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**British Steam Rail Experience** 

 $4^{th} - 18^{th}$  July 2025











# **TOUR ITINERARY**

Host: Martini Tours Australia

Tour: Planes Trains No Automobiles Tour 2025

Code: British Steam Rail Experience 2025 (9)

**Date of travel:** 4<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Preliminary Itinerary:** Draft V0.01

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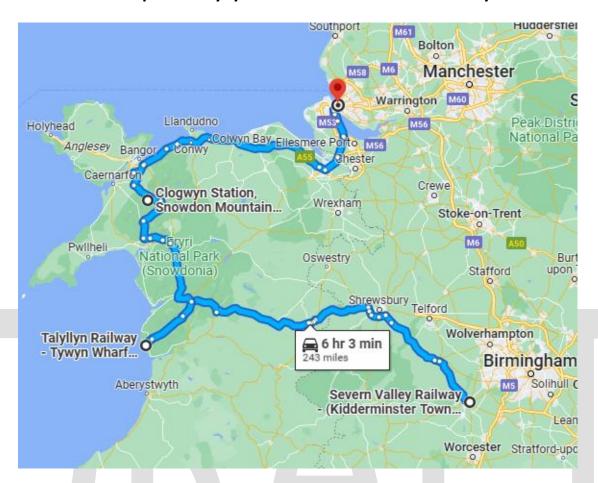
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This all-inclusive 14-day tour will delight steam railway and British cultural enthusiasts alike. Join a likeminded group of enthusiasts for the trip of a lifetime. Hosted by notable **3AW personality** and fellow railway enthusiast *Peter "Grubby" Stubbs*, this trip will deliver highlight after highlight and create memories that will last forever. Fun will be the name of the game. After settling in and acclimatising to UK time, the first highlight of our tour comprises a day in First Class on a steam hauled main-line express locomotive from York to the Scottish border town of **Carlisle**, crossing the very photogenic **Ribblehead Viaduct** en-route. Its Silver Service all the way! Take in the wonderful ancient walled City of York and soak up the atmosphere and history at the National Railway Museum and the York Aviation Centre. Visit the wonderful towns of Pickering and Whitby (home of Count Dracula), spending a day traversing the North Yorkshire Moors Railway. Enjoy a private tour of the A1 Locomotive Trust Workshops where the UKs most powerful locomotive (Prince of Wales) is under construction. On to the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway. Head north to Merseyside and get reacquaint yourself with the Fab Four in Liverpool. Visit Hattons, one of Liverpool's premier railway hobby shops. Take the Talyllyn Railway through coal and slate mining country (Thomas the Tank was born here) and climb the peaks with **The Mt Snowdon Railway.** Wipe the soot from your eyes before we skip over to North Wales to enjoy the world's oldest narrow-gauge railway, the Ffestiniog Highland Railway. Follow this up with an amazing day on the rails at the Severn Valley Railway. Spend your first day visiting the GWR Didcot Railway Centre. Enjoy the university city of Oxford. Then enjoy a guided tour of the major sights of London. Round out the trip with a visit to Margate and the Hornby factory and museum. A final afternoon to relax over a beverage at the JackDaw Inn and time to take in the White Cliffs of Dover. Our tour comes all to quickly to an end and we complete our journey to Heathrow Airport and board our flight back to Melbourne. We return home with priceless memories having fulfilled a dream.

