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The Beatles & More! An England Adventure

A Private Group Journey – 10 Days

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\$5,450.00 per person

Including round trip air from Chicago, and all departure taxes and surcharges

Itinerary:

DAY 1 USA / LONDON: Depart on your overnight flight to London, England.

DAY 2 LONDON: Arrival in London, meet with your Tour Director and shortly afterwards depart and make your way towards London. Enjoy a brief panoramic sightseeing tour before starting your trip on a Secret Food walking tour that takes you past lots of historic parts of London including quirky pubs, Borough Market and The Shard. You will discover lots of local knowledge whilst enjoying lots of gorgeous food all in the London Bridge area. Afterwards, transfer to your hotel. PLEASE NOTE: Check-in at London hotels is normally 2:00pm. The hotel will try to accommodate earlier arrival, but this is not guaranteed. This afternoon, your guide will give you an orientation tour of the local area to familiarize you with the hotel and its location in London. The remainder of your afternoon is free to relax or explore at your own pace. This evening enjoy dinner in your hotel. (L/D)

DAY 3 THE BEATLES LONDON & HISTORY: Enjoy breakfast before departing on a full-day of sightseeing in London. Your guided tour will include views of some of the Beatles musical landmarks such as Abbey Road, 7 Cavendish Avenue and Park Lane Hard Rock Café to see Lennon's original handwritten lyrics to "imagine". Other London landmarks will include Elizabeth Tower (Big Ben), Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, The Shard, and others. Afterwards, visit Westminster Abbey. A UNESCO World Heritage site, with a legacy dating back more than 1,000 years, Westminster Abbey is among London's most historic landmarks. The Gothic church is best known for hosting headline-grabbing events involving the British royal family, such as the Queen's coronation, Princess Diana's funeral, and Prince William and Kate Middleton's wedding. Continue for a flight aboard the iconic London Eye. Enjoy a glass of chilled Pommery Brut Royal Champagne served by your host as you admire landmarks such as Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, and Big Ben. Later, return to your hotel for overnight. (B)

DAY 4 WINDSOR & THE TOWER OF LONDON: Enjoy breakfast. Depart from London and make your way towards Windsor Castle, the largest inhabited castle in the world, and the Queen's favorite residence. Subject to opening restrictions, you may see the State Apartments, St. George's Chapel, and Queen Mary's Doll's House. Afterwards, return to London and visit the Tower of London, where the Beefeaters guard the dazzling Crown Jewels, and where you will gain excellent views of Tower Bridge from the Medieval Palace. Your evening is free. (B)

DAY 5 LONDON / LIVERPOOL: Enjoy breakfast before departing and making your way to Liverpool. On arrival, enjoy a Beatles themed walking tour of Liverpool where you discover the truly remarkable story of the boys who were to become the world's best-known musicians. See sights such as the Peace Monument, and the legendary Cavern Club where it all began. Later, head to your hotel, the **Hard Days Night Hotel** located at the heart of Liverpool's 'Beatles Quarter', and the world's only Beatles inspired hotel, combining the highest quality facilities in a truly unique environment. This evening you are free to explore. (B)

DAY 6 THE BEATLES & FERRY ACROSS THE MERSEY: After breakfast, depart on a half-day Beatles themed panoramic sightseeing tour of all the places associated with the Fab Four! You will see where John, Paul, George and Ringo grew up, met and formed the band that took the world by storm. The tour will drive to the childhood homes of The Beatles, their birthplaces and to the places that inspired some of their most well-known songs including Penny Lane and Strawberry Fields. Pause to visit Strawberry Field for an interactive experience that tells interweaving stories of the house, The Salvation Army, John Lennon's childhood, and the writing and recording of 'Strawberry Fields Forever'. You will also see one of the most important places in rock and roll history - where John and Paul met for the first time. Later, board a ferry for a 50-minute cruise on the river Mersey. Listen to colorful audio commentary about Liverpool's riverside history, speckled with stories of smuggling, war and music – all influential players in the city's development. Catch impressive views of Liverpool's key riverside landmarks. After your cruise, visit the Liverpool Beatles Museum. The museum houses one of the largest Beatles collections in the world, featuring over 1000 never before seen authentic items across three floors. A visit to the museum is a journey through the early days in Liverpool and Hamburg, their rise to worldwide fame and their innovative studio years. Located in a Grade II listed building in the heart of the world-famous Mathew Street, The Liverpool Beatles Museum offers a new perspective on the greatest rock and roll band of all time. After your visit, walk back to the hotel to get ready for dinner. Meet in the lobby and walk the short distance to the Cavern Restaurant for dinner. After dinner, a short walk back to the hotel to meet the coach and depart to enjoy a very special ***“after hours” private visit to the Beatles Story exclusively arranged for WTMJ Radio.*** A Beatles expert guide will discuss the band and its lasting impact on the history of music. Full of fun memorabilia, rare photographs and interactive exhibits, the Beatles Story is fun for all ages! (B/D)

