

THE LEISURELY UK TOUR

We are tourwithusnow ltd and are proud to bring you our latest tour.

Join us on our escorted trip in the UK. The group size will be limited, so you will have a chance to really get to know your fellow travellers.

The tour goes to many of the main tourist sites in the UK, but its unique feature is that it also goes to several, lesser known places, all of which have a fascination of their own.

Popular highlights include:

- London
- Stratford
- York
- Edinburgh

“Unknown” highlights include:

- Sawbridgeworth
- Elan Valley
- Whitby



Bath
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ITINERARY

Depart New Zealand for England by your own arrangements. Air travel cost is not included but can be arranged by our preferred travel agent. We do not include air travel as many of our travellers wish to travel on air miles or wish to depart earlier or stay on and travel to other locations at the conclusion of the tour.

You may choose to join us on a pre-tour of Ireland, have a pre-tour of your own, or just choose to start your own adventure with us in London.

BASE TOUR

Day 1 – arrive at your hotel in London by 4pm and meet fellow travellers.

Day 2 – your choice of activities in London. Welcome dinner. **B,D**

Day 3 - your choice of activities in London. **B**

Day 4 – travel through beautiful countryside to Cambridge. On the way we pass through several interesting villages, and spend time in Sawbridgeworth and Brent Pelham. **B,L**

Day 5 – we spend the day touring around Cambridgeshire and Suffolk, stopping in Lavenham for morning tea and Aldeburgh for lunch. We will look around some of the fine old churches scattered across Suffolk, subject to availability. **B,L**

Day 6 - Cambridge. Free day, “Hop on, hop off” bus ticket provided. **B**

Day 7 - travel to York via the East coast seaside resorts of Scarborough and Whitby, plus cross the North Yorkshire moors. **B**

Day 8 – York. Free day, “Hop on, hop off” bus ticket provided. **B**

Day 9 – travel to Edinburgh via Hadrian's Wall, visiting two particularly interesting sites. **B**

Day 10 – Edinburgh. We will offer you different options for how to spend your time in this magnificent, historic city. **B**

Day 11 - tour of the Highlands, seeing many famous sights, including, lochs, castles and the Trossachs. **B**

Day 12 – back to England via the Border Country, visiting Gretna Green on the way to our hotel in Carlisle, gateway to the Lake District **B**

Day 13 - a full day tour of the beautiful Lake District – see for yourself why Wordsworth and Beatrix Potter (to name but two) loved the area so much. **B**

Day 14 – a day of contrasts! Firstly we go to Blackpool for lunch, then continue south to the walled city of Chester, finally driving on to the medieval town of Shrewsbury where we overnight. **B,L**

Day 15 – after exploring Shrewsbury we head west, through the rolling Shropshire countryside to our destination in Wales, Devil's Bridge. En route we visit the Elan Valley (where the dam busters of WWII practised.) **B**

Day 16 – travel on a steam train from Devil's Bridge to Aberystwyth. After exploring the town, we continue on through the Welsh countryside to Caersws. **B,D**

Day 17 – a day with several different historical sites – Much Wenlock (an old market town), Ironbridge (heart of the Industrial Revolution of the 19th century), Boscobel House (where Charles II hid in the oak tree) and finally Brewood, before finishing our journey in the Staffordshire town of Rugeley. **B**

Day 18 – travel on to Lichfield where we explore the town and its cathedral and discover links to New Zealand. We then do a detour to No Mans Heath (the reason for the detour will be explained on arrival there!) before we travel on through the Midlands to Birmingham. **B,L**

Day 19 – a full day touring the Cotswolds, highlights including Broadway, Winchcombe, Bourton-on-the- Water and Stow-on-the-Wold. **B**

Day 20 – Birmingham. There is so much to see and do here. Your Tour Manager will run through some options. **B**

