




British Isles Coach & Cruise

Option to exclude the cruise

 **Tour Length:** 27 Days or 15 Days

 **Tour Departs:** 12 July 2027

This itinerary is a wonderful combination of coach touring and cruising. Our starting point is the great city of London, a city immersed in history yet full of innovation and diversity, before we travel to the southwest of England and the counties of Devon and Cornwall. Waiting for us is breath-taking scenery featuring a magnificent coastline, idyllic fishing villages, desolate moorland and so much more. We continue our journey into the heart of England visiting the historic city of Bath before touring the Cotswold region where nature seems to be displayed at its very best – lush rolling hills, quaint villages, bustling market towns, and gently flowing rivers. Shakespeare’s birthplace, Stratford-upon-Avon, and the university city of Oxford are on our itinerary

For those that wish – there is the option to exclude the cruise. You would fly home from London on Saturday 24 July, via Singapore, arriving Auckland around midday on 26 July.

Highlights

- London, the “grand old lady”. A special included treat is a luncheon cruise on the River Thames.
- Enjoy 9 days touring Devon and Cornwall as well as the historic city of Bath, the Cotswolds, Oxford, Plymouth, Penzance, Lands End, St Ives, Glastonbury and Stratford-upon-Avon.
- Special Highlight – a visit to the “Eden Project”
- Special Highlight Meal – we enjoy lunch at Rick Stein’s signature restaurant, The Seafood Restaurant in Padstow

Tour Costs Per Person

Per Person Share Twin/Double Room

\$23,250 or \$18,650 excluding the cruise

Supplement for Single Room

\$8,700 or \$4,700 excluding the cruise

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Majestic Princess

12 nights

On a British Isles cruise, fairytales come to life as you explore storybook castles and enchanting countrysides. Admire the stained-glass windows of Glasgow Cathedral. Uncover the mysteries of Stonehenge in England and ascend the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Legend has it, you'll get the gift of gab after visiting the Blarney Stone at Ireland's iconic castle. With Princess®, feel like royalty amidst noble landscapes.

Cruise Inclusions

- Balcony Staterooms (Cat. BC) on board Majestic Princess Cruise – please enquire if you would prefer a different category.



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Tour Costs

Inclusions

- Economy Class airfares from Auckland. Upgrade to Premium Economy or Business Class available on request
- Prepaid government and airport taxes, security and fuel surcharges
- Superior grade accommodation throughout
- Superior air-conditioned coach transportation
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=breakfast, L= lunch, D= dinner)
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary
- Services of European Tour Director and local guides for touring and sightseeing
- Baggage handling of 1 suitcase per person – where possible
- All tips and gratuities to coach drivers, guides and cruise staff
- Fully escorted by a Maher Tour Leader

Exclusions

- Shore excursions available on cruise
- Any meals and sightseeing not specifically mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance (advice and assistance supplied)
- Items of a personal nature such as room service, laundry, drinks, telephone charges etc.

Booking Conditions

- Initial Deposit due at time of booking:
NZD\$3,000 per person
- Second Deposit due Tuesday 12 January 2027
NZD\$3,000 per person
- Final Payment Balance
Due Wednesday 03 June 2027
- This tour is not suitable for those that require wheelchair assistance or mobility assistance. A good level of health and fitness required.

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Tour Itinerary

27 Days

Day 1 | Home – Singapore

MONDAY 12 JULY

Time this morning for connecting flights before the early afternoon flight to Singapore. On arrival into Singapore late evening, we are met and transferred to our hotel for our two-night stay.

Day 2 | Singapore

TUESDAY 13 JULY (B,D)

After a leisurely morning, we begin our tour of Singapore, starting with an aerial view from the world's largest giant observation wheel - the Singapore Flyer. Standing at a stunning 165m from the ground, the Flyer offers you breathtaking, panoramic views of Marina Bay, towering skyscrapers, tropical greenery and even the hills of neighbouring Malaysia and Indonesia in the 30-minute "flight". Afterwards, we visit Singapore's latest National Garden - Gardens by the Bay. Visit the Flower Dome and Cloud Forest cooled conservatories; the vertical gardens of our Supertrees and relax and wander around the outdoor themed gardens. The afternoon is at leisure until we meet for dinner this evening.

