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Welcome and thank you for choosing Trafalgar.

We look forward to connecting you with all the wonderful people, places, and experiences on your upcoming trip. Your itinerary has been handcrafted by our specialist team to reveal the best of the places you will go, and to introduce you to our local friends along the way. Your expert Travel Director will be on-hand to assist you throughout.

Below you'll find your day-by-day itinerary, and a curated list of add on experiences that you can choose from on trip to further enhance your holiday.

So.... let the travel fun begin and we look forward to seeing you soon.



Gavin Tollman
CEO & President, Trafalgar

Important information

Before You Go - Registration

Now you're all set and booked for the holiday of a lifetime, we invite you to register for your trip by visiting: <https://my.trafalgar.com/>. Here you'll be able to share your travel preferences, which we will pass onto your Travel Director, to ensure you travel with complete ease.

IMPORTANT: On registration, please ensure that each travel member of your party completes the Travel Declaration.

In further preparation for your travels, we recommend that you read Trafalgar's Before You Travel information on <https://www.trafalgar.com/faq>, where you'll find advice with regards to packing, hotels, meals, Wi-Fi and more. We also encourage you to have a read through our COVID-19 FAQs.

Important Travel Requirements

Your well-being is our top priority, which is why we require that all guests travelling with us are fully vaccinated. Many of the countries we now travel to require the same and often only consider travellers 'fully vaccinated' when they have received a booster shot. As this is ever evolving and the acceptable duration of time following the initial COVID-19 vaccination varies across countries, it is important that you check the most recent entry requirements of your destination to ensure you are prepared for your journey ahead.

Aside from vaccination specifications, it is important to stay well-informed with any further travel restrictions and guidelines for the countries you wish to visit. A useful tool to help you stay up to date can be found at <https://www.trafalgar.com/coronavirus-travel-restrictions> here you simply select your passport and destination to view specific notes for your trip. As travel guidelines still tend to change quite frequently, it is best to check for the most current travel advice as you get closer to your departure, plus enquire with the airline you will be travelling with, as to any regulations and guidelines they have for boarding and access to your flight.

In some destinations, venues such as restaurants and museums still require guests to provide proof of vaccination, therefore please remember to travel with a copy of your vaccination card, (we recommend saving a picture on your smartphone as a backup option), but please also be aware that certain destinations may require you to fill out additional forms online and provide an electronic version of proof of vaccination.

COVID-19 Testing

During your trip and for your return home there could still be different testing requirements. It is your responsibility to become familiar with these for your return home, or of that required for further travel arrangements after the trip. Again, we advise you to also check your airline's COVID-19 rules and restrictions.

Our Travel Directors and Well-Being Directors will be able to support you in making a booking for a test. You will need to let them know what type of test you require, for example an antigen test or a PCR test, and the timeframe in which you require. You will likely need to have access to an email address to receive the test results. Testing arrangements are made through independent third-party suppliers and therefore we cannot be held liable for any costs incurred due to wrong documentation or the results not being returned in time.

Planning ahead

Well-Being on Trip

We are all adapting to our new world as we travel again and in 2022 still following through on the additional hygiene precautions we successfully implemented on our trips last year. The well-being of our guests and team has always been, and always will be, our top priority. For groups of 21 or more, your dedicated Well-Being Director will take a proactive approach to your welfare and dedicate their attention to your well-being while travelling. Visit <https://www.trafalgargroup.com/your-wellbeing-is-our-priority> frequently updated with the latest well-being and hygiene information to give you peace of mind. Travel with us, safe in the knowledge that you will have access to a 24/7 support team.

Please remember to pack any personal protective equipment including medical face masks and preferred hand sanitizer. We recommend too that you check with your airline before flying as to their specifications with regards to face masks. Thank you for following through on all well-being guidelines and requests from our professional staff once you are vacationing with us.