Day 21 – travel through Birmingham to Worcester, calling in at Kidderminster (home of carpet manufacture), Bromsgrove and Redditch (one of the first *New Towns* in England) too. **B**
Day 22 – visit Warwick (castle and church) and Stratford upon Avon (various places connected with William Shakespeare.) **B**

Day 23 – a leisurely drive to Oxford via Oxfordshire towns and villages, including Banbury (home of the famous Banbury Cross). We tour Oxford via the “Hop on, hop off” bus. **B**

Day 24 – Our destination today is Bath. En route we visit Stonehenge and the village of Lacock (one of the best preserved in England, with architecture ranging from medieval to Victorian.) **B**

Day 25 – Bath. Free day, “Hop on, hop off” bus ticket provided. **B**

Day 26 – travel to Portsmouth via stops in Cheddar Gorge and Wells – England's smallest city with a 14th century cathedral. **B**

Day 27 – Portsmouth. You choose – shops? the Historic Dockyard? museums? The options will be discussed with you on arrival in Portsmouth. Farewell dinner. **B,D**

Day 28 – travel around the Wiltshire countryside, visiting places such as Chichester and Winchester, before heading to the airport from which you will fly tomorrow. **B**

Day 29 – head back to New Zealand, or your selected post-tour option, or perhaps you may choose to stay on in England or elsewhere (own arrangements.) **B**

or

you may choose to join us on a short post tour to Paris and Rome.

TOUR PRICE

For the price per person, share twin, please contact us via our contact details below.

The price will include:

B= Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

- Accommodation from day 1 to day 28 inclusive
- Loan of a prepaid phone per couple or single traveller
- Travel on a private coach from day 4 to day 28, as indicated in the itinerary
- Tour Manager throughout the tour
- Meals as indicated, including welcome dinner on day 2 and farewell dinner on day 27
- All “hop on, hop off” buses except Edinburgh
- Trip on steam train from Devil's Bridge to Aberystwyth
- Funicular to cliff top in Aberystwyth
- Entry to Blist Hill, Ironbridge
- Entry to Boscobel House, near Brewood
- Entry to Warwick Castle
- Transport to appropriate airport at the end of the tour (it may not be Heathrow if you book an optional add-on to the tour)

Single supplement TBA may be payable (see terms and conditions for more information.)

POST TOUR OPTIONS

At the conclusion of your *Leisurely Tour of the UK* we are pleased to be able to offer you a choice of two tours to extend your time in Europe:

Option 1 – fly to Malaga and spend a restful week at a hotel on the Costa del Sol, lying by the pool or taking day trips to, for example, Marbella, Tangiers, Gibraltar, Ronda, Granada or Estepona. The price for this extension will be **approximately** NZ \$1,500 per person, share twin, breakfast

included, single supplement may apply. (a firm cost will be available when final numbers are known) You will be met at Malaga Airport and transferred to the hotel and back at the end of your stay. The hotel has a shuttle bus to and from the local village, as well as organising day trips. You overnight in a Heathrow hotel before flying back to New Zealand

Option 2 - fly to Paris and spend three nights in Montmartre, then fly on to Rome for three nights. The Tour Manager will accompany this tour. The price for this extension will be **approximately** NZ\$2,500 per person, share twin, breakfast included, single supplement may apply. (a firm cost will be available when final numbers are known) You overnight in a Heathrow hotel before flying back to New Zealand.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Changes to itinerary - we reserve the right to vary the itinerary if circumstances beyond our control make this necessary.

Single supplement – the tour price is based on twin/double rooms. If you are travelling alone, you may book the tour on a room sharing basis. This means we will arrange for you to share a twin room with a fellow passenger of the same gender. If that is not possible, we will provide a single room at no extra cost. Please note that we cannot guarantee that your room mate will be of a similar age to yourself.

If, however, you request a room of your own, there will be a supplement of NZ\$1,775.

Tour participation – this tour is not suitable for children. Passengers with disabilities are welcome on the tour, provided they are accompanied by an able-bodied companion capable of providing all necessary assistance.

