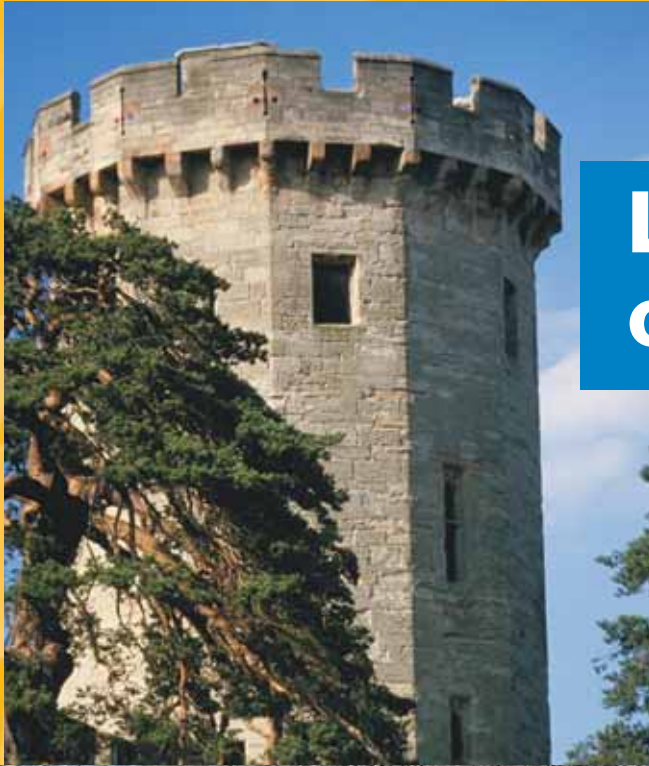
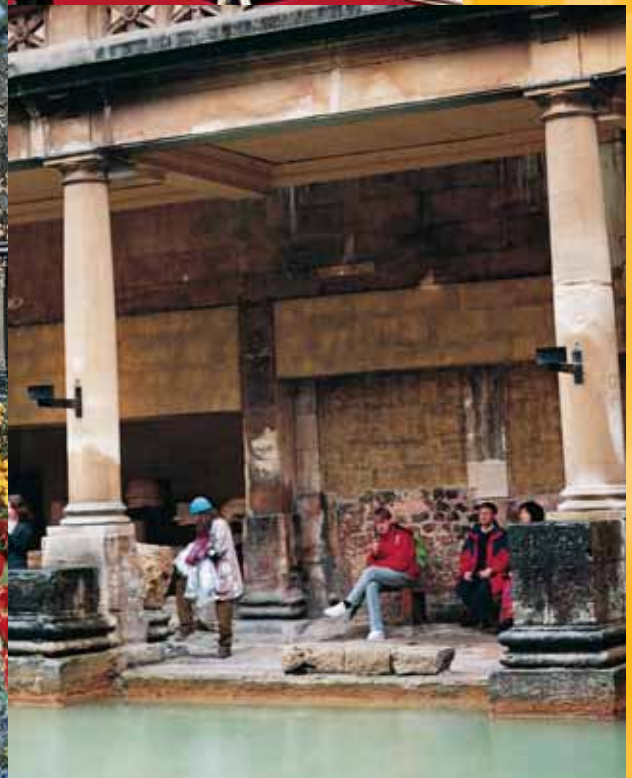




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## Landscapes of England



10 or 12 DAYS

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England

Extension to France



## Program Fee includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- 8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (10 with extension)
- Complete European breakfast and dinner daily
- Full-time bilingual EF Tour Director
- 2 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides: Bath • London
- 4 sightseeing tours led by your tour director: Brighton • Wessex • Stratford • Oxford
- 1 EF walking tour: London
- 10 visits to special attractions: Salisbury Cathedral • Stonehenge Glastonbury Abbey • Cheddar Caves and Gorge Roman baths • Warwick Castle Shakespeare's birthplace • Anne Hathaway's cottage Brasenose College • Tower of London

## OPTIONAL:

Windsor Castle • Medieval Dinner  
Canterbury and Leeds Castle

## WITH EXTENSION: All of the above PLUS:

- 1 sightseeing tour led by a licensed local guide: Paris
- 1 EF walking tour: Paris
- 1 visit to a special attraction: Notre Dame Cathedral



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The stunning Salisbury Cathedral boasts the world's oldest working medieval clock—from 1386.

