

American Celebration of Music in England

Tour #3 (7 nights/9 days)

Day 1

Departure via scheduled air service to London

Day 2

London

(D)

Arrive in London

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to the awaiting chartered motorcoach

Enjoy a panoramic tour of London's highlights. See famous landmarks including Whitehall and Trafalgar Square with Nelson's Column, and Buckingham Palace, where you might see the Changing of the Guard, etc.

Afternoon hotel check-in

Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight

Established 1,250 years ago, London became an important Roman city. It was resettled by the Saxons in the fifth century, after the end of the Roman occupation. London has been scourged by the plague (1665) and was almost entirely destroyed by the Great Fire (1666). World War II's "Blitzkrieg" tore up the city considerably. She stands today as a monument to perseverance, culture, excitement, history, and greatness

Day 3

London

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Take a guided cruise on the River Thames. View all the most famous sights of London while learning rich historical facts about the city and the River. As the cruise sets sail along the gentle currents of the River Thames, passengers are immediately treated to a panoramic feast of London's architectural wonders. The city's skyline unfolds, revealing a seamless blend of historic and modern structures lining the riverbanks. Tower Bridge, an unmistakable symbol of London, stands proudly with its two majestic towers and intricate bascules, creating a dramatic entrance to the cruise. The Houses of Parliament and the iconic Big Ben (now officially known as the Elizabeth Tower) also come into view, standing proudly along the river. Throughout the cruise, informative commentary or guides onboard provide fascinating insights into the history and significance of the landmarks, enhancing the cultural experience

Lunch, on own

Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping, and other activities

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Evening dinner and overnight

Day 4

Canterbury / London

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Half-day sightseeing tour of Canterbury, including a tour of the Cathedral. Canterbury Cathedral is visible from miles around and is the most important center of pilgrimage in Northern Europe. The first Cathedral to occupy the site was begun in AD 597 by St. Augustine. After several fires, the Cathedral today consists of 11th, 12th, 14th, and 15th century architecture



Lunch, on own

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Return to London

Evening dinner and overnight

Day 5

Ely / Cambridge

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Stop in Ely for a tour of Ely Cathedral, which is the only UK building to be listed as one of the “Seven Wonders of the Middle Ages”. Ely Cathedral stands proudly as a testament to medieval craftsmanship and architectural brilliance. The cathedral is a stunning example of Gothic architecture, characterized by its pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and soaring spires. Stepping inside, visitors are enveloped in the cavernous interior space, where the nave stretches towards the distant altar. The Lady Chapel, located at the eastern end of the cathedral, is a masterpiece of medieval craftsmanship. Its delicate tracery, elegant pinnacles, and finely detailed carvings make it a focal point of artistic and architectural excellence. Ely Cathedral is also home to a wealth of historical and religious artifacts, including tombs, effigies, and a beautiful wooden medieval octagon that once served as a monastic choir

Lunch, on own

Continue to Cambridge to visit King’s College Chapel, which was built between 1446 and 1515. It is particularly famous for its vaulted roof, which weighs an enormous 2,000 tons! In addition, the stalls and screens are very fine. The Choir of King’s College Cambridge is famous throughout the world, due to their many recordings and highly televised Christmas service, “Carols from King’s”

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Evening dinner and overnight

Cambridge is situated north of London, nestled amongst green hills and little villages. Cambridge is England’s second oldest university, already having an established academic reputation in the early 13th century when scholars from Paris and Oxford fled there. You will see that Cambridge is very much a university city, with a center consisting of famous colleges, complete with their historic buildings, courtyards, and bridges across the River Cam

Day 6

Leeds

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to Leeds

Visit Lincoln Cathedral. Lincoln Cathedral was reputedly the tallest building in the world for 249 years. It stands on the crest of a high ridge above the town and the River Witham

Lunch, on own

Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping, and other activities

Evening dinner and overnight

One of the fastest-growing cities in the UK, Leeds is the glitzy embodiment of rediscovered northern self-confidence. A decade and a half of redevelopment has seen the city centre transform from a near-derelict mill town into a vision of 21st-century urban chic, with skyscraping office blocks, glass-and-steel waterfront apartment complexes, and renovated Victorian shopping arcades



Day 7**Leeds / York****(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Enjoy a full-day excursion to York, where you will enjoy an orientation tour of the city. Since its establishment as a city by the Romans in AD 71, York has played a pivotal role in the history of England, and today, it showcases well-preserved remains that bring this history to life

Visit York Minster (the largest medieval cathedral in England). Also visit the Shambles (the most visited among many streets with overhanging timber-framed houses), and many other attractions

Lunch, on own

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Evening dinner and overnight

**Day 8****Liverpool****(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to Liverpool

Visit The Beatles Story. Discover everything you will ever need to know about the world's greatest rock band at the award-winning The Beatles Story, in Liverpool's Mersey-side Albert Dock. The Beatles met as teenagers in the maritime city of Liverpool before shooting to worldwide fame with hits like She Loves You and Love Me Do. This UNESCO City of Music has become intrinsically linked with the Fab Four, and it's only right that the world's largest permanent Beatles exhibition is located on the city's iconic riverside

Lunch, on own

Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping, and other activities

Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight

**Day 9****Depart for home****(B)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to the Manchester Airport for the return flight

**Subject to confirmation*



This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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