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TRAVEL PLANNER
Great Britain

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GREAT

BRITAIN



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HOME OF AMAZING MOMENTS

Mix and match your amazing British moments

Combine your favourite itineraries to perfectly customise your incredible Great Britain journey. Here are some of the most popular options.



Southern Circle 6–12 nights




London, Canterbury, Hastings, Brighton, Bath, Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon, London.

-  We recommend hiring a car from Oxford to explore the picturesque Cotswolds.
-  Recommended stops on the way: Dover, Cheddar, Stonehenge, Salisbury, and the Cotswolds.
-  Globus: London & Country 7 days; Insight: London & Southern England 8 days; Back-Roads Touring: Combine Gardens of England 5 days + Iconic England 3 days.



Best of Britain 12–20 nights



London, Salisbury, Exeter, St Ives, Plymouth, Bath, Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon, York, Manchester, Lake District, Edinburgh.

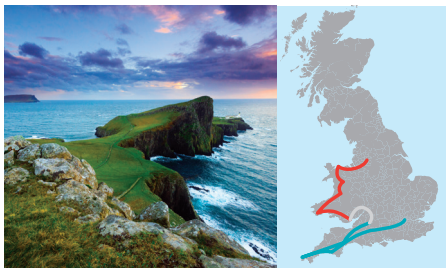
-  From Manchester, day trip to Chester and Liverpool or connect as a side journey to the Lake District.
-  Recommended stops on the way: Glastonbury, Newquay, Liverpool, Chester, Hadrian's Wall.
-  Trafalgar: Combine Best of Devon & Cornwall 6 days + Castle & Kilts 10 days. Back-Roads Touring: Combine Corners of Cornwall 7 days + Highlights of Britain 9 days.



Northern Delights 12–18 nights

Manchester; Liverpool, York, Lake District, Glasgow, Oban, Isle of Skye, Inverness, Pitlochry, Edinburgh.

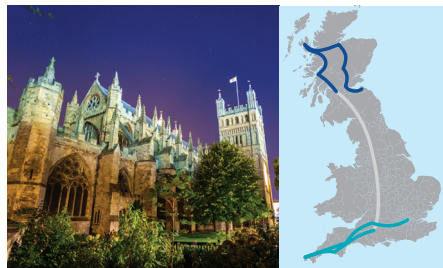
-  Take a round trip from Manchester to the Lake District. Travel onwards to York, then directly up to Scotland.
-  Recommended stops on the way: Chester, Hadrian's Wall, Loch Lomond, Loch Ness, Perth, St Andrews & Stirling.
-  Combine rail or drive from Manchester to Glasgow with a Scotland escorted tour. Scotland tours available with Globus, Trafalgar, Insight, Back-Roads Touring and Contiki.



Go West 12–18 nights




London, Salisbury, Exeter, St Ives, Plymouth, Bath, Cardiff, Pembroke, Llandrindod Wells, Caernarfon, Llandudno, Manchester.

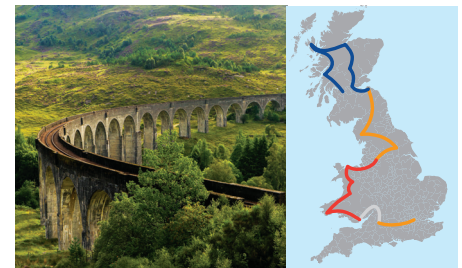
-  Rail through Cornwall to Cardiff, then explore Wales by car.
-  Recommended stops on the way: Glastonbury, Eden Project, Newquay, Brecon Beacons and Snowdonia National Parks.
-  Back-Roads Touring: combine Corners of Cornwall 7 days + Wonder of Wales 7 days or combine Trafalgar Cornwall tour with a self drive of Wales.



Top and Tail 15–20 nights




London, Salisbury, Exeter, St Ives, Plymouth, Bath, Glasgow, Oban, Isle of Skye, Inverness, Pitlochry, Edinburgh.

-  Take a ferry from near Oban train station to the Isles of Mull and Iona.
-  Either rail or drive from Bath to Glasgow. Take the opportunity to stop in Manchester to explore the region.
-  Back-Roads Touring: combine Corners of Cornwall 7 days + A Scottish Journey 8 days; Trafalgar: combine Best of Devon & Cornwall 6 days + Best of Scotland 7 days.



Three Country Combo 20–30 nights

London, Bath, Cardiff, Llandrindod Wells, Caernarfon, Llandudno, Manchester, York, Windermere, Edinburgh, Pitlochry, Inverness, Isle of Skye, Oban, Glasgow.

-  Rail to Cardiff, then discover Wales by car, before taking the rail again in Manchester.
-  Explore every country lane and see the full length of this diverse land.
-  All touring companies offer itineraries that cover England, Scotland and Wales.