## Day 1 Flight

**Overnight flight to Great Britain** • Spend the night flying across the Atlantic.

## Day 2 London • Sussex

**Arrival in London** • Touch down in London, Europe's largest city. After clearing customs, you are greeted by your EF Tour Director, who will remain with you throughout your stay.

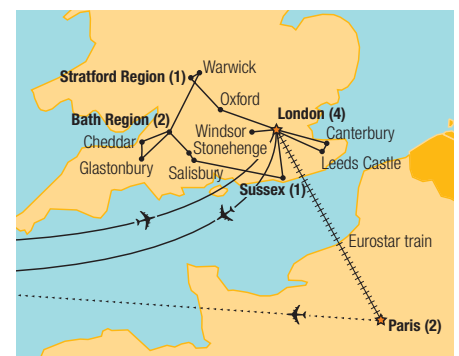
**Transfer to and overnight in Sussex** • Transfer to the area of England famous for the 1066 Battle of Hastings, when William the Conqueror and the Normans defeated King Harold's English troops.

**Tour director-led sightseeing in Brighton** • Get to know this seaside resort with your tour director. Head to the amusement-filled Brighton Pier for rides, fish 'n' chips, fortune tellers and arcade games. Don't miss Brighton Rock, the city's famous hard candy. You'll also stroll the Lanes, narrow alleys with shops carrying unique souvenirs and hidden treasures.

## Day 3 Sussex • Bath Region

**Visit to Salisbury Cathedral** • Journey through rural English landscapes to Salisbury for a visit to the town's cathedral. Boasting England's highest spire, the cathedral also contains Crusaders' tombs and a copy of the *Magna Carta*.

**Transfer via Stonehenge** • Next stop is Stonehenge. This 4,000-year-old ring of stones is believed to have been an ancient worship and burial site. Legend holds it was built by Merlin.



Number of overnight stays in parentheses.

**Arrive in Bath Region** • Spend the night in the area of Bath, home to elegant Georgian squares.

#### Day 4 Bath Region

**Excursion to Glastonbury** • Take in lovely scenery as you travel to Glastonbury, reputed to be the “Avalon” of Arthurian legend. Here you’ll visit Glastonbury Abbey, the alleged burial site of King Arthur and Queen Guinevere (and possible resting place of the Holy Grail).

**Visit to the Cheddar Caves and Gorge** • Visit the spectacular Cheddar Caves, formed a million years ago by meltwaters from the Ice Age. Here you can explore Gough’s Cave, a quarter of a mile of cathedral-like caverns, and meet Cheddar Man, Britain’s oldest complete skeleton. Climb the 274 steps of Jacob’s Ladder from the depths of the country’s largest gorge and marvel at the vivid colors of Cox’s cave.

#### Day 5 Bath • Stratford Region

**Guided sightseeing of Bath** • Join a local guide for a closer look at Bath, famous for its Georgian architecture, a lasting reminder of the world described in so many Jane Austen novels. In her novel *Northanger Abbey*, Austen wrote, “I really believe I shall always be talking of Bath ... I do like it so very much. Oh! who can ever be tired of Bath.” This spa was a favorite vacation spot of early Romans and 18th-century English aristocracy alike; former residents include Queen Victoria and Lord Nelson. Visit the acclaimed Roman baths, built by the Romans in the 1st century to enjoy the hot springs. Today these baths remain the finest Roman ruins in Britain.

**Visit to Warwick Castle** • Former home of Richard the Kingmaker—a pivotal figure during the War of the Roses—Warwick Castle is considered by many to be the finest medieval castle in England. Climb the towers and ramparts, view the treasures in the Great Hall, or descend deep into the castle’s bowels for a look at the dungeon and torture chamber. But tread softly as you go—the castle is reputedly haunted by the ghost of Sir Fulke Greville, who was stabbed to death here by a servant in 1628.

