



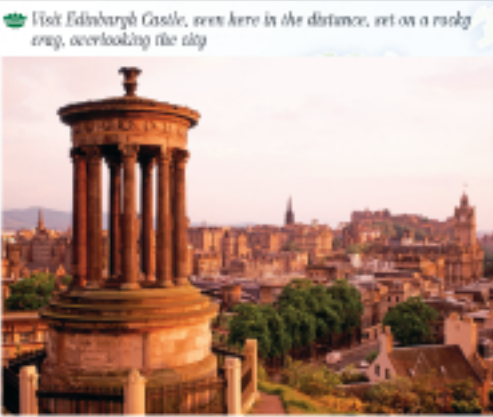
Experience the blue lakes, rolling green hills and tall peaks of the English Lake District.

Gems of Britain

Succinct and feature packed, welcome to a spirited journey which captures the essence of Britain in only a few days - but you wouldn't want it any other way! It includes a fantastic cross section of Britain's historical towns, traditional heritage, cultural figures and idyllic scenic landscapes.

4 DAYS ~ ENGLAND ~ SCOTLAND

REGIONAL TOUR **R**



Visit Edinburgh Castle, seen here in the distance, set on a rocky outcrop, overlooking the city



Visit the birthplace of William Shakespeare



Key

- PREMIUM HIGHLIGHTS
- PERSONAL INSIGHTS
- WELCOME DRINK
- GUIDED SIGHTING OR ORIENTATION TOUR
- CENTRAL HOTELS + NIGHTS
- SCENIC HOTELS + NIGHTS

See hotel details on page 193-194

DAY 1 - LONDON - CAMBRIDGE - YORK - DARLINGTON. Meet your Tour Director early this morning and head northwards to the gracious university town of Cambridge, fierce rival to Oxford. A glimpse here of the age-old tradition of learning as you stroll by some of the colleges, including the magnificent *King's College*. Continue through the heart of 'Robin Hood Country' (although little now remains of the leafy glades of Sherwood Forest) to reach historic York. Inside the ancient *city walls*, you approach the magnificent *York Minster*, England's largest medieval cathedral. Then walk through the narrow *cobbled streets* to the Tudor '*Shambles*', where the houses lean so far they almost touch! After some free time to shop, move on to your Darlington hotel for a *Welcome Drink* before dinner. Hotel: Blackwell Grange (D)

DAY 2 - DARLINGTON - EDINBURGH. Cross the wild Northumberland Moors and go past the romantic ruins of *Jedburgh Abbey*, cross the Borders and head on to Scotland's elegant capital, *Edinburgh*. On a *guided city tour*, drive down the stately *Royal Mile*, past *St Giles' Cathedral* to *Holyroodhouse Palace* - the Queen's residence in Edinburgh - and on to the 18th century *New Town*. Visit *Edinburgh Castle*, housing the *Honours of Scotland*, the nation's crown jewels. Why not spend the evening eating haggis and listening to the sound of bagpipes? Hotel: Hilton Grosvenor (B)

DAY 3 - EDINBURGH - LIVERPOOL. Drive through the Southern Uplands via *Gretna Green*, where many an eloping English couple have been married, then cross the border back into England. Enjoy a drive through the *Lake District*, a region so beautiful it inspired a host of English poets. Visit *the grave of William Wordsworth* before continuing to lively Liverpool, home of the Beatles! Your hotel is adjacent to the iconic *Liver Building* and overlooking the *Dock Front World Heritage Site*. Hotel: Atlantic Tower (B,D)

DAY 4 - LIVERPOOL - CHESTER - STRATFORD - LONDON. First stop today is at the former Roman fortress town of *Chester*. Walk with your Tour Director along part of the *well preserved city walls*. See the *Eastgate Clock*, *Cathedral*, the unique black and white '*Rows*' (shopping arcades) and the remains of the *Roman Amphitheatre*. Continue to the pretty market town of *Stratford-upon-Avon* where you visit the *half-timbered birthplace of William Shakespeare*. Return to London through the flower-trimmed *villages of the Cotswolds*, one of the most beautiful parts of England. (B)

A super concise tour crafted for guests with limited vacation time who would like to experience the very best of Britain in just four days.

Included Premium Highlights

- Visit Edinburgh Castle to see the Honours of Scotland - the oldest royal regalia in Britain
- Visit Shakespeare's birthplace in the pretty market town of Stratford-upon-Avon

Included Personal Insights

- Learn about the life of the poet William Wordsworth

Included Other Excursions & Sights

- See King's College, Cambridge
- See York Minster and the medieval 'Shambles'
- See Jedburgh Abbey
- Drive down Edinburgh's Royal Mile past St Giles' Cathedral to Holyroodhouse Palace
- Walk by Chester's 'Rows' and see the Cathedral and Roman Amphitheatre
- Scenic drives in the Cotswolds, Lake District, Northumberland Moors

Included First Class Services

- Escorted by a professional Tour Director
- Headsets for all guided visits and walking tours
- Luxury air-conditioned 40 seat coach with extended leg room and on-board restroom
- Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portage
- Insight Traveller document wallet, map book journal and information pack
- Special London Airport transfer rates available, see pages 191

Included Quality Dining

- 3 full Breakfasts (B),
- 2 three-course evening meals with choice, or buffets, plus tea or coffee (D)

TOUR CODE: 8995 **Save up to \$85 p.p. See reductions below**

Starts London Every Monday	Twin Share p.p.	Single Supp. Option
From 28 Mar - 10 Oct '11	\$850	\$110

Reductions

SAVE \$10 p.p. with Triple room reduction

Insight's Great Savings & Discounts

SAVE \$85 per person with Young Traveller Discount

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Early Payment Discount	12 months	10 months	6 months
SAVE per person	\$85	\$65	\$45

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Notes

Tour starts on Mondays and ends Thursdays

Tour Departure Point

This tour departs from the Thistle Marble Arch, our recommended pre/post tour accommodation (see page 20 & 191 for booking details, airport transfers and sightseeing).

DEF **Definite Departures (DEF)** are tour dates guaranteed to operate. These are regularly updated and listed on our website www.insightvacations.com (see page 19 for details).

Included are worth approximately US\$55

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