



SCOTLAND AND ENGLAND with the CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

10 Days/9 Nights by Air & Motor coach
Departure Date in Europe:

18th May, 2012

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Small groups
- Professional Gutsy Women Travel Director
- Glass of whisky and welcome dinner
- Guided walking tour in the Lake District
- See a performance by the Royal Shakespeare Company
- 'Gutsy Insider' visit including a garden tour and lunch at a stately house in the Cotswolds
- Visit the Chelsea Flower Show
- Farewell Dinner in London
- A glass of wine with every dinner

10 DAY SCOTLAND & ENGLAND ITINERARY

Travel through two countries that have a long and difficult history and many stories to tell. Enjoy the rugged beauty of the mountains of Scotland before travelling through the rolling hills of England to one of the world's premier cities, London. In London enjoy the sights and a full day visit to the spectacular Chelsea flower show.



Day 1: Arrive Edinburgh

Welcome to Bonnie Scotland! After check-in, there's time to wander this fascinating city which is overlooked by the imposing castle. This evening, enjoy a wee dram of whisky and good company as you meet your fellow Gutsy Women travelers and Travel Director and enjoy a relaxed dinner in a traditional Scottish restaurant. Do you dare to eat one of the local specialties such as Cullen Skink? (D)



Day 2: Edinburgh

The day starts with interesting stories and sights as you join a local guide for a sightseeing tour which includes the Royal Mile, New Town and a visit to the impressive Castle perched high on the rock. This evening there's a chance to enjoy the very best that Scotland has to offer with a visit to a traditional show where you'll experience bagpipers, Scottish dancing and an 'address to a haggis'. (B)



Day 3: Edinburgh to Lake District

Travel south and through the historic border region of Scotland and enter England – the closest neighbor and oldest rival of the Scots. Enjoy the rolling hills of Cumbria as you enter the Lake District and make your way to the Waterhead Hotel which is located right on the shores of the lake in Ambleside. (B,D)

Day 4: Lake District

The Lake District is a place where you can re-connect with Mother Nature and enjoy the simple pleasure of beautiful surroundings and fresh air. This morning join a local guide for a gentle walk through the countryside to see fields where Wordsworth's golden daffodils once grew. The afternoon is yours to enjoy, you can consider a cruise on Lake Windermere or wander the many shops selling local crafts and delicious local ice-cream. (B)



Day 5: Lake District to Stratford

Travel south to Stratford-upon-Avon, the home town of England's most famous writer, William Shakespeare. Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and then wander around the quirky shops and past timber-framed buildings. Tonight, after a light dinner in an atmospheric restaurant, a truly special evening awaits – an unforgettable performance of one of the Bard's great plays at the world-renowned Royal Shakespeare Company theatre. Finish the evening 'As you like it' with a nightcap in the bar with your fellow play-goers. (B,D)



Day 6: Stratford to Bath

Travel today through an area classified as being of 'outstanding natural beauty' – the Cotswolds – and stop to visit the picturesque town of Bourton on the Water, a village full of thatch-roof houses and often referred to as the 'Venice of the Cotswolds' due to its many low bridges crossing the waters of the River Windrush. In the heart of this hushed and so essentially English countryside enjoy a 'Gutsy Insider' in one of the lovely homes of the area, where you'll be taken on a tour of the gardens by the head gardener before enjoying a lunch made from local produce and a talk about the history of the house. Finally, travel to Bath for a relaxing stay in the Bath Spa hotel, why not take the opportunity for a relaxing treatment in the hotel's spa. (B,GI-L)



Day 7: Bath to London

This morning admire the superb Georgian architecture on your sightseeing tour which includes a tour of the Roman Baths and Bath Abbey. Then find your mystical side with a visit to the historic monuments of Stonehenge, before travelling to the capital, London, for a three night stay in the fabulous Wyndham Grand Hotel on Chelsea Harbour. (B,D)



Day 8: London

Spend the day at the Chelsea Flower Show, one of the world's most famous gardening events, and be spellbound by the wonderful creations and arrangements entered by contestants from around the world. (B)





Day 9: London

Join a local guide to learn about the rich tapestry of history in this fantastic city. See all the big sights, including Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace. Then it's time to fill up your suitcase as you shop in a city that has everything you could ever want - handbags, shoes and designer clothes. It's your choice between the exclusive designer boutiques of Bond St, the department stores of Oxford St or the glitz of Harrods in Knightsbridge. This evening enjoy a Farewell Dinner in a great restaurant, look back on the wonderful experiences from the tour, and plan your next Gutsy Women trip with your new friends. (B,FD)



Day 10: Depart London for USA

This morning bid farewell to your fellow travelers and make your own way to London Heathrow airport for your flight home. (B)

TOUR INCLUDES:

- ❖ Airport transfers on arrival at 09:00, 11:30 & 14:00 (clients may purchase individual transfers if arriving outside of these times)
- ❖ Welcome Drink and dinner on first night with Gutsy Women Travel Director and fellow travelers
- ❖ First Class hotels listed or similar; hotel taxes, service charges and baggage handling
- ❖ 9 Full Breakfasts (B), 4 dinners (D), 1 'Gutsy Insider' Lunch (GI-L) & 1 Farewell Dinner (FD) – total 1 Lunch and 5 Dinners
- ❖ Services of a professional female Gutsy Women Travel Director
- ❖ Private luxury motor coach with air-conditioning, reclining seats and a restroom
- ❖ Sightseeing, special features and scenic highlights as indicated in the itinerary, including admission charges where applicable
- ❖ Gratuities to Local Guides and Driver

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

2 Nights Edinburgh – Royal Terrace

<http://www.primahotels.co.uk/royal/>

2 Nights Lake District – Waterhead Hotel

<http://www.elh.co.uk/hotels/waterhead/>

1 Night Stratford-upon-Avon - Falcon

<http://www.legacy-hotels.co.uk/legacy-thefalcon/>

1 Night Bath – Bath Spa Hotel

<http://www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk/bathspa/>

3 Nights London - Wyndham Grand Hotel

<http://www.wyndhamgrandlondon.co.uk/>

PRICING (LAND ONLY):

\$5,139 single

\$4,129 per person, shared

\$4,129 per person, twin