**Arrive in Stratford Region** • Welcome to the birthplace of William Shakespeare. Spend the night in the region where the Bard once lived.

#### Day 6 Stratford Region • London

**Tour director-led sightseeing of Stratford** • “It is something, I thought, to have seen the dust of Shakespeare.” Discover what inspired Washington Irving’s famous words as you tour Stratford-upon-Avon, where Shakespeare was

born, raised and buried. Step back into the Elizabethan age as you visit the half-timbered home in which the Bard was born, as well as see the old-fashioned English gardens and orchard of Anne Hathaway’s Cottage, a picturesque thatched farmhouse where Shakespeare’s wife spent her childhood.

**Tour director-led sightseeing of Oxford** • On your way to London, travel to ivy-draped Oxford. A mecca of learning for more than 800 years, Oxford is the oldest university in the English-speaking world. Alumni include 14 prime ministers, and former President Bill Clinton spent a term here as well. Walk through the peaceful quads and cloisters of Brasenose College, and gaze up at the town’s “dreaming spires.”

**Arrival in London** • Return to London, where you’ll spend the night.

#### Day 7 London

**Guided sightseeing of London** • A local guide leads you on a panoramic tour of London. Begin in Grosvenor Square, which is sometimes called “Little America” because it’s the site of the U.S. embassy and the house where Eisenhower once lived. Continue to Hyde Park Corner, located at the southeast corner of Hyde Park, one of London’s largest parks. At bustling Piccadilly Circus, the intersection of five busy streets, check out the bright lights and big-city displays, before heading to Trafalgar Square. Pass Speaker’s Corner, where anyone with something to say is invited to speak his mind. Snap a photo of the Houses of Parliament and continue along London’s South

Bank for views of the famous London Bridge. Stroll across the Millennium Bridge for an orientation of St. Paul’s Cathedral, the magnificent 17th-century Baroque church designed by Sir Christopher Wren. Finally, witness a London tradition—the Changing of the Guard (subject to scheduling).

**Optional excursion to Windsor** • Opt to visit Windsor for a guided tour of the Royal Family’s retreat. Founded by William the Conqueror in 1070, the castle has undergone many renovations over the last 800 years, as each new monarch has added a tower here and a wing there. Legend holds that the castle’s Round Tower was built on the site where King Arthur sat with his Knights of the Round Table. Priceless objects reside in the State Apartments, ranging from paintings by Rubens and Holbein to Henry VIII’s sword and suit of armor. Time permitting, visit Queen Mary’s Dolls’ House and St. George’s Chapel, final resting place of many monarchs including Henry VIII and Charles I. (Please note that St. George’s Chapel is closed on Sunday mornings for church services.) On the rare occasion that Windsor Castle is closed, you’ll instead visit Henry VIII’s extravagant retreat at Hampton Court.

#### Day 8 London

**Visit to the Tower of London** • The history of London comes to life at this complex of 20 towers surrounding Tower Green. The oldest tower, known as the White Tower, was completed in 1097, when it was the tallest building in London. The Tower buildings have had

See if you can spot France across the English Channel.



many uses over the years; perhaps the most infamous was as a jail for political prisoners, not to mention two of Henry VIII's wives. The most famous exhibits at the Tower are the British Crown Jewels. Aside from a short interruption during WWII, these splendid baubles have been locked behind the Tower's walls for centuries.

**EF walking tour of London** • Stroll through the heart of London on our EF walking tour, which begins along the banks of the River Thames. These shadowy waters gave the city its name, which derives from Llyn-Dyn, Celtic for "city of the lake." Walk along the Strand and see the spot considered to be London's geographic center; all measurements of distances to London end here. Enter Trafalgar Square and pause at Nelson's Column, built to commemorate his 1805 victory in the Battle of Trafalgar. Continue on to Leicester Square, where duelists once fought to the death. Then saunter through London's tiny Chinatown. Your walk ends at chic Covent Garden, where you'll enjoy watching street performers (or "buskers") amuse the lively crowds. (The exact walking route may vary, depending on your hotel location and the day's other activities.)

