



Tour Proposal: *London & the West Country*

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Thursday, June 26th

Overnight: Heathrow

Morning departure aboard British Airways' daytime flight from Boston to London Heathrow. On arrival you simply walk to your hotel, attached to the terminal.

Friday, June 27th

Overnight: Pamflete House

This morning, you take the RailAir X25 bus service direct from your terminal at Heathrow to Reading Railway Station. Here you board the Intercity train to Exeter, arriving around lunchtime. Take a taxi from the station in Exeter to the Alamo car rental office and collect your rental car. Drive to Pamflete House in Holbeton, near Plymouth (about 45 minutes).

Saturday, June 28th – Monday, June 30th

Overnight: Pamflete House

Three days to spend with your friends at Pamflete with the rental car at your disposal.

Tuesday, July 1st

Overnight: Chagford

This morning you bid a fond farewell to your friends and set off for the Gidleigh Park Hotel, in the village of Chagford, just on the edge of Dartmoor.

Wednesday, July 2nd

Overnight: Chagford

A full day at the Gidleigh Park hotel. Possible excursions might include Castle Drogo, the last castle built in England, dramatically situated above the Teign Gorge, or the North Devon coast, stopping in Minehead, Porlock, and Lynmouth. The picturesque harbor in the seaside resort of Minehead lies beneath the old village, where steep lanes lead up to a 14th-century church. The quaint villages of Porlock and Lynmouth fall within the confines of Exmoor, some of the finest countryside in Britain. **(B)**

Thursday, July 3rd

Overnight: London

Today you drive back to Exeter, return your rental car and board the train for London. On arrival at London Paddington station, you will take a taxi to your hotel. **(B)**

Friday, July 4th - Sunday, July 6th

Overnight: London

Three completely free days to explore London. As Dr. Samuel Johnson said, "The man who is tired of London is tired of life, for in London there is all that life can afford!" Explore the galleries and museums of the city, enjoy shopping along Oxford Street, or join the crowds in the markets of Covent Garden or Camden Lock. Why not pay a visit in the afternoon to the half-price ticket booth in Leicester Square and see what is available at the theater this evening? **(B)**

Monday, July 7th

Overnight: Home

This morning a car and driver will come to your hotel to transfer you to Heathrow Airport for the returning British Airways flight to Boston. **(B)**



The cost of this itinerary, based on 2 participants is **\$4430** per person, double occupancy. This includes the following:

Airfare:	Roundtrip air on British Airways from Boston to London. All customs fees and airport taxes included.
Hotels:	7 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels (see below). All hotel taxes and service charges included.
Coaching:	Tickets for the RailAir X25 bus from Heathrow to Reading Station. One airport transfer on departure.
Trains:	First class tickets from Reading to Exeter and returning Exeter to London.
Meals:	Full breakfast daily for the last 6 nights spent at hotels.
Car Hire:	7 days car hire, compact automatic with unlimited mileage and all compulsory taxes and insurance included

This quotation is based upon using the following hotels, although Discover Europe reserves the right to substitute properties of an equivalent or superior standard should these prove unavailable at the time of booking.

Heathrow	The Sofitel (www.sofitel.com/heathrow)
Chagford	The Gidleigh Park Hotel, deluxe room with woodland view (www.gidleigh.com)
London	The St Ermins Hotel, deluxe room (www.sterminshotel.co.uk)

Notes:

1. The airfare is based on regular economy class. It would cost an additional \$269 per person to upgrade to premium economy on the outbound flight and \$382 pp to upgrade to premium economy on the return.
2. Rail tickets included are 1st class, you could save around \$120 per person by traveling in standard class, but I don't recommend it.
3. The rental car is based on a Ford Focus or similar, you can upgrade to a larger car (an Opel Insignia or similar) for an extra \$40 or even to a "luxury" car (a Mercedes or similar) for an extra \$280.