Day 3 | Singapore - London

WEDESDAY 14 JULY (B,D)

Early this morning, we transfer back to Singapore Airport in time to report for our daylight flight to London. On arrival into Heathrow Airport mid-afternoon (local time), we are met and transferred to our hotel for a 2-night stay. This evening, we enjoy dinner together at the hotel.

Day 4 | London

THURSDAY 15 JULY (B,L)

You may have been to London before, but let's refresh your memory with a full day sightseeing around the 'grand old lady'. We view many of the sights for which London is famous – Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, St. Paul's Cathedral, Trafalgar Square to name but a few. And to break the day we enjoy a luncheon cruise on the River Thames where we see a different view of the city from the water.

Day 5 | London – Falmouth, Cornwall

FRIDAY 16 JULY (B,D)

This morning, we depart London for a delightful 9 days of touring through the south and west of England and travel to the Salisbury Plains. We visit Salisbury Cathedral dating back to the 13th century. For over 700 years, this majestic and awe-inspiring edifice built in stone and glass to reflect the glory of God has been a setting for magnificent occasions and processions. We then skirt the edge of Dartmoor National Park as we drive to Falmouth, a delightful town on the south coast of Cornwall for a 3-night stay. .

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Day 6 | Falmouth – Cornwall Excursion

SATURDAY 17 JULY (B,D)

From Falmouth, we explore the Cornish Peninsula enjoying stunning coastal views on a scenic drive to Penzance where we view St Michael's Mount. Down to Land's End, one of England's most famous landmarks and a place of stunning natural beauty, before we reach the picturesque village and artist colony of St Ives on the Atlantic Coast. We return to Falmouth later this afternoon.

Day 7 | Falmouth – Padstow Excursion

SUNDAY 18 JULY (B,L)

Our first visit today is to the Eden Project located near the village of St Austell. Its giant biomes - the largest greenhouses in the world - have become one of Cornwall's most celebrated landmarks. Tropical, temperate and desert environments have been recreated inside the biomes, so a single visit can carry you from the steaming rainforests of South America to the dry deserts of Northern Africa. Afterwards, our next visit is to the olde world fishing port of Padstow on the North Cornish coast. Here, we enjoy a very special luncheon at Rick Stein's original and signature restaurant, "The Seafood Restaurant" established way back in 1975.

NB: We are unable to confirm the restaurant booking until late December so if The Seafood Restaurant is unavailable, a suitable alternative will be booked.

Day 8 | Falmouth – Glastonbury – Bath

MONDAY 19 JULY (B,D)

Leaving Falmouth, we travel across Dartmoor National Park to Princetown, home to the infamous prison originally built to house the captives from the Napoleonic wars. Then to Glastonbury with a history all of its own but more recently famous for its 5 day music festival. Next up is the "city" of Wells with its magnificent cathedral and moated Bishop's palace. Medieval buildings and cobbled streets radiate out to the main marketplace which has been the bustling heart of the city for nine centuries. And finally to our overnight stay at the Roman city of Bath

Day 9 | Bath – Cotswolds – Stratford-Upon-Avon

TUESDAY 20 JULY (B,D)

Bath is a UNESCO World Heritage site and certainly one of the most interesting cities in the UK with a history dating back to Roman times. We spend the morning exploring the city and visit the restored Roman baths and the 15th century Abbey. Other highlights include the Royal Crescent and Pulteney Bridge. This afternoon, we drive north through the gentle rolling hill country of the Cotswold region. We pass through the market town of Cirencester and places with such interesting names as Bourton-On-Water, Stow-On-Wold and Moreton-On-Marsh. It is a beautiful part of England. Our destination today is Stratford-Upon-Avon where we stay for 2 nights.

Day 10 | Stratford-Upon-Avon

WEDNESDAY 21 JULY (B)

The town is known as the birthplace of William Shakespeare, perhaps the world's greatest ever playwright. During our morning tour we will visit many of the places of interest including Shakespeare's Birthplace, Halls Croft, Holy Trinity Church where the "bard" is buried along with his wife, and Anne Hathaway's Cottage where Anne was raised as a child. The remainder of the day is free to enjoy the town. Maybe later, you may wish to enjoy some Shakespearean Theatre at the RSC.

