



## Good News Travels presents: Essential Britain & Ireland

11 DAYS | June 30—July 10, 2025 | London to London

**Day 1: (MON) 30 JUNE – Overnight flight to London**

**Day 2: (TUE) 1 JULY – Arrive in London, England** Welcome to London! Free time this afternoon. (B)

**Day 3: (WED) 2 JULY – London-Stonehenge-Bath-Newport, Wales** Meet your Tour Director and travel companions at 8 am and drive to Stonehenge and visit the prehistoric monument. Next, visit the excavations of the Roman Baths in Bath. The traditions of one ancient Roman ritual are in full flow in Bath. Amid the remarkable Roman and Georgian architecture and the best-preserved Roman Baths of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, a good spa day is never hard to find in one of the “Best Spa Towns in Europe.” The city of Bath sits above geothermal springs that bubble up from the limestone below. Bath also turns up the heat with some of Britain’s grandest Georgian buildings, a mecca for elite 18th-century society. (B,D)

**Day 4: (THU) 3 JULY – Newport-Cardiff-Waterford, Ireland** Morning visit to Cardiff Castle to explore the Welsh capital, see many historic buildings and discover its 2,000-year history of invasions, abductions and conflicts from 1st century AD when the Romans built the first series of forts. Ferry crossing St. George’s Channel to Rosslare. (B,D)

**Day 5: (FRI) 4 JULY – Waterford-Kilkenny-Dublin** Take a guided tour of the House of Waterford Crystal in Waterford. See one of Ireland’s most quaint towns with medieval cobblestones., Kilkenny. Discover over 800 years of Irish history at Kilkenny Castle, walk the halls of art and artifacts and browse the walls of tapestries and treasures in this unique landmark building that was home to the Butler family for centuries. (B)

**Day 6: (SAT) 5 JULY – Dublin** “In Dublin’s fair city where girls are so pretty” you’ll also find great personality and charm. The charisma of Dubliners and the bounty of pubs here is matched only by the gorgeous Georgian Squares, 12th-century St. Patrick’s Cathedral, and the legendary library of Trinity College. Free time this afternoon. (B)

**Day 7: (SUN) 6 JULY – Dublin-Belfast, Northern Ireland-Edinburgh, Scotland** Northern Ireland’s capital city of Belfast has seen its share of the ‘Troubles’ but its tenacity, tireless industry and timeless traditions are easy to see. Hear how shipbuilding ruled and Irish linen was king. In the port city where the Titanic was built, a bold rebirth of arts and architecture thrive amid historic castles and churches drawing visitors from around the globe. Pause at the magnificent City Hall of Belfast before crossing the North Channel to Scotland’s Cairnryan. (B)

**Day 8: (MON) 7 JULY - Edinburgh** Morning city sightseeing with a Local Guide includes the New Town, the Old Town, and a visit to Edinburgh Castle to see Scotland’s Crown Jewels. Free time this afternoon. (B)

**Day 9: (TUE) 8 JULY - Edinburgh-Jedburgh-York, England** Take photos at the Augustinian abbey ruins in Jedburgh. Drive into Northumberland National Park and see a section of Hadrian’s Wall. On to York to visit the Shambles, one of the best-preserved medieval shopping streets in Europe and said to have been the inspiration behind Harry Potter’s Diagon Alley – and today is a colorful gathering place with cheerful cafés and quirky boutiques brimming with the sweet aromas of chocolate, pastries, and pies. (B,D)

**Day 10: (WED) 9 JULY - York-Stratford-Upon-Avon-London** On the road back to London stop in Stratford-upon-Avon, to see Anne Hathaway’s Cottage and visit Shakespeare’s Birthplace. Hear tales about his family life, marriage, and children with a close look at fascinating artifacts in a world-class collection assembled by the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust. (B)

**Day 11: (THU) 10 JULY - London, England** Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. Safe travels until we meet again! (B)

**Pricing:** \$3,399\*pp based upon double occupancy

Travel Protection (optional - due at time of deposit): \$359pp

Contact your group leader for air information

Deposit due by Jan 3, 2025: \$250pp + Travel Protection

Final payment due: April 2, 2025

\*Itinerary/pricing subject to change, Airfare not included in cost.

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