

Myths and Legends



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Programme Summary



14 Day Programme

Day 1	Arrive in London
Day 2	London
Day 3	London
Day 4	Nottingham
Day 5	York
Day 6	Stirling
Day 7	Loch Ness
Day 8	St. Andrews
Day 9	Edinburgh
Day 10	Lake District
Day 11	Stratford-upon-Avon
Day 12	Warwick and Oxford
Day 13	Stonehenge & Winchester
Day 14	Depart London

Spend 14 days exploring the United Kingdom and discovering myths and legends along the way from Loch Ness to London; explore castles, see the legendary ravens at The Tower of London said to protect the fate of the Kingdom; visit Alnwick Castle, film location for Hogwarts School in the Harry Potter films and visit Nottingham Forest and discover if the outlaw Robin Hood only existed in folklore! In Scotland visit the Wallace Monument memorial to William Wallace leader of the rebellion against King Edward 1 and learn how Wallace ended up as one of the imposing Tower of London's ill-fated prisoners.



Windsor Castle

Day 1 - London

- Arrive in London where you will be met by your ECE programme manager at the airport and escorted to your coach for the transfer to your accommodation.
- Visit the magnificent Windsor Castle, one of the Queen's many residences but believed to be her favourite.
- Dinner in a local restaurant.
- Overnight in 3 star London area hotel.

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Day 2 - London

- Breakfast to be served at your hotel.
- Enjoy a London orientation with your ECE programme manager including a stop at Buckingham Palace to experience the music and colour of the Changing of the Guard.
- Take a cruise up the River Thames, enjoying the sights of central London.
- Lunch in the shadows of London's famous attractions.
- Visit one of London's truly iconic landmarks, the Tower of London. View the Crown Jewels, climb the White Tower, chat to the Beefeaters and see the legendary ravens who watch over Tower Green. Legend says that the kingdom and the Tower will fall if the six resident ravens ever leave the fortress.
- Dinner and overnight in a 3 star London area hotel



Learn about the Tower of London legend



Shakespeare's Globe Theatre

Day 3 - London

- Breakfast to be served at your hotel.
- Take a fascinating guided tour of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. Visit the theatre exhibition and learn about Shakespeare's life in London.
- Lunch in a local restaurant.
- Soar above London on the London Eye to gain a bird's eye view of one of the greatest capital cities in the world and the district of Westminster below.
- Learn about acting techniques, how to engage audiences, develop confidence and take creative risks when you participate in a drama workshop led by a professional actor.
- Chinese dinner in a London restaurant.
- Overnight in a 3 star London area hotel.

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Day 4 - London to Nottingham

- Breakfast to be served at your hotel.
- Go behind the scenes of the Harry Potter films with a visit to the Warner Brothers Studio where the famous books were brought to life! Lunch to be served in a local restaurant
- Transfer to Nottingham and get your picture taken with the world's most famous outlaw, the legendary Robin Hood.
- Dinner and overnight in a local 3 star hotel.



Warner Brothers Studio Tour



Archery lesson

Day 5 - Nottingham to York

- Breakfast to be served at your hotel.
- Enter Robin Hood's world and learn the basics of archery with the aid of a fully qualified instructor. Surprise yourself by hitting the target within minutes! Nothing compares to the silent precision of knocking the arrow, drawing back the bow and witnessing the flight of this ancient weapon.
- Lunch to be served in a local restaurant
- Enjoy a walking orientation with your Programme Manager through the shambles, the tiny atmospheric cobbled streets for which the historic city of York is famed.
- Dinner and overnight in a local 3 star hotel.

Day 6 - York to Stirling

- Breakfast to be served at your hotel.
- Visit Alnwick Castle, a wonderful stately home in the Northumbrian countryside, used as the location for Hogwarts in the Harry Potter films.
- Lunch at the Castle.
- Enjoy a stroll around the magnificent Castle gardens.
- Continue north crossing the border into Scotland.
- Dinner and overnight in a 3 star hotel in the Stirling area.



