Duke ALUMNI TRAVELS

# JOURNEY THROUGH BRITAIN

## England, Scotland & Wales

## July 17-30, 2017

**14 days for $5,696 total price from Newark**
($4,995 air & land inclusive plus $701 airline taxes and fees)

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, six-time honoree Travel & Leisure's World's Best Tour Operators award.

## An Exclusive Small Group Tour for Alumni & Friends of Duke University

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**Dear Duke Alumni and Friends,**

We invite you to join us in a comprehensive exploration of captivating Great Britain. From Edinburgh and Snowdonia to Bath and London, our small group will enjoy the many charms of timeless England, Scotland, and Wales.

We begin in the Scottish capital of Edinburgh, touring the 18th-century "New Town" and medieval "Old Town," and the Royal Mile. We then travel to the beautiful Lake District, stopping to visit Dove Cottage and Hill Top, and we enjoy an afternoon boat ride on Lake Windermere. From here, we travel to Wales, unspoiled Snowdonia National Park, and Stratford-upon-Avon, visiting Shakespeare's Birthplace and Anne Hathaway's Cottage & Gardens. In Bath, we tour the historic Roman Baths, before traveling on to see enigmatic Stonehenge and Windsor Castle. We end our tour in wondrous London, where we tour celebrated landmarks such as the Tower of London, Big Ben, and Buckingham Palace. An optional 3-day/2-night post-tour extension in London is also available for those who would like to extend their stay in this world capital.

Space on this exclusive Duke departure is limited to 24 guests in total and will fill quickly. As the group grows in size, we will make every attempt to find a Duke host who will join the program to add a uniquely Duke perspective to the experience. Call today to reserve your place!

Forever Duke,

Beth Ray-Schroeder

Beth Ray-Schroeder '83
Director, Duke Alumni Travels
Duke Alumni Association

## DUKE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RESERVATION FORM: JOURNEY THROUGH BRITAIN

Enclosed is my/our deposit of $_____ ($500 per person) for ____ person/people on **Journey Through Britain** departing **July 17, 2017.** I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. Please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and send (with completed registration form) to: **Duke Alumni Travels, Box 90572, Durham, NC 27708. Or you may fax this form securely to (919) 660-0148. For more information, please call the Duke Alumni Association at (800) FOR-DUKE or (919) 684-2988. For trip information only, please contact Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. at (888) 370–6765.**

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Ph. (_____) _____ Cell Ph. (_____) _____

E-mail _____ Name(s) for Badge(s) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/we request a Business Class upgrade ❑

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability) ❑

**Post-Tour "London – On Your Own" Extension:** Please sign me/us up ❑

**Please Note:** The undersigned has read the schedule of activites for ***Journey Through Britain, July 17-30, 2017,*** and agrees that his/her signature below represents his/her acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date_____

**Method of Payment** ❑ Check ❑ American Express ❑ Discover ❑ MasterCard ❑ VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due **95 days prior to departure,** and is payable by check or credit card.

Tour membership limited to 24 alumni and friends

# JOURNEY THROUGH BRITAIN

## England, Scotland & Wales

**14 days for $5,696 total price from Newark**

($4,995 air & land inclusive plus $701 airline taxes and fees)

*On this wide-ranging tour we travel from city to country and back again: from gracious Edinburgh to England's legendary Lake District, from spectacular Snowdonia to the rural Cotswolds and Roman Bath, ending in cosmopolitan London. As we see history and legend come to life on our journey, we also enjoy the region's timeless hospitality.*

| Avg. High (°F) | Jul | Aug |
|---|---|---|
| Edinburgh | 65 | 65 |
| Llanrwst (Wales) | 69 | 67 |
| London | 73 | 73 |

