star St. John's Hotel on bed and English breakfast basis. http://www.stjohnssolihull.co.uk/

**Tuesday August 4, 2015**

English breakfast in the hotel and check-out.

Depart from the hotel in the morning. Your journey continues up north towards York (135 miles).

Lunch on your own.

*On arrival you will take a guided tour of the city. With over 2000 years of history, York boasts a wealth of historic attractions.*

Tower over the City is one of the largest Gothic cathedrals in Europe - York Minster. Built in the Gothic style between the 1220s and the 1470s this vast spaces showcases the best of human imagination at work on glass, stone, and other fabrics.

Dinner on your own.

Transfer to your next hotel near York (5 miles) for one night: the three-star Mercure York Fairfield Manor on bed and English breakfast basis. http://www.mercureyork.co.uk/
**Wednesday August 5, 2015**

English breakfast in the hotel and check-out.

Time to say ‘Goodbye England, Hello Scotland!’

This morning your coach will drive you to your final destination – Edinburgh via Rosslyn Chapel (210 miles).

Lunch on your own.

*Stop at Rosslyn Chapel* - one of Scotland’s most remarkable buildings, which has been in the ownership of the family since its foundation in 1446 and which is still used today as a place of worship.

After your visit continue to Edinburgh. You will enjoy a brief panoramic sightseeing tour of Edinburgh with a step-on guide on arrival before transferring to your hotel.

Three nights at the three-star Jurys Inn Edinburgh on bed and Scottish breakfast
https://www.jurysinns.com/hotels/edinburgh

**Thursday August 6, 2015**

Full Scottish breakfast in your hotel.

Today is at leisure to enjoy the city of Edinburgh, The Fringe and the Edinburgh Festival events and street performers.

Lunch on your own.

Enjoy a three course group dinner including tea/coffee at a city restaurant.

Return to your hotel for second night - Jurys Inn Edinburgh

**Friday August 7, 2015**

Scottish breakfast in the hotel.

Today is at leisure to enjoy the city of Edinburgh, The Fringe and the Edinburgh Festival events and street performers.

Lunch and dinner are on your own,

Enjoy the 9:00 p.m. performance of the Edinburgh Tattoo, The Royal Military Tattoo in mid arena seats.

2015 will once again see Edinburgh host one of the World’s most spectacular events, the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. This, the 66th extravaganza, will be staged at the Capital’s ancient Castle - a spectacular and inspiring backcloth, with innovative production, heart-stopping sound, imaginative graphics, state of the art lighting and specially commissioned fireworks, you can look forward to a captivating 90 minutes.
The show will be brought to an emotional and poignant close each evening as the Lone Piper, high on the castle ramparts, plays a haunting lament.

After The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo return to hotel for your last overnight – Jury’s Inn Edinburgh.

Saturday August 8, 2015

Full Scottish breakfast in your hotel

Check out of your hotel and transfer to airport

Coach transfer from hotel to Edinburgh airport

Tour Price

$3,300 per person. Double occupancy.
$4,450 per person. Single occupancy. Limited availability.

Non-refundable payment in full due by March 20, 2015.

Airfare is not included in the package.

Included in this tour:

• Ten night’s accommodation as detailed above sharing double/twin rooms
• Full breakfast daily
• Coach with driver as detailed for 5 full days
• Coach with driver to take group on dinners and evening transfers where required as above
• Three-course welcome dinner on first evening
• Tickets for two Proms and Concerts
• Entrance to Sir John Soame’s Museum (self-guided)
• Entrance to Foundling Museum (guided tour)
• Entrance to Handel House Museum – guided tour with private recital and harpsichord and one singer)
• Entrance to Buckingham Palace State Rooms
• Private three-hour hire of a capsule on the London Eye with nibbles and glass of wine
• Entrance to Christ Church College
• Entrance to Shakespeare’s Birthplace
• Evening performance of Shakespeare Play – The Merchant of Venice
• Half day tour with a local guide of York
• Entrance to York Minster
• Entrance to Rosslyn Chapel
• Step on Guide for brief panoramic tour of Edinburgh on arrival
• Mid arena seats at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo (may not all be seated together)
• Group dinner in an Edinburgh city restaurant – three courses with tea/coffee
• Services of Alba Travel & Events throughout with 24 hour emergency contact number

Exclusions:
Unless specified the prices do not include meals, drinks with meals, porterage, entrances, insurance.

The tour is subject to availability of tickets for the Edinburgh Military Tattoo and the London Proms.
Itinerary and times are subject to availability. We reserve the right to change order of itinerary according to opening days and times of attractions.

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Book your tour no later than March 20, 2015.

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