Seat rotation – tourwithusnow Ltd operates a seat rotation system and seats on the coach cannot be booked

Loan phone – each couple or single traveller will be loaned a prepay UK cell phone with an opening balance of £10. The phone will be preloaded with the telephone numbers of the Tour Manager and each hotel you are staying at. The telephone is provided in case you are lost or otherwise need to contact the Tour Manager or hotel. If you would like to use the phone more extensively, please let us know before the tour begins so that we can discuss available options.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

1. Some of the places we visit have many, many attractions and it would be impossible to make everyone happy by us organising the sightseeing. That is why we include the cost of “Hop on, hop off” buses in some of these places so that you can have a look around and see everything that the locals feel is worth seeing, and then choose where you would like to spend more time.
2. We will sometimes spend more than one night in a place. Nevertheless, we are touring, so you will be packing/unpacking several times so please, to enhance your experience, travel light! We can advise you personally on this, but you will definitely not need to exceed the usual airline allowances of 20kg hold luggage and 7 kgs carry on luggage. **** check with your air ticketing agent on allowances.**
3. There is a no smoking policy on our coach, but there will be plenty of convenience stops, allowing ample opportunities to smoke, use restroom facilities, or just relax and enjoy a coffee.
4. The Tour Manager was English but is now a Kiwi, so has a good knowledge of the places on the tour, plus an understanding of Kiwis and what they enjoy.
5. The tour has been organised to allow you time to enjoy each place visited instead of rushing through; in other words, this is not a “gobble and go” tour. So, to make this possible

without being too expensive, we have selected mid- range hotels instead of expensive hotels. Some hotels belong to internationally renowned chains, others are character hotels of varying antiquity – the oldest being an inn since the 15th century. The hotels chosen provide comfortable, en-suite rooms with meal facilities/bar on site or very close by; sometimes there will be a gym, sometimes there will be Internet access.

7. If you have any questions or would like more information, please email us on tour@tourwithusnow.co.nz

WHEN DO THE TOURS GO?

The Base tours start in London, Dates available in 2011 are:

- Monday 9 May
- Monday 4 July
- Monday 22 August

WHO ARE WE?

tourwithusnow ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary company of Exclusive New Zealand Holidays Ltd, incorporating South Pacific Diving and Fishing Adventurers Ltd and South Pacific Travel Connections.

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Aberystwyth

Photo by Madelene Millar

We look forward to travelling with you soon.

Heather Kinsey and Geoff Millar

tourwithusnow Ltd

BOOKING AND PAYMENT CONDITIONS – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. OPERATION OF TOURS

All tours are subject to a minimum number of 12 travellers. Maximum 20.

Numbers of travellers 11 or less can be catered for by special request. Please consult with the product distributor or direct with tourwithusnow Ltd (TWUN) for further information.

2. ACCEPTANCE

Payment of deposit for any booking constitutes your acceptance of these terms and conditions.

3. PREPAYMENT

All products must be prepaid in full prior to commencement of your travel with TWUN.

4. DEPOSITS/PAYMENTS

A non-refundable deposit of NZ \$400 per person is required at the time of booking. Full payment is required a minimum of 70 days prior to departure. For bookings made within 70 days of travel payment in full must be made at the time of booking.

5. REFUNDS/CANCELLATIONS/AMENDMENTS

Cancellations must be advised to TWUN via the product distributor or direct, whichever the case may be. Cancellation must be in writing and will come into effect the day it is received by TWUN.

Cancellations received:

Up to 70 days prior to departure – cancellation fee of the non-returnable deposit (NZ\$400)
69 to 50 days prior to departure – cancellation fee of 20% of the tour price
49 to 35 days prior to departure – cancellation fee of 40% of the tour price
34 to 25 days prior to departure – cancellation fee of 90% of the tour price
24 or less days prior to departure – cancellation fee of 100% of the tour price
No show on day of departure - cancellation fee of 100% of the tour price

Once a traveller's reservation has been confirmed any required amendments instigated by the traveller will incur a minimum charge of NZ\$100 per booking, to cover communication and administration costs.

