



VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
Alumni Association

Journey through Britain

England, Scotland & Wales

August 21-September 3, 2023

14 days from \$6,371 total price from Newark

(\$5,695 air & land inclusive plus \$676 airline taxes and fees)



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An Exclusive Small Group Travel Experience for
Alumni and Friends of Vanderbilt University

Featuring a Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo performance



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Dear Vanderbilt Travelers and Friends,

Join other Vanderbilt alumni and friends on an exclusive 14-day small-group journey through captivating Great Britain to discover the many charms of England, Scotland and Wales. One of this tour's highlights is a performance of the famed Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, which only occurs in August.

The explorations begin in stately Edinburgh, and include Edinburgh Castle and the Royal Mile. Traveling on to England's beautiful Lake District, spend two nights on Lake Windermere's shores. Visit William Wordsworth's grammar school and enjoy a boat ride on the idyllic lake. With the next two nights in North Wales, touring includes historic Bodnant Garden, Conwy Castle and a scenic train ride through Snowdonia National Park. Returning to England, discover Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon. Experience the postcard-perfect Cotswolds region and spend two nights in storied Bath. After stops at enigmatic Stonehenge and Windsor Castle, encounter London's celebrated landmarks during a two-night stay. Those who wish can prolong their time in London with an optional 3-day/2-night post-tour extension.

With room for only 24 guests in total, and this superb itinerary, we expect that our limited space will fill up quickly. Your deposit is fully refundable up until 95 days before departure. Book risk-free today!

Sincerely,

Cary DeWitt Allyn
Director, Vanderbilt Travel Program
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The Vanderbilt Travel Program strives to engage Vanderbilt alumni, parents, and friends of all ages, keeping them connected with each other and Vanderbilt. Each carefully designed trip offers unparalleled educational opportunities, many with Vanderbilt professors, for an exclusive "beyond the classroom" experience.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY RESERVATION FORM: JOURNEY THROUGH BRITAIN

To reserve your place on tour, **please call the Vanderbilt Travel Program at 1-615-322-3673. You may also call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 1-888-370-6765.** Please have the information outlined below available to share with a Vanderbilt Travel Program representative or an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor. **If you prefer**, you may instead complete the Reservation Form below and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit.

Please note that your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

If paying your deposit by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the Reservation Form. Send to:

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.
Attn: Special Interest Groups
One Newton Place
275 Washington Street, Suite 300
Newton, MA 02458

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I/We would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

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Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

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Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request a Business Class upgrade ☐

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability) ☐

Post-Tour "London – On Your Own" Extension: Please sign me/us up ☐

Tour membership limited to 24 Vanderbilt alumni and friends

Journey through Britain

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On this wide-ranging tour we travel from city to country and back again: from gracious Edinburgh to England’s legendary Lake District, from spectacular Snowdonia to the rural Cotswolds and Roman Bath, ending in cosmopolitan London. As we see history and legend come to life on our journey, we also enjoy the region’s timeless hospitality.



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Edinburgh, Scotland

Day 2: Arrive Edinburgh We arrive in the Scottish capital and transfer to our hotel. As guests’ arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities planned during the day. Late this afternoon, we meet for a briefing about the journey ahead; tonight we gather for a welcome dinner. *D*

Day 3: Edinburgh Our morning tour of this stately city built on seven hills includes the 18th-century “New Town” and the medieval “Old Town,” where we visit Edinburgh Castle, symbolic heart of Scotland. This afternoon is at leisure to discover Edinburgh as we wish; museums, galleries, and shops abound. Dinner tonight is on our own, and Edinburgh boasts a robust culinary scene. Tonight we enjoy an evening performance of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. *B*

Day 4: Edinburgh This morning we encounter the Royal Mile, the historic boulevard connecting Edinburgh Castle with the Palace of Holyrood House. We tour Holyrood, as it is called, and see where British royalty schemed and slept as we tour the State Apartments. After lunch at a local restaurant, the remainder of the day is free for independent exploration and dinner on our own. *B,L*

Day 5: Edinburgh/Lake District Today we’re bound for the beautiful – and beloved – Lake District of northwest England, a national park and diverse landscape of lakes, rivers, ancient woodlands, and small towns and villages. On arrival we stop at Dove Cottage, where English Romantic poet William Wordsworth penned some of his most memorable lines. Late afternoon we reach our hotel on the shores of Lake Windermere. *B,L,D*

Day 6: Lake District Today’s explorations begin with a cruise on idyllic Lake Windermere, England’s largest lake at 10½ miles long. We continue to the village of Hawkshead, where we have time for lunch on our own followed by a visit to Hawkshead Grammar School, famously attended by poet William Wordsworth. Next, we visit the Beatrix Potter Gallery, showcasing the original artwork of the author who

Small Group Tour Highlights

Edinburgh touring, including Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood House, and Royal Mile • Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo • England’s pastoral Lake District • Boat ride on Lake Windermere • Wales’ Bodnant Garden and unspoiled Snowdonia National Park • Shakespeare’s birthplace at Stratford-upon-Avon • Bath touring: Roman Baths, Assembly Room, Circus, Bath Abbey • Stonehenge visit • Windsor Castle • Cosmopolitan London

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Edinburgh		
2-4	Edinburgh, Scotland	Apex Waterloo Place Hotel	Sup. First Class
5-6	Lake District, England	Low Wood Bay Resort Hotel	First Class
7-8	Llandudno, Wales	Llandudno Bay Hotel	First Class
9	Stratford-upon-Avon	The Arden Hotel	Sup. First Class
10-11	Bath, England	Francis Hotel Bath	First Class
12-13	London	The Clermont, Charing Cross	Sup. First Class
14	Depart London for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: Now a UNESCO site, England’s Lake District has drawn visitors since Wordsworth spread the word.