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4 EASY WAYS for travelling in Britain

A trip to the UK can be anything you want it to be – an enchanting step back in time, a refreshing country escape, an exciting world-class city break, or all of the above.

Use this guide to create the holiday that's perfect for you. Enjoy.

When to travel

- Anytime from April to October is a good time to travel, to the UK with the countryside in bloom from April to June.
- Summertime is peak season. Be sure to book well ahead and take advantage of earlybird fares if you can.
- Consider special events when timing your trip, such as the Chelsea Flower Show in May and Edinburgh Military Tattoo in August.



Isle of Skye, Scotland

How to travel



SELF DRIVE



RAIL



GROUP JOURNEYS



Lake District National Park

What to see

- Choose your destinations – maybe you want to see it all, maybe you want a more leisurely pace.
- Think about the type of trip you'd like, whether that includes the must-do sights or more bespoke experiences.
- For something different, stay in a castle, go canal boating or take a food tour.



Thermae Bath Spa, Bath

Mix and match

- Take our itineraries as a guide, then pick and choose what you find most appealing.
- Mix up your modes of travel, combining train journeys, road trips and escorted tours.
- Make the most of your Travel Expert, who can help you create a customised holiday.



London Eye, London

How do you like to travel?

Whether you like the freedom of being behind the wheel, the promise of in-depth experiences or the romance of a rail journey through beautiful countryside, how you travel is up to you.

Self Drive

GREAT FOR

- The thrill and spontaneity of exploring the road less travelled.
- The freedom to travel at your own pace, whether meandering or direct.
- No timetables – simply set your GPS, switch on your playlist and go!
- Going from A to B, with no need to return a hire car to your starting destination.

KEEP IN MIND

- Some road rules will be different, but driving is on the same side of the road as in New Zealand.
- Your car should match your needs, such as having ample boot space to carry large suitcases.
- Check your accommodation provides parking.
- When budgeting, make sure you allocate funds for tolls and fuel.

Rail

GREAT FOR

- Everyone being able to relax as you travel to the heart of the next exciting city.
- A fast and inexpensive way to explore.
- Travel in comfort with Wi-Fi, quiet carriages, power sockets and refreshments.

KEEP IN MIND

- Friday evenings are busy, so try to avoid this time.
- Minimise your luggage, as limited space on trains and navigating platforms can be tricky.

TIP: Have the best of both worlds! Take a train and relax on longer journeys, then hire a car and explore locally.

Group Journeys

GREAT FOR

- Tour guides provide in-depth insight into local history and culture.
- A hassle-free holiday, where everything is taken care of.
- A fuller itinerary, because most highlights are pre-arranged.

KEEP IN MIND

- While most tours offer free time, you'll be following an itinerary.
- Mornings are early and days are full.
- Travelling with a group may sometimes involve a little compromise.

Company	Price Guide	Max Group Size	Accommodation	Breakfast	Dinners	Tipping	Highlights
CostSaver	\$	48	3-3½-star hotels	✓	✗	optional	Includes orientation tours (but not always admission), time to explore on your own.
Cosmos	\$	48	3-3½-star hotels	✓	✗	✗	Includes orientation tours (but not always admission), time to explore on your own.
Contiki	\$\$	50	3-star hotels	✓	some	optional	Youth 18–35 years. Sightseeing and some entry into sights.
Topdeck	\$\$	50	3-star hotels	✓	some	✓	Youth 18–39 years. Sightseeing and some entry into sights.
Trafalgar	\$\$\$	48	4-star hotels	✓	some	optional	Includes orientation tours and some entry into sights.
Globus	\$\$\$	44	4-star hotels	✓	some	✗	Includes orientation tours and some entry into sights.
Back-Roads Touring	\$\$\$\$	18	4-star boutique hotels & unique stays	✓	some	optional	Small group, leisurely paced – two- and three-night stops, travel off the main highways.
Insight Vacations	\$\$\$\$	40	5-star hotels	✓	some	optional	Signature experiences, door-to-coach baggage handling.

Please note: This is a general guide only. Please ensure you check the individual tour for specific information on passengers, hotels and meals.