Luggage Allowance

Due to the weight and space capacity of the coach, this is restricted to one large suitcase per person not exceeding 50 pounds (23kg) in weight and 30" x 18" x 10" (76cm x 45cm x 25cm) in dimension. Hotel portage of this baggage is included in the trip price. Hand luggage should be one piece per person and should be limited in size so as to fit under your coach seat or in the small overhead shelf. These are the responsibility of each trip member and should be carried on/off the coach with you. *Please note that luggage with adjustable handle and wheels will not fit in the overhead compartments and will not be accepted as carry-on luggage.*

Passport & Visa Information

Please ensure your passport is valid for at least six months beyond the conclusion of your trip and that all necessary visas and permits for the trip have been acquired. Multiple-entry visas may be required if you are entering a country more than once on your vacation.

If you require assistance with visas, please do check with your travel agent or contact the nearest Embassy or Consulate of the countries you will be visiting.

Ready to go

Arrival At London's Heathrow Airport & Trip Departure

Trafalgar offers transfer services from London's Heathrow Airport to your Trafalgar Hotel. These transfers must be booked in advance. If you believe you are entitled to a transfer, please check you are holding vouchers for this service prior to leaving home; if not, please contact your Travel Agent immediately. Transfers are only provided to guests holding the appropriate voucher.

After collecting your luggage and clearing Customs, please make your way to the Arrivals Hall. Your Addison Lee driver will be waiting to meet you, displaying a Trafalgar sign. Should you have problems locating them, please call +44 (0) 207 387 8888 and press option 2, then option 1 for assistance. Please be aware that London can be extremely busy, which could result in your journey taking longer than normal. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer any refunds for missed or unused transfers to/from the airport.

Joining Your Trip In London

If you've booked accommodation through Trafalgar's featured hotel and have the relevant Hotel Accommodation Voucher, you will be picked up from this hotel. Please refer to the welcome information from your Travel Director, which you will receive prior to arrival, for further information regarding your pick-up time.

If you, or your Travel Agent, have arranged accommodation independently at the brochure itinerary hotel, please can we ask that you check-in with the Local Host within the hotel or contact our European Guest Services Team on +44 (0) 207 620 8900 so that we can ensure you are picked up from the hotel and you are provided with the necessary departure information.

Airport Transfers

Due to COVID-19 regulations, if your Travel Director or Airport Host are not permitted to enter the terminal building, they will be waiting outside of the terminal.

In order to ensure a place on our courtesy transfer, you, or your Travel Agent MUST please provide arrival flight details. Failure to do so could lead to you being missed and needing to make your own way to the hotel, at your own cost.

European Guest Services

For advice or information regarding your trip please contact our European Guest Services Team:
Tel: +44 (0)20 7620 8900 or Email: EuropeanGuestServices@ttc.com

During your trip

Your Experiences, Sites and Venues

As the world continues to reopen, certain sites or venues may be required to unexpectedly close temporarily and with minimal notice which is outside of our control. If this should occur, as your destination experts, rest assured your on-road team (Travel Director, Well-Being Director and Driver) are prepared to adapt to and manage such scenarios.

Optional Experiences

Your trip already includes a host of wonderful inclusions, however, we have passionately curated a selection of Optional Experiences to further personalise your trip. These can be booked through your Travel Director/Local Host at the commencement and during your trip. Cash, Visa, Mastercard and American Express are all accepted. Do remember to advise your credit card provider that you will be travelling abroad before leaving home. Children 15 and under are entitled to a 25% discount on all European-operated experiences (*some Eastern Mediterranean trips excluded*).

Many Optional Experiences are operated by independent third party suppliers. Occasionally these experiences involve outdoor activities and/or can be physically demanding. You should make your own decisions about these experiences and only participate in activities that you feel are suited to your own physical ability. We recommend you check that the insurance you have taken out also includes your participation in any adventure activities you may/will undertake during your overall trip. **Please Note:** Some Optional Experiences may operate on an alternative day to that shown on the itinerary; your Travel Director will confirm full details when you join the trip. Optional Experiences offered are dependent on both the weather and number of participants.

