



VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

JOURNEY THROUGH BRITAIN

ENGLAND, SCOTLAND & WALES

August 6-19, 2018

14 days for \$6,296 total price from Washington, DC
(\$5,795 air & land inclusive plus \$501 airline taxes and fees)



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**An Exclusive Small Group Tour for
Members of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts**
Featuring a Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Performance

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Dear VMFA Members,

Travel with us on a special 14-day journey through captivating Great Britain. From Edinburgh and Snowdonia to Bath and London, our small group will enjoy the many charms of timeless England, Scotland, and Wales.

We begin in the Scottish capital of Edinburgh, touring the 18th-century “New Town” and medieval “Old Town,” and the Royal Mile, and experience a true tour highlight: reserved seating at the annual Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Next we travel to the beautiful Lake District, stopping to visit Dove Cottage and Hill Top and to enjoy a boat ride on Lake Windermere. From here, we travel to Wales’ unspoiled Snowdonia National Park and England’s Stratford-upon-Avon, where we visit Shakespeare’s birthplace and Anne Hathaway’s cottage & gardens. In Bath, we tour the historic Roman Baths then proceed to enigmatic Stonehenge and Windsor Castle. We end our tour in wondrous London, where we see celebrated landmarks such as the Tower of London, Big Ben, and Buckingham Palace.

Space on this program is limited to 24 VMFA members. We expect it will fill quickly; your early reservations are encouraged.

Sincerely,



Adele “Hutch” Livingston
Coordinator of Member Travel

VMFA RESERVATION FORM: JOURNEY THROUGH BRITAIN

Enclosed is my/our deposit of \$_____ (\$500 per person) for ____ person(s) on **Journey through Britain** departing **August 6, 2018**. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. You may also call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or you may fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.**

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Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request a Business Class upgrade

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

Post-Tour “London – On Your Own” Extension: Please sign me/us up

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Journey through Britain, August 6-19, 2018**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Method of Payment Check American Express Discover MasterCard VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.

JOURNEY THROUGH BRITAIN

England, Scotland & Wales

14 days for \$6,296 total price from Washington, DC
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On this wide-ranging tour we travel from city to country and back again: from gracious Edinburgh to England's legendary Lake District, from spectacular Snowdonia to the rural Cotswolds and Roman Bath, ending in cosmopolitan London. As we see history and legend come to life on our journey, we also enjoy the region's timeless hospitality.



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Edinburgh, Scotland

Day 2: Arrive Edinburgh We arrive in the Scottish capital and transfer to our hotel. As guests' arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities planned during the day; though our tour director will lead an orientation walking tour of the neighborhood surrounding our hotel late this morning. Later we meet for a briefing about the journey ahead; tonight we gather for a welcome dinner. *D*

Day 3: Edinburgh Our morning tour of this stately city built on seven hills includes the 18th-century "New Town" and the medieval "Old Town," where we visit Edinburgh Castle, symbolic heart of Scotland. This afternoon is at leisure to discover Edinburgh as we wish; museums, galleries, and shops abound. Tonight we enjoy a performance of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, the spectacular annual pageant set in the floodlit esplanade of Edinburgh Castle. *B*

Day 4: Edinburgh This morning we encounter the Royal Mile, the historic boulevard connecting Edinburgh Castle with the Palace of Holyrood House. We tour Holyrood, as it is called, and see where British royalty schemed and slept as we tour the State Apartments. After lunch at a local restaurant, the remainder of the day is free for independent exploration and dinner on our own. *B,L*

Day 5: Edinburgh/Lake District Departing Edinburgh this morning, we're bound for the beautiful – and beloved – Lake District of northwest England, a national park and diverse landscape of lakes, rivers, ancient woodlands, and small towns and villages. On arrival we stop at Dove Cottage, where English Romantic poet William Wordsworth penned some of his most memorable lines. Late afternoon we reach our hotel on the shores of Lake Windermere; we dine tonight at our hotel. *B,L,D*

Day 6: Lake District Today's excursion begins with a boat ride on Windermere, England's largest lake.

Avg. High (°F)	Aug	Sep
Edinburgh	65	61
Llandudno (Wales)	67	62
London	73	67

Small Group Tour Highlights

Edinburgh touring, including Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood House, and Royal Mile • Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo • England's pastoral Lake District • Boat ride on Lake Windermere • Wales' Bodnant Garden and unspoiled Snowdonia National Park • Shakespeare's birthplace at Stratford-upon-Avon • Bath touring: Roman Baths, Assembly Room, Circus, Bath Abbey • Stonehenge visit • Free time in Windsor • Cosmopolitan London

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Edinburgh		
2-4	Edinburgh, Scotland	Apex Waterloo Place Hotel	Sup. First Class
5-6	Lake District, England	Low Wood Bay Resort Hotel	First Class
7-8	Llandudno, Wales	The Empire Hotel	First Class
9-11	Bath, England	The Abbey Hotel	First Class
12-13	London	Amba Hotel Charing Cross	Sup. First Class
14	Depart London for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: We travel through England's Cotswolds, with its gentle rolling hills and traditional villages.



