



## Itinerary

British Landscapes featuring Highclere Castle

**Jul 25, 2021 - Aug 4, 2021**

### Pre Night: Mercure Haymarket



Would you like to begin your vacation with an additional Hotel in Edinburgh?

### Day 1: Overnight Flight



Feel the vibrant energy of England, hear the unique sounds of Scotland, and see the rolling countryside of Wales on a trip that combines dramatic history and natural wonders.

### Day 2: Edinburgh, Scotland - Tour Begins



Your tour opens in Edinburgh, the historic capital of Scotland, where rocky hills tower in the distance and the shadows of history can be seen around every corner. Discover Scotland's capital and see how medieval crossroads blend seamlessly with a vibrant modern energy. This evening, get a taste of contemporary Scottish fare as you join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner highlighting the flavors of Scotland.

#### Hotel

Mercure Haymarket  
Edinburgh

#### Culinary

Dinner

#### Weather

High 64°  
Low 53°  
Rain 2"

### Day 3: Edinburgh



Today, it's your choice! Get acquainted with this regal city on a locally guided tour of the city via coach - OR- join a local expert and explore the city on foot. Both tours include visits to Edinburgh Castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels, and the Palace of Holyroodhouse,\* the Queen's official Edinburgh residence and the former home of Mary, Queen of Scots. The rest of the day is yours to explore the city independently.

#### Hotel

Mercure Haymarket  
Edinburgh

#### Culinary

Breakfast

#### Weather

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## Day 4: Edinburgh - Borders Region - York, England



Say farewell to the rolling hills of Scotland while travelling south through the Borders Region. Stop to visit the archeological site of Vindolanda, an Ancient Roman fortress built along Hadrian's Wall in the 2nd century to protect Roman Britain from the tribes of Scotland. Upon arrival in the medieval city of York, enjoy a brief orientation tour to get the lay of the land. Tonight, stay within the historic walled section of the city.

### Hotel

Hotel 53  
York

### Culinary

Breakfast

### Weather

High 69°  
Low 53°  
Rain 2"

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## Day 5: York - Chester



Enjoy a leisurely morning to explore York at your own pace. Meander the labyrinth of quaint, narrow streets the locals call Snickelways or maybe visit the city's famous Minster. End the day in Chester, your home for the next two nights, where ancient walls enclose charming Tudor and Victorian houses.

### Hotel

Hallmark Hotel Chester The Queen  
Chester

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

### Weather

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Low 54°  
Rain 1"

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## Day 6: Chester - Llangollen, Wales - Chester, England



Embark on a panoramic city tour and then walk through Chester's Rows. Here you'll peer into the city's hidden secrets, hopping in and out of the iconic 2-tiered shopping galleries with a local guide. Cross over into Wales and discover Llangollen, one of the country's most picturesque villages. See the area from a different perspective when you sail along the top of the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct. Admire the view from the tall, bridge-like waterway, towering more than 120 feet above the landscape below.

### Hotel

Hallmark Hotel Chester The Queen  
Chester

### Culinary

Breakfast

### Weather

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Rain 1"

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## Day 7: Chester - Stratford-upon-Avon



Step back in time on a journey through the English countryside to Stratford-upon-Avon. This afternoon visit the Bard's birthplace – the childhood home of William Shakespeare. After touring the home, enjoy time at leisure to explore on your own. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a private dinner at Hall's Croft, a 400-year-old Shakespeare family home, while actors in traditional costume perform some of Shakespeare's most renowned scenes.

### Hotel

Hotel Indigo  
Stratford-upon-Avon

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

### Weather

High 72°  
Low 52°  
Rain 1"

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## Day 8: Stratford-upon-Avon - Oxford - London



Bid adieu to Stratford and travel to the charming university city of Oxford. Upon arrival, it's your choice! Glide gently past Oxford's spires on a traditional punting boat experience -OR- join an expert local guide for a walking tour, including one of the Colleges used as a filming location for Harry Potter. Continue on to London, England's storied capital city.

### Hotel

H10 London Waterloo  
London

### Culinary

Breakfast

### Weather

High 70°  
Low 54°

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## Day 9: London



Take in the sites of London on a panoramic tour of the city's quintessential sights, making your way past famous icons including the Tower of London, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and the Royal Buckingham Palace. Today is yours to explore this cosmopolitan and dynamic city at your leisure. Perhaps you will take an optional excursion to infamous Tower of London. This evening, toast the end of a wonderful journey during a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

### Hotel

H10 London Waterloo  
London

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

### Weather

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Low 54°

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## Day 10: London - Highclere Castle - London



Venture out of London's city center and travel to Highclere Castle. Home of the Earl of Carnarvon, this popular castle is also known for being the home of the fictional Grantham family on Downton Abbey. Immerse yourself in the atmosphere of a bygone era and wander through the halls of this opulent estate. As you tour the drawing room, dining room and library, you might recognize filming locations from the TV series and motion picture. Spend time in the castle's gardens before returning to London in the late afternoon.

### Hotel

H10 London Waterloo  
London

### Culinary

Breakfast

### Weather

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Low 54°

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## Day 11: London - Tour Ends



Your journey through Britain comes to a close today.

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## Post Night: H10 London Waterloo



Extend your stay with 3 nights in Paris – the "City of Light." Dine at the base of the Eiffel Tower, with your hotel just steps away. See the city on a relaxing cruise along the Seine. Cruise through the streets in a vintage retro car, discovering the city with a local driver. With a full day at leisure, consider using your included ticket to the Musée D'Orsay, a renowned museum of impressionist art. Please note due to fair periods in Paris the price is variable by date. Your other option is to have a post stay the H10 London Waterloo?