



BACKROADS OF NORTHERN BRITAIN

DESIGNED FOR JUDY PIKE AND FRIENDS

OCTOBER 3RD - 16TH 2019

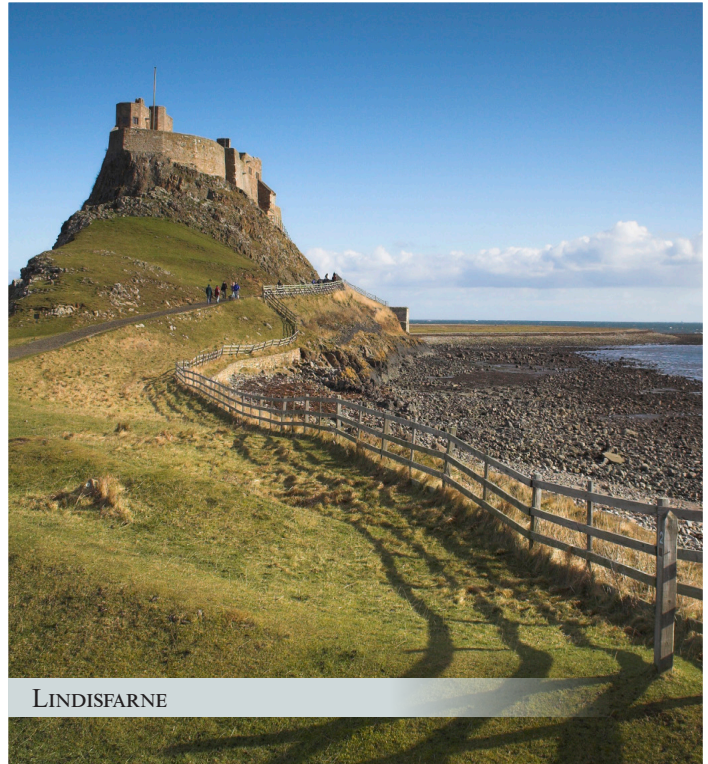
Welcome to the 17TH annual adventure that we have arranged with Judy! Every year it becomes harder to make it “the best trip ever!” But we somehow seem to manage it. This year we are exploring some new territory - a region that not that many tourists find their way to - the *Backroads of Northern Britain*.

We’ll begin in the north of England. Flying into Manchester Airport, our first stop is in the City of York , a beautifully preserved medieval city complete with it’s original city walls. We’ll explore the city, and spend a day at nearby Castle Howard.

Moving further north we hit the wild and lawless border region (not really any more - but it used to be). The large fortified castles of the area bear testament to the times when an invasion by the Scots was an everyday fear. Lying right on the border, the town of Berwick-upon-Tweed has changed hands between England and Scotland 17 times!

Finally, we spend time in the Scottish Lowlands and the capital, Edinburgh - but with an excursion into the beginning of the Highlands around Loch Lomond.

We’ll stay in lovely hotels, gaze in wonder at breathtaking scenery, hear tales of long-dead saints and heros and marvel at ancient castles and extravagant palaces. Join Judy and David again this year for another “best trip ever!” as we explore the *Backroads of Northern Britain*.



LINDISFARNE



CASTLE HOWARD

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED): **\$4380**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: **\$1370**

Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- HOTELS:** 12 nights’ accommodation in first-class hotels, all hotel taxes and service charges included*
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily
- GUIDES:** Discover Europe tour guide, David Phillips, throughout, local guides in York and Edinburgh
- PORTERAGE:** Hotel baggage handling of one large suitcase per person
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registrant on receipt of deposit.

OPTIONAL WINDSOR EXTENSION:

The cost of this extension is \$1190 per person, double occupancy (single supplement: \$390). See itinerary for inclusions.

*Room upgrade costs for hotels are available upon request.





JUDY AND DAVID

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3RD - Departure from your chosen US gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH - Your morning arrival at Manchester Airport will be met for the transfer to our hotel near Leeds. Please ensure that you arrive **no later than 12.00 pm**, as the ride to our hotel in York will take around 2 hours. This afternoon we will have a chance to unpack and rest up from the overnight flight, and begin exploring the city. This evening we will gather for cocktails at the hotel. **OVERNIGHT: YORK**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH - A full day's exploration of the medieval jewel that is the City of York. A guided tour of the exquisite York Minster this morning is followed by a visit to the Treasurer's House where we will have a private tour of the cellars, which are supposedly haunted by the ghosts of the Ninth Legion. York is full of fabulous museums from the Jorvik Center, which recreates the Viking history of the town, to the Castle Museum which houses a remarkable collection of Victorian items. The afternoon is free to sample them at your own pace; you also have a free evening in York to explore its pubs and restaurants. **(B) OVERNIGHT: YORK**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH - This morning, it's a short journey to Castle Howard, immediately recognizable from the BBC television series, *Brideshead Revisited*. This 18th-century Vanbrugh