In our new world, as with included sites and venues, owing to new COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions, we could find some of our Optional Experiences affected with temporary and unexpected closure or amendments and changes to content. Rest assured we will always secure suitable alternatives for choice in your free time and in rare cases we could incur amendments in pricing and your Travel Director will keep you fully informed at all times.

#SimplyTrafalgar

Follow our adventures from the road by joining our social media community. We'll keep you up to date with all the latest Trafalgar news, offers and travel inspiration, plus connect with other like minded guests.

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Follow us on Instagram: [@TrafalgarTravel](https://www.instagram.com/TrafalgarTravel)

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Group Photos

We at The Travel Corporation (TTC) take the data privacy of our travellers and guests very seriously and are committed to abiding by the associated governing laws. Please be notified that from time to time our Travel Directors may organize group photo opportunities as part of your trip experience. Such photos may be shared to our company social media channels such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or LinkedIn. We will not share the image with anyone for any use other than for company promotion. Please remove yourself from the group photos organized by the Travel Director if you choose not to participate.

Seat Rotation

A daily seat rotation policy guarantees that everyone gets to enjoy the great views, while travelling head and shoulders above the other traffic.

Air-Conditioning at Hotels

You will have the comfort of air-conditioning on the coach and also at most museums, restaurants and hotels. It's important to mention, however, that the strength of the air-conditioning may not be what you are used to and that some small family-owned venues and older, historic hotels may not have air-conditioning. In these circumstances the hotel may provide a portable fan or air-conditioning unit. At some hotels the period and hours of operation for air-conditioning are at their control rather than being manually controlled by you; this is often so they comply with fuel saving requirements.

Scottish Highlands Hotels

Hotels in areas outside the main cities are usually of a traditional nature, in keeping with their local surroundings but tend to offer more basic facilities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Travel is an incredible gift; it has the ability to open our eyes to the unique cultures and spellbinding beauty of the natural world. But with this gift comes a responsibility – to protect the world as we know it. How We Tread Right is our 5-year sustainability strategy which addresses the impact we have on our planet, its people and wildlife, through 11 goals tied to the UN Global Goals. These goals impact our climate, food, waste, experiences, diversity and wildlife.

As part of this strategy, we are committed to eliminating as many unnecessary single-use plastics as possible from our operations. In 2019 we stopped the sale of plastic water bottles on our coaches instead encouraging guests to bring their own reusable water bottle. Throughout the day, there will be multiple rest stops allowing time for a bottle refill or beverage purchase. Your Travel Director will advise where the tap water is safe to drink, or where there is a refill station. This small effort will have a major impact on reducing our footprint. Thank you for choosing to travel with us, bringing your reusable bottle, and joining us on the mission to MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®. To learn more about ways you can make an impact with us visit <https://impact.treadright.org/>

Gratuities

We are confident that by the end of the trip you will have come to appreciate the important part your Travel Director, Well-Being Director, Driver and Local Specialists have played in its smooth running. If you are satisfied with their services, you may wish to express this satisfaction with a gratuity as is customary on escorted trips throughout the world. Many guests ask for guidance in this area; we would advise that an average gratuity for your Travel Director would be GBP 4 per person per day; for your Well-Being Director GBP 2.50 per person per day & Driver GBP 2.50 per person per day and for the Local Specialist GBP 1 per person for the service provided. **A Well-Being Director will only be on trips with 21 or more travelling guests.*

Departure To London's Heathrow Airport

If you have purchased an airport transfer, your Travel Director will advise you of the pick up time from your Trafalgar London hotel for your transfer to London's Heathrow Airport. Alternatively, liaise with your London Local Host or call our European Guest Services team on +44 (0) 207 620 8900.

Guest Surveys

Towards the end of your trip, you will be emailed a brief electronic survey. We would be grateful if you could take a moment to complete it. This will help us to identify how well we performed and how we can fulfil your future travel needs.

