



England and Wales (15 days)

Join Richard – Director of Fun – on this tour of enchanting England and welcoming Wales.

April is a delightful time to explore England and Wales. Spring is in full swing, and the cities and countryside come alive with vibrant colours.

You will be captivated by Wales, a destination that offers a blend of natural beauty, rich culture, and warm hospitality. Spend four days exploring Cymru, including the historic capital Cardiff, the scenic seaside town of Caernarfon and the highest peaks in Snowdonia. Few other tour companies take this much time to explore Wales!

Undoubtedly, England has its own charms! London is a bustling city full of culture. Stonehenge, Bath and York echo the country's ancient history. See the quintessential English village of Castle Combe. Learn about the enduring legacy of both William Shakespeare and The Beatles.

And, for those of you who travelled with us to Ireland and Scotland, we are pleased to announce Peter Scott is slated to be our tour guide!

This tour is fully escorted from Halifax, making it a truly worry-free escape! We'll be with you every step of the way.

Early Booking Discount: *Book before Oct. 31, 2024 for savings of \$150 per person*

Dates

April 13 - April 27, 2025

Highlights

14 Nights' Accommodation including 3 Nights in London, 2 Nights in Bath, 2 Nights in Cardiff, 2 Nights in Bodelwyddan, Wales and 2 Nights in York

21 Meals including the Spirit of Wales show: 14 Breakfasts, 7 Dinners

Windsor Castle
Tour of London
Walking tours of Bath, Cardiff, Chester & York
Stonehenge
Roman Baths
Cardiff Castle
The Royal Mint
Train ride on Snowdonia Mountain Railway
Caernarfon Castle
The Beatles Story
Castle Howard
Ghost Tour of York
Chatsworth House
Shakespeare's Birthplace
Days at Leisure in London and York
Local Tour Guide in England & Wales - Peter Scott!
Gratuities to Local Guide & Driver
Comfortable Modern Motorcoach
Escorted from Halifax by Richard
Round Trip Airfare with Air Canada from Halifax to London Heathrow

Itinerary

DAY 1: April 13, 2025

Depart for England & Wales

A non-stop, trans-Atlantic flight takes you to London, the capital of England and the most visited city in the world. Upon arrival, meet your local tour guide and driver and transfer to your hotel, located in the fashionable Kensington area. Settle in for a three-night stay

Please note: Flights have now been booked and are included in the cost of the tour!

DAY 2: April 14, 2025

Tour London & Windsor Castle

Not far from London is the town of Windsor. While there, visit **Windsor Castle**, an official residence of His Majesty the King, and the oldest and largest inhabited castle in the world. In the afternoon, enjoy a **panoramic city tour of London**. Discover the city's iconic landmarks, architectural and cultural diversity, and fascinating history. Your tour will take you on a non-stop procession of recognizable landmarks, including The Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace and much more. This evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. **(Breakfast, Dinner)**

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DAY 3: April 15, 2025

Free Day to Explore London

Spend the **day at leisure in London**. There is so much to see and do! Your tour guide will be available to make suggestions. **(Breakfast)**

DAY 4: April 16, 2025

London to Bath

No tour to England is complete without visiting the mysterious **Stonehenge**, one of the world's most famous pre-historic sites. Dating back to approximately 3000 BCE, this circle of stones continues to fascinate people the world over. Afterwards, journey to the charming **Cotswolds village of Castle Combe**. Discover first-hand why it is often rated the "prettiest village in England". Continue to delightful **Bath** where you will spend the next two nights. **(Breakfast)**

DAY 5: April 17, 2025

Touring the Roman Baths & a Walking Tour of Bath

Begin your day with a **visit to the Roman Baths**. Built around 70 CE as a grand bathing and socializing complex, the site transports visitors back to Roman times through its extensive ruins and interactive museum. After, enjoy a **walking tour of the city**. The delightful city centre of Bath is packed with eye-catching highlights, such as the honey-coloured stone of the Royal Crescent, Bath Abbey with its gothic interior and the ancient Roman Baths. Bath is also synonymous with the 18th century novelist Jane Austen whose life and works are immortalised in the Jane Austen Centre. Spend the balance of the day at leisure. **(Breakfast)**

DAY 6: April 18, 2025

Bath to Cardiff

Today starts the Welsh portion of your journey as you travel to the capital of Wales: **Cardiff**. Upon arrival discover the city's past, present, and future during a **walking tour**. See Llandaff Cathedral, Bute Park, the River Taff and the rejuvenated Cardiff Bay area. In the heart of the city is **Cardiff Castle**, a medieval castle with a rich history spanning over 2000 years. The city is your home for the next two nights. This evening, enjoy Welsh music, culture and poetry accompanied by delicious food and drink with the **Spirit of Wales show**. **(Breakfast, Dinner)**

DAY 7: April 19, 2025

The Royal Mint

Near Cardiff is **The Royal Mint**. Learn about the detailed process involved in producing coins and the history of the United Kingdom's coinage. See some of the most unique and rare coins in British history on display. After your visit, return to Cardiff for time to explore on your own. **(Breakfast)**

DAY 8: April 20, 2025

Cardiff to Bodelwynddan

Today's travels take you through Northern Wales. Drive through **Snowdonia National Park**, with its breathtaking peaks and spectacular lakes. The park is home to Wales' highest peak and Wales' largest national lake. Continue to the village of **Bodelwyddan** where you will spend two nights.

(Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 9: April 21, 2025

Snowdonia Mountain Railway and Caernarfon

Today, take a once in a lifetime adventure on the **Snowdonia Mountain Railway**, described as one of the most scenic railway journeys in the world. As the train travels up the mountain, you'll experience awe-inspiring scenery, see beautiful waterfalls and gorges, and marvel at the remnants of medieval settlements. As there may be ice and/or snow on Snowdonia during early spring, the train stops three-quarters of the way at Clogwyn Station. But fear not: the views are still impressive! Afterwards, make a stop in **Bangor**, one of the oldest cities in Wales, for some free time to explore. Visit imposing **Caernarfon Castle**, one of the best-preserved examples of medieval military architecture in the United Kingdom and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The castle was also the site of the investiture in 1969 of the Prince of Wales, now King Charles III. **(Breakfast, Dinner)**

DAY 10: April 22, 2025

Caernarfon to Liverpool

Say "ffarwel" to Wales as you return to England today. In the walled, medieval city of **Chester**, enjoy a **walking tour**. See the beautiful sandstone city walls, the ruins of a Roman amphitheater and Chester Cathedral. Tudor England is also brought back to life in the tightly packed streets full of distinctive black and white half gabled houses. Your journey continues to **Liverpool**, your home for the night. No trip to that city is complete without visiting **The Beatles Story**, the world's largest permanent exhibition devoted to the life and times of the band that changed the world of music forever. **(Breakfast)**

DAY 11: April 23, 2025

Liverpool to York

Fans of the hit series **Bridgerton** are in for a treat: a visit to **Castle Howard**! You may recognize it as the Duke of Hastings' home Clyvedon Castle. Since the 1960s, the estate has been used as a location for many film and television productions. Tour the stately home's rooms, gardens and grounds during your time there. Afterwards, continue to the city of **York** for a two-night stay. Since its establishment as a city by the Romans in 71 CE, York has played a pivotal role in the history of England and showcases well-preserved remains that bring this history to life. During a **walking tour**, stroll along the medieval city walls, visit the ruined 11th century St. Mary's Abbey and marvel at the exterior of York Minster Cathedral. Also, walk through the city centre's maze of half-timbered houses that also almost touch across the narrow lanes like The Shambles and Whip-ma-Whop-ma-Gate. **(Breakfast)**

DAY 12: April 24, 2025

Free Day to Explore York & A Ghost Tour

Spend the **day at leisure in York**. Your tour guide will be available to make suggestions of what to see and do. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a **York Ghost Tour**. The walk explores a world of folklore, legend and dreams in one of the most haunted cities in the world. Tales are drawn from the immense history of York and are told against a backdrop of haunting beauty. **(Breakfast, Dinner)**

DAY 13: April 25, 2025

York to Leicester

Your journey southward takes you to **Chatsworth House** in the Derbyshire Dales. Located in the middle of expansive parkland and backed by wooded, rocky hills rising to heather moorland,

Chatsworth House has been described as a “second Versailles”. The house contains major collections of paintings, furniture, Old Master drawings, neoclassical sculptures, books and other artefacts. There is also a 105-acre garden and farmyard to explore. Chatsworth has been chosen as Britain's favourite country house several times. It, too, has been a filming location for such productions as *Pride and Prejudice*, *The Crown* and *Peaky Blinders*. Continue to **Leicester**, the largest city in the East Midlands, where you will spend the night. **(Breakfast)**

DAY 14: April 26, 2025

Leicester to Windsor

No tour of England is complete without visiting **Shakespeare's Birthplace** – the Bard's childhood home in the heart of Stratford-upon-Avon. Learn about William Shakespeare's family life and the legacy his plays and sonnets continue to have in the 21st century. Return to Windsor for the last night of the tour. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. **(Breakfast, Dinner)**

DAY 15: April 27, 2025

Homeward Bound!

Your time in Enchanting England & Welcoming Wales draws to a close today, having created memories that last a lifetime. **(Breakfast)**

Please note: A group transfer to the airport is included in the cost of the tour.

Accommodations

Days 1, 2 & 3

Days 4 & 5

Days 6 & 7

Days 8 & 9

Day 10

Days 11 & 12

Day 13

Day 14

Holiday Inn Regent's Park, London, UK

Apex City of Bath Hotel, Bath, UK

Leonardo Hotel Cardiff, Cardiff, UK

Faenol Fawr Country House & Manor Hotel,
Bodelwyddan, UK

Mercure Liverpool Atlantic Tower Hotel, Liverpool,
UK

Moxy York, York, UK

Voco Leicester, Leicester, UK

MacDonald Hotel Windsor, Windsor, UK

Rates (CAD)

2025

Double/Twin

\$8399

Single

\$10,849

Rates are Per Person in CAD.

Rates ARE NOT subject to HST.

Airfare is included in rates.

Deposit:

Deposit: \$500 per person at time of booking

Full Payment: 90 days prior to departure

Cancellation:

More than 90 days prior to departure: deposit is non-refundable

90 days, to date of departure and after departure: 100% of the total tour price is non-refundable

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Rates (USD)

N/A