



# 2025 HEART OF THE BRITISH ISLES

Including England, Scotland, Wales & Ireland

14 Nights / 17 Days • Escorted from Honolulu

Tour #1: September 23 – October 09, 2025 • Tour Manager: Bryan Wauke

## Overview:

A showcase tour of Britain and Ireland awaits you! Ancient castles, glorious cathedrals, royal venues, and majestic countrysides make this an enchanting journey. Two-night stays in five of the overnight cities contribute to an in-depth tour with many highlights.

## Featuring:

London • Oxford • Warwickshire • Stow-on-the-Wold • Straford-Upon-Avon  
 York • County Durham • Hadrian's Wall • Jedburgh • Edinburgh • Gretna Green  
 Liverpool • Snowdonia • Caernarfon • Ferry from Holyhead • Dublin • Kildare  
 Irish Countryside • County Kerry • Ring of Kerry • Killarney • Blarney Castle  
 Waterford • Ferry from Rosslare • Pembroke • Cardiff • Bath • Stonehenge

## Your Heart of the British Isles Land Tour Includes:

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Select sightseeing is included in tour. Additional optional tours are available for purchase through Image Tours. Itinerary shown is based on Image Tours' 2024 tour. Tour itinerary and inclusions are subject to change.

**Day 1: Tue, Sept 23** — HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu.

**Day 2: Wed, Sept 24** — IN TRANSIT.

**Day 3: Thur, Sept 25** — LONDON, ENGLAND — OXFORD — WARWICKSHIRE. Upon arrival, clear passport control and collect your luggage. Meet your Europe-based Tour Manager and board your deluxe motorcoach. During the motorcoach transfer to your hotel in Warwickshire, make a brief stop in Oxford where Henry II established the first university of Britain in 1167. Tonight, at your hotel, get acquainted with your fellow travelers during the **Welcome Dinner**. MERCURE WARWICKSHIRE WALTON HALL HOTEL & SPA or similar (2 Nights) (D)

**Day 4: Fri, Sept 26** — WARWICKSHIRE — STOW-ON-THE-WOLD — STRATFORD-UPON-AVON — WARWICKSHIRE. Views of the unspoiled countryside known as the **Cotswolds** clearly confirm you have arrived in England. Gentle hillsides, peaceful meadows, and charming villages with old stone buildings characterize this region. The first destination today is Stow-on-the-Wold, offering **antique shops** and an opportunity to take a **souvenir photo with your hands in the village's authentic stocks**. Then it's on to Stratford-upon-Avon, where half-timbered houses with thatched roofs create a truly English setting. The introductory tour includes a picture stop in front of **Anne Hathaway's Cottage** and entrance to the birthplace of William Shakespeare. Enjoy some free time in Stratford-upon-Avon or join the optional *Warwick Castle* excursion showcasing 1,000 years of history. Return to your Warwickshire hotel for dinner. (B, D)

**Day 5: Sat, Sept 27** — YORK — COUNTY DURHAM. Drive north via the Nottingham area. Around lunch time, arrive in the historic city of York and spend the afternoon exploring the sights that interest you. **The Shambles** is one of the most picturesque streets in Britain with unique shops, cafés, and restaurants. York also boasts the most **complete example of medieval city walls still standing** in England today. Walk along them for exceptional views. Be sure to take a look inside **York Minster Cathedral, the largest Gothic church in England**. In the late afternoon, travel through North Yorkshire to County Durham for hotel check-in and dinner. MERCURE DARLINGTON KINGS HOTEL or similar (1 Night) (B, D)

