



# ENGLAND & NORTH WALES

## 2026

September 1-15

*This tour will cover the cultural hubs of Stratford-upon-Avon, Liverpool, York, Cambridge and King's Lynn, the rural charms of the Lake District, and the rugged beauty of North Wales. Highlights: royal family homes of Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle and Sandringham Estate, Shakespeare's Birthplace and much more!*

**OPTIONAL:** 7 days post-extension in London at additional cost - Price will be based on the actual number of participants. \* Itinerary upon request

### DAY 1 | Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September • • •

Arrive in London. Meet your tour guide and transfer to our hotel. By afternoon, take a leisurely stroll through Kensington Gardens and stop by seeing the Kensington Palace, the birthplace of Queen Victoria and head over to the Albert memorial built by Queen Victoria in honor of her late husband. Continue walking towards the Princess Diana Memorial Fountain in Hyde Park. Have orientation meeting during welcome dinner nearby hotel before a good night's sleep. *Sleep in London for 2 nights.*

### DAY 2 | Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September • • •

Visit Buckingham Palace - the king's official London residence and a working royal palace and get a rare look inside the State Rooms and its gardens. Afterwards, a short visit to the Royal Mews where the horse-and-carriage and car are used for the King and members of the Royal family behind the palace. Free time afterwards for shopping.

### DAY 3 | Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September • • •

Check out the hotel and leave London for a visit to Windsor Castle and afterwards, walk along Long Walk Road with a view of long driveway to the castle. Explore around the towns of Windsor and Eaton, including the private boarding school of Eton College where Princes Charles, William and Harry went, before heading up in the North at Stratford-upon-Avon. *Sleep in Stratford-upon-Avon for 2 nights.*

### DAY 4 | Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September • • •

In the morning, visit to the Shakespeare's Birthplace & buried. In the afternoon, drive over to the family home of Shakespeare's wife, a wattle-and-daub cottage with the original items of furniture.

### DAY 5 | Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September • • •

Now, we head over to Wales but first, we stop by Stokesay Castle before arriving at the harbor town, Conwy, in Northern Wales. *Sleep in Conwy for 2 nights.*

#### DAY 6 | Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September • • •

Head to a working farm to watch talented sheepdogs inside the Carneddau Mountains. Head to Caernarfon to tour its Castle. And see the longest station name in the world. Drive through Snowdonia National Park. Return to Conwy and explore the town, including seeing the smallest house in the UK!

#### DAY 7 | Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September • • •

Drive to the beautiful Bodnant Gardens around the Welsh countryside and have lunch before entering England again. *Sleep in Liverpool or nearby Warrington for 2 nights.*

#### DAY 8 | Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September • • •

Explore around all day with visits to the Royal Albert Dock, the Beatles Story Museum, the Cavern Pub where the Beatles' first performance before their career started in 1961.

#### DAY 9 | Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September • • •

Check out the hotel in the morning and stop by at Paul McCartney's and John Lennon's childhood family home as well as another place where they both first met each other before they became famous as a Beatles band. Then, drive through the spectacular peaks and valleys of the Lake District. Arrive in Windermere and explore its town. *Sleep in Windermere/Ambleside for 3 nights.*

#### DAY 10 | Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September • • •

Explore further into the natural beauty of the Lake District and ride in leisurely boat cruise on the island studded Derwentwater. By afternoon, walk up to Castlerigg stone circle for sweeping views of the valley.

#### DAY 11 | Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September • • •

In the morning, walk/hike on trails, including going atop England's highest peak, Scafell Pike. By afternoon, explore Ambleside and even seek out a few hidden gems. Have free time if desired.

#### DAY 12 | Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September • • •

Leave the Lake District and head down to Hadrian's ancient Roman wall and the tour of the Roman Fort, Vindolanda. Finally, drive down to the medieval city of York. *Sleep in York for 2 nights.*

#### DAY 13 | Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September • • •

Marvel at York Minster's stained-glass windows of the largest Gothic church and much more with the local deaf tour guide. Free day in the city.

#### DAY 14 | Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September • • •

After checking out of the hotel in the early morning, visit one of the Royal family's homes, Sandringham Estate & Museum in King's Lynn. Afternoon, explore around the university town of Cambridge. Have a farewell dinner. *Overnight in Cambridge or near Heathrow airport.*

#### DAY 15 | Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September • • •

Check out the hotel and transfer to Heathrow Airport for your late afternoon/evening flight to the USA or next destination or continue with our optional 7-day extension in London.

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\$500 deposit per person is required to reserve space. The availability of space is based on a first come, first served basis. 100% of the balance is required 90 days before the first day of the tour.

**\$4,275**  
per person /double occupancy

**15 DAYS | 14 NIGHTS**

**GROUP of 8**

**TOUR LEADER:** Himel Chowdhury • [himel@handson.travel](mailto:himel@handson.travel)

### WHAT'S INCLUDED??

- 14 nights in 3-star accommodations.
- 16 meals: Breakfast (14), Dinner (2)
- Services of a deaf Tour Leader on call 24 hours a day.
- Services of local deaf guides.
- All transportation expenses.
- All admission fees for attractions and museums mentioned in the itinerary.
- Most tips, except for your Tour Leader.
- Informative travel preparation packet.
- Pre-tour and/or post-tour itinerary consultation.
- \$100 discount per person on your next regular tour.

### WHAT'S EXCLUDED?

- Domestic and/or international airfares.
- All other meals not mentioned in the itinerary and personal expenses.
- Any COVID-19 related tests.
- Travel insurance.
- ETIAS entry.

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

- Tour begins and ends in London.
- Tour will be confirmed when we meet the minimum number of participants.
- When the tour is confirmed, additional deposits/payments may be required.
- Substantial amount of walking expected during the tour. Appropriate physical fitness is necessary.
- Please consult the most recent version of the HOT terms and conditions.  
<https://handson.travel/resources/terms/>
- Hands on Travel recommends that you purchase a travel protection plan to help protect you and your travel investment against the unexpected. To learn more, please view the following link:  
<https://handson.travel/resources/protection/>
- **Tour itinerary and price are subject to change, especially at the time of all deposits received to confirm this tour.**