Wales’ pristine Snowdonia National Park, which we visit on Day 8

lived nearby in the early 1900s. Late afternoon we return to our hotel and dine there tonight. *B,D*

Day 7: Lake District/North Wales We travel through splendid Lake District scenery today en route to Wales, with its rugged natural beauty and distinct culture. Our first stop is at Bodnant Garden, the historic 80-acre National Trust property with a lovely hillside setting and ever-changing displays, from manicured lawns to flower-filled terraces. After our visit, we continue on to the seaside town of Llandudno, dubbed “Queen of the Welsh Resorts,” and our home for the next two nights. We dine tonight at our hotel. *B,D*

Day 8: North Wales/Snowdonia National Park Wales is a land of fierce natural beauty, as we see for ourselves on this morning’s visit to Snowdonia National Park, where we enjoy a scenic train ride. Then we head to the port town of Conwy to visit the 13th-century UNESCO site of Conwy Castle, a medieval fortress whose brute appearance symbolized English domination over the Welsh. Mid-afternoon we return to our coastal retreat, with time at leisure before dinner together tonight. *B,D*

Day 9: North Wales/Stratford-upon-Avon Returning to England today, we travel to Stratford-upon-Avon, where our touring includes a visit to Anne Hathaway’s Cottage & Gardens, the thatched farmhouse of Shakespeare’s bride that still contains some original furnishings. We also tour Shakespeare’s Birthplace, a restored 16th-century half-timbered house where the Bard is believed to have been born in 1564. Then we have time in this 800-year-old market town for lunch on our own and to explore independently before we dine together at our hotel this evening. *B,D*

Day 10: Stratford-upon-Avon/The Cotswolds/Bath

Today we encounter the Cotswolds, England’s south central region of gently rolling hills dotted with villages of honey-colored limestone, market towns, and unspoiled countryside, looking much as it did 300 years ago. We arrive in Bath mid-afternoon, with the remainder of the day and this evening at leisure. *B,L*

Day 11: Bath We set out on a morning tour of this storied and graceful city where the ancient Romans first “took the waters” at England’s only hot springs. Today the historic Roman Baths count among the city’s most popular sites, along with Bath Abbey, the 18th-century Assembly Room, The Circus, and the Royal Crescent, all of which we see on our tour. The afternoon is free to explore as we wish before we dine together at our hotel this evening. *B,D*

Post-Tour Extension

September 3-5, 2023
London – On Your Own
3 days/2 nights for \$495 total price
Single Supplement: \$345

Theater, art, shopping, restaurants – London has it all, in abundance. Enjoy this world capital in your own style, at your own pace.

Your Tour Price Includes

- 2 nights’ accommodations at The Clermont Charing Cross (Superior First Class)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to airport



TO UNPATHED WATERS,
UNDREAMED SHORES.”

– WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Day 12: Bath/London We leave our pastoral days behind as we travel today to London, stopping en route to see Stonehenge, the 4,500-year-old Neolithic monument that remains something of a mystery today. That the prehistoric circle of stones is a masterpiece of engineering and building is undisputed; exactly why it was created is less certain. Next we visit Windsor, site of Windsor Castle, home to British royalty for more than a millennium. We tour the castle, including St. George’s Chapel, burial place of six of the last eight British monarchs. Then we continue on to London, arriving late this afternoon. Dinner tonight is on our own in this world-class city. *B*



Charming Cotswolds cottages

is at leisure to explore this wondrous city as we wish; London offers an embarrassment of riches from which to choose. Tonight we celebrate our journey through Britain at a farewell dinner. *B,D*

Day 14: Depart for U.S. We transfer this morning to Heathrow Airport for our flights home. *B*

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 12 nights’ accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
- 23 meals: 12 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 8 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



Edinburgh’s popular Princes Street

Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

This special departure includes reserved seating at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, an entertainment extravaganza set against the backdrop of flood-lit Edinburgh Castle.

Tour Departs: August 21, 2023

Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Newark	\$6,371
Boston, Philadelphia	\$6,571
Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Washington, DC	\$6,671
Charlotte, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Miami, Minneapolis, Nashville, Orlando, Tampa	\$6,771
Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$6,871
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$5,595

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$676, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,695. Your \$500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days before departure. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$3,795 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

For reservations and information, please call the Vanderbilt Travel Program Office at 1-615-322-3673

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Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; immunizations, inoculations, and COVID-19 testing; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: full refund; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.**

Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

Responsibility: The liability of the Vanderbilt University Alumni Association, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The Vanderbilt University Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a significant amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the Vanderbilt University Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols: *The well-being of our guests and staff members on tour will continue to be our highest priorities. To maintain a healthy environment for travel, we will be establishing and adhering to a detailed set of health and safety protocols for all facets of your tour. We are committed to following the guidelines of the State Department, CDC, WHO, and authorities of respective countries regarding travel to a particular destination. Detailed protocols for this tour, based on conditions at the time, will be provided to you prior to your departure.*

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