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A GREAT JEWISH BRITAIN TOUR



St Pauls



Bath



Lincoln Cathedral

WHAT'S INCLUDED

9 days / 8 nights' duration

Included Luxury Midi / Executive Coach with London airport transfers available

5 nights B&B at a 4*Hotel in central London

1 night B&B at a 3* or 4*r hotel in central Oxford

2 nights B&B at a 4* hotel in Cambridge

Excursion package as per our itinerary overleaf + additional lunches and dinners



Stratford Upon Avon



Stonehenge



Oxford

Price on application

Not included within our package : Flights, gratuities, all drinks and meals which are not detailed in our package, travel insurance, entrances to attractions and any other service which is not mentioned.

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Sample Itinerary

Day 1 – On arrival at a London Heathrow Airport you will transfer to your hotel in central London where rooms are officially available from 15.00hrs. During your free time today, you may wish to visit to the famous **St Pauls Cathedral** where you can also **Climb the Dome** to the Whispering Gallery if you choose and try out its unique acoustics; a whisper on one side can be heard clearly 30m away. Climb 271 more steps and reach the Golden Gallery at the very top of the dome where you can enjoy breath taking panoramic views across London. Try the **touchscreen multimedia tour** – with videos of the dome galleries and close-ups of the intricate mosaics and paintings which will allow you to see more of St Paul's than has ever been possible before. **Discover the crypt** underground and explore the Cathedral's foremost burial place. In the crypt lie some of the nation's heroes including the Cathedral's architect Sir Christopher Wren as well as the magnificent tombs of Admiral Lord Nelson and the Duke of Wellington. Travel back in time in an **immersive film experience** - a 270° film exhibition, bringing 1400 years of history to life. Oculus takes you on a journey through the history and daily life of St Paul's Cathedral, where virtual access films take you up to the dome and galleries without leaving the ground. Returning to the hotel this evening is at your leisure.

Day 2 – Breakfast at the hotel before departing for the historic city of **Bath**. This unique city with its hot springs, Roman Baths, splendid Abbey and Georgian stone crescents has attracted visitors for centuries. A **two hour guided city walking tour** is recommended which will show you the best of the city, after which you will have a little free time to purchase lunch. Departing here early afternoon we continue onto the **World Heritage Site of Stonehenge**. The true meaning of this ancient, awe-inspiring creation has been lost in the mists of time. Was Stonehenge a temple for sun worship, a healing centre, a burial site or perhaps a huge calendar? How did our ancestors manage to carry the mighty stones from so far away and then, using only the most primitive of tools, build this amazing structure? Surrounded by mystery, Stonehenge never fails to impress. We return to London and the hotel early evening where a **group dinner** is included.

Day 3 - Breakfast at the hotel. Today's schedule includes a visit to the **Bevis Marks Synagogue**, the oldest synagogue in the UK following a visit to **Fieldgate Street**. Other visits today could include the **Liberal Jewish Synagogue**, a visit to the **Jewish Museum Camden** + the **New West End Synagogue**. A **2 course lunch** is also included today and this evening is at your leisure.

Day 4 - Breakfast at the hotel & check out by 8am as we travel north to the historic town of **Stratford-upon-Avon**, a market town with more than 800 years of history, which contains many buildings that would have been familiar to Shakespeare. As the attractions are widely spread in Stratford, we recommend an **Open Air Bus Tour with audio commentary** which takes a route around many of the town's places of interest, including Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Mary Arden's House, New Place, Nash's House & Hall's Croft, The Royal Shakespeare Theatre, The Holy Trinity Church & The Old 15th Century Grammar School where Shakespeare was educated. We include a visit to **Shakespeare's Birthplace Museum**. This is the house where William Shakespeare was born, grew up and played. He ate meals in the hall and he slept and dreamt in these rooms. Shakespeare also spent the first five years of married life in this house with his new wife, Anne Hathaway. See how his father, John, earned his living as a glove maker and explore The Shakespeare Exhibition, before entering the house and its outstanding gardens. Lunch can be pre-booked in this pretty royal town before we continue on to **Oxford**. Oxford University is a unique and historic institution, the oldest university in the English-speaking world, having over nine centuries' of continuous existence. There are 38 colleges, which together form the **University of Oxford**. Perhaps the most famous college is **Christ Church** whose Great Hall inspired **Hogwarts Hall** in the Harry Potter movie. A **guided tour** can be pre-booked here, subject to the college being open for visitors. Time permitting there may also be the opportunity of visiting the **Oxford Centre for post-Graduate Hebrew Literature** and the **Hebrew Manuscripts at the Bodleian Library**. Arriving at your overnight hotel later today dinner is at your leisure.