masterpiece and its fine collection of Old Masters will enthral as we take a private VIP tour of the house before it is open to the general public. Time to lunch on your own in one of the estate's three restaurants before returning to York for a free afternoon. Perhaps a visit to the acclaimed Railway Museum or a stroll through the Museum Gardens. Climb the old castle keep, known as Clifford's Tower, or explore the shops on Stonegate. The evening is also free. **(B) OVERNIGHT: YORK**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7TH - Heading up the Great North Road today, we arrive in the ancient city of Durham. The River Wear flows around the city's center, adding to its picturesque beauty, which is dominated by Durham Cathedral, founded in 1093 and generally regarded as one of the finest examples of Norman architecture in Europe (also a UNESCO World Heritage Site). After time for lunch, we continue north to Alnwick Castle, where we will tour the award-winning garden. Created by the visionary Duchess of Northumberland, and considered by many to be one of the most exciting contemporary gardens in the last 100 years, Alnwick is truly a 21st-century garden. It is a short distance from here to our hotel. **(B) OVERNIGHT: ALNWICK**



STIRLING CASTLE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH - After a leisurely start this morning, we drive to nearby Lindisfarne, also called Holy Island, the home of the religious community established by St. Cuthbert. Durham Cathedral was founded by monks from the Abbey at Lindisfarne. We have to time our visit around the incoming tides, as the island causeway is cut off from the mainland at high tide. Later this afternoon we return to our hotel for a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: ALNWICK**



THE CITY OF YORK

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH - Today we enjoy a panorama of the Scottish Lowlands. We'll begin in Jedburgh with a visit to the fantastic 12th-century ruins of Jedburgh Abbey. We'll then have free time in the town for lunch, and a possible visit to Mary Queen of Scots' house. This afternoon we visit Abbotsford, the country home of Sir Walter Scott, the 19th-century novelist and 'Great Scott' who popularised tartan, saved the Scottish banknote and rediscovered his country's Crown Jewels! Time permitting, we'll make a stop at Melrose Abbey on our way back to our hotel. **(B) OVERNIGHT: ALNWICK**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH - Following the coast road north this morning, our first stop will be to the Glenkinchie Distillery at Tranent. We'll take the tour and have a chance to sample this wonderful single malt whisky before we continue on to Roslyn Chapel. We'll stop for lunch at a country pub along the way before we take a tour of the chapel, made famous by the novels of Dan Brown. Skirting Edinburgh, we'll then head to our hotel in Gleneagles. **(B) OVERNIGHT: GLENEAGLES**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH - An excursion today into the lower Highlands. We head west from Gleneagles into the area of outstanding natural beauty known as The Trossachs. We'll pass by Rob Roy's cave and drive along the shores of Loch Lomond. This afternoon we'll pay a visit to Drummond Castle Gardens, or perhaps the Glenturret Distillery in Crieff, on our way back to Gleneagles. **(B) OVERNIGHT: GLENEAGLES**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH - On our way to Edinburgh this morning, our first stop will be the beautiful grounds of the famous St. Andrews Golf Course. We will have time here to explore and get some souvenirs before heading on to lunch at the Tavern Eatery. We'll arrive in the capital late-afternoon to settle into our hotel. **(B) OVERNIGHT: EDINBURGH**

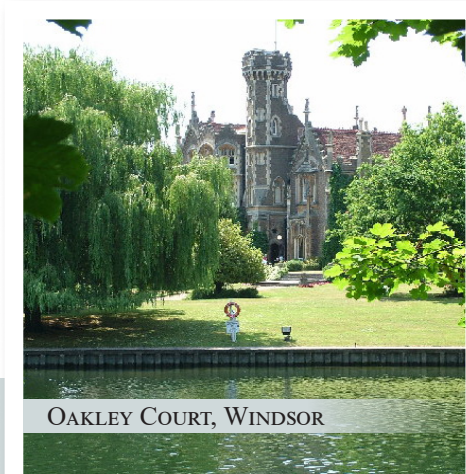
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH - The elegant city of Edinburgh is the political and cultural capital of Scotland. Set atop seven volcanic hills, it brims with historic treasures, but its finest is surely Edinburgh Castle, a towering fortification that dominates the skyline. Morning sightseeing with a local guide includes magnificent views from Calton Hill and a visit to the historic castle, where you can admire the Honours of Scotland, her crown jewels. You'll have a free afternoon and evening to explore the city and sample one of its many fine restaurants. **(B) OVERNIGHT: EDINBURGH**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14TH - A free day in Edinburgh. This morning David will lead an optional tour to visit the Royal Yacht *Britannia*, which lies in the Port of Leith since it was decommissioned. You will be able to explore at your leisure with your own personal audio guide. **(B) OVERNIGHT: EDINBURGH**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH - A final free day in the city to visit some of the many attractions available or to do some last-minute shopping. **(B) OVERNIGHT: EDINBURGH**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH - Morning transfers to Edinburgh Airport for return flights to the USA. **(B) OVERNIGHT: HOME**

