# LUXURY GOLD

Welcome to The New Golden Age of Travel



British Royale



# Your Journey Map





# Your Day by Day Experience

#### DAY 1 Welcome to London



Arrive in London for your UK luxury tour in style as your executive car chauffeurs you to your five-star hotel. Ideally located across from Buckingham Palace, this heritage hotel welcomes you with the royal treatment with their red tail-coated doormen. As evening sets in, join your Travel Concierge for a sumptuous meal at the English Grill Restaurant.

Included Dining: Dinner

Accommodation: The Rubens at the Palace, London.

#### DAY 2 Traditions and Treasures of London

London is yours to discover with the help of your jubilant local guide. See Elizabeth Tower, home to the iconic Big Ben, and admire the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey. Continuing past the buzz of Downing Street, enter bustling Trafalgar Square and Piccadilly Circus as you're treated to tales and history only a local could share. Uncover the secret messages hidden within a cavalryman's uniform at the Household Cavalry Museum and try on the royal garb for yourself. After the sun sets and London lights up, embark on a private tour of the Tower of London. Beneath the moonlight, a serving Yeoman Warder greets you and accompanies you through the grounds for your insider look at the traditional ceremony of the keys while regaling you with stories of this haunting site.

Included Dining: Breakfast

Accommodation: The Rubens at the Palace, London.



### DAY 3 Stonehenge and Georgian Bath



Journey out of London to the mysterious Stonehenge to stand in awe of Britain's best-known UNESCO World Heritage Site. Learn how the first monument of this prehistoric site was built about 5,000 years ago as you look through the imposing stones across the sprawling green landscape. Immerse yourself further into British history traveling to the city of Bath where people have been indulging in the healing waters of the Ancient Roman baths for millennia. Stroll the streets lined with Georgian architecture feeling as though you've stepped into a classic English novel. As evening sets in, explore the local cuisine, perhaps at a traditional pub over a plate of fish and chips, or at one of Bath's more contemporary, chic cocktail bars.

Included Dining: Breakfast

Accommodation: Francis Hotel, Bath.

# **DAY 4** Explore Bath

After a bountiful English breakfast, meet a local guide who eagerly introduces you to Bath's highlights. Then personalise your day in this charming town with a visit to the Jane Austen Center or Roman Baths and Georgian Pump Room. At the Jane Austen Center, your favorite novels come to life touring this immersive museum dedicated to the writer who lived here in the early 1800s and used Bath as a setting for "Persuasion" and "Northanger Abbey." Or, visit the Roman Baths and Georgian Pump Room for a peek at Britain's only natural hot spring and one of the greatest religious spas of the ancient world. Share the highlights of your morning over locally sourced fare at the Michelin-starred Olive Tree restaurant.

Included Dining: Breakfast, Lunch Accommodation: Francis Hotel, Bath.



#### DAY 5 Cotswolds, Stratford-upon-Avon and York



Find yourself traveling through a storybook in the Cotswolds where rolling green hills welcome you into the valleys of these charming towns. Admire the honey-colored limestone buildings and medieval churches lining the market squares and have a peek at the thatched cottages and impeccably manicured gardens that give you a taste of the locals' sweet life. In Stratford-Upon-Avon, the birthplace of Shakespeare, explore the market town rich with history. Stand in front of the quaint Tudor cottages where Shakespeare, his wife and mother grew up. Your day in the English countryside concludes in York where cobbled streets, classic tearooms and Gothic buildings enhance your arrival at your luxury hotel.

Included Dining: Breakfast

Accommodation: The Grand Hotel & Spa, York

#### DAY 6 Medieval Wonders of York

Step back into the Middle Ages in York – a town tucked behind imposing stone walls like a secret waiting to be discovered. Join an expert-led tour of the York Minster, a striking Gothic masterpiece lined with jewel-like stained glass windows. Or, soak in the postcard-worthy views of the River Ouse and the Old Town as a local guide treats you to a walk on the 13th century city walls. Take in more grand structures on a visit to the stately Castle Howard. Feeling like the star of a period drama, you'll enter the 18th century mansion through landscaped gardens before you're escorted to the Grecian Hall for a traditional English afternoon tea followed by a private tour of the house.

Included Dining: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: The Grand Hotel & Spa, York



#### DAY 7 The Wild and Poetic Lake District



Let the rugged, dramatic beauty of the Lake District envelope and inspire you, just as it has the works of Beatrix Potter and William Wordsworth. Cruise shimmering Ullswater lake, taking in some of the best views of this region. Then check into the lovingly restored country house hotel in Bowness-on-Windermere overlooking Lake Windermere.

Included Dining: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Merewood Country House Hotel, Lake District

#### **DAY 8** Alnwick Castle

Discover majestic Alnwick Castle's magnificent interiors with a Local Expert before exploring Edinburgh's beautiful, walkable city. Should you visit during August, witness The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, one of the most spectacular military concerts and celebration of the history, heritage and colors of Scotland's regiments.

Included Dining: Breakfast

Accommodation: Kimpton Charlotte Square,

Edinburgh.



# DAY 9 Highlights of Beautiful Edinburgh



You can't help but be moved by Edinburgh's "castle on the hill." Explore the grounds as you learn about the castle's tumultuous 900-year history and take in panoramic views. Get acquainted with the city traveling along Princes Street, past the Gothic Sir Walter Scott Monument to the gates of the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official residence and home of Scottish royal history. Personalise your afternoon visiting the haunting 17th-century Mary King's Close with a Local Expert or trying a bit of Scottish whisky on a stimulating tasting experience that will tickle your taste buds. This evening, indulge in a beautifully composed meal of fine dishes such as Scottish Border brisket of beef or poached fillet of sole accompanied by music from a former bagpiper to the Royals.

Included Dining: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Kimpton Charlotte Square,

Edinburgh.

### DAY 10 Farewell Edinburgh

Bid farewell to your travel companions and continue your onward journey with transfers timed to meet your flight.

Included Dining: Breakfast