Day 5 – Breakfast at the hotel and check out as we travel by coach to **Waddesdon Manor House & Gardens**. Here, we will start with an included **guided tour** of the **Windmill Hill Centre**, an incredibly designed modern set of buildings which house the personal papers of the Rothschild's and reflect their varied interests, including those in Israel and Palestine. The building has been awarded a prestigious regional prize by the Royal Institute of British Architects. You will then transfer to the **House** where a **guided tour** is included. The house was built between 1874-89 by Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild to entertain his guests and display his vast collection of 18th-century French decorative arts. The furniture, Savonnerie carpets and Sèvres porcelain rank in importance with those in the Louvre in Paris and the Royal and Wallace Collections in London. There is also a fine collection of portraits by Gainsborough and Reynolds, and works by Dutch and Flemish Masters of the 17th century. The history of the Jewish side of the English Rothschild's is also explored during the house visit. The Victorian gardens are considered to be one of the finest in Britain and famous for the parterre, seasonal displays, shady walks and views, fountains and statuary. The Wine Cellars, modelled on the private cellars at Château Lafite-Rothschild, contain thousands of bottles of Rothschild wines dating back to 1868. You will have time to also explore the gardens during your visit to Waddesdon. A **2 course set lunch** is included before we continue onto the **University City of Cambridge** where you will stay for two nights. Cambridge is the country's most beautiful historic and elegant city is home to world-famous colleges. Wander through the winding streets and follow in the steps of many famous inhabitants. Poets, philosophers, scientists, Prime Ministers and Nobel Peace Prize winners have all left their mark here. See the punters on the River Cam or discover the Fitzwilliam Museum which houses a world-class collection of art. A **guided walking tour** can be arranged here which might include the beautiful King's College and Chapel, the finest building of its type in Europe, the intimate Queens' College with its wonderful sun and moon dial, or Pembroke College and Emmanuel College with their peaceful gardens and chapels designed by Sir Christopher Wren. Those interested in Architecture will be able to explore 1000 years of some of the finest buildings in the UK, whilst the wealth of scientific history can cover Newton, Darwin, the splitting of the atom and the unravelling of the structure of DNA. The colourful characters and student pranks can also be brought to life along with the famous poets and writers such as Wordsworth, Byron, Coleridge and AA Milne. Dinner is at your leisure tonight.

Day 6 – An **early breakfast** at the hotel as we journey north to the rural village of **Scrooby** which is linked with the historical colonization of the United States of America. Once the seat of the Archbishops of York and, curiously enough in its old archiepiscopal mansion, the leaders of the Pilgrim Fathers met before they had completed their project for colonizing New England. We also visit the nearby **Austerfield**, the home of Pilgrim Father William Bradford. En route to Boston, we will stop in the **Cathedral City of Lincoln**. The Cathedral here owns one of only four surviving copies of the Magna Carta which was signed in 1215, which is housed in Lincoln Castle. There is a replica Magna Carta you can view inside the Cathedral near the cloisters. Your included free flow visit lasts around 30 minutes and covers some aspects of the Cathedral: from architecture to history, with a few interesting stories thrown in along the way. Our next stop today is to **Boston** whose most notable landmark is **St Botolph's Church** (The Stump), the largest parish church in England with one of the highest towers (tower entrance not included) in England visible in the flat lands of Lincolnshire for miles. Emigrants from Boston named several other settlements after the town, most notably Boston, Massachusetts. We return to Cambridge and the hotel where this evening is at your leisure.

Day 7 – Breakfast at the hotel and check out. There will be a little free time in Cambridge before this morning's included visit to the **Genizah Unit**. Your pre-booked visit here will commence with a talk by a researcher accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation about the history of the Collection and about current research projects. There will then be an opportunity for a question/answer session before spending the second hour of the visit viewing a selection of manuscripts from the Collection and chatting informally with the researcher. If there are particular manuscripts or types of manuscript that you would like to see, we can make sure that these are included in the display. Retracing our steps south this afternoon, a visit will be made to the **Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue** where there will be a **service followed by dinner**. Later this evening, you will be transferred to central London which will be your base for the next 2 nights.

Day 8 – Breakfast at the hotel before visiting the **West London Synagogue** where there will be an **introductory talk** before a **Shabbat morning service at 11am (subject to day of visit)**, following which the remainder of the day will be at your leisure to explore London, visit some sights or enjoy some retail therapy.

Day 9 – Breakfast at the hotel and check out by 11am. There will be a transfer to **London Heathrow** at a pre-determined time where this tour terminates.

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