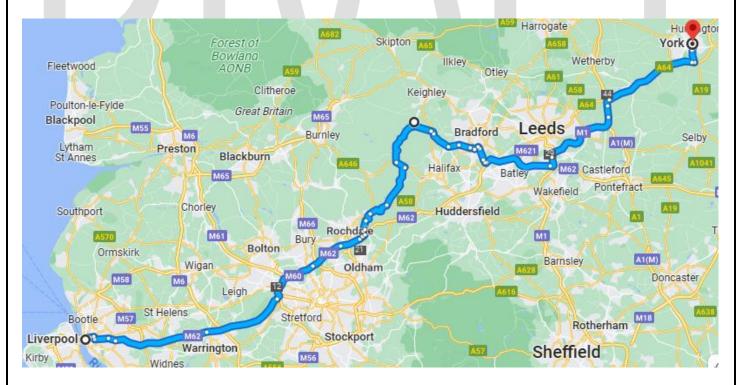




# Liverpool - Talyllyn - Mt Snowdon - Severn Valley



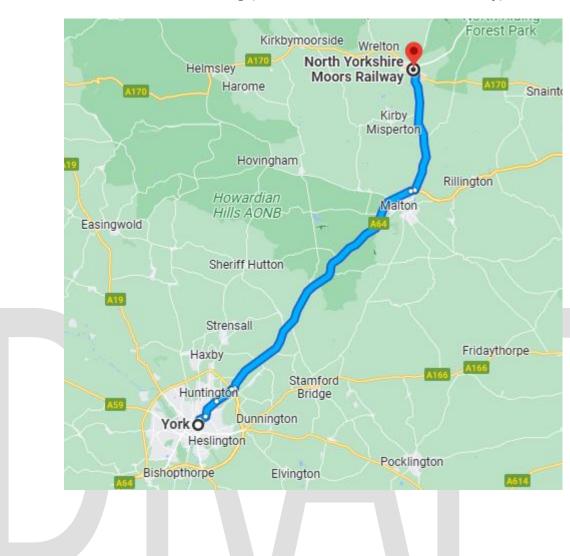
# York - Keighley Worth Valley Railway - Liverpool







# York - Pickering (North Yorkshire Moors Railway)







# **TOUR DRAFT ITINERARY VO.03**

(A working draft subject to updates and variations)

Date	Morning	Afte	rnoon	Evening	
4 <sup>th</sup> July Friday 2025	Fligh				
Day 1 5 <sup>th</sup> July Saturday	Travel to York	Free time to settle in and acclimatise to UK time		Group Welcome Dinner	Overnight York (1)
Day 2 6 <sup>th</sup> July Sunday	'Silver Servi York to Carlisle and	Overnight York (2)			
Day 3 7 <sup>th</sup> July Monday	York National Railway Museum  York City Guided Tour			Group Dinner	Overnight York (3)
Day 4 8 <sup>th</sup> July Tuesday	North Y Day tour to Pic	Overnight York (4)			
Day 5 9 <sup>th</sup> July Wednesday	P2 Steam Locomotive Works – Darlington Meet Tornado and Prince of Wales			Group Dinner	Overnight York (5)
Day 6 10 <sup>th</sup> July Thursday	Keighley Worth Valley Railway  Group Dinner				Overnight Liverpool (1)
Day 7 11 <sup>th</sup> July Friday	Liverpool and The Beatles Guided Tour  Railway Shop		Time at Leisure	Overnight Liverpool (2)	
Day 8 12 <sup>th</sup> July Saturday	Talyllyn Narrow Gauge Railway	Snowdon Mountain Railway		Group Dinner	Overnight Talyliyn (1)
Day 9 13 <sup>th</sup> July Sunday	West Highland Ffestiniog Railway T			Time at Leisure	Overnight Talyllyn (2)
Day 10 14 <sup>th</sup> July Monday	Severn Valley Railway and The Engine Shed			Time at Leisure	Overnight Kidderminster (1)

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LATITUDE GROUP TRAVEL

Day 11 15 <sup>th</sup> July Tuesday	Didcot Railway Centre Great Western Railways	Blenheim Palace Guided Tour	Group Dinner	Overnight Oxford (1)			
Day 12 16 <sup>th</sup> July Wednesday	London City Sigh	Time at Leisure	Overnight London (1)				
Day 13 17 <sup>th</sup> July Thursday	Hornby Factory and Visitor Centre	White Cliffs of Dover Jackdaw Inn Luncheon	Group Farewell Dinner	Overnight London (2)			
Day 14 18 <sup>th</sup> July Friday	DEPART LONDON HEATHROW AIRPORT  SQ Singapore Airlines  Departs Heathrow						
20 <sup>th</sup> July Sunday 2025	ARRIVE MELBOURNE TULLAMARINE  SQ Singapore Airlines  Arrives Melbourne						

Please note that a good level of health and an unaided walking ability is a prerequisite to ensure your full enjoyment of this tour. Some walking, and the ascending and descending of steps will be encountered during this tour.





#### DAY 0 AUSTRALIA – ENGLAND

Friday 4th July 2025

#### Afternoon

Your group assembles at Melbourne international Airport and prepares for the flight to England.

