

## SAMPLE TOUR: LONDON, STRATFORD AND EDINBURGH FESTIVAL TOUR

**15 days**

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*All Educational World Tours are custom made for every group. This means this sample itinerary serves as inspiration and is not a set itinerary. Activities specific to your group can be added as well as days, destinations and sightseeing.*

### Day 1: **Departure Day**

- Fly from departure city to London.

### Day 2: **Arrive-London**

- Upon arrival into London clear customs and meet your Tour Manager who will escort you to your waiting private coach. Board your coach and transfer to the Royal town, Windsor. Have time at your leisure to purchase lunch walk around the old town.
- Afternoon visit of Winsor Castle to feel the real British monarchy. Winsor Castle is the oldest and largest inhabited castle in the world and The Queen's permanent home.
- Group dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodations: Moderate hotel accommodation in London - 5 nights

### Day 3: **London**

- Breakfast at your accommodation.
- Morning drive to Buckingham Palace and attend the Changing the Guards ceremony.
- There will be time to purchase lunch.
- Afternoon city tour of London with local guide and see highlights such as the Tower Bridge, Buckingham Palace, the Big Ben, Tower of London, St. Paul's Cathedral and more.
- Evening tickets to a West End musical (mid-range seats).
- Group dinner at a local restaurant.
- Evening musical concert.

**Day 4:      *London***

- Breakfast at your accommodation.
- Morning visit of the Tower of London. At the Tower of London visit the White, Bloody and Martin Towers, where prisoners were held and often tortured.
- Also see the Crown Jewels, displayed in a specially built jewel house, and don't forget the Ravens, without whom the White Tower would supposedly fall, and a great disaster befall the monarchy! Check in at your hotel.
- There will be time to purchase lunch.
- Afternoon visit of the Victoria & Albert Museum and visit the Theatre and Performance collection that covers drama, circus, dance, rock and pop.
- Group dinner at a local restaurant.

**Day 5:      *London***

- Breakfast at your accommodation.
- Morning tour of the Shakespeare's Globe Theatre with local guide.
- After your tour you will get the one-hour workshop "an introduction to Shakespeare and his World" based on any Shakespeare play of your choice. In this session, students are encouraged to respond to Shakespeare's plays as stories to be shared between.
- There will be time to purchase lunch.
- Afternoon visit to the British Museum which holds in trust for the nation and the world a collection of art and antiquities from ancient and living cultures.
- Group dinner at a local restaurant.

**Day 6:      *London***

- Breakfast at your accommodation.
- Morning tour of the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane or backstage tour of the national theatre.
- Through the Stage Door is a unique opportunity to go behind the scenes of one of the most famous theatres in the world, where you'll be transported back in time to feel the mystical and historic atmosphere of London's oldest and most fascinating theatre.
- Enjoy some free time in the afternoon to purchase lunch and enjoy London at leisure.
- Group dinner at a local restaurant.

**Day 7: London/Oxford/Stratford-Upon-Avon**

- Breakfast at your accommodation.
- Board your coach and transfer to Oxford. Upon arrival enjoy a Walking tour of Oxford with local guide. You will see the Bodleian library and the many historical picture-perfect College courtyards for which Oxford is justifiably famous. There will be time to purchase lunch.
- Afternoon drive to Stratford-upon-Avon. Upon arrival check in your hotel.
- Birthplace of William Shakespeare, the greatest writer in the English language, and home to the theatre of the famous Royal Shakespeare Company.
- Group dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodations: Moderate hotel accommodation in Stratford-upon-Avon - 2 nights

**Day 8: Stratford-Upon-Avon**

- Breakfast at your accommodation.
- Morning walking tour of Stratford-upon-Avon with local guided including William Shakespeare's birthplace.
- There will be time to purchase lunch.
- Afternoon Theatre workshop by the Royal Shakespeare Company. The aim of the workshop is to connect students practically with Shakespeare's plays and those of his contemporaries, exploring the creative decisions around current and past productions.
- Evening tickets to a play of the Royal Shakespeare Company (mid-range seats).
- Group dinner at a local restaurant.

**Day 9: Stratford-Upon-Avon/Edinburgh**

- Breakfast at your accommodation.
- Drive to York or Liverpool (group can choose)
- There will be time to purchase lunch and explore York or Liverpool.
- York: No other city in northern England says 'medieval' quite like York, a city of extraordinary cultural and historical wealth that has lost little of its pre-industrial lustre. A magnificent circuit of 13th-century walls encloses a medieval spider's web of narrow streets. At its heart lies the immense, awe-inspiring York Minster, one of the most beautiful Gothic cathedrals in the world. York's long history and rich heritage is woven into virtually every brick and beam.
- Liverpool: Birthplace of the Beatles. The city's impressive cultural heritage, dating back to when Liverpool was Britain's second-most important city, is a source of justifiable pride to Scousers &ndash; as the locals are named, after Scouse, a fish-and-biscuit stew popular with sailors &ndash; but what really excites them is the ongoing program of urban regeneration that is transforming a once dilapidated city centre into one of the most pleasant cities in northern England.
- Group dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodations: Moderate hotel accommodation in Edinburgh - 6 nights

**Day 10: *Edinburgh***

- Breakfast at your accommodation.
- Morning city tour of Edinburgh with a local guide. During the tour you will see Greyfriars Kirk with the famous "Greyfriar's Bobby", the Royal Mile, Holyrood Palace and much more. Off course you will also see Edinburgh Castle. This medieval fortress, which dominates the city's skyline, is perched on an extinct volcano and offers stunning views!
- There will be time to purchase lunch.
- Time at leisure to explore the city and to enjoy the Military Tattoo and Edinburgh International and the Fringe Festival (tickets not included).
- Group dinner at a local restaurant.

**Day 11: *Edinburgh***

- Breakfast at your accommodation.
- Morning excursion to Stirling Castle, one of Scotland's grandest castles due to its imposing position and impressive architecture, Stirling Castle commands the countryside for many miles around. It has been at the center of Scottish history for centuries, enduring 16 sieges and presiding over 3 major battles, two of which changed the course of Scottish history! There will be time to purchase lunch.
- Afternoon at leisure to explore the city and to enjoy the Fringe Festival (tickets not included).
- Group dinner at a local restaurant.

**Day 12: *Edinburgh***

- Breakfast at your accommodation.
- Morning optional visit to the Palace of Holyroodhouse or Edinburgh Castle.
- Afternoon at leisure to explore the city and to enjoy the Fringe Festival (tickets not included). There will be time to purchase lunch.
- Group dinner at a local restaurant.(cash for dinner)

**Day 13: *Edinburgh***

- Breakfast at your accommodation.
- Morning optional visit to the National Gallery or Royal Museum.
- Afternoon at leisure to explore the city and to enjoy the Fringe Festival (tickets not included). There will be time to purchase lunch.
- Group dinner at a local restaurant.(cash for dinner)

**Day 14: *Edinburgh***

- Breakfast at your accommodation.
- Day at leisure to enjoy the Fringe Festival (tickets not included). There will be time to purchase lunch.
- Group dinner at a local restaurant.(cash for dinner)

**Day 15: *Departure from Edinburgh***

- Fly from Edinburgh to home city.