### Your Small-Group Tour Highlights

Edinburgh touring, including Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood House, and Royal Mile … England's pastoral Lake District … Boat ride on Lake Windermere … Historic topiary garden at Levens Hall … Wales' unspoiled Snowdonia National Park … Shakespeare's birthplace at Stratford-upon-Avon … Bath touring: Roman Baths, Assembly Room, Circus, Bath Abbey … Stonehenge visit … Free time in Windsor … Cosmopolitan London

| Day | Itinerary | Hotel | Rating |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Depart U.S. for Edinburgh | | |
| 2-4 | Edinburgh, Scotland | Apex Waterloo Place Hotel | Sup. First Class |
| 5-6 | Lake District, England | Low Wood Bay Resort Hotel | First Class |
| 7-8 | Llanrwst, Wales | The Eagles Hotel | Not rated |
| 9-11 | Bath, England | The Abbey Hotel | First Class |
| 12-13 | London | Amba Hotel Charing Cross | Sup. First Class |
| 14 | Depart London for U.S. | | |

*Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.*

**Day 1: Depart U.S. for Edinburgh, Scotland**

**Day 2: Arrive Edinburgh** We arrive in the Scottish capital and transfer to our hotel. As guests' arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities planned during the day; though our tour director will lead an orientation walking tour of the neighborhood surrounding our hotel late this morning. Later we meet for a briefing about the journey ahead; tonight we gather for a welcome dinner. ***D***

**Day 3: Edinburgh** Our morning tour of this stately city built on seven hills includes the 18th-century "New Town" and the medieval "Old Town," where we visit Edinburgh Castle, symbolic heart of Scotland. This afternoon is at leisure to discover Edinburgh as we wish; museums, galleries, and shops abound. Dinner tonight is on our own, and Edinburgh boasts a robust culinary scene. ***B***

**Day 4: Edinburgh** This morning we encounter the Royal Mile, the historic boulevard connecting Edinburgh Castle with the Palace of Holyrood House. We tour Holyrood, as it is called, and see where British royalty schemed and slept as we tour the State Apartments. After lunch at a local restaurant, the remainder of the day is free for independent exploration and dinner on our own. ***B,L***

**Day 5: Edinburgh/Lake District** Departing Edinburgh this morning, we're bound for the beautiful – and beloved – Lake District of northwest England, a national park and diverse landscape of lakes, rivers, ancient woodlands, and small towns and villages. On arrival we stop at Dove Cottage, where English Romantic poet William Wordsworth penned some of his most memorable lines. Late afternoon we reach our hotel on the shores of Lake Windermere; we dine tonight at our hotel. ***B,L,D***

**Day 6: Lake District** Today's excursion begins with a visit to Hill Top, the 17th-century farmhouse and garden that author Beatrix Potter purchased

*Cover Photo: We travel through England's Cotswolds, with its gentle rolling hills and traditional villages.*

*The Stewart Monument on Calton Hill overlooks Edinburgh.*

with the proceeds from her *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*. After time for lunch on our own in charming Ambleside, we take an afternoon boat ride on Windermere, England's largest lake. ***B,D***

**Day 7: Lake District/North Wales** Traveling through splendid Lake District scenery today en route to Wales, we stop at Levens Hall to see the world's oldest topiary garden, little changed from its origins in the 1690s. From here we travel on to Wales and our hotel, where we dine tonight. ***B,D***

**Day 8: North Wales/Snowdonia National Park** This morning we visit 13th-century Caernarfon Castle, a medieval fortress whose brute appearance symbolized English domination over the Welsh. Known as the "land of castles" and the "land of song," Wales is also a land of fierce natural beauty, as we see for ourselves during this afternoon's visit to Snowdonia National Park. Named for Snowdon, at 3,560 feet the tallest mountain in England and Wales, the park comprises some 840 square miles of unspoiled wooded valleys, mountains, moorlands, lakes, and rivers. Late afternoon we return to our hotel, where we dine tonight. ***B,L,D***

**Day 9: North Wales/Stratford-upon-Avon/Bath** Returning to England today, we visit Stratford-upon-Avon, where our touring includes a visit to Shakespeare's Birthplace, a restored 16th-century half-timbered house where the Bard is believed to have been born in 1564. We also tour Anne Hathaway's Cottage & Gardens, the thatched farmhouse of Shakespeare's bride that still contains some original furnishings. Then we have time in this 800-year-old market town for lunch on our own and to explore independently before we continue on to Bath. We reach our hotel late this afternoon and dine there tonight. ***B,D***