Meet you host Peter 'Grubby' Stubbs as your tour leader assist you with your check in

Board your flight, arriving in England the following day (local time)

#### DAY 1 ARRIVAL - YORK

Saturday 5th July 2025

Afternoon

Coach transfer to York

Check in to your accommodation. Free time to settle in and adjust to UK time.

Evening

Group 'Welcome' dinner is included this evening

Overnight in York (1)
The Grand Hotel YORK

## DAY 2

# YORK - CARLISLE 'Silver Service' RAILWAY EXCURSION Sunday 6th July 2025

Morning

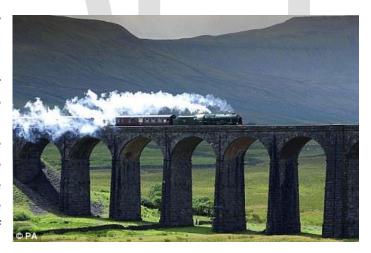
Early departure from the hotel - Breakfast will be enjoyed on the train!

**Entire Group** 

Board our coach for the short transfer to the historic York Railway station

#### THE STEAM HAULED DAY TOUR

We arrive at the iconic York Railway Station where we meet our steam locomotive and train. This steam hauled train provides an opportunity for passengers from York to travel over the spectacular Settle & Carlisle Railway, probably the most famous railway route in Britain. Enjoy a silver-service breakfast and dinner aboard as we travel along this amazing rail line. We also visit the Cumbrian market town of Appleby or the border city of Carlisle.



Our steam hauled train leaves York at 09:30 and heads for Church Fenton where we take the direct route to Leeds. We stop to pick up more passengers at Leeds, Shipley, Keighley and Skipton.

There will be a stop for our steam locomotive to take on water before we join the famous Settle & Carlisle Railway at Settle Junction. Here begins one of the most arduous climbs on Britain's railway network, a total of 15 miles mainly at a gradient of 1 in 100.





We cross the breathtaking **Ribblehead Viaduct**, high above the valley floor, and enter Blea Moor Tunnel. We pass through the highest station open in England at Dent, travelling through tunnels and crossing valleys on numerous viaducts.

There are magnificent views across the Fells to the Pennine Three Peaks of Pen-y-ghent, Whernside and Ingleborough as we make the final ascent to Ais Gill Summit (1,169 feet). We travel high above the valley at Mallerstang and then drop down through Kirkby Stephen to Appleby, where our locomotive takes on water.

#### Afternoon CARLISLE

Our train leaves Carlisle for the return journey at around 16:15 and climbs almost continuously for just under 50 miles back up to Ais Gill summit. We stop, en-route, at Appleby for our steam locomotive to take on water and to pick up those passengers who spent the afternoon there. We continue our journey back to York, stopping at Skipton, Keighley, Shipley, Leeds, and York.



#### Evening You are free this evening

Overnight in York (2)

## DAY 3 NATIONAL RAILWAY MUSEUM - YORK

Monday 7th July 2025

#### Morning

#### Enjoy breakfast at your accommodation

#### **NATIONAL RAILWAY MUSEUM**

The National Railway Museum in York is part of the Science Museum Group. The museum tells the story of rail transport in Britain and its impact on society. It is the home of the national collection of historically significant railway vehicles such as Mallard, Stirling Single, Duchess of Hamilton and a Japanese bullet train. In addition, the National Railway Museum holds a diverse collection of other objects.



#### **Alternative**

YORK CITY TOUR
YORK MINSTER
YORK ART GALLERY
YORK CASTLE
YORK MAZE
ST MARYS ABBEY
CITY WALL WALK





#### THE CITY OF YORK

York is an ancient walled city in northeast England that was founded by the Romans. Its huge 13th-century Gothic cathedral, York Minster, has medieval stained glass and two functioning bell towers. The City Walls form a walkway on both sides of the River Ouse. The Monk Bar gate houses an exhibition tracing the life of 15th-century Plantagenet King Richard III.