**Day 6: Sun, Sept 28** — HADRIAN'S WALL — JEDBURGH, SCOTLAND — EDINBURGH. A morning drive takes you to **Hadrian's Wall**, a fascinating Roman monument nearly 2,000 years old. Stop at **Chester's Roman Fort** to study a section of the 70-plus mile structure at a closer range. Shortly after crossing the border into Scotland, reach Jedburgh where you will be treated to an **English Tea with cakes and finger sandwiches**. Following tea, use your free time in Jedburgh to tour the Mary Queen of Scots House, see Jedburgh Abbey, or do some shopping at the Woollen Mill. A late afternoon arrival at your Edinburgh hotel provides time to freshen up and relax. Dinner is independent, or join the optional *Scottish Dinner* excursion. HAMPTON BY HILTON EDINBURGH WEST END or similar (2 Nights) (B, English Tea)

**Day 7: Mon, Sept 29** — EDINBURGH. Start the day with a **guided tour of Edinburgh**. Afterward, a good place to spend your free time is along the Royal Mile in Edinburgh's Old Town. As you walk past the classic old houses, you may wish to visit one of the unique attractions such as the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh Castle, Writer's Museum, Gladstone's Land (the oldest standing house in Edinburgh), Museum of Childhood, or the high-tech Our Dynamic Earth Museum. Edinburgh offers a variety of options for tonight's independent dinner. (B)

**Day 8: Tue, Sept 30** — GRETNA GREEN — LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND. The morning stop will be at the **Old Blacksmith's Shop** in the border town of Gretna Green, which became well known for "**run-away weddings**" officiated by the blacksmith. Starting in 1754, English couples would cross the border to be married under the liberal terms of the Scottish laws. Continuing south from Gretna Green, travel back into England and on to Liverpool, the birthplace of the Beatles. A 4:00 p.m. arrival at your Liverpool hotel provides time to explore and shop. Your Tour Manager will offer an optional *Magical Mystery Tour* excursion highlighting landmarks made famous by the Beatles. Dinner is independent tonight so that you may choose to dine at the hotel or at one of the pubs, restaurants, or live music venues along Mathew Street. Here you will find the replicated Cavern Club, where the Beatles regularly played during their early years. HOLIDAY INN LIVERPOOL CITY CENTRE or similar (1 Night) (B)

**Day 9: Wed, Oct 01** — SNOWDONIA, WALES — CAERNARFON — FERRY FROM HOLYHEAD — DUBLIN, IRELAND. This day is devoted to the **sweeping landscape of Northern Wales**. After a morning stop in **Betws-y-Coed**, continue through the thick pine forest into **Snowdonia National Park**, a mountainous region with rough but beautiful terrain. At Caernarfon, admire one of the castles built by King Edward I. A quick independent lunch will **allow time to climb the castle's tower** (approximately £11 admission fee). After the motorcoach **crosses the Menai Bridge** onto the **Isle of Anglesey**, pause to take a picture of the **town with the longest name**, which we abbreviate here as **Llanfair P.G.** For your independent dinner, you have the choice of dining while you ferry from Wales to the Republic of Ireland or at a pub upon arrival in Dublin. STAYCITY DUBLIN CITY QUAY or similar (2 Nights) (B)

**Day 10: Thur, Oct 02** — DUBLIN. The capital city of the Republic of Ireland offers much to keep you busy and entertained. A Local Guide joins you this morning to provide insight into the city's history and to point out the popular landmarks including **Dublin Castle, Trinity College**, and the **Guinness Brewery**. Entrance into **St. Patrick's Cathedral** is included. Following the city tour, the afternoon is free for individual pursuits. A popular attraction is the Book of Kells at the Trinity College Library (approximately €16 admission fee), an



ornately decorated and meticulously scribed edition of the Gospels from 800 A.D. Equally popular is a tour of the Guinness Brewery (approximately €25). Tonight's dinner is independent, or join the optional *Irish Dinner Show* excursion. (B)

**Day 11: Fri, Oct 03** — DUBLIN — KILDARE — IRISH COUNTRYSIDE — COUNTY KERRY. The area west of Dublin has become known as the **center of the Irish horse breeding and training industry**. After touring the **Kildare National Stud Farm**, visit the **Japanese Gardens of Tully House**. As you continue toward western Ireland, relax and enjoy the scenes of meadows, glens and crystal clear rivers. One of the friendly county villages along the way will provide a pleasant spot for an independent lunch. Bakeries will offer you tea sandwiches, and family-owned pubs will serve up hearty Irish dishes. Then it's on to your County Kerry hotel, hosting you for dinner this evening and a two-night stay. THE ASHE HOTEL or similar (2 Nights) (B, D)