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Day 11 | Stratford-Upon-Avon - Oxford

THURSDAY 22 JULY (B,D)

Leaving Stratford, we travel to the town of Woodstock for a visit to one of the most impressive of all English palaces and estates, Blenheim Palace, home to the 12th Duke and Duchess of Marlborough and birthplace of Winston Churchill. It is a truly remarkable masterpiece of 18th century Baroque architecture and sits among more than 2000 acres of extraordinary, landscaped parkland and formal gardens designed by "Capability Brown". Keeping with today's aristocratic theme, we will also try to schedule a stop at the town of Bampton where many of the outdoor scenes of "Downtown Abbey" were filmed. Our home for the next 2 nights is the ancient university city of Oxford.

Day 12 | Oxford

FRIDAY 23 JULY (B)

Oxford University has a history of teaching that dates back to the 11th century making it the oldest university in the English speaking world. This morning, we enjoy a walking tour of the university area during which we learn about the collegiate system which is unique to Oxford and Cambridge. We visit Christ Church College, affectionately known as "the house" and originally founded by Cardinal Wolsey in 1529. Even today, its operation is a combination of church and college and boasts an internationally renowned cathedral choir as well as an important collection of Old Masters paintings. The remainder of the day is free. Maybe stroll the streets and lanes which have been brought to life in our living rooms through the television series of "Morse" and "Lewis".

Day 13 | Oxford – Southampton – Join Cruise

SATURDAY 24 JULY (B,D)

Late this morning, we transfer by coach to the port of Southampton where we join our floating home for the next 12 nights, the magnificent "Majestic Princess". Our ship departs at 4.00pm.

NB: For those departing home today, a late check-out has been arranged. You will be transferred separately to London Heathrow Airport for your mid-evening flight to Singapore.

Day 14 | Cornwall (Falmouth), England

SUNDAY 25 JULY (B,L,D)

England's southwest corner is steeped in legend and history. Tintagel Castle in Cornwall is the traditional birthplace of King Arthur. Falmouth, which boasts a superb deep-water harbour - the third largest in the world - shares the Cornish coast's colourful history of shipwrecks, smuggling, and privateering. Cornwall is scenic England at its best, with superb seascapes, picturesque harbours, and countryside of green fields and hedgerows, quaint villages and low-slung granite farmhouses. Cornwall's natural beauty has long made it a draw for British vacationers. Note: Your ship will anchor in Falmouth and use launches to transport all passengers ashore. Arrives 7.00am, Departs 6.00pm.

Day 15 | Cork, Ireland

MONDAY 26 JULY (B,L,D)

Founded in the 7th century by St. Fin Barre, Cork is your gateway to romantic Ireland. Stroll down narrow country lanes or see the Lakes of Killarney. The intrepid visitor may scale the narrow passages of Blarney Castle to kiss the Blarney Stone. The region around Cork is also home to one of the densest concentration of prehistoric monuments in Western Europe. In a land where fable and fact blend to become folklore, it was near Cork that the great Tuatha De Danaan, a race with magical powers, was driven underground by the conquering Celts. Cobh where we dock was the single most important port of emigration from Ireland. Arrives 7.00am, Departs 6.00pm.

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Day 16 | Dublin, Ireland

TUESDAY 27 JULY (B,L,D)

Dublin has experienced a renaissance. Today, this gracious and cosmopolitan city on the Liffey is one of Europe's premier destinations. The capital of the Republic of Ireland, Dublin is an intimate place that is easy to explore. Stroll past St. Stephen's Green or survey the grey, stone façades of Trinity College, Ireland's oldest university. The city is also remarkably well-preserved - every June 16, scholars retrace the paths of James Joyce's characters in the novel "Ulysses," set in Dublin on June 16, 1904. Dublin possesses a storied history. A settlement has existed on the banks of the River Liffey for at least a millennium and a half. Succeeding waves of Gaelic, Viking, Norman and English invaders have left their mark on the city. Note – we dock in Dun Laoghaire, a tender port located an approximate 30 minute drive from Dublin.

Arrives 7.00am, Departs 7.00pm

Day 17 | Liverpool, England

WEDNESDAY 28 JULY (BL,D)

This great industrial port grew to prominence as a result of trade with the Americas. That tradition continued in the '60s as the Beatles mounted the first wave of rock 'n' roll's "British Invasion". Liverpool is home to two of the finest neoclassical buildings in Europe. At nearby Port Sunlight, magnate William Lever built a model industrial village and created the Lady Lever Gallery. The museum is home to a superb collection of English paintings and furniture.