The Stewart Monument on Calton Hill overlooks Edinburgh.

After time for lunch on our own in charming Ambleside, we visit Hill Top, the 17th-century farmhouse and garden that author Beatrix Potter purchased with the proceeds from her *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*. *B,D*

Day 7: Lake District/North Wales Traveling through splendid Lake District scenery today, we reach Wales and stop at lovely Bodnant Garden, the historic 80-acre National Trust property. We continue on to the seaside town of Llandudno, dubbed “Queen of the Welsh Resorts,” and our hotel, where we dine tonight. *B,D*

Day 8: North Wales/Snowdonia National Park Wales is a land of fierce natural beauty, as we see for ourselves on this morning’s visit to Snowdonia National Park. Named for Snowdon, at 3,560 feet the tallest mountain in England and Wales, the park comprises some 840 square miles of unspoiled wooded valleys, mountains, moorlands, lakes, and rivers, which we see during a scenic train ride through the park. Then we head to 13th-century Caernarfon Castle, a medieval fortress whose brute appearance symbolized English domination over the Welsh. Mid-afternoon we return to our coastal retreat, where we dine tonight. *B,L,D*

Day 9: North Wales/Stratford-upon-Avon/Bath Returning to England today, we visit Stratford-upon-Avon, where our touring includes a visit to Shakespeare’s Birthplace, a restored 16th-century half-timbered house where the Bard is believed to have been born in 1564. We also tour Anne Hathaway’s Cottage & Gardens, the thatched farmhouse of Shakespeare’s bride that still contains some original furnishings. Then we have time in this 800-year-old market town for lunch on our own and to explore independently before we continue on to Bath. We reach our hotel late this afternoon and dine there tonight. *B,D*

Day 10: Bath We set out on a morning tour of this storied and graceful city where the ancient Romans first “took the waters” at England’s only hot springs. Today the historic Roman Baths count among the city’s most popular sites, along with Bath Abbey, the 18th-century Assembly Room, The Circus, and Royal Crescent, all of which we see on our tour. The afternoon is free to explore as we wish. From the Jane Austen Centre to the Fashion Museum, and from charming tearooms to stately Georgian architecture, Bath offers a bounty of worthy sites and attractions. *B*

Day 11: Bath/The Cotswolds Today we encounter the postcard-perfect Cotswolds, England’s south central region of gently rolling hills dotted with villages of

Post-Tour Extension

August 19-21, 2018

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- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to the airport

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– WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

honey-colored limestone, market towns, and unspoiled countryside. We stop for lunch in one of the region’s charming villages before returning to Bath and our hotel mid-afternoon, with the remainder of the day and this evening at leisure. *B,L*

Day 12: Bath/London We travel today to London, stopping en route to see Stonehenge, the 4,500-year-old Neolithic monument that remains something of a mystery today. That the prehistoric circle of stones is a masterpiece of engineering and building is undisputed; exactly why it was created is less certain. Next we visit Windsor, site of British royalty’s Windsor Castle, where we have free time to explore on our own before we continue on to London, arriving



We visit Snowdonia on Day 8.

late this afternoon. Dinner tonight is on our own in this cosmopolitan capital city. *B*

Day 13: London
A panoramic city tour this morning passes such celebrated London landmarks as the infamous Tower of London, grand Parliament and Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, and Hyde Park. Our afternoon is at leisure to explore this wondrous city as we wish; theater, museums, parks, a boat ride on the Thames – London offers an embarrassment of riches from which to choose. Tonight we celebrate our journey through Britain at a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Day 14: Depart for U.S. We transfer this morning to Heathrow Airport for our flights home. *B*

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 12 nights’ accommodations in Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- 23 meals: 12 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



We see iconic Big Ben on Day 13.

Tour Departs: August 6, 2018

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Newark	\$5,996
Boston, Philadelphia	\$6,196
Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Washington, DC	\$6,296
Charlotte, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Tampa	\$6,396
Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$6,496
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$5,095

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$501, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,495.

All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$3,995 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765

Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time

For further information, contact VMFA Member Travel at 804-340-1519

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

Responsibility

The liability of the VMFA, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**



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