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EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND WITH NORTHERN ENGLAND

SUGGESTED ITINERARY ONLY

10 DAYS & 9 NIGHTS WINDERMERE, HARROGATE, YORK & EDINBURGH

Embark on an exploration of the stunning beautiful Lake District of England, an area of woods, rivers, lakes and mountains that has inspired generations of painters and writers. Visit some of the fascinating towns and villages of the Lake District. Then, journey through the beautiful English region of Yorkshire - home to atmospheric moors, verdant valleys and spectacular coastline, as well as a rich history that spans millennia. Immerse yourself in the magnificent countryside in Yorkshire Dales National Park and North York Moors National Park, take in the flavor of local life at the marketplaces, cafes and pubs of traditional Yorkshire villages, and see the medieval city of York. Relax on a scenic train journey to the Scottish capital and explore its UNESCO World Heritage Old Town, Edinburgh Castle and more.



JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Soak up the stunning landscapes of the Lake District, Yorkshire Dales and North York Moor National Parks

Admire the quaint northern villages of Grasmere, Hawkshead, Hawes and Whitby and enjoy a cup of tea in the village that was Hogsmeade in the Harry Potter films

Experience life on the farm as you herd the flock with a trusty sheepdog and sample some famous Wensleydale Cheese and watch how it's made

Go back in time on visits to the historic estates of Newby Hall and Castle Howard

Walk the old city walls of York and admire the views from the top of York Minster

Take a scenic ride on the steam-hauled North York Moors Railway

Travel by First Class rail through the Scottish Borders to enchanting Edinburgh

Explore the Royal Mile from Edinburgh Castle down to Hollyrood House in Edinburgh

Departure Date:

Through March 2020

Note: Prices listed are per person, based on double-occupancy

Price From:
*Two People

\$7,195

Day 1: Arrive Manchester / Windermere

Upon arrival in Manchester, you will be met by a Cox & Kings representative and privately escorted to your hotel in Windermere, which lies in the heart of the Lake District. If you like, begin exploring the local area or just relax tonight. **Preferred: Macdonald Old England Hotel & Spa, Elite: Gilpin Hotel & Lake House - 2 Nights**

Day 2: Windermere

After breakfast, meet your private guide at your hotel and begin your discovery of the best of the Lake District as you wind through magnificent mountain scenery and stunning lakes. Along the way, admire the surrounding fells as your guide regales you with tales of the history, events, and people that have shaped this much-loved national park. Skirt the banks of Lake Windermere and continue towards Grasmere. William

Woodworth was one of many writers to find inspiration in the Lake District's magnificent landscapes, so much so that he moved here. Dove Cottage was his home, and remains almost exactly as it was when he lived and wrote here. In Grasmere, see his grave and sample the local gingerbread made since 1854. In the picturesque medieval village of Hawkshead, trace the history of Wordsworth as well as Beatrix Potter. Continue to Tarn Hows, which is one of the most photographed locations in the Lake District. Soak up the stunning views looking toward the mountains, before making your way back to Windermere. **Preferred: Macdonald Old England Hotel & Spa, Elite: Gilpin Hotel & Lake House (B)**

Day 3: To Harrogate

This morning enjoy a unique one-on-one experience of handling a sheepdog



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on a working farm in the Lake District. Afterwards, take a spectacular journey today through the beautiful Yorkshire Dales National Park. Encounter some of Yorkshire's hidden secrets. Visit the picturesque market village of Hawes and observe the process of making delectable Wensleydale Cheese (and taste some samples). Continue to Harrogate seeing Bolton Abbey en route.