**Entire Group** 

Spend the day exploring the "Shambles" precinct, the York Air Museum, Castle Howard and the York Castle Museum

Lunch

Self catered, there are many amazing cafes and pubs to enjoy

Evening

Dinner is included this evening

Overnight in York (3)

#### DAY 4 NORTH YORKSHORE MOORS RAILWAY

Tuesday 8th July 2025

Morning

Breakfast at your York accommodation

**Entire Group** 

Board your coach for your travel 35mins north to Pickering

PICKERING, WHITBY, AND THE NORTH YORKSHIRE MOORS RAILWAY Spend the day riding the North Yorkshire Moors Railway and enjoying everything it has to offer steam railway enthusiasts. Lets have lunch on the train in a Pullman Carraige. The North Yorkshire Moors Railway (NYMR) runs through the North York Moors National Park. First opened in 1836 as the Whitby and Pickering Railway, the railway was planned in 1831 by George Stephenson as a means of opening up trade routes inland from the then important seaport of Whitby.



The line between Grosmont and Rillington was closed in 1965 and the section between Grosmont and Pickering was reopened in 1973 by the North York Moors Historical Railway Trust Ltd. The preserved line is now a tourist attraction and has been awarded several industry accolades.





#### **Alternative**

Tour the village of Pickering, ancient market-town and civil parish in the Ryedale district of North Yorkshire, England, on the border of the North York Moors National Park. Historically part of the North Riding of Yorkshire, it sits at the foot of the moors, overlooking the Vale of Pickering to the south. According to legend the founded town was by King Peredurus around 270 BC; however, the town as it exists today is of medieval origin. The legend has it that the king lost his ring and



accused a young maiden of stealing it, but later that day the ring was found in a pike caught in the River Costa for his dinner. The king was so happy to find his ring he married the young maiden; the name Pike-ring changed over the years to Pickering. It is a nice tale told to fit the name, but it is not the origin. Pickering is thought to be named after the followers of an Anglian man named Picer or some such personal name – the Picer-ingas.

#### WHITBY

Whitby is a seaside town split by the River Esk. On the East Cliff, overlooking the North Sea, the ruined Gothic Whitby Abbey was Bram Stoker's inspiration for "Dracula". Nearby is the Church of St. Mary, reached by 199 steps. The Captain Cook Memorial Museum, in the house where Cook once lived, displays paintings and maps. West of town is West Cliff Beach, lined with beach huts.



Evening

You are free this evening

Overnight in York (4)

# DAY 5 TORNADO and PRINCE OF WALES

Wednesday 9th July 2025

**Morning** 

Breakfast at your accommodation

#### **Entire Group**

# P2 STEAM LOCOMOTIVE WORKS DARLINGTON

Enjoy a private meeting with the Prince of Wales, and a tour around the facility where this exciting new LNER steam locomotive is being assembled.

In 1934 Sir Nigel Gresley and the London North Eastern Railway unveiled a new powerful express passenger locomotive for use in Scotland.







This massive locomotive was named *Cock o'* the *North* and was extensively trialled in the UK before further testing in France. The design was ahead of its time and this led to some problems that were never fully resolved, a factor in the decision to rebuild the locomotives as Pacifics during WW2. Now, that unfinished development work is being completed using 21<sup>st</sup> Century design and manufacturing technology. To be named *Prince of Wales*, the new P2 Class locomotive will operate across the UK and justify the claims that the original Gresley design was Britain's most powerful passenger steam locomotive.

#### Afternoon YORKSHIRE AVIATION MUSEUM

The Museum sits on the former site of Bomber Command Station RAF Elvington. This station was typical of the many which were dotted around the whole of Britain during World War Two. Over 30 airfields were in operation within the York area alone. RAF Elvington was originally a grass airfield but in 1942 it was completely rebuilt with the addition of three hardened runways. It was re-opened in October that year with the arrival of 77



Squadron and their new four-engine Handley Page Halifax heavy bombers.

77 Squadron was stationed at RAF Elvington from October 1942 until May 1944. During the 18 months it was based here, they lost almost 80 Halifaxs and over five hundred aircrew.

#### **Evening** Dinner is included this evening

Overnight in York (5)

#### DAY 6 KEIGHLEY WORTH VALLEY RAILWAY

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025

#### Morning Breakfast at your accommodation before checking out

#### **Entire Group** Board your coach and take the journey to Keighley

#### **KEIGHLEY AND THE WORTH VALLEY RAILWAY**

The Worth Valley branch out of Keighley climbs up the valley serving several small Pennine villages along the way. At Oakworth, the railway leaves the valley of the River Worth and enters the valley of Bridgehouse Beck, wherein lie Haworth and the line's terminus at Oxenhope.