Key to included meals: B - breakfast



OAKLEY COURT, WINDSOR

OPTIONAL WINDSOR PRE-TRIP EXTENSION

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH - Departure from your US gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST - Individual arrivals will be met and transferred to our riverside hotel in the nearby town of Windsor. The rest of the day is free to unpack, relax and start to shake off the effects of jet-lag. **OVERNIGHT: WINDSOR**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND - Our day begins with a guided tour of Windsor Castle, the largest occupied castle in the world. A royal home and fortress for over 900 years, the castle remains a working palace. We'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 afternoon and evening are free to explore the town and sample a local restaurant. **(B) OVERNIGHT: WINDSOR**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3RD - It's a short drive this morning, by private coach, to Hampton Court Palace. Here, we'll explore the gardens, state apartments, and Tudor kitchens, and have time for lunch before returning to our hotel. On our return to Windsor, the rest of the day is free. **(B) OVERNIGHT: WINDSOR**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH - This morning you return to nearby Heathrow Airport for the short flight to Manchester, where we will meet up with other members of our group arriving from the US and transfer to our hotel in the Leeds area. **(B) OVERNIGHT: LEEDS AREA**

This includes 3 nights' accommodation at a first class hotel, breakfast daily, DE tour guide David Phillips throughout, all entrance fees and transportation as detailed in the itinerary, one way flight from London to Manchester (in business class) and baggage handling of one large suitcase per person.



PASSENGER DETAILS FOR BACKROADS OF NORTHERN BRITAIN (1003/PIK)

Passport Name:

1. _____
 Title First Middle Last

2. _____
 Title First Middle Last

Known As: 1. _____ 2. _____

Passport 1#: _____ Exp.Date: _____ DOB: _____

Passport 2#: _____ Exp.Date: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Preferred Telephone: (____) _____ work/cell/home
circle one

Secondary Telephone: (____) _____ work/cell/home
circle one

Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Health Information: _____

Other Comments or Notes: _____

Trip Details

Departure Date: _____ Return Date: _____

Departure Airport or City: _____

I would like to be part of the Pre-Trip Extension: Yes No

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:
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 95 Adams Street, Keene, NH 03431

REGISTRATION, TERMS & CONDITIONS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Make checks payable to DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
2. Detach the bottom section and mail it to Discover Europe with your registration payment of \$500 per person. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure.
3. Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport.
4. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
5. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
2. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
3. Conduct During The Tour: You are also responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.
4. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.

TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS:

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change - in fact we have not had to invoke this clause in the contract in over 15 years of operation. However we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the year prior to trip departure.
2. Group size. Your tour has been based on a group size of 14 participants. Should we end up with less than this number, Discover Europe will work with the group organizer to determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.

REFUND POLICY:

1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$200 cancellation penalty.
2. Participants who withdraw less than 90 but more than 60 days prior to the day of their trip departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$2000 cancellation penalty.
3. Participants who withdraw less than 60 days prior to trip departure will not receive a refund.
4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
5. Comprehensive travel insurance, including cancellation coverage, is NOT included in your tour package. Discover Europe strongly advises you to purchase comprehensive coverage and we will provide information on a recommended insurance company with your registration confirmation.
6. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

1. Discover Europe will be very happy to book your flights for you. The fee for this service is \$40 per ticket.
2. If you are arranging your own flights to join the tour, it is essential that Discover Europe has your complete flight information. Please make sure you give us the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. **Note: please take notice of the advised arrival times at the beginning of this tour. Participants who arrive outside of the times will be charged a supplement to cover additional airport transfers.**

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS:

1. All inclusions on BACKROADS OF NORTHERN BRITAIN are listed on this itinerary.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): transportation to and from the participant's home to their departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, gratuities to tour guides and coach drivers, and items of a personal nature.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____
Email: _____
Primary Telephone: (_____) _____

FLIGHT INFORMATION

(Please check one)

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights: Yes No

Flight details (if self-arranged), to be provided at least 90 days prior to departure: _____

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

(Please check one)

I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)

I will be sharing with: _____

We would like a double twin-bedded room

PERMISSIONS

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list. Yes No

SIGNATURES

The undersigned has read the tour itinerary and recognizes and accepts any risk inherent therein. The undersigned also understands and hereby agrees for and on behalf of his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth in the terms and conditions listed in this brochure and to release and hold harmless Discover Europe Ltd. and any of their officers, trustees, agents, licensees, or representatives, from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death or for the loss of or damage to his/her property however occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, the tour.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

