



# Tour Proposal: *London to the Lake District*

Prepared For: **Paul Ellis & Family**

Date: **Final Itinerary**



## **Tuesday, June 11th**

Departure from Myrtle Beach to connect with the evening departure from Charlotte aboard US Air's non-stop service to London.

**Overnight: Plane**



## **Wednesday, June 12th**

Your morning arrival at London's Heathrow Airport will be met for the transfer to your city-center hotel. After time to unpack and rest up from the overnight flight, there will time to begin exploring the neighborhood. Dinner is included at the hotel this evening. **(D)**

**Overnight: London**



## **Thursday, June 13th - Friday, June 14th**

Two free days in London. **(B)**

**Overnight: London**



## **Saturday, June 15th**

This morning you will be taken to Euston station for the train to the Lake District. On arrival at Lancaster you will be met by your driver/guide and taken to your hotel. Dinner is included this evening. **(B, D)**

**Overnight: Lake District**



## **Sunday, June 16th**

Today you explore the southern Lakes today with visits to Wordsworth's tiny Dove Cottage where he lived as a young man and wrote some of his finest poetry. You'll also tour Beatrix Potter's charming cottage at Hill Top and stop for lunch at the Tower Bank Arms, featured in the Tale of Jemima Puddleduck. This afternoon, a steamer cruise on Lake Windermere to enjoy the glorious panoramic views of the fells from the water. You return to the hotel for a free evening. **(B)**

**Overnight: Lake District**



## **Monday, June 17th**

Your experience of the northern Lakes begins with the mystical stone circle at Castlerigg, set against the glorious backdrop of the Lakeland fells. You drive by Derwent Water, through Borrowdale and Buttermere, and have lunch in Cockermouth before returning to your hotel for a free evening. **(B)**

**Overnight: Lake District**



## **Tuesday, June 18th**

Leaving the Lakes, you head south to Oxford. Our route will take us past Blackpool, Liverpool, Manchester and through the Potteries region to the Cotswolds. It will be a full day drive, but with time to make a couple of lengthy stops along the way. Dinner will be waiting at our Cotswold hotel. **(B, D)**

**Overnight: Cotswolds**



## **Wednesday, June 19th**

This morning you head for the beautiful city of Oxford, astride the River Thames, its historic buildings clustered within easy walking distance around the medieval core. The real treasure is the architectural beauty of Oxford University and its diverse buildings, many of which date back to the 13th and 14th centuries. After your walking tour, you'll have free time to explore—investigate the spire at St. Mary the Virgin with its superb view; admire the circular dome of the Radcliffe Camera; check out the Ashmolean Museum; visit Carfax Tower; or stroll Oxford Botanic Gardens, the oldest botanic garden in Britain. And don't miss Blackwell's, with the largest single room devoted to book sales in Europe—the cavernous Norrington Room (10,000 sq. ft.). We'll return to our hotel in the Cotswolds for a fee evening. **(B)**

**Overnight: Cotswolds**



## **Thursday, June 20th**

An easy drive today to Windsor. After checking in to your hotel, you'll visit Windsor Castle, the largest occupied castle in the world. A royal home and fortress for over 900 years, the castle remains a working palace. You'll tour the state apartments, an extensive suite of rooms at the heart of the palace, where furnishings include treasures from the Royal Collection—paintings by Holbein, Rubens, Van Dyck, and Lawrence; fine tapestries and porcelain; and sculptures. The evening is free to explore the town and sample a local restaurant. **(B)**

**Overnight: Windsor**



## **Friday, June 21st**

Leaving Windsor this morning, you head toward Salisbury, stopping at Jane Austen's home, an attractive 17th-century house in the pretty village of Chawton, where Austen wrote and revised her novels, including Pride and Prejudice. Continuing on, you stop at the World heritage site of Stonehenge before arriving in Salisbury, beautifully situated on the banks of the River Avon. We'll have time to visit the magnificent cathedral and explore the town before we return to the hotel in Windsor for a farewell dinner. **(B, D)**

**Overnight: Windsor**



## **Saturday, June 22nd**

Morning transfer to Heathrow Airport for the returning US Air flight to Charlotte, connecting on to Myrtle Beach. **(B)**

**Overnight: Home**