Plan your amazing BRITISH MOMENTS



LONDON TO:	BY TRAIN	BY CAR
Bath	1hr 20mins	2hrs 40mins
Oxford	1hr	1hr 45mins
Windsor	55mins	1hr
Bristol	1hr 40mins	2hrs 40mins
Cardiff	2hrs	3hrs 15mins
Cheltenham	2hrs	2hrs 30mins
Cambridge	1hr 20mins	1hr 50mins
Norwich	1hr 40mins	2hrs 30mins
Brighton	1hr	2hrs
York	1hr 50mins	4hrs

BIRMINGHAM TO:	BY TRAIN	BY CAR
Stratford-Upon-Avon	40mins	55mins
Warwick	30mins	45mins
Liverpool	1hr 35mins	2hrs 20mins
Worcester	40mins	50mins

MANCHESTER TO:	BY TRAIN	BY CAR
Liverpool	50mins	1hr
Chester	1hr	1hr 30mins
York	1hr 20mins	1hr 45mins
Windermere (Lake District)	1hr 40mins	1hr 35mins
Edale (Peak District)	45mins	1hr 20mins
Llandudno	2hrs 10mins	1hr 50mins

EDINBURGH TO:	BY TRAIN	BY CAR
Glasgow	50mins	1hr 10mins
Loch Lomond (Balloch Station)	2hrs	1hr 45mins
Perth	1hr 20mins	1hr 15mins
Stirling	50mins	1hr 5mins

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	NORTHERN MINI LOOP

CREATE YOUR OWN ITINERARY

THE 'GREAT' BRITAIN

Recommend 13–24 nights

LONDON Stay 4–7 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take a red double-decker bus tour Enjoy panoramic views on the London Eye Tour the historic Tower of London <p>Train: 1 hour and 20 minutes to Bath Drive: 2 hours and 40 minutes to Bath</p>
BATH Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See the Roman Baths by torchlight Visit the nearby site of Stonehenge Taste a Sally Lunn bun <p>Train: 1 hour and 15 minutes to Oxford Drive: 1 hour and 40 minutes to Oxford</p>
OXFORD Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UK's oldest university town Browse the quaint Covered Market A punt down the river is a must-do <p>Train: 1 hour and 30 minutes to Stratford-upon-Avon Drive: 1 hour and 5 minutes to Stratford-upon-Avon</p>
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Market town with over 800 years' history Visit key William Shakespeare landmarks Admire Europe's largest butterfly farm <p>Train: 3 hours to Manchester Drive: 2 hours and 30 minutes to Manchester</p>
MANCHESTER Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Browse the National Football Museum Visit the world's oldest public library Cruise the city's winding canals <p>Train: 1 hour and 20 minutes to York Drive: 1 hour and 45 minutes to York</p>
YORK Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See the iconic York Minster York Castle Museum is a must-see Experience the vibrant Shambles <p>Train: We recommend to access the Lake District as a side trip from Manchester Drive: 1 hour and 45 minutes to Windermere</p>
LAKE DISTRICT Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hike and bike the stunning landscapes Take a cruise on the beautiful lakes Sample the famous Kendal Mint Cake <p>Train: 2 hours and 30 minutes to Edinburgh Drive: 3 hours and 30 minutes to Edinburgh</p>
EDINBURGH Stay 3–5 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the world-famous Edinburgh Castle Visit the National Museum of Scotland Discover beaches, hills and wildlife nearby

CORNWALL & DEVON DELIGHTS

Recommend 10–19 nights

LONDON Stay 4–7 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admire the impressive Buckingham Palace See a play at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre Revere the beauty of Westminster Abbey <p>Train: 1 hour and 20 minutes to Bath Drive: 2 hours and 40 minutes to Bath</p>
BATH Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stroll past the Georgian architecture Visit the Jane Austen Centre Discover the Roman Baths <p>Train: 1 hour and 45 minutes to Exeter Drive: 2 hours and 10 minutes to Exeter</p>
EXETER Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Step inside the Gothic Exeter Cathedral Take a break at the picturesque Quayside Wander the historic city walls <p>Train: 3 hours and 15 minutes to St Ives Drive: 2 hours to St Ives</p>
ST IVES Stay 2–4 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go from beach to beautiful beach Take a boat trip to Seal Island Soak up the rich artistic heritage <p>Train: 2 hours and 10 minutes to Plymouth Drive: 1 hour and 50 minutes to Plymouth</p>
PLYMOUTH Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renowned for its maritime heritage Don't miss the historic Barbican district See the Royal Citadel and Crownhill Fort <p>Train: 2 hours and 50 minutes to Salisbury Drive: 2 hours and 40 minutes to Salisbury</p>
SALISBURY Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join a tour to Stonehenge Admire the 13th-century Salisbury Cathedral See one of England's finest stately homes