Your itinerary

For the most up to date version of the day by day itinerary please visit our website [trafalgar.com](https://www.trafalgar.com)

Day 1 | Welcome to London



London's vibrant city streets are your launch pad to an epic journey through the iconic sights of Britain. Embrace the pomp and ceremony of this multi-cultural capital, exploring the treasures of its former Empire in museums, rambling through its picturesque Royal Parks or admiring the ancient façades that line its grand boulevards and hidden lanes.

Day 2 | Explore Historic London



Join a Local Specialist today for a tour of the city's iconic sights. See Big Ben and the imposing Houses of Parliament on the banks of the Thames, then Buckingham Palace, the official UK residence of the British sovereigns since the mid-19th century. The rest of the day is yours to explore London - an effortless mix of centuries-old heritage and modern sophistication.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 3 | Journey to Stonehenge, Bath and Exeter



Meet your Travel Director and commence your journey through the rolling green and golden landscapes of rural Wiltshire to Salisbury Plain. We tread in the footsteps of druids and pagans at Stonehenge, before travelling to UNESCO-listed Bath with its elegant Georgian façades and the centuries-old Roman Baths. Our home for the next two nights is the historic cathedral city of Exeter, where we will enjoy a memorable Welcome Reception this evening at our hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Welcome Reception

Day 4 | Plymouth and More in the Southwest



Our first stop today is in the ancient port city of Plymouth, where we'll delve into the history of the brave Pilgrim Fathers who set sail for an unknown New World from its shores. See the Royal Citadel overlooking Plymouth Sound and consider an optional cruise around the dramatic coastline. We take a step back in time at our next stop – the delightful village of Polperro. Continuing along the brooding moorland of Dartmoor, we arrive at Buckfast Abbey, where we'll Dive Into Culture and gain insights into how Benedictine monks have lived and prayed for over 1,000 years.

Meals: Breakfast

Optional Experiences:

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Plymouth Harbour Cruise - Relax on a boat trip round the harbour of one of England's most famous seaports. As the commentary unfolds, we'll see the Mayflower steps monument, where the Pilgrim Fathers set sail for America. We'll enjoy panoramic vistas of Plymouth Hoe before entering the Royal Navy Dockyard, where we'll see modern vessels of the Royal Navy.

Adult: 17.00 GBP

Plymouth Harbour Extended Cruise - An hour-long extended private cruise across Plymouth Harbour will give us a comprehensive tour of the history from the Mayflower Steps all the way to the engineering marvel of IK Brunel's bridge. You'll also enjoy complementary tea or coffee.

Adult: 19.00 GBP

Devonshire Village And Dinner - We'll drive to a beautiful village in Devon, where you'll see cob walled houses with thatched roofs and the parish church, which dates back over 700 years. You'll also savour a tasty pub dinner and meet the locals, in a 700-year-old village pub.

Adult: 39.00 GBP

Day 5 | Onwards to Glastonbury and Cardiff



Enjoy a scenic drive through the pretty Devon and Somerset countryside to mystical Glastonbury, where we'll visit the ruined Abbey, said to be the final resting place of King Arthur. Your journey back to a time of knights, lords and ladies is just beginning and you'll head to Somerset for an unforgettable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with Ian and Ann Dyer who are your warm Be My Guest hosts on their modern-day dairy farm, where guests will get to see the ancient manor which was mentioned in the Domesday book of 1085. The Dyers both hail from old farming families and you'll learn what life is like in the rural countryside and the historical significance of their home as you Connect With Locals over a lunch featuring family favourites prepared by keen cook, Ann. We journey to Cardiff, the capital of Wales, where we'll explore the proud heritage of the Welsh and modern icons, including the Principality Stadium during an orientation tour.

Meals: Breakfast, Be My Guest

Optional Experiences:

Cardiff Castle Tour - You'll explore this unique castle on a private tour and hear tales about the eclectic refurbishments. Done in the 1800s by architect William Burgess, his influences included Islamic art, Hans Christian Anderson's fairy tales and even Aesop's fables. You'll also walk on the battlements and climb the 900-year-old Norman keep for superb views over Cardiff.