**Day 10: Bath** We set out on a morning tour of this storied and graceful city where the ancient Romans first "took the waters" at England's only hot springs. Today the historic Roman Baths count among the city's most popular sites, along with Bath Abbey, the 18th-century Assembly Room, The Circus, and Royal Crescent, all of which we see on our tour. The afternoon is free to explore as we wish. From the Jane Austen Centre to the Costume Museum, and from charming tearooms to stately Georgian architecture, Bath offers a bounty of worthy sites and attractions. ***B***

**Day 11: Bath/The Cotswolds** Today we encounter the Cotswolds, England's south central region of gently rolling hills dotted with villages of honey-colored limestone, market towns, and unspoiled countryside, looking much as it did 300 years ago. We return to Bath and our hotel mid-afternoon, with the remainder of the day and this evening at leisure. ***B,L***

## Post-Tour Extension

**July 30-August 1, 2017**

**LONDON – ON YOUR OWN**

**3 days/2 nights for $465 total price**

**Single Supplement: $345**

*Theater, art, shopping, restaurants – London has it all, in abundance. Enjoy this world capital in your own style, at your own pace.*

### Your Tour Price Includes

- 2 nights' accommodations at Amba Hotel Charing Cross (Superior First Class)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to the airport

"To unpathed waters
to undreamed shores ..."
– William Shakespeare

**Day 12: Bath/London** We leave our pastoral days behind as we travel today to London, stopping en route to see Stonehenge, the 4,500-year-old Neolithic monument that remains something of a mystery today. That the prehistoric circle of stones is a masterpiece of engineering and building is undisputed; exactly why it was created is less certain. Next we visit Windsor, site of British royalty's Windsor Castle, where we have free time to explore on our own before we continue on to London, arriving late this afternoon. ***B***

**Day 13: London** A panoramic city tour this morning passes such celebrated London landmarks as the infamous Tower of London, grand Parliament and Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, and Hyde Park. Our afternoon is at leisure to explore this wondrous city as we wish; theater, museums, parks, a boat ride on the Thames – London offers an embarrassment of riches from which to choose. Tonight we celebrate our journey through Britain at a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. ***B,D***

**Day 14: Depart for U.S.** We transfer this morning to Heathrow airport for our flights home. ***B***

*Typical scene in Snowdonia*

## Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 12 nights' accommodations in Superior First Class, First Class, and unrated hotels
- 23 meals: 12 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

*We see iconic Big Ben on Day 13.*

## Tour Departs: July 17, 2017

*Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.*

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|---|---|
| Newark | $5,696 |
| Boston, Philadelphia | $5,896 |
| Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Raleigh-Durham, Washington, DC | $5,996 |
| Charlotte, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Tampa | $6,096 |
| Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle | $6,196 |
| Land Only (transfers not included) | $4,496 |

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy in an outside cabin and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $701, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add $1,095. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: $3,995 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

**For reservations and information, please call the Duke Alumni Association at (800) FOR-DUKE or (919) 684-2988, Monday–Friday, 8:30 AM–5:30 PM EST**

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

*Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.*

**Not Included in Tour Price**
Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities $10-$15 per day, per traveler); optional sightseeing, and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

**Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes**
If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited's receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If a guest makes any changes to his/her reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth, and your gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

**Responsibility**
The liability of the Duke Alumni Association, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The Duke Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

**Health and Medical Issues**
We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and the Duke Alumni Association assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

**Air Transportation – Important Information**
Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

**PLEASE NOTE: A minimum number of participants is needed to have a Duke University faculty or host accompany this trip. We make every effort to send a faculty lecturer on each departure, as our travelers tell us this greatly enhances their experience. However, due to faculty schedules, this may not always be possible; and due to group size, we may not qualify to send a host.**

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