Note: Dinner is included each night with Elite Hotel. **Preferred: The Majestic Hotel, Elite: Ridding Park - 2 Nights (B)**

Day 4: Harrogate

Spend the day exploring North Yorkshire. Begin your day with a visit to Fountain's Abbey. Tucked away in a scenic river valley, Fountain's Abbey is a World Heritage Site and a picture of medieval grandeur. Once a towering Cistercian monastery, it's now a well-preserved ruin, rich in atmosphere and surrounded by lush green landscapes. On the same estate you'll find the soothing Georgian water gardens of Studley Royal. Continue to Newby Hall, one of England's finest family houses - an exceptional example of 18th century interior decoration. Visit the beautiful gardens before continuing to Ripon. Take a stroll around the beautiful town of Ripon and explore the grand cathedral. Return to Harrogate at the end of the day. **Preferred: The Majestic Hotel, Elite: Ridding Park (B)**

Day 5: To York

This morning travel to York. Explore York including the medieval Shambles, Museum Gardens and a walk on the city walls with your guide. Continue to the enormous York Minster, the largest and finest Gothic cathedral in northern Europe, which is

renowned for its outstanding stained glass. Climb the tower for an unparalleled view of the city. End your day with a treat - York has been known for making chocolate for 300 years - on a guided tour of York's Chocolate Story. **Preferred: Hilton York, Elite: The Grand Hotel & Spa - 2 Nights (B)**

Day 6: York

After breakfast this morning, traverse the North York Moors National Park, a vast tract of purple moorland, steep, deep-sided valleys and clumps of thick forest. Visit Goathland, which is known as Hogsmeade in the Harry Potter films. Explore the charming village and enjoy a cup of tea in these stunning surroundings. Your journey continues by train on the stunning steam-hauled North York Moors Railway. Upon arrival in Whitby, explore the old seaside town and climb the steps to the famous Whitby Abbey. Enjoy lunch of fish & chips at Magpie Cafe, one of the finest fish restaurants in Britain. Return to York via Castle Howard. Home to the Howard family for over 300 years, Castle Howard is a remarkable piece of the past, full of antiques, magnificent architecture and surrounded by acres of lush green parkland. Discover the stories behind its construction, its lavish decorations and the history of the Howard family themselves. The house featured in both the TV series and film versions of *Brideshead Revisited*. **Preferred: Hilton York, Elite: The Grand Hotel & Spa (B, L)**

Day 7: To Edinburgh

This morning you are accompanied to the train station for your first class train journey to Edinburgh. Enjoy the beautiful countryside and cross through the Scottish Borders. Upon arrival in Edinburgh's railway station, you will be met by your Cox & Kings representative. See the stunning architecture

of 18th century Georgian New Town on the way to your luxury hotel. **Preferred: The Principal Edinburgh Elite: The Balmoral - 3 Nights (B)**

Day 8: Edinburgh

Join your local guide on an exclusive private tour of the "Jewel in Scotland's Crown" - Edinburgh Castle. Also enjoy the amazing views from this striking castle above the Old Town. Spend some time exploring the city - wander around the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Old Town, stroll down the Royal Mile, and browse some of the bespoke retail outlets selling soft cashmere and beautiful silver gifts. See Holyroodhouse, which is the grand, official residence of the Queen when visiting Scotland. **Preferred: The Principal Edinburgh Elite: The Balmoral (B)**

Day 9: Edinburgh

This morning, visit Leith and the Royal Yacht Britannia, a magnificent ship that has played host to some of the most famous people in the world.

This afternoon, explore Edinburgh on your own with great shopping, restaurants and pubs. Perhaps climb Arthur's Seat for an unforgettable impression of this historic and vibrant city. Enjoy a traditional afternoon tea at the Balmoral prior to your last evening. **Preferred: The Principal Edinburgh Elite: The Balmoral (B)**

Day 10 Depart Edinburgh

Today, you are accompanied to the airport for your onward journey. **(B)**

¹ Price per person in US dollars based double occupancy and subject to availability. ^{*}Price per person in US dollars based on two people traveling together, double occupancy and subject to availability. ^{**}Price per person in US dollars based on four people traveling together, double occupancy and subject to availability. Single Supplements and Solo Traveler rates are available upon request. [†]Internal Air prices are based on economy class and are subject to change until paid in full. Further restrictions may apply. Please contact your Travel Professional or Cox & Kings for more details or visit coxandkingsusa.com. CST - 2105853-50