DAY 7 THE COTSWOLDS / OXFORD / STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: Enjoy breakfast before departing and making your way through the Cotswolds and on to Oxford, home to England's oldest university, where you may take a walk through the impressive buildings that are still home to the university's main ceremonial and educational functions. Visit Christ Church Cathedral, the smallest cathedral in England and the seat of the Bishop of Oxford. It is unique in serving not only as a cathedral but as the chapel of Christ Church College. Afterwards, on to Stratford-upon-Avon for dinner and overnight. (B/D)

DAY 8 STONEHENGE & BATH: Enjoy breakfast. Afterwards, enjoy a walking tour in Stratford-upon-Avon and then depart and make your way towards Stonehenge and Bath. Visit Stonehenge, arguably the most famous prehistoric site in Europe, it inspires wonder at the effort it must have taken to drag the enormous stones over the land and erect them in circles. Onwards to the beautiful Georgian city of Bath, often regarded as one of the loveliest cities in all of England. From its beginnings as a Roman camp in the first century AD, Bath developed through troubled centuries to emerge in the 1700's as a fashionable “spa” resort. Some of England's best-preserved Georgian architecture is housed here, together with fascinating relics of earlier eras. Check in to your Bath hotel for dinner and overnight. (B/D)

DAY 9 BATH: After breakfast in your hotel you will tour the Roman Baths that were discovered in an excellent state of preservation near to Bath Abbey church and see the magnificent Palladian architecture for which the city is renowned (seen at its best in the Circus and the Royal Crescent). After visiting the Roman Baths, enjoy a short excursion to Lacock which has been described as ‘quintessentially British’ as it resembles a well-preserved village from 18th century Britain. With no TV aerials or overhead cables to spoil the view, Lacock is home to thatched and stone cottages and also half-timbered Tudor black and white buildings. It is therefore not surprising that Lacock has been used for filming and has featured in several Harry Potter films as well as ‘Pride and Prejudice’ and ‘Emma’. Return to Bath in the early afternoon and enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure before a farewell dinner in the hotel. (B/D)

DAY 10 BATH / USA: After breakfast, bid farewell as you transfer to London's Heathrow Airport, where after check-in you will have plenty of time for your last-minute duty-free shopping. Your flight to the US arrives the same day. Have a safe journey! (B)

Program Includes

- Round-trip air from Chicago on American Airlines
- London – 3 nights, 4-Star Riu Plaza Victoria
- Liverpool – 2 nights, 4-Star Hard Days Night Hotel
- Stratford-upon-Avon – 1 night, 4-Star Stratford Manor Hotel
- Bath – 2 nights, 4-Star Francis Hotel

- Breakfast each morning, except day of arrival
- Secret Food tour in London on day of arrival
- 5, three-course dinners
- English speaking Tour Director for duration of tour
- Orientation tour on day of arrival
- Luxury coaches for all transfers and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary
- Full-day London City Tour
- Tower of London
- Westminster Abbey
- Champagne Trip on London Eye
- Windsor Castle
- Secret Food tour in London
- Half-day guided Beatles themed walking tour in Liverpool
- Special Private after-hours guided visit to The Beatles Story in Liverpool
- Half-day panoramic Beatles themed sightseeing tour in Liverpool
- Admission to Strawberry Field
- Ferry Cruise on the River Mersey
- The Beatles Museum in Liverpool
- Oxford walking tour, including Christ Church College
- Walking tour in Stratford-upon-Avon
- Stonehenge
- Roman Bath Museum, Bath
- Portfolio of documents
- Hotel portorage of one suitcase per person
- 24-hour emergency support while in England

IMPORTANT: This tour includes walking tours. To enjoy this tour, you should be in good health and able to walk reasonable distances, often over unpaved and uneven surface.

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Please book early as space is subject to availability

Terms and Conditions: This is a Private Group Journey based on a minimum of 25 participants to operate. Rates are per person based on double occupancy. Departure taxes and fuel surcharges are included. Single supplement is additional \$1,199.00. Air inclusive rates are subject to availability and are based on departure from Chicago on American Airlines. Not eligible for accrual of frequent flyer points/mileage. Child/infant discounts not available. Please note that the above-mentioned hotels and itinerary are subject to change. Cancellations /Changes: Fares are non-refundable.