The line reopened in 1968 and has been owned, operated and managed entirely by qualified volunteer members of the Preservation Society ever since. The sale of the Worth Valley branch was the first privatisation of any part of British Railways.







Late Afternoon Check in to your new accommodation

**Evening** Dinner is included this evening

Overnight in Liverpool (1)

The Radisson Red Hotel Liverpool

#### DAY 7 LIVERPOOL – BEATLES TOUR

Friday 11th July 2025

Morning Enjoy breakfast at your accommodation

#### **Entire Group BEATLES EXPERIENCE TOUR**

Set off by coach to visit the most famous Beatles-related sights. During the tour, enjoy regular photo stops—including Penny Lane, Strawberry Field, the childhood home of Paul McCartney, and The Cavern Club—where the Beatles performed 292 times.



#### HATTONS MODEL RAILWAY SHOP

Hattons was established by Norman Hatton upon his demob from the army in 1946. He bought a small shop in Smithdown Road, where he sold anything that was in demand after the war. Things we take for granted today were in high demand with little supply to be found. Items such as firewood, second hand toys and fireworks sold like hot cakes. Gradually he found toys and particularly model trains were forming the bulk of the business and that, by advertising, customers could be obtained nationwide.



**Evening** You are free this evening at your leisure

Overnight in Liverpool (2)

#### DAY 8 TALYLLYN RAILWAY - WALES

Saturday 12th July 2025

Morning Breakfast at your accommodation

Board your coach, sit back and relax, and enjoy the scenic road trip to northern Wales





#### **Entire Group TALYLLYN RAILWAY**

We spend the day at Talyllyn, located at the southern end of the Snowdonia Mountains in Wales. The Talyllyn Railway is the first preserved railway in the World, known affectionately as 'The Railway with a Heart of Gold'. It was over 150 years ago, in 1865, that the line opened and in 1951 the Preservation Society was born to take over the Railway after the death of the owner Sir Haydn Jones. The heritage steam engines transport passengers from Tywyn, the coastal town on the edge of the Snowdonia

National Park, to Nant Gwernol buried deep in the mountains above Abergynolwyn. The journey itself crosses more than seven miles of spectacular scenery within sight of one of Britain's highest mountains, Cadair Idris.

The journey takes 55 minutes up the line from Tywyn through the ancient woodlands and meadows of the Fathew



Valley. En route keep your eyes peeled for Red Kites, Cormorants, Barn Owl, Redstart, Peregrine Falcons, Wheatear, Linnet and Little Owl. The cosy covered and open carriages provide the best of comfort and views as you travel up the line. On arrival at Abergynolwyn, Quarryman's Caban serves lovely homemade treats, drinks and snacks and there are plenty of trails and walks to explore in this beautiful corner of the Snowdonia National Park. The Talyllyn Railway is also one of the Great Little Trains of Wales, and is also proud to be the twin to the Puffing Billy Railway in Australia.

Trains depart at 1030am / 1220pm / and 1410pm

Afternoon

The remainder of the day is at your leisure

Check in to your new hotel, refresh and relax before dinner

**Evening** 

Dinner is included this evening

Overnight in Talyllyn (1)

Lake Vyrnwy Hotel and Spa

#### DAY9

# FFESTINIOG RAILWAY – MT SNOWDON RAILWAY

Sunday 13th July 2025

Morning

Breakfast at your accommodation

**Entire Group** 

Board the coach for the short trip to the highly acclaimed Ffestiniog narrow gauge railway.





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#### **FFESTINIOG RAILWAY**

Take a journey on the spectacular **Ffestiniog Railway,** the world's oldest narrow-gauge railway with almost 200 years of history, taking you on a 13½-mile journey from the harbour in Porthmadog to the slate-quarrying town of Blaenau Ffestiniog. The historic trains climb over 700 feet from sea level into the mountains through tranquil pastures and



magnificent forests, past lakes and waterfalls, round tight bends (even a complete spiral) clinging to the side of the mountain or tunnelling through it.

The Welsh Highland Railway is the UK's longest heritage railway and runs for 25 miles from Caernarfon, past the foot of Snowdon and the picture postcard village of Beddgelert, then through the stunning Aberglaslyn Pass and on to Porthmadog. Passengers ride in some of the most comfortable carriages on any heritage railway in the UK, including first class Pullman luxury. Caernarfon Station provides a fitting gateway to the heart of the Snowdonia National Park.

