



LANDSCAPES OF ENGLAND



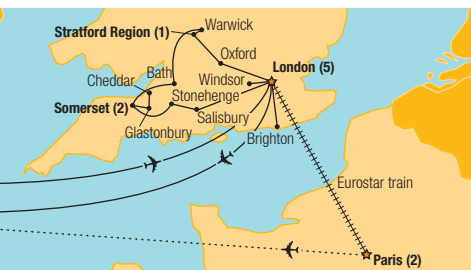
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10 or 12 DAYS

Landscapes of England

England Extension to France



Number of overnight stays in parentheses. This tour may also be reversed.



The Brighton Pavilion was constructed with an Indian theme and served as the seaside home of the Prince Regent of England.

Program Fee includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- 8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (10 with extension)
- European breakfast and dinner daily
- Full-time EF Tour Director
- 2 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides: London • Bath
- 4 sightseeing tours led by your tour director: Wessex • Stratford • Oxford • Brighton
- 1 walking tour: London
- 11 visits to special attractions: Winchester Cathedral • Stonehenge • Glastonbury Abbey • Cheddar Gorge Cheese Factory • Cheddar Caves and Gorge • Roman baths • Warwick Castle Shakespeare's birthplace • Anne Hathaway's cottage Brasenose College • Tower of London

OPTIONAL: Windsor Castle

London Eye and Thames River cruise (seasonal)

WITH EXTENSION: All of the above PLUS:

- 1 sightseeing tour led by a licensed local guide: Paris
- 1 walking tour: Paris
- 1 visit to a special attraction: Notre Dame Cathedral
- Eurostar high-speed train

Day 1 Flight

Overnight flight to Great Britain • Spend the night flying across the Atlantic.

Day 2 London

Arrival in London • Touch down in London, Europe's largest city. After clearing customs, you are greeted by your EF Tour Director, who will remain with you throughout your stay.

Walking tour of London • Stroll through the heart of London on our walking tour, which begins along the banks of the River Thames. These shadowy waters gave the city its name, which derives from Llyn-Dyn, Celtic for "city of the lake." Walk along the Strand and see the spot considered to be London's geographic center; all measurements of distances to London end here. Enter Trafalgar Square and pause at Nelson's Column, built to commemorate his 1805 victory in the Battle of Trafalgar. Continue on to Leicester Square, where duelists once fought to the death. Then saunter through London's tiny Chinatown. Your walk ends at chic Covent Garden, where you'll enjoy watching street performers (or "buskers") amuse the lively crowds. (The exact walking route may vary, depending on your hotel location and the day's other activities.)

Day 3 London

Guided sightseeing of London • A local guide leads you on a panoramic tour of London. Begin in Grosvenor Square, which is sometimes called "Little America" because it's the site of the U.S. embassy and the house where Eisenhower once lived. Continue to Hyde Park Corner, located at the southeast

corner of Hyde Park, one of London's largest parks. At bustling Piccadilly Circus, the intersection of five busy streets, check out the bright lights and big-city displays before heading to Trafalgar Square. Pass Speaker's Corner, where anyone with something to say is invited to speak his or her mind. Snap a photo of the Houses of Parliament and continue along London's South Bank for views of the famous London Bridge. Stroll across the Millennium Bridge for an orientation of St. Paul's Cathedral, the magnificent 17th-century Baroque church designed by Sir Christopher Wren. Finally, witness a London tradition—the Changing of the Guard (subject to scheduling).

Optional excursion to Windsor • Opt to visit Windsor Castle for a guided tour of the Royal Family's retreat. Built by William the Conqueror in 1070, the castle has undergone many changes over the past 800 years, as each new monarch added a tower here or a wing there. Priceless objects are found in the State Apartments, ranging from paintings by Rubens and Holbein to Henry VIII's sword and suit of armor. You will also see Queen Mary's Dolls' House and St. George's Chapel, final resting place of many monarchs including Henry VIII and Charles I. (Please note that St. George's Chapel is closed on Sunday mornings for church services. On the rare occasion that Windsor Castle is closed, you'll instead visit Henry VIII's extravagant retreat at Hampton Court. Participants must enroll in this excursion no later than 50 days prior to departure.)