SCOTTISH HIGHLIGHTS

Recommend 10–18 nights

GLASGOW Stay 2–4 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admire Victorian and Art Nouveau architecture Be wowed by the stunning Stirling Castle Venture to nearby Loch Lomond <p>Train: 3 hours to Oban Drive: 2 hours and 35 minutes to Oban</p>
OBAN Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gateway to the Isles of Mull and Iona Enjoy seafood eateries by the harbour Investigate ruins of castles and fortresses <p>Train: 4 hours and 30 minutes to Isle of Skye Drive: 3 hours and 40 minutes to Isle of Skye</p>
ISLE OF SKYE Stay 2–3 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take in rugged landscapes and vistas Roam picturesque fishing villages Spot medieval castles <p>Train: 2 hours and 40 minutes to Inverness Drive: 2 hours and 40 minutes to Inverness</p>
INVERNESS Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural capital of Scottish Highlands Try to spot the Loch Ness Monster Enjoy beautiful outdoor walks <p>Train: 1 hour and 45 minutes to Pitlochry Drive: 1 hour and 35 minutes to Pitlochry</p>
PITLOCHRY Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admire two special and unique castles Taste local brews and spirits Relax in lovely gardens and tearooms <p>Train: 2 hours to Edinburgh Drive: 1 hour and 45 minutes to Edinburgh</p>
EDINBURGH Stay 3–5 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get lost in brick and cobbled alleys Tour the Palace of Holyroodhouse Enjoy city views from Arthur's Seat

WONDERFUL WALES

Recommend 7–14 nights and to travel as a self-drive itinerary

CARDIFF Stay 2–4 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Step inside the extravagant Cardiff Castle Shop in lovely Victorian arcades Find famous <i>Doctor Who</i> TV locations <p>Drive: 2 hours to Pembroke</p>
PEMBROKE Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admire ancient ruins of St Govan's Chapel Day trip to Brecon Beacons National Park Take in historic palaces and castles <p>Drive: 2 hours to Llandrindod</p>
LLANDRINDOD WELLS Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk the heritage trail See artefacts in the Radnorshire Museum Wander Llandrindod Wells Lake Park <p>Drive: 2 hours and 30 minutes to Caernarfon</p>
CAERNARFON Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gateway for Snowdonia National Park Visit Caernarfon Castle Take the family to Greenwood Forest Park <p>Drive: 1 hour and 45 minutes to Llandudno</p>
LLANDUDNO Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow local walking and heritage trails Ride the scenic Llandudno Cable Car Visit the majestic Conway Castle <p>Drive: 1 hour and 50 minutes to Manchester</p>
MANCHESTER Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admire the 13th-century Manchester Cathedral Explore world-class galleries and museums Experience the local pubs and nightlife

SOUTH-EAST MINI LOOP

Recommend 3–6 nights

LONDON	<p>Train: 1 hour London to Brighton Drive: 2 hours London to Brighton</p>
BRIGHTON Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wander the beach and iconic pier Taste the wares at local vineyards and breweries <p>Train: 1 hour to Hastings Drive: 1 hour and 30 minutes to Hastings</p>
HASTINGS Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride Britain's steepest funicular for top views Unravel history in museums and the Old Town <p>Train: 1 hour and 15 minutes to Canterbury Drive: 1 hour and 35 minutes to Canterbury</p>
CANTERBURY Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore Canterbury Castle and Cathedral Discover 6th-century abbey ruins <p>Train: 1 hour and 30 minutes to London Drive: 2 hours to London</p>

SOUTH-WEST MINI LOOP

Recommend 3–6 nights

LONDON	<p>Train: 1 hour and 20 minutes London to Bath Drive: 2 hours and 40 minutes London to Bath</p>
BATH Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relax at the Thermae Bath Spa Browse the fascinating Victoria Art Gallery Step back in time at No.1 Royal Crescent <p>Train: 1 hour and 15 minutes to Oxford Drive: 1 hour and 40 minutes to Oxford</p>
OXFORD Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climb the city's oldest spire, Saxon Tower Tour famous <i>Harry Potter</i> movie sites <p>Train: 1 hour and 30 minutes to Stratford-upon-Avon Drive: 1 hour and 5 minutes to Stratford-upon-Avon</p>
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catch a play on the banks of the River Avon Visit the lovely nearby Cotswolds <p>Train: 2 hours and 5 minutes to London Drive: 2 hours and 15 minutes to London</p>

NORTHERN MINI LOOP

Recommend 4–8 nights and to travel as a self-drive itinerary

MANCHESTER Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admire the splendid Manchester Town Hall Day trip to Edale, Peak District <p>Drive: 1 hour and 45 minutes to York</p>
YORK Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discover Roman, Viking and Medieval heritage Wander Castle and Yorkshire Museums <p>Drive: 2 hours and 30 minutes to Lake District</p>
LAKE DISTRICT Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admire landscapes that inspired Beatrix Potter Cruise on England's largest lake <p>Drive: 1 hour and 45 minutes to Liverpool</p>
LIVERPOOL Stay 1–2 nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join crowds at a local soccer game Follow sites in The Beatles' hometown <p>Drive: 1 hour to Manchester</p>



Glenfinnan Viaduct, Scotland