

American Celebration of Music in Britain

Standard Tour #4 (7 nights/9 days)

Day 1

Depart via scheduled air service to London, England

Day 2

London

(D)

Arrive in London

Meet your MCI Tour Manager who will assist the group to the awaiting chartered motorcoach for transfer to the hotel. Enjoy a panoramic tour of London's highlights including Whitehall and Trafalgar Square with Nelson's Column, and Buckingham Palace, where you might see the Changing of the Guard

Drive by Chelsea Embankment and Cheyne Walk home to R. Vaughan Williams

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

Visit the Royal Academy of Music where former students such as Vaughan Williams, Gordon Jacob and Gustav Holst were enrolled

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Lunch, on own

A guided tour of London includes the residential and shopping districts of Kensington and Knightsbridge. Pass Westminster Abbey, where most English Kings and Queens have been crowned since 1066, and where many are buried. See Piccadilly Circus and pass Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament. Continue along Fleet Street to St. Paul's Cathedral, and also see the 900-year-old Tower of London, whose construction was initiated by William the Conqueror

Evening dinner and overnight

Day 4

London

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Enjoy a backstage tour of Royal Albert Hall. Go behind the scenes of this much loved Grade 1 building and gain access to parts of the hall that are usually off limits to the public. The tour includes taking you under the stage, into one of the dressing rooms where the stars prepare to perform and also into the loading bay deep underground

Lunch, on own

Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping and other activities

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Evening dinner and overnight

Day 5

London / Oxford / Stratford / Coventry (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Coventry

Excursion to Oxford to tour the world-famous town. The city of Oxford grew up around the University of Oxford - one of the world's oldest and most prestigious seats of learning. The importance and wealth of the university is projected through the scale and grandeur of the college buildings throughout the city. Pass some of the oldest colleges such as the 13th Exeter College, the impressive Bodleian Library and Baliol College, which is something of an assembly line for British Prime Ministers

Lunch, on own

Stop in Stratford to enjoy a tour of the Shakespeare properties. Start with the half-timbered house that is Shakespeare's Birthplace. The house itself is part museum and part shrine and is of course, the house where the bard was born in 1564. Then visit Anne Hathaway's Cottage. See the Hathaway bed in addition to the beautiful gardens, orchard and Shakespeare tree garden. Also visit Holy Trinity Church, which occupies a truly magical setting amongst some trees next to the river. The church itself is typically English, demonstrated by the tower, transepts and the perpendicular nave and aisle. Shakespeare is buried on the north side of the chancel

Continue to Coventry for dinner and overnight

Coventry was once a bustling hub for the production of cloth, clocks, bicycles, automobiles and munitions. It was this last industry that drew the German Luftwaffe in WWII: on the night of 14 November 1940, the city was so badly blitzed that the Nazis coined a new verb, coventrieren, meaning "to flatten." A handful of medieval streets that escaped the bombers offer a glimpse of old Coventry.

Day 6

Coventry

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Visit the Elgar Birthplace Museum and Worcester Cathedral. Worcester Cathedral is one of England's loveliest cathedrals. With royal tombs of King John and Prince Arthur, medieval cloisters, ancient crypt and chapter house, and magnificent Victorian stained glass

Lunch, on own

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Evening dinner and overnight

Day 7

Coventry / Liverpool

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Liverpool

Visit The Beatles Story. Discover everything you will ever need to know about the world's greatest ever 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 city's iconic riverside

Lunch, on own

Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping, and other activities



Evening dinner and overnight

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

Breakfast at the hotel

Full day excursion to Manchester

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Lunch, on own

Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping and other activities

Return to Liverpool

Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight

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

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to the Manchester Airport for return flight

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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