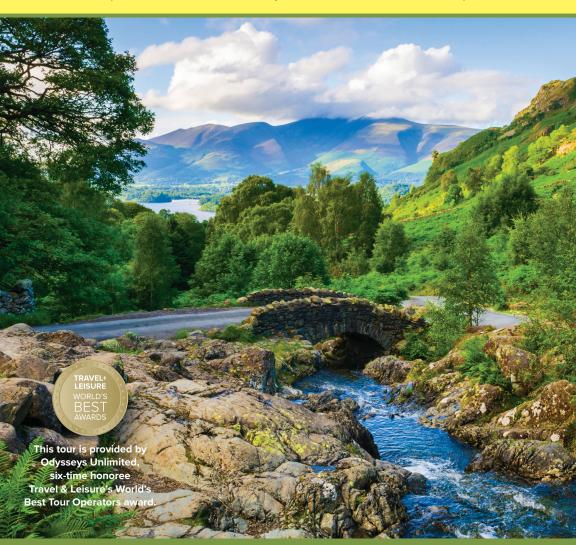


# Journey through Britain

England, Scotland & Wales

August 23-September 5, 2021

**14 days for \$5,871 total price from Washington, DC** (\$5,295 air & land inclusive plus \$576 airline taxes and fees)



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



#### Dear VMFA Members,

Join VMFA on an exclusive 14-day small group journey through captivating Great Britain to discover the many charms of England, Scotland, and Wales. One of this tour's highlights is a performance of the famed Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, which only occurs in August.

The explorations begin in stately Edinburgh, and include Edinburgh Castle and the Royal Mile. Traveling on to England's beautiful Lake District, spend two nights on Lake Windermere's shores. Visit William Wordsworth's grammar school and enjoy a boat ride on the idyllic lake. With the next two nights in North Wales, touring includes historic Bodnant Garden, Conwy Castle, and a scenic train ride through Snowdonia National Park. Returning to England, discover Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon. Experience the postcard-perfect Cotswolds region and spend two nights in storied Bath. After stops at enigmatic Stonehenge and Windsor Castle, encounter London's celebrated landmarks during a two-night stay. Those who wish can prolong their time in London with an optional 3-day/2-night post-tour extension.

Space on this exciting program is limited and will fill quickly. Your deposit is fully refundable up until 95 days prior to departure. Book risk-free today!

Sincerely,

Hutch Livingston

Adele "Hutch" Livingston Coordinator of Member Travel

#### VMFA RESERVATION FORM: JOURNEY THROUGH BRITAIN

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$\_\_\_\_\_(\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_ person(s) on Journey through Britain, departing August 23, 2021. 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.

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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 23-September 5, 2021*, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

| Signature(s)       |       |                  |          | Date       |       |
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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 at least 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.

# Journey through Britain

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# 14 days for \$5,871 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.



# **Small Group Tour Highlights**

Edinburgh touring, including Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood House, and Royal Mile • Performance of 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 Stratfordupon-Avon • Bath touring: Roman Baths, Assembly Room, Circus, Bath Abbey • Stonehenge visit • Windsor Castle • Cosmopolitan London

| Day   | Itinerary                 | Hotel                        | Rating              |  |
|-------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| 1     | Depart U.S. for Edinburgh |                              |                     |  |
| 2-4   | Edinburgh,<br>Scotland    | Apex Waterloo<br>Place Hotel | Sup. First<br>Class |  |
| 5-6   | Lake District,<br>England | Low Wood Bay<br>Resort Hotel | First Class         |  |
| 7-8   | Llandudno,<br>Wales       | The Empire<br>Hotel          | First Class         |  |
| 9     | Stratford-<br>upon-Avon   | The Arden<br>Hotel           | Sup. First<br>Class |  |
| 10-11 | Bath, England             | Francis Hotel Bath           | First Class         |  |
| 12-13 | London                    | Amba Hotel<br>Charing Cross  | Sup. First<br>Class |  |
| 14    | Depart London for U.S.    |                              |                     |  |

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

#### 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. Late this afternoon, 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  $18^{th}$ -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. Dinner tonight is on our own, and Edinburgh boasts a robust culinary scene. Tonight we enjoy an evening performance of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. *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** Today 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. *B*,*L*,*D* 

Day 6: Lake District Today's explorations begin with a cruise on idyllic Lake Windermere, England's largest lake. We continue to the village of Hawkshead, where we have time for lunch on our own followed by a visit to Hawkshead Grammar School, famously attended by poet William Wordsworth. Next, we visit the Beatrix Potter Gallery, showcasing the original artwork of the author who lived nearby in

Cover photo: We visit England's beloved Lake District, where we enjoy a cruise on lovely Lake Windermere.