#### Entire Group SNOWDON MOUNTAIN RAILWAY

Snowdon Mountain Railway was constructed between December 1894, when the first sod was cut by Enid Assheton-Smith (after whom locomotive No 2 was named), and February 1896, at a total cost of £63,800 (equivalent to £6,775,000 in 2016). 150 men with picks, shovels and dynamite laid almost eight kilometres of track up the mountain – all in fourteen months. It's unknown when the first building was erected on the summit, but by 1820 there definitely was one. A few years later you could even buy a cup of tea up there, and by 1847 there was a small community of wooden huts clustered around the cairn. By 1930 these had deteriorated to such an extent that the decision was



taken to build one multi-purpose building instead. This was designed by Sir Clough Williams- Ellis, better known for the village of Portmeirion, brought to the public's awareness as 'The Village' from the 1960s TV show The Prisoner.

Return to your accommodation by coach

#### **Evening** Dinner is included this evening

Overnight in Talyllyn (2)





#### DAY 10 SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY

# Monday 14th July 2025

#### Morning

#### Breakfast at your accommodation before checking out of your accommodation

Board your coach for the journey to Bridgnorth and a visit to the Severn Valley Railway

#### Entire Group SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY



The Severn Valley Railway is a heritage railway in Shropshire and Worcestershire, England. Spend the day riding the trains and experiencing all that the famous Severn Valley Railway has to offer, including the railway museum, café, and the pub located on the Kidderminster station platform. The 16-mile long heritage line runs along the Severn Valley from Bridgnorth to Kidderminster.

It crosses the Shropshire/Worcestershire border, following the course of the River Severn for much of its route. Train services are hauled predominantly by steam locomotives, plus one diesel hauled train, making two round trips a day, on most days.

#### **Evening**

The remainder of the day is free at your leisure

Overnight in Kidderminster (1) **Stourport Manor Hotel** 



## **DAY 11**

#### **GREAT WESTERN RAILWAYS - DIDCOT**

Tuesday 15th July 2025

#### **Morning**

#### **GWR - DIDCOT RAILWAY CENTRE**

Board your coach as we visit the Didcot Railway Centre in Oxfordshire, home to a collection of Great Western Railways history. Spread over 21 acres, the Centre comprises several magnificent exhibits, including the only surviving working example of a Coal Stage, a type of building once commonplace at locomotive sheds.







Wagons loaded with coal are propelled up the steep incline – at the top, the solid fuel is transferred into tubs which then tip to fill the bunker of a locomotive waiting below. Stroll around the Engine Shed and discover 15 or more preserved locomotives. Climb onto the footplates of those where stairs are provided and imagine yourself in the shoes of a driver or fireman.

From a platform ticket machine to brass nameplates and distinctive posters the Museum is full of exhibits recalling the heyday of the Great Western Railway. See the turntable which is used to ensure that tender locomotives are facing in the direction of travel. The current turntable is located where the 1932 Great Western table was originally located. Coaches dating from Victorian times to the 1940s evoke bygone eras. See the VIP Saloon reputed to have been used by General Eisenhower during the preparations for D-Day and later used in the GWR Royal Train.

#### Afternoon BLENHEIM PALACE

A true masterpiece of 18th Century Baroque architecture, Blenheim Palace delivers an awe-inspiring experience for visitors. The stunning State Rooms are brimming with priceless works of art and magnificent tapestries. Discover the beauty of this World Heritage Site amongst over 2000 acres of 'Capability' Brown parkland and Formal Gardens with a water garden. Ride the miniature train to the Pleasure Gardens which offers a giant hedge maze, butterfly house and adventure playground.



Tours, exhibitions, and events reveal the sheer splendor of one of Britain's greatest palaces. Blenheim Palace is more than another one of England's stately homes. Take a **tour of the Blenheim Palace State**Rooms where their own guide will bring the history of this fabulous palace to life

Blenheim Palace is a multi-faceted attraction, providing a range of things to do including:

- Tour of Blenheim Palace: the Untold Story, a new "visitor experience" featuring animated figures and sound effects
- Churchill Exhibition, including the room of Churchill's birth
- Several formal gardens including the Italian Garden, the Water Terraces, and, in season, a stunning rose garden
- The Pleasure Gardens Reached from its own small parking lot or, between April and October via the estate's own narrow-gauge railway, the Pleasure Gardens include a maze and a butterfly house

#### **SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL**

Winston Churchill was an inspirational statesman, writer, orator and leader who led Britain to victory in the Second World War. He served as Conservative Prime Minister twice - from 1940 to 1945 and from 1951 to 1955. In January 1965 Sir Winston Churchill was buried in the churchyard at the head of the grave of Lady Randolph Churchill his mother. His father, Lord Randolph Churchill is buried alongside.