Alnwick Castle

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Day 7 - Stirling to Loch Ness

- Breakfast to be served at your hotel.
- Learn about Braveheart's fight for freedom at the William Wallace Monument in Stirling. Discover the medieval town of Stirling - once regarded as the most strategically important town in Scotland. It was at Stirling Bridge that Braveheart - William Wallace – out manoeuvred the English army and inspired the idea of an independent Scotland. The heart of the ancient town still survives today and gives Stirling its distinctive and historic appearance.
- Lunch to be served in a local restaurant.
- Delve into the myth of Nessie, the famous Loch Ness monster on a cruise across the lake.
- Dinner and overnight in a local 3 star hotel.



Sir William Wallace



Golf Lesson

Day 8 - St. Andrews

- Breakfast to be served at your hotel
- Travel to the beautiful town of Pitlochry in the central highlands
- Meet a real Scottish highlander and learn about the history of Scottish clans and rivalry in a fully interactive workshop.
- Lunch to be served in a local restaurant.
- This afternoon visit the medieval town of St Andrews, most famously the home of golf and home to the oldest university in Scotland (600 years), attended by Prince William
- Orientation of St Andrews with your Delegation Manager. Visit to St. Andrews University, depending on the dates of travel and subject to availability.
- Enjoy a private Golf lesson with a professional golfer.
- Dinner and overnight in a 3 star hotel in the highlands of Scotland.

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Day 9 - Edinburgh

- Breakfast to be served at your hotel.
- In the morning visit Edinburgh Castle perched atop the crags of an ancient volcano, Castle Rock, right in the centre of the city.
- Try some of Scotland's most traditional meals like haggis for dinner.
- Experience one of the most famous ghost walking tour of Edinburgh. Learn about witches, grave robbers, plague and of course the ghosts that reside in the most haunted city in Europe.
- Dinner and overnight in a 3 star hotel.



Edinburgh Castle



Lake Windermere

Day 10 - Lake District

- Breakfast to be served at your hotel.
- Transfer to the Lake District, home of Beatrix Potter author of the wonderful children's books and location of the most spectacular scenery; awash with rivers, waterfalls, mountains lakes and tarns, the lakes are simply scenically majestic.
- Relax and take in the beautiful scenery on a cruise on the largest of the lakes, Windermere.
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- Dinner and overnight in a 3 star Manchester area hotel.

Day 11 - Stratford-upon-Avon

- Breakfast to be served at your hotel.
- Transfer to the town of Stratford-upon-Avon, birthplace of England's most famous playwright, William Shakespeare.
- Enjoy the wonderful treat of a traditional afternoon tea.
- Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and see how this literary legend was born and raised.
- Spend the evening at a unique Medieval Encampment within the precincts of Warwick Castle.
- Dinner during the Encampment.
- Overnight in a 3 star Warwick area hotel.



Stratford-upon-Avon

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Day 12 - Warwick and Oxford

- Breakfast to be served at your hotel.
- Visit Bicester Village, a designer outlet centre near Oxford featuring brands such as Hugo Boss, Ralph Lauren, Gucci and Dior.
- Local lunch in Oxford.
- Spend the afternoon in “the city of dreaming spires”, Oxford, famous for its university.
- Visit Christchurch College and view its dining room whose design was replicated as the dining room in Hogwarts.
- Meet one of Oxford students and find out what it's like to study at the University of Oxford.
- Enjoy a trip on a traditional punt on the River Cherwell.
- Dinner and overnight in a 3 star Oxford area hotel.



University of Oxford

Day 13 - Stonehenge & Winchester

- Breakfast to be served at your hotel.
- Travel on to the mystic Neolithic stone monument of Stonehenge.
- End the afternoon at Winchester Great Hall location of the legendary Round Table used by the knights in the time of King Arthur.
- Dinner and overnight in a 3 star hotel in the Thames Valley.



Stonehenge

Day 14 - Depart London

- Breakfast to be served at your hotel.
- Transfer to Heathrow airport for departure.



Depart