**Day 12: Sat, Oct 04** — RING OF KERRY — KILLARNEY — COUNTY KERRY. Travel to the **Iveragh Peninsula**, also known as **The Ring of Kerry**, for a day of spectacular coastal landscapes. The day will include several photo stops as well as lunch at one of the seaside villages. At one of the farms en route from the coast to Killarney, observe a **sheep herding demonstration**. For tonight's independent dinner, Killarney offers everything from excellent restaurants to local pubs. After dinner, return to your County Kerry hotel. (B, L)

**Day 13: Sun, Oct 05** — BLARNEY CASTLE — WATERFORD. The morning visit to **Blarney Castle** is sure to be a tour highlight. Capture enchanting photos and impressive views as you walk the grounds and study this **18-foot-thick, 17th century fortification** from various angles. Learn of the magical tales associated with the castle, the most famous involving the **Blarney Stone**. Enjoy an independent lunch at one of the charming restaurants in the village of Blarney. An early afternoon arrival in Waterford allows for time to explore the town on foot or to participate in the optional *Waterford Crystal Experience* excursion. Dinner is included at your hotel. WATERFORD MARINA HOTEL or similar (1 Night) (B, D)

**Day 14: Mon, Oct 06** — WATERFORD — FERRY FROM ROSSLARE — PEMBROKE, WALES — CARDIFF. An early morning departure is necessary to reach the **ferry in Rosslare** for your **crossing from Ireland to Wales**. You will have time for an independent lunch on board. Leaving the ferry, view the varied scenery along the coastal road between **Pembrokeshire National Park** and the **Wye Valley**. By mid-afternoon, arrive in Cardiff, the capital city of Wales. Take a stroll through the 56-acre Bute Park, relax over afternoon tea at a café, or participate in the optional *Cardiff Castle* excursion. Continue to your hotel for check-in and dinner. MERCURE CARDIFF NORTH or similar (1 Night) (B, D)

**Day 15: Tue, Oct 07** — BATH, ENGLAND — STONEHENGE — LONDON. **Crossing the mouth of the River Severn**, return to England for a tour of Bath, the **elegant spa town** where the Romans harnessed the natural hot springs 2,000 years ago. An included visit to the **Roman Baths Museum** reveals the advanced engineering developed by the Romans. Then, it is on to mysterious **Stonehenge**. Dating back to about 1500 B.C., **one can only speculate how the stones reached the site** and how they were moved into place — **some weighing 45 tons!** Upon arrival in London, check in and enjoy a relaxing **Farewell Dinner** at the hotel. Tomorrow, the entire day will be devoted to sightseeing in the British capital. LANDCASTER GATE HOTEL or similar (2 Nights) (B, D)

**Day 16: Wed, Oct 08** — LONDON. Today begins with a guided bus tour of London's famous landmarks such as the **Royal Parks, Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament with Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, and Trafalgar Square**. Following the city tour, you will have a few hours to pursue your personal interests. If you have a specific destination in mind, the Tube system (Underground) is easy, fast and economical. Your Tour Manager will also provide suggestions for some of the most popular attractions. Spend lunch time amid the bustling shops and street performers of Covent Garden. Or, study works of art by da Vinci, van Gogh, Rembrandt, Michelangelo, and Picasso at The National Gallery. Located nearby, the London Eye Ferris wheel provides unique views of the city. In the evening, London offers numerous options for independent dining and entertainment. Or, join your Tour Manager for the optional *London Dinner and Theatre* excursion. (B)

**Day 17: Thur, Oct 09** — LONDON — HONOLULU. Your Heart of the British Isles Tour has come to an end. Return flight back to Honolulu. Aloha and welcome home!