Arrives 10.00am, Departs 6.00pm

Day 18 | Belfast, Northern Ireland

THURSDAY 29 JULY (B,L,D)

The capital of Northern Ireland – part of the United Kingdom – Belfast has experienced a renaissance since the Good Friday Agreement of 1998 that promised an end to the decades-old "Troubles" between Catholics and Protestants. Stretching along both sides of the River Lagan, this graceful city of Victorian and Edwardian buildings has become a cosmopolitan tourist destination. Belfast was an industrial giant in the 19th century, famed for its linen and its shipyards. Explore this exuberant city, marvel at the Giant's Causeway or shop for superb Irish linens.

Arrives 7.30am, Departs 8.00pm

Day 19 | Glasgow, Scotland

FRIDAY 30 JULY (B,L,D)

Glasgow was Scotland's great industrial centre during the 19th century. Today, the city remains the commercial and cultural capital of the Lowlands. Lying on the banks of the River Clyde, Glasgow boasts some of the finest Victorian architecture in the entire United Kingdom, including the stately City Chambers. Elegant Princes Square offers excellent shopping, and among the host of museums and galleries, the Burrell Collection features a superb treasure trove of paintings and art objects.

Arrives 7.00am, Departs 6.00pm

Day 20 | At Sea

SATURDAY 31 JULY (B,L,D)

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea.

Day 21 | Invergordon, Scotland

SUNDAY 01 AUGUST (B,L,D)

Invergordon lies in a particularly beautiful part of the Highlands of Scotland. The village lies near the head of a Fjord on an arm of the North Sea and is surrounded by mountains and gentle rolling farmland. Take in the local sights such as Cawdor or Dunrobin Castle, venture out to Glen Affric, an area in the Heart of the Highlands containing one of the largest ancient Caledonian pinewoods in Scotland, or simply wander and enjoy the outstanding beauty of the area.
Arrives 7.00am, Departs 6.00pm

Day 22 | Edinburgh, Scotland

MONDAY 02 AUGUST (BL,D)

South Queensferry is the gateway to Edinburgh, the political, commercial and cultural heart of Scotland. Nestled between the Highlands and the Border Hills, Edinburgh is a gracious city noted for its superb skyline, its impressive collection of architecture and its beautiful parks. The streets of the elegant New Town are lined with graceful Georgian buildings, many designed by the great architect Robert Adam. Edinburgh has also exerted a tremendous cultural force on Europe and the English-speaking world. The International Festival has been one of the premier European cultural events for over half a century. Among those who have called the city home are the writers, Robert Burns, James Boswell, and Sir Walter Scott and the philosophers, Adam Smith and David Hume. To stroll the streets of Edinburgh is to experience one of the world's great cities.
Arrives 8.00am, Departs 8.00pm

Day 23 | At Sea

TUESDAY 03 AUGUST (B,L,D)

Another day to rest up and relax on board.

Day 24 | Paris/Normandy (Le Havre), France

WEDNESDAY 04 AUGUST (B,L,D)

Perhaps no other place in France holds more associations for English-speaking visitors than Normandy. The historic Allied landings on D-Day – 6 June, 1944 – live on in the memories of many. The port was nearly completely destroyed during the Normandy campaign. Today, Le Havre is France's second largest port and the gateway to Paris, "City of Light," the Norman countryside, and the historic landing beaches. Travelers usually head for the historic landing sites or to Paris. Le Havre was designated a World Heritage Site in 2005. The Musee des Beaux Arts Andre Malraux boasts one of the finest collections of Impressionist paintings in the world.
Arrives 7.00am, Departs 8.00pm

Day 25 | Southampton - Singapore

THURSDAY 05 AUGUST (B)

Our wonderful cruise comes to an end this morning when we dock at Southampton. We are transferred back to London's Heathrow Airport in time to join our flight departing for Singapore in the evening. If you would like to stay on in Europe and return home later please let us know and we can assist with your travel plans.

Day 26 | Singapore - Home

FRIDAY 06 AUGUST

We arrive into Singapore late afternoon. We have arranged rooms at the transit hotel, located inside the airport, so that you can get some rest or freshen up, prior to joining our late-night flight connection through to Auckland.

Day 27 | Home

SATURDAY 07 AUGUST

The tour concludes with arrival home mid-morning.



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