He was given a state funeral and his last farewell was a grand affair with the Queen, members of the royal family, statesmen and diplomatic representatives from 112 countries attended his service at St. Paul's Cathedral

**Evening** Dinner is included this evening

Overnight Oxford (1)

**Mercure Eastgate Hotel** 





#### DAY 12 LONDON

# Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Entire Group** 

Enjoy a panoramic guided tour of London, led by local specialist and **Blue Badge Guide (Kevin)**, for a two-hour city tour showing you many of the wonderful London sights including:

Buckingham Palace Piccadilly Circus Nelson's Column Tower Bridge

Trafalgar Square St Paul's Cathedral The Mews, and more!







**Lunch** Self-catered, in a secret little underground café near Parliament Square

**Evening** The remainder of the day is at your leisure

Overnight in London (1)

**Leonardo Tower Bridge London Hotel** 

#### DAY 13 MARGATE – HORNBY

Thursday 17th July 2025

Morning Breakfast at your accommodation

**Entire Group** Transfer to Margate by coach before visiting the home of Hornby (Airfix, Scalectrix and Corgi). Enjoy

a tour of the museum, the Visitor Centre and of

course, the shop!







Afternoon

A visit to Dover is not complete without taking in the White Cliffs. Then enjoy lunch at the JackDaw Inn in the nearby village of Denton. Made famous as a location site used in the making of the 1969 film "The Battle of Britain", this pub will deliver a little taste of English country life that you will take home and remember for years to come.

Return to your London accommodation

**Evening** Farewell Dinner is included this evening

Overnight in London (2)



#### DAY 15 LONDON HEATHROW

Friday 18th July 2025

Morning Breakfast at your accommodation

**Entire Group** Transfer to London Heathrow

**Afternoon** Board your Singapore Airlines flight bound for Melbourne

#### DAY 16 ARRIVE HOME IN AUSTRALIA

Sunday 20th July 2025

Arrive in Melbourne, proceed through Customs and Immigration and collect your bags

# **END OF TOUR ARRANGEMENTS**





# **INCLUSIONS**

#### **COLOUR KEY INDICATORS**

Black: Main Group Program activities in the Tour Overview

Aqua: ENTRY TICKETS
Green: GUIDED TOURS

## **GUIDES/TOUR DIRECTOR**

- Dedicated Tour Director for duration of tour
- Dedicated celebrity Tour Host for the duration of the tour
- Specialist local Tour Guides and Specialists at venues or activities noted in the itinerary
- Gratuities, fees and tips for the specialist guides, coach driver and tour guides plus for all included meals

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

- International flights
  - Australia (Melbourne) / UK return
- Coaches and ground transport as indicated in the itinerary
- All airport transfers

#### **MEALS**

- 13 Breakfasts
- 7 Group Dinners
- 1 Group Lunch

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

- 5 nights in York (Grand Hotel York)
- 1 night in Oxford (Mercure Eastgate Hotel)
- 1 night in Kidderminster (Stourport Manor)
- 2 nights in Talyllyn (Lake Vyrnmy Hotel and Spa)
- 2 nights in Liverpool (Radisson Rd Hotel)
- 2 nights in London (Leonardo Tower Bridge London Hotel)





#### **ACTIVITIES**

#### **MAIN GROUP**

- Guided tour of the City of London
- Guided tour of Blenheim Palace
- Great Western Railways Didcot Centre
- Severn Valley Railways and Museum
- Talyllyn Railway, Wales
- Ffestiniog Railway
- Snowdon Mountain Railway
- Beatles Experience Liverpool
- Hattons Model Railway Store
- Keighley Worth Valley Railway
- York National Railway Museum
- Yorkshire Aviation Museum
- A1 Steam Locomotive Trust Tour
- North Yorkshire Moors Railway Pullman Lunch experience
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