

PURPLE LINE LINE – 7 DAY TOUR

ENGLAND • SCOTLAND

TOUR TYPE:

Escorted group tour (English-Speaking)

TOUR NAME:

Purple Line (can be combined with the Red and/or Green Line Tour)

DURATION:

From 1-7 days

PRICE:

\$73 (plus mandatory tip of \$5 per person per day), land-only price

TOUR PACE:

Comfortable



TOUR ITINERARY

Saturday: Paris – London (470 km)

We gathered in the morning to travel to Port of Calais. Our coach will be driven onto the ferry or Eurotunnel, crossing the English Channel, arriving in Port of Dover, England. Then you can enjoy the drive across the beautiful scenery as we go into **London**. (B)

Hotel: 3 in London or city nearby*

Note: Ferry Fee/ Terminal Tax involved:

English Channel Ferry (Tunnel) fees and terminal tax £10 (Ferry Fees/ Terminal Tax must be paid prior to joining the tour, otherwise the customer is not allowed to take the coach to cross the English Channel and enter England for tourism. Fees is the same for Adult for Child.)

Sunday: London

After having breakfast, we start a walking tour passing through London attractions: **Big Ben, House of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, St James' Park, Buckingham Palace and River Thames**. In the afternoon, we will visit the famous **British Museum**, enter **St Paul's Cathedral** if we have enough time. You can also enjoy the scene of **Tower Bridge and Tower of London** while sitting on the coach. The Tower of London is a historic castle located on the north bank of the River Thames in central London. It has been played a prominent role in English history and served variously as a palace, an armoury, a treasury, a prison, the home of the Royal Mint, the home of the Crown Jewels of England and has been setting to many bloody battles among the British Monarchs. We stay overnight in London, where you can experience the dazzling night scene, or head for a Thames Cruise or musical with a group of friends. (Musical tickets, boat reservation and more activities can be arranged by us.) (B)

Hotel: 3 in London or city nearby*

Monday: London – Cambridge – York (350 km)

After breakfast, it is time to visit the nation's acclaimed educational institution: **Cambridge University**. In addition to a strong academic atmosphere, Cambridge is where many luminaries started their dreams and hopes for the future with the sight of the pastoral landscapes, picturesque rivers and architecture. The university of Cambridge, a majestic old University group includes: King's College, Queens College, set among the most rural of bridges.

We proceed our journey to **York**, a true medieval melting pot of Roman, Saxon and Viking culture. The city is mostly intact from the middle ages and shows the rustic side of Britain. We visit **York Minster**, the largest gothic cathedral in northern Europe. Then we will step up onto **York city walls**, dating back to Roman times. For those keen to discover the little grass-roots shops, there will be time to wander around. (B)

Hotel: 3 in York or city nearby*

Tuesday: York–Edinburgh – Glasgow(400 km)

After leaving York, **Edinburgh** is next on our places to visit. We are expected to arrive in Edinburgh in the afternoon. Edinburgh is Scotland's compact, hilly capital. It represents the best in Scottish heritage. Wooden barrows of gold single malt whiskey, checked kilts and Scottish bagpipes will make you grow fond of this warm and lively nation of quirky characters. Upon arrival, we first visit **Edinburgh Castle**, set on the stunning view of volcanic rock structures, where once inside we will admire the oldest royal crown and



jewellery. We then continue this royal trail with a visit to *Holyrood Palace, City Hall* and the *Royal Parks*. Optional is a visit to JK Rowling's Ivory Café where Harry Potter was authored, to enjoy a cup of coffee. (B)

Hotel: 3* in Glasgow or city nearby

Note: Attraction Fee involved:

Edinburgh Castle: £16.5

Wednesday: Glasgow – Gretna Green – Lake District – Manchester (360 km)

In the morning, we drive straight to *Lake District*, located in the west side of the north of England. On the way, we will stop in *Gretna Green*, where is a village in the south of Scotland famous for 'runaway marriages' began in 1754. Due to its romantic wed-



ding traditions dating back over centuries, Gretna Green is one of the world's most popular wedding. After that we continue our journey to Lake District. *The Lake District National Park* is the most visited national park in the United Kingdom. Each year tens of thousands of visitors travel here to see the thousands of years of geological changes reflected in the intricate natural beauty, lakes, valleys, mountains, waterfalls and natural carved out planning. You can choose our optional to join boat cruise of Lake Windermere, or hop off to the World of Beatrix Potter Attraction.

From the onwards we are driving to *Manchester*, a fashionable, social buzz and dynamic city. This city is not only well known for being a city of sport, the headquarters of Manchester United, but also England's most productive industrial city. Football fans can enjoy a pilgrimage to the Manchester United Old Trafford grounds or catch a training game. Food lovers can pick a scrumptious restaurant in the nearby Chinatown. (B)

Hotel: 3* in Manchester or city nearby

Note: Attraction Fee involved:

Windermere Lake Cruise 45 minutes 7.7

Thursday: Manchester – Stratford-upon-Avon– Bicester Village– London(380 km)

A breath-taking drive will take us to the famous English playwright and poet William Shakespeare's hometown, Stratford-upon-Avon.

This is also where acclaimed Hollywood blockbuster movie – 'Shakespeare in Love' was filmed. From the cobble-stoned streets to the drinking dens, theatres and road signs, everything is to do with Shakespeare. It is a heaven for those romantically inclined.

Our big anticipated outing for today must be the now infamous outlet shopping centre – *Bicester Village*. For your fix of designer clothes, sporting goods, jewellery, household items and children's clothing etc., Bicester Village is the home to more than 130 fashion and lifestyle boutiques, including Gucci, Armani, Prada, Calvin Klein, Dunhill, DKNY, Burberry, Paul Smith, Bally, Clarks and so on, each offers savings of up to 60%, all year round. We dare you not to be persuaded. (B)

Hotel: 3* in London or city nearby

Note: Attraction Fee involved:

Shakespeare Birthplace £16.5

Friday: London – Paris (457 km)

Today we will drive back to the sea crossing *Dover – Calais* to board the ferry across the English Channel. After around one and a half hour by the ferry crossing, we will arrive in France and then drive back to Paris. (B)

Hotel: 3* in Paris or city nearby (optional - if post tour hotel is chosen)

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Notes:

Meal Basis: (B) = Continental Breakfast

Whilst every effort is made to operate this tour as advertised, on occasion it may be necessary to make changes to the accommodation, the routing or order of an itinerary. Compensation will not be payable for alterations to the itinerary or nightly accommodation.