Day 4 Stonehenge • Somerset

Visit to Winchester Cathedral • Built in 1079 in the gothic style of architecture, Winchester Cathedral is one of the biggest cathedrals in England. It is the final resting place of various monarchs, author and ace fisherman Izaak Walton, and writer Jane Austen. It also achieved pop culture notoriety as the subject of a Crosby, Stills and Nash song and as the setting for the popular book and movie, *The Da Vinci Code*.

Transfer via Stonehenge • Next stop is Stonehenge. This 4,000-year-old ring of stones is believed to have been an ancient worship and burial site. Legend holds it was built by Merlin.

Arrive in Somerset • Spend the night in Somerset.

Day 5 Bath Region

Excursion to Glastonbury • Take in lovely scenery of Wessex as you travel to Glastonbury, reputed to be the “Avalon” of Arthurian legend. Here you’ll visit Glastonbury Abbey, the alleged burial site of King Arthur and Queen Guinevere, and possible resting place of the Holy Grail.

Visit the Cheddar Gorge Cheese Factory • Visit the spectacular Cheddar Gorge Cheese Factory and the Cheddar Caves, formed a million years ago by meltwaters from the Ice Age. Here you can explore Gough’s Cave, a quarter of a mile of cathedral-like caverns, and meet Cheddar Man, Britain’s oldest complete skeleton. Climb the 274 steps of Jacob’s Ladder from the depths of the country’s largest gorge and marvel at the vivid colors of Cox’s Cave.

Day 6 Bath • Stratford Region

Guided sightseeing of Bath • Join a local guide for a closer look at Bath, famous for its Georgian architecture, a lasting reminder of the world described in so many Jane Austen novels. In her novel *Northanger Abbey*, Austen wrote, “I really believe I shall always be talking of Bath ... I do like it so very much. ... Oh! Who can ever be tired of Bath?” This spa was a favorite vacation spot of early Romans and 18th-century English aristocracy alike; former residents include Queen Victoria and Lord Nelson. Visit the acclaimed Roman baths, built by the Romans in the 1st century to enjoy the hot springs. Today these baths remain the finest Roman ruins in Britain.

Visit to Warwick Castle • Former home of Richard the Kingmaker—a pivotal figure during the War of the Roses—Warwick Castle is considered by many to be the finest medieval castle in England. Climb the towers and ramparts, view the treasures in the Great Hall, or descend deep into the castle’s

bowels for a look at the dungeon and torture chamber. But tread softly as you go—the castle is reputedly haunted by the ghost of Sir Fulke Greville, who was stabbed to death here by a servant in 1628.

Arrive in Stratford Region • Welcome to the birthplace of William Shakespeare. Spend the night in the region where the Bard once lived.

Day 7 Stratford Region • London

Tour director-led sightseeing of Stratford • “It is something, I thought, to have seen the dust of Shakespeare.” Discover what inspired Washington Irving’s famous words as you tour Stratford-upon-Avon, where Shakespeare was born, raised and buried. Step back into the Elizabethan age as you visit the half-timbered home in which the Bard was born, as well as see the old-fashioned English gardens and orchard of Anne Hathaway’s Cottage, a thatched farmhouse where Shakespeare’s wife spent her childhood.

Tour director-led sightseeing of Oxford • On your way to London, travel to ivy-draped Oxford. A mecca of learning for more than 800 years, Oxford is the oldest university in the English-speaking world. Alumni include 14 prime ministers, and former President Bill Clinton spent a term here as well. Walk through the peaceful quads and cloisters of Brasenose College, and gaze up at the town’s “dreaming spires.”

Arrival in London • Return to London, where you’ll spend the night.