Adult: 21.00 GBP

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Welsh Evening - Enjoy an evening of Welsh music, culture and humour. The venue for the evening is a stunningly-renovated deconsecrated church. After a warm reception, we'll enjoy a first-class meal of seasonal Welsh specialities, sourced and produced locally. Quality wine or soft drinks are included and the meal will be accompanied by our enchanting Welsh harpist. You'll then be entertained by the finest local singers presenting the beautiful music of Wales.

Adult: 69.00 GBP

Traditional Welsh Evening And Dinner - Join us for a traditional Welsh country dinner. We'll take you to a 14th century thatched inn called The Blue Anchor. While you're eating and enjoying your drink, you'll be entertained with a performance from a Welsh harpist.

Adult: 45.00 GBP

Day 6 | Explore Tudor History and on to Liverpool



Tudor history is explored this morning as we visit the historic towns of Ludlow and Chester with their characteristic black and white half-timbered buildings. Join your Travel Director for an orientation walk past these famous Tudor Rows and enjoy views of Chester's medieval city walls and red sandstone Cathedral. The haunt of the 'Fab Four' is our final stop today. Join a Local Specialist to gain insight into Liverpool's Beatles' history and enjoy a free evening in one of Britain's edgiest cities.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 7 | Venture to the Romantic Lake District and on to Glasgow



Rolling Lancashire pastures give way to the soul-stirring Lake District, whose beautiful scenery has inspired poets and writers for centuries. We travel along the shores of Lake Windermere, through countryside made famous by the poet William Wordsworth. Stop in Gretna Green on the Scottish border, where many an eloping couple have tied the knot. We arrive in Glasgow later for an orientation tour, including views of the Cathedral, magnificent George Square and the Clyde River, the former heart of the shipbuilding industry. This evening, enjoy a Regional Dinner in a local restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, Regional Dinner

Optional Experiences:

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Scenic Cruise On Lake Windermere - Enjoy a scenic boat cruise on England's most beautiful and largest lake, taking in the northern coastline, beautiful houses, gardens and Wray Castle. You'll see deserted islands, boats and birdlife as you explore the area loved by Beatrix Potter and William Wordsworth.

Adult: 18.00 GBP

Windermere Cruise and Steam Train Ride - Step back in time as we board the steam train for a short journey from Haverthwaite to Lakeside. Then a chance to view the glorious scenery of the Lake District as we cruise across England's largest lake.

Adult: 24.00 GBP

**Occasionally this experience will operate in reverse.*

Day 8 | On to Fort William and the Scottish Highlands



Journey along Loch Lomond, whose bonnie banks were immortalised in the well-known Scottish song. We arrive in Glencoe and remember the MacDonald clansmen who died tragically in the 1692 massacre which led this place to be called the 'Glen of Weeping'. At the World War II Commando Memorial near Fort William, we admire views of Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis. Our day in beautiful surrounds comes to an end with a cosy dinner at our hotel located within the Cairngorms National Park in the Scottish Highlands.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Optional Experiences:

Loch Lomond Boat Trip - Discover the wild beauty of the 'Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond'. As we cruise across the loch, the skipper will share stories of the area and point out Rob Roy's cave as you relax and savour the stunning scenery.

Adult: 17.00 GBP

Highland Farm Experience - Visit a real Highland sheep farm and meet Neil the Shepherd and his border collies. He'll show you how he uses different whistles to command each dog to carry out different tasks. You'll also have the opportunity to try your hand at feeding the lambs and discover his training techniques. Weather permitting.