**Free time in London** • Enjoy free time in London this afternoon. You might wish to visit the original Hard Rock Café or Madame Tussauds wax museum, take a cruise down the Thames, or look for Sherlock Holmes' house on Baker Street. Attend a Shakespearean drama at a replica of the Globe Theater, or visit the fascinating, hands-on exhibits of London's Natural History Museum.

**Optional Medieval Dinner** • Tonight, King Henry VIII welcomes you to our optional five-course Medieval Dinner, held along the Thames in one of the most picturesque areas of London. A choir of minstrels will herald your arrival inside the banquet hall's historic vaults, located near the medieval Tower of London. Experience British pageantry and Olde English fare as sword-fighting knights, magicians, jesters and balladeers perform throughout this five-course feast. The medieval festivities commence with the presentation of the traditional boar's head! (Please note that this optional dinner is subject to availability and is not offered on Mondays.)

### Day 9 London

**Optional excursion to Canterbury and Leeds Castle** • Opt for a journey to Canterbury, the destination city of Chaucer's pilgrims in the legendary *Canterbury Tales*. Visit the town's magnificent Gothic cathedral (the seat of the Church of England) and see where four of the king's knights murdered Archbishop Thomas à Becket in 1170 as part of a long-running debate over church and state. The excursion also includes a visit to stately Leeds Castle. Surrounded by rolling countryside, this was a favorite estate of Henry VIII.

### Day 10 Home

**Return home** • Your tour director assists with the transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

### EXTENSION

#### Day 10 London • Paris

**Transfer via the Eurostar from London to Paris** • In London, board the high-speed Eurostar, an 18-car train that runs through the tunnel connecting Britain with continental Europe. Completed in May 1994, the Channel Tunnel provides travelers with easy access to and from the continent. Enjoy state-of-the-art technology as you glide under the English Channel to France.

**Arrival in Paris** • Arrive in Paris, cosmopolitan City of Light.

### Day 11 Paris

**Guided sightseeing of Paris** • Discover the city on the Seine, beginning with the imposing Arc de Triomphe, commemorating Napoleon's Grande Armée. Take a drive down the elegant Champs-Élysées to the Place de la Concorde. Pass the Conciergerie, where prisoners of the Revolution spent their final days, and see Les Invalides, Louis XIV's grand retirement home for wounded soldiers. You'll also see the École Militaire, where Napoleon graduated to lieutenant and was told he'd go far if circumstances allowed. Next, make a photo

stop at the Eiffel Tower to marvel at the 6,000-ton centerpiece for the 1889 World's Fair. You'll hear the story of how this impressive—but once highly controversial—symbol of Paris was spared the wrecking ball in 1909. Pass the Opéra Garnier, where the famous Phantom of the Opera haunted his dear Christine, and marvel at Église de la Madeleine, designed as a temple of glory for Napoleon's army. Continue past the geometric gardens of the Tuileries as you make your way to the Place Vendôme, a vast square surrounded by elegant 17th-century façades.

**Walking tour of Paris** • Your walking tour of Paris centers around the Île de la Cité, considered the birthplace of Paris. This island surrounded entirely by the Seine has been inhabited since the 3rd century B.C. and was the political and religious center of France for centuries. Île de la Cité houses three of Paris' most important buildings: Notre Dame Cathedral; the Conciergerie, Paris' first prison; and St. Chapelle, the Gothic Catholic church.

**Visit to Notre Dame Cathedral** • Built between 1163 and 1361 over the remains of an ancient Roman temple, it was here that Napoleon crowned himself emperor in 1804. Victor Hugo once described the sculptured façade of Notre Dame as "a vast symphony in stone." However, had it not been for the creation of his famous hunchback, Quasimodo, the cathedral might never have returned to its former glory. Hugo's novel *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* helped inspire a 23-year restoration of the cathedral that began in 1841. Step inside to admire the stained-glass rose windows and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings.

### Day 12 Home

**Return home** • Your tour director assists with your transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

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