

# BEST OF SCOTLAND & ENGLAND

## Independent Rail Tour

April 1 - October 31, 2024 - Departure any day

7 days / 6 nights: 2 nights in Edinburgh, 2 nights in York, 2 nights in London

Edinburgh Hotels	York Hotels	London Hotels
Cairn Hotel 3* or similar The Palace Hotel 4* or similar	BW York Pavillion 3* or similar B + B York Hotel 4* or similar	Imperial Hotel 3* or similar Cophthorne Tara Hotel 4* or similar

Meals	Tours	Transportation	Transfer	Also includes
Breakfast daily in each city.	Opentop bus tickets available (additional cost applies).	Train travel between destinations.	No transfers included.	Tax and Service Charge.

Rates 2024 US\$ per Person			
Dates	Hotel Class	Twin	Single
April 1 - May 31, 2024	3* Hotels	\$1,829	\$2,806
	4* Hotels	\$2,301	\$3,925
June 1 - July 31, 2024	3* Hotels	\$1,871	\$2,788
	4* Hotels	\$2,346	\$4,151
August 1 - 31, 2024	3* Hotels	\$2,130	\$3,152
	4* Hotels	\$2,812	\$4,376
September 1 - Oct 31, 2024	3* Hotels	\$1,829	\$2,821
	4* Hotels	\$2,346	\$4,151



York



Edinburgh

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## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

### Day 1.

**Arrive in Edinburgh airport** and take a transfer to your hotel to check in. Head out to explore the beautiful **capital city of Scotland**, which is split into two main areas - the New Town with its orderly streets and Georgian mansions, and the **Old Town** with its narrow lanes and medieval buildings. If you have included an open top bus ticket, it is valid for 24 hours, so if you are arriving in the morning, you can start using it to hop on and hop off one of the sightseeing buses this afternoon. Edinburgh is a vibrant city with excellent shopping and restaurants, so you will not be short of things to do and see.

### Day 2.

This morning, **you can continue to use your open top bus ticket to explore Edinburgh**. You may choose to **visit Edinburgh Castle today**. Edinburgh Castle is beautifully situated on top of an extinct volcano with stunning views of the city. You can either use an audio guide (available in several languages) or take one of the guided tours of the castle in English. You'll hear stories of the One O'Clock Gun, the Scottish Crown Jewels, St. Margaret's Chapel and much more. There are several museums within the castle walls to explore, as well as cafes and shops. **(B)**

### Day 3.

This morning, transfer to Waverly Station in Edinburgh, where you will **board a train to York**. Sit back and enjoy one of the most scenic train journeys in Britain, as the train travels along the east coast of the Scottish Borders, crossing the border into England, to follow the Northumberland coast. On arrival in York, transfer to your hotel. The afternoon is free to explore York on your own. The town halls and medieval lanes means that the city is best explored on foot. Make sure to **walk down the Shambles, the most famous street in York**, where the overhanging timber framed buildings almost touch above your head. You may also choose to visit the magnificent York Minster, the largest gothic cathedral in Britain, this afternoon. **(B)**

### Day 4.

Today, you are free to continue to explore York. You may want to **take a river cruise** or an open top bus tour around the city, or visit one of the many interesting attractions, such as **York's Chocolate Story** or Jorvik Center. There is also the option to join a day tour to one of the two national parks in Yorkshire - North York Moors or the Yorkshire Dales. **(B)**

### Day 5

Transfer back to the train station in York this morning, where you **board a train for the short journey to London**. On arrival to London, make your way to your hotel to check in. If you have included an open top bus ticket, you can start exploring Britain's cosmopolitan capital city. It is valid for 24 hours, and you have a choice of routes on the sightseeing buses, as well as a choice of three different walking tours and a cruise on the river. **(B)**

### Day 6.

As your open top bus ticket is valid for 24 hours, you can continue to use it this morning to explore this great city. **The afternoon is free to discover London on your own**. Maybe visit Harrods, the famous department store, or enjoy **Afternoon Tea** in an iconic hotel. There are many famous attractions to visit on your own, such as **Madame Tussauds** and the London Eye, so you will definitely not be short of options. **(B)**

### Day 7.

This morning, transfer to your London Airport, in plenty of time for your flight home. **(B)**

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