Day 8 London

Visit to the Tower of London • The history of London comes to life at this complex of 20 towers surrounding Tower Green. The oldest tower, known as the White Tower, was completed in 1097, when it was the tallest building in London. The Tower buildings have had many uses over the years; perhaps the most infamous was as a jail for political prisoners, not to mention two of Henry VIII’s wives. The most famous exhibits at the Tower are the British Crown Jewels. Aside from a short interruption during WWII, these splendid baubles have been locked behind the Tower’s walls for centuries.

Free time in London • Enjoy free time in London this afternoon. You might wish to visit the original Hard Rock Café or Madame Tussauds wax museum, take a cruise down the Thames, or look for Sherlock Holmes’ house on Baker Street. Attend a Shakespearean drama at a replica of the Globe Theater, or visit the fascinating, hands-on exhibits of London’s Natural History Museum.

Optional London Eye and Thames River cruise • Choose to see London’s sights from a different angle by taking a ride aboard the London Eye. The enormous 32-capsule observation wheel offers spectacular 360-degree views of the city as far as 25 miles in each direction. The idea for the wheel was originally conceived to mark the millennium celebration in 2000 and took six years to build. Afterwards, enjoy a cruise down the Thames.

See if you can spot France across the English Channel.



Day 9 Brighton • London

Tour director-led sightseeing in Brighton • Get to know this seaside resort on a day-long excursion with your tour director. Head to the amusement-filled Brighton Pier for rides, fish 'n' chips, fortune tellers and arcade games. Don't miss Brighton Rock, the city's famous hard candy. You'll also stroll the Lanes, narrow alleys with shops carrying unique souvenirs and hidden treasures.

Day 10 Home

Return home • Your tour director assists with the transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

EXTENSION

Day 10 London • Paris

Transfer via the Eurostar from London to Paris • In London, board the high-speed Eurostar, an 18-car train that runs through the tunnel connecting Britain with continental Europe. Completed in May 1994, the Channel Tunnel provides travelers with easy access to and from the continent. Enjoy state-of-the-art technology as you glide under the English Channel to France.

Arrival in Paris • Arrive in Paris, the cosmopolitan City of Light.

Guided sightseeing of Paris • Discover the city on the Seine, beginning with the imposing Arc de Triomphe, commemorating Napoleon's Grande Armée. Take a drive down the elegant Champs-Élysées to the Place de la Concorde. Pass the Conciergerie, where prisoners of the Revolution spent their final days, and see Les Invalides, Louis XIV's grand retirement home for wounded soldiers. You'll also see the École Militaire, where Napoleon graduated to lieutenant and was told he'd go far if circumstances allowed. Next, make a photo stop at the Eiffel Tower to marvel at the 6,000-ton centerpiece for the 1889 World's Fair. You'll hear the story of how this impressive—but once highly controversial—symbol of Paris was spared the wrecking ball in 1909. Pass the Opéra Garnier, where the famous Phantom of the Opera haunted his dear Christine, and marvel at Église de la Madeleine, designed as a temple of glory for Napoleon's army. Continue past the geometric gardens of the Tuileries as you make your way to the Place Vendôme, a vast square surrounded by elegant 17th-century façades.

Day 11 Paris

Walking tour of Paris • Your walking tour of Paris centers around the Île de la Cité, considered the birthplace of Paris. This island surrounded entirely by the Seine has been inhabited since the 3rd century B.C. and was the political and religious center of France for centuries. Île de la Cité houses three of Paris' most important buildings: Notre Dame Cathedral; the Conciergerie, Paris' first prison; and St. Chapelle, the Gothic Catholic church.

Visit to Notre Dame Cathedral • Built between 1163 and 1361 over the remains of an ancient Roman temple, it was here that Napoleon crowned himself emperor in 1804. Victor Hugo once described the sculptured façade of Notre Dame as "a vast symphony in stone." However, had it not been for the creation of his famous hunchback, Quasimodo, the cathedral might never have returned to its former glory. Hugo's novel *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* helped inspire a 23-year restoration of the cathedral that began in 1841. Step inside to admire the stained-glass rose windows and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings.

Day 12 Home

Return home • Your tour director assists with your transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

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