

American Celebration of Music in Britain

Standard 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 awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to the hotel via 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, 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

Morning guided sightseeing tour, including a one-hour Thames River Cruise

Lunch, on own

Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping, and other activities

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Evening dinner and overnight

Day 4

London / Canterbury

(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

London / Ely / Cambridge

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Ely where you will visit Ely Cathedral. The Cathedral has its origins in AD 672 when St. Ethelreda built an Abbey Church

Lunch, on own



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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 screen 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 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 **Cambridge / Leeds** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Leeds

Visit to Leeds Castle where you will discover 900 years of history and explore 500 acres of beautiful parkland and gardens

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 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 71 AD York has played a pivotal role in the history of England and today 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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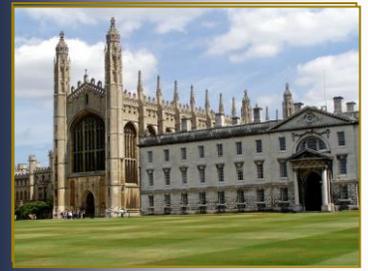
Evening dinner and overnight

Day 8 **Leeds / 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



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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 Farewell Dinner and overnight

Day 9

Depart for home

(B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to 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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