Adult: 15.00 GBP

Day 9 | Discover the Isle of Skye



We travel to the coast this morning to the Isle of Skye where a Local Specialist will take us on a journey to view the remarkable Cuillin Mountains. Against the backdrop of heather-clad mountains, we stop at the ancient settlement of Kyleakin. Later, we cross back to the mainland to view scenic Eilean Donan Castle. Travel through the Scottish Highlands past its picturesque lochs and glens, keeping your camera at the ready to capture 'Nessie' if you can.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 10 | Journey to Enchanting Edinburgh



Heading back to the lowlands of Scotland, we stop in Pitlochry before heading to the historic home of golf, St. Andrews. Here, the first games were played during the 1400s. See its famous 18th hole before crossing the Firth of Forth to Scotland's enchanting capital, Edinburgh. Tickets to see the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates.

Meals: Breakfast

Optional Experiences:

Pitlochry. Visit Of Blair Castle - Set in its own grounds against a backdrop of glorious scenery, we'll discover the ancient home of the Dukes of Atholl, home to Europe's last remaining private army. Unique amongst Scottish castles, Blair has hosted royalty from Mary, Queen of Scots to Queen Victoria.

Adult: 25.00 GBP

Edinburgh by Night and Dinner - We'll drive into the old city of Edinburgh to see the city at night with photo opportunities of the Castle and the Grassmarket, famous for historic executions and when possible visit one of the most haunted graveyards and see the grave of Greyfriars Bobby, the famous Skye Terrier. Then, we'll make our way to a local restaurant for a delicious dinner and drink.

Adult: 45.00 GBP

Day 11 | Uncover Edinburgh's Treasures



Ramble up the Royal Mile today and see the iconic sights of one of Britain's most enchanting cities. The elegant Palace of Holyroodhouse, in the shadow of Arthur's Seat, and the Scottish Parliament feature on your sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. Visit Edinburgh Castle perched atop Castle Rock overlooking the city. Admire the elegant Georgian architecture in the New Town and amble through the hidden passages of the Old Town before enjoying an evening at leisure. Consider an Optional Experience including traditional song, dance and Scottish fare.

Meals: Breakfast

Optional Experiences:

Rosslyn Chapel - We'll drive out of Edinburgh to the tiny village of Rosslyn, where we'll hear the inside story of the famous Rosslyn Chapel from a Local Specialist. One of Scotland's most unusual 15th-century buildings, Rosslyn is famed for its associations with the Knights Templar, the Masonic movement, and now 'The Da Vinci Code'.

Adult: 22.00 GBP

Of the two following optional experiences, you will be offered the 'Scottish Show With Dinner'. However, on the rare occasion that this is not available, the 'Dinner and Drive to Historic Torphichen' has been selected as a suitable alternative.

Dinner and Drive to Historic Torphichen - Enjoy a scenic drive to the ancient village of Torphichen, associated with Scottish kings and Knights Templar. At the Torphichen Inn, your arrival will be toasted by our gracious host before enjoying an excellent dinner of local specialties and entertainment.

Adult: **56.00 GBP**

Scottish Show With Dinner - Tonight is your chance to put on that tartan and join us for an evening of singing, dancing and bagpipe playing. You'll enjoy Scottish food and wine, join in the singing and watch a Highland dance or two. There's even a chance to sample Scotland's national dish – haggis.

Adult: **72.00 GBP**

Day 12 | Continue to York



We travel to the medieval market town of Alnwick this morning, where we'll see the impressive castle home to the Duke of Northumberland and the Tenantry Column, upon which the Percy Lion sits and surveys the town. Journey through Northumberland to the cathedral city of York. We'll embark an orientation walk past its cobblestone Shambles and see the inspiring Minster with its 'heart of Yorkshire' before joining our newfound friends for a Farewell Dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

Day 13 | Onwards to Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon and London



Shakespeare's legacy and life are celebrated in his hometown of Stratford-upon-Avon, which we will have an opportunity to visit today on our return to London. See Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage and visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and Visitor Centre. Later, we travel back to London for our final night at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 14 | Cheerio London



Say a fond farewell to London and your newfound friends at the end of an unforgettable journey.

Meals: Breakfast

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