

Literature Tour of the United Kingdom



Day 1: **Australia – London**
Please meet at the airport for your international flight to London.

Day 2: **London (B)**
Upon your arrival, you will be met by your coach and transferred to your hotel where you will stay for the next three nights. The rest of the day will be free to explore your new surrounds.

Day 3: **London (B)**
This morning after breakfast, board your coach and enjoy a half day tour of London. You will see such sights as Buckingham Palace – The royal family city residence, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square and Hyde Park. In the afternoon enjoy a walking tour visiting sights related to Charles Dickens and Shakespeare.

Day 4: **London - Bath (B)**
This morning after breakfast, board your coach to Bath. En-route you will stop in Chawton and visit Jane Austen's House. Afterwards continue on to Winchester Cathedral where you can visit her grave. Later that afternoon you will arrive in Bath where you will stay for the next three nights.

Day 5: **Bath (B)**
After breakfast board your coach for a day trip out to Thomas Hardy's Cottage (exterior visit only). Continue on to Max Gate, the house designed and then lived in by Thomas Hardy (exterior visit only). Before returning to Bath you will visit Lacock, the village used in 1995 BBC adaption of Jane Austen's 'Pride and Prejudice'.

Day 6: **Bath (B)**
This morning after breakfast make your own way to the Roman Baths. See the water's source and walk where Romans walked on the ancient stone pavements.

Day 7: **Bath – Stratford Upon Avon (B)**
This morning after breakfast board your coach and head to Stratford. En-route you will be stopping at Oxford. Oxford University produced some of the world's most famous authors and poets. You will also visit Christchurch College, once famous for its literature now famous for being used as Hogwarts school in the film 'Harry Potter'. Afterwards continue your journey to Stratford Upon Avon, where you will stay for the next two nights.

Day 8: **Stratford Upon Avon (B)**
After breakfast the day will be spent exploring the sights of Stratford Upon Avon. Stratford was home to William Shakespeare. His birthplace in the heart of main street. Afterwards head to Ann Hathaway's Cottage, Shakespeare's wife, pre-marital home.

Day 9: **Stratford Upon Avon – Lake District (B)**
This morning after breakfast, depart Stratford for the Lake District. The surroundings inspired not only William Wordsworth writings but also children's author Beatrix Potter, who is known for her animal stories, including Peter Rabbit. Upon arrival you will visit Dove Cottage the home of William Wordsworth and his family in 1799. The next three nights will be spent at the Lake District.

Day 10: **Lake District (B)**
This morning after breakfast you will be visiting the area around Hill Top. Here you will find the farm once owned by Beatrix Potter. The rest of the day is free to independently explore the town of Windermere.

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Day 11: Lake District (B)

This morning after breakfast the day is free to explore the Yorkshire Moors. Yorkshire Moors was originally home to the Bronte sisters. You can visit the Bronte Parsonage Museum (house), which remains the same as when the family first lived there.

Day 12: Lake District - London (B)

Today you will travel back to London by coach, depending if time permits the rest of the day is free for teacher organised activities. (*Sightseeing, entrance fees at own expense*).

Day 13: London - Australia (B)

After breakfast board your coach and make your way back to Heathrow Airport for your flight back to Australia.

Day 14: Australia

Arrive Home.

Inclusions:

- Return International Economy Airfares: Australia/London/Australia
- Return airport transfers with English speaking local guide
- Coach transfers as per itinerary
- Youth hostel accommodation: Multi-share accommodation for students, 1 twin room for 2 complimentary teachers
- 3 nights London, 3 nights Bath, 2 nights Stratford-Upon-Avon, 3 nights Lakes District.
- Breakfast daily
- Full day guided tour of London
- Entrance fees for: Jane Austen's house, Jane Austen Centre, Winchester Cathedral, Roman Baths, Shakespeare's birthplace, Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Dove Cottage, Bronte Parsonage Museum.