Wales' pristine Snowdonia National Park, which we visit on Day 8

the early 1900s. Late afternoon we return to our hotel and dine there tonight. B,D

**Day 7: Lake District/North Wales** We travel through splendid Lake District scenery today en route to Wales, with its rugged natural beauty and distinct culture. Our first stop is at Bodnant Garden, the historic 80-acre National Trust property with a lovely hillside setting and ever-changing displays, from manicured lawns to flower-filled terraces. After our visit, we continue on to the seaside town of Llandudno, dubbed "Queen of the Welsh Resorts," and our home for the next two nights. We dine tonight at our hotel. *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, 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. Then we head to the port town of Conwy to visit the 13<sup>th</sup>-century UNESCO site of Conwy Castle, a medieval fortress whose brute appearance symbolized English domination over the Welsh. Mid-afternoon we return to our coastal retreat, with time at leisure before dinner together tonight. *B*,*D* 

**Day 9: North Wales/Stratford-upon-Avon** Returning to England today, we travel to Stratford-upon-Avon, where our touring includes a visit to Shakespeare's Birthplace, a restored 16<sup>th</sup>-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 dine together at our hotel this evening. *B*,*D* 

#### Day 10: Stratford-upon-Avon/The Cotswolds/Bath

Today we encounter the Cotswolds, England's south central region of gently rolling hills dotted with villages of honey-colored limestone, market towns, and unspoiled countryside, looking much as it did 300 years ago. We arrive in Bath mid-afternoon, with the remainder of the day and this evening at leisure.  $B_{,L}$ 

**Day 11: 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 18<sup>th</sup>-century Assembly Room, The Circus, and the

#### Post-Tour Extension

### September 5-7, 2021 London – On Your Own

3 days/2 nights for \$445 total price Single Supplement: \$295

Theater, art, shopping, restaurants – London has it all, in abundance. Enjoy this world capital in your own style, at your own pace.

#### Your Tour Price Includes

- 2 nights' accommodations at Amba Hotel Charing Cross (Superior First Class)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to airport

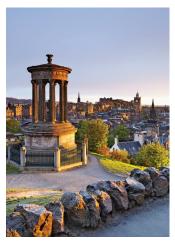
# Here today, up and somewhere else tomorrow."

– Kenneth Grahame

Royal Crescent, all of which we see on our tour. The afternoon is free to explore as we wish before we dine together at our hotel this evening. B,D

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Day 12: Bath/London We leave our pastoral days behind as 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 Windsor Castle, home to British royalty for more than a millennium. We tour the castle, including St. George's Chapel, burial place of six of the last eight



British monarchs. Then we continue on to London, arriving late this afternoon. Dinner tonight is on our own in this worldclass city. *B* 

Day 13: London A panoramic city tour this morning passes such celebrated London land-

Edinburgh's Stewart Monument

marks 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; London offers an embarrassment of riches from which to choose. Tonight we celebrate our journey through Britain at a farewell dinner. *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, 3 lunches, 8 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



England's beautiful Cotswolds region

# Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

This special departure includes reserved seating at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, an entertainment extravaganza set against the backdrop of flood-lit Edinburgh Castle.

## Tour Departs: August 23, 2021

| Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcha | rges, and fees. |  |
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| Newark   | \$5,571         |  |
| Boston, Philadelphia                               | \$5,771         |  |
| Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago,                       |                 |  |
| Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit,                    | \$5,871         |  |
| Washington, DC                                     |                 |  |
| Charlotte, Dallas, Denver,                         |                 |  |
| Houston, Miami, Minneapolis,                       | \$5,971         |  |
| Orlando, Tampa                                     |                 |  |
| Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR),               | \$6,071         |  |
| San Francisco, Seattle                             |                 |  |
| Land Only (transfers not included)                 | \$4,895         |  |
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Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$576, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,495. Your \$500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days before departure. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$3,595 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

This trip involves a significant amount of walking and at times on uneven terrain. You must be in good physical condition to participate in the tour.

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); potional signtseeing; and they lower than jourane. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

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