

# 9 Days/ 8 Nights

Departs Mon. & Tue. from London



## Taste of British Classics: London, York & Edinburgh

Visit three of Great Britain's most historic and beautiful cities—London, York and Edinburgh—and walk through some of their oldest neighborhoods, sampling and learning about the highlights of English and Scottish food and drink.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

• 3 Nights London

• 2 Nights York

• 3 Nights Edinburgh

### INCLUSIONS

- Greenwich Food Walking Tour
- Historic Pubs of the London Docklands Walking Tour
- Borough Market Food Walking Tour

- London Oyster Card
- London TripBuilder CityGuide
- Cheese & Tea Pairing Workshop
- Pickering's Gin Distillery Tour & Tasting

- Seafood & Scotch Full-Day Tour
- 1st-Class Rail Between Cities with Seat Reservation
- Daily Breakfast



## ARRIVAL IN LONDON:

Claim your bags and make your way to your hotel on the Underground, using your Oyster Card. You have the rest of the day to explore London on your own.

*(Accommodations, London)*

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## LONDON:

Today you'll explore one of the oldest parts of London by taking a **4-hour guided tour of the London Docklands**. Use your Oyster Card to get yourself to the Rotherhithe Tube Station in East London, where the tour begins. You'll visit some historic pubs that used to be hangouts for sailors, pirates, and even thieves. Today this former bustling port is a quiet residential area with cobblestone streets and old warehouses with breathtaking views of the Thames River. You'll sample local craft brews, ciders, and pub food as this tour takes you back in time. You'll finish near the Tower of London, and you have the rest of the day to explore on your own.

*(Breakfast, Light Lunch on Tour, & Accommodations, London)*

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## LONDON:

### **Borough Market Food Walking Tour:**

Today you'll explore one of London's oldest and largest food markets, located in the historic district of Southwark on the south side of the Thames. Using your Oyster Card, travel to London Bridge Tube Station, then walk across the bridge to the Market, only a few blocks away. Start with drinks and pastries at one of the chic restaurants in the Market, where you'll meet your guide Celia. She will take you on an exclusive tasting tour of the Market, showing you the best of the food and wines—including fine cheeses and fresh seafood—as you hear the rich history of this fascinating Marketplace. After your 3-hour tour you have the rest of the day to explore on your own.

*(Breakfast, Light Lunch on Tour, & Accommodations, London)*

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## LONDON TO YORK:

This morning, travel by Underground to Kings Cross Station, where you'll board your first-class train coach for the two-hour journey to York. After finding your hotel, you'll have the rest of the day to explore this fascinating walled city. Walk the narrow lanes of the medieval city center, and don't miss York Minster, one of the largest and most beautiful cathedrals in England. If time permits, the National Railway Museum is an attractive option.

*(Breakfast, London; Accommodations, York)*

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## YORK:

This morning you'll have a most enjoyable experience. Walk to 16 Gillygate at the appointed hour. This is the address of Love Cheese, York's favorite cheese monger. Here you will have **a guided tasting of 8 different teas, matched with 8 different cheeses** provided by Love's. At the end of the afternoon you'll have a thorough understanding of the differences between white, green, black, oolong and Pu'er teas, and will have unlocked the secrets of pairing cheese and tea. You'll be guided through each tasting by local tea and cheese connoisseurs.

*(Breakfast, Afternoon Tea, & Accommodations, York)*

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## YORK TO EDINBURGH:

This morning, take your first-class train coach on the 2¾-hour journey to Edinburgh. The capital of Scotland, Edinburgh has offers a mixture of old and new, along with many historic sites such as Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood House and Arthur's Seat. After finding your hotel, you'll have the rest of the day to explore the city on your own.

*(Breakfast, York; Accommodations, Edinburgh)*

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## EDINBURGH:

You have the morning free for exploration on your own. In the afternoon, find your way to the Royal Dick Pub, situated in the middle of an arts venue named Summerhall. Next door to the pub is Pickering's Gin—the first gin distillery in Edinburgh in over 150 years, where small batches of handcrafted gin are now produced. Your tour starts with a complementary gin and tonic, followed by a visit to the small distillery. Here your guide will explain the history of gin and how it is produced here in the land of scotch. Your tour ends with a sampling of three different gins crafted on the premises (tour time is ¼ hours). The rest of the day is at leisure.

*(Breakfast & Accommodations, Edinburgh)*

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## **EDINBURGH:**

### **Scotch and Seafood in a Day:**

This full-day tour starts in the morning from your hotel. Your driving guide will meet you at 9:30 and take you to the pretty lochside village of Balmatha, on the shores of Loch Lomond, one of the most beautiful lakes in all of Great Britain. You'll board the motor vessel Luss Explorer for a short cruise across the lake to the picturesque village of Luss. Stroll through the village and perhaps do some shopping at the handicraft or clothing stores. Then head for the Luss Seafood Bar where a Seafood Platter awaits, featuring a fine selection of Scottish seafood, including local smoked seafood (drinks not included).

After lunch, your driving guide will take you to the beautiful Glengoyne Distillery, where you will see how single malt whisky is made—and you'll have the opportunity to sample a wee dram. Following this tour, your driving guide will return you to your Edinburgh hotel.

*(Breakfast, Lunch on Tour, & Accommodations, Edinburgh)*

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## **DEPARTURE:**

After breakfast, it's time to start your journey home or continue on to your next Avanti destination!

*(Breakfast, Edinburgh)*

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