Any requests for refunds are to be made to TWUN via the product distributor, or direct if booked direct, in writing, signed by the traveller, and come into effect the day they are received by TWUN.

No refunds are available for any unused services, except where an activity is not available due to weather conditions.

Services that have been pre-booked and are cancelled at least 72 hours prior to the date the service would have been availed will only be refunded or partially refunded with the approval of the operator providing the service.

Claims for refunds due to circumstances outside the control of the traveller or the product supplier must be in writing along with a written statement from the operator involved. These must be submitted to TWUN within 20 days of returning to your normal place of residence, via your product distributor or direct if booked direct, and will come into effect the day they are received by TWUN.

TWUN reserves the right to review its refunds/cancellations/amendment policies from time to time should this be necessary.

6. TOUR COSTS

Each tour as described is a complete package and as such an itemised breakdown of costs will not be given.

The price includes Value Added Tax (VAT) as payable in the UK. The rate is currently 17.5%.

7. INCLUDED IN TOTAL PRICE

Included in the total price of the tour are all items specified in the itinerary.

Not included in the total price are airfares, airport departure taxes, customs or immigration costs. Likewise, all items of a personal nature such as, but not limited to, laundry, phone/fax/email charges, excess baggage, room service (including meals), mini bar charges, alcohol and non alcoholic beverages, are the traveller's responsibility.

8. FULL PAYMENT

Once full payment has been received by TWUN no further charges will occur other than those instigated by the traveller.

9. GRATUITIES (TIPS)

Gratuities (tips) are the responsibility of the traveller. A guide to tipping will be included in your travel documents provided by TWUN.

10. AIR TRAVEL

International and national airfares are not included in the price of the tour. International flights will be arranged by our preferred distributor who will provide you with full information on airfares to Heathrow, UK. Air travel within New Zealand will be arranged by our preferred distributor, and will be charged to you at cost.

11. TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is strongly recommended that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance to cover the duration of your holiday to protect you against cancellation charges, loss of or damage to luggage and personal effects, loss of cash and medical expenses. Full details of travel insurance are available from our product distributors, travel agents, airlines and insurance firms.

12. VISAS/ENTRY PERMITS/PASSPORTS

Information regarding visas, entry permits and passports can be obtained from your product distributor or any travel agent.

13. EXCESS BAGGAGE

Carriage of baggage in excess of the set limit on air travel is the responsibility of the individual traveller.

14. RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE

The responsibility of TWUN is strictly limited.

As a tour operator TWUN organises, promotes and sells tour programmes consisting of certain travel services including, but not limited to, surface transportation, sightseeing excursions and hotel accommodation which TWUN purchases or reserves from various suppliers.

The suppliers providing travel services for TWUN's tour programmes are independent contractors and are not agents or employees of TWUN.

TWUN is not responsible for the wilful or negligent acts and/or omissions of such suppliers or any air carrier or their respective employees, agents, servants or representatives including, without limitation, their failure to deliver or their partial or inadequate delivery of services.

All coupons, receipts and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers and/or air carriers.

By utilising the travel service of the suppliers, you agree that neither TWUN nor any representative shall be liable for any accident, injury, property damage or personal loss to you in connection with any accommodation, transportation or other travel services, or resulting directly from any occurrences or conditions beyond TWUN's control including, but not limited to, acts of terrorism war, defects in vehicles, breakdown in equipment, strikes, theft, delays or cancellations or changes in itinerary or schedules.

The distributor of TWUN's tours will forward deposits and all other payments to TWUN on your behalf. TWUN will have no responsibility to you as the customer for planned itineraries until deposits and other moneys paid by you to a distributor have been received by TWUN.