



Christmas Markets of England



December 7-16, 2024

Join us on a journey through the elegance of the English countryside, where lush landscapes and iconic monuments provide a captivating backdrop. Amidst this tranquil setting, we'll immerse ourselves in the festive charm of Christmas markets. These markets, set against the backdrop of medieval towns and villages, come alive with festive cheer during the holiday season. Wander through stalls adorned with twinkling lights and decorations, indulging in the rich aroma of mulled wine, roasted chestnuts, and seasonal treats. Discover unique handmade crafts, locally produced goods, and one-of-a-kind gifts that make for perfect souvenirs or presents for loved ones. The combination of the serene English countryside and the vibrant Christmas markets creates a delightful blend of natural beauty and festive joy, making it a truly enchanting experience for all who venture into this winter wonderland. So, join us on this once in a lifetime trip, discovering the elegance, charm and beauty of the English countryside and the history of this great nation.

Departs: N. Londonderry

\$4299_{pp} Double Occupancy
*add \$1130 for single occupancy

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Itinerary

Day 1: Cheerio it's off to London! Board your motorcoach transportation in N. Londonderry to Boston Logan Airport for our direct overnight flight to London.

Day 2: Arrival early morning to Heathrow airport, transfer over to Windsor, where we enjoy a wholesome breakfast as well as a meet & greet with our guide. Afterwards a visit to the famous weekend residence of the royal family, **Windsor Castle**. We'll tour around one of the world's largest and longest occupied castles and discover the secrets enveloped over its thousand-year history along with a visit to **Windsor's Christmas Market**. Later in the afternoon we'll depart Windsor and head north towards the town of *Oxford*, check in at our hotel for some rest and relaxation. In the evening we enjoy a lovely get together dinner with wine.
Overnight in Oxford

Day 3: After a hearty breakfast we enjoy some free time to walk around the town that is home to one of the most renowned and prestigious universities in the world. We walk through the historic buildings of **Oxford University** where the walls breathe centuries of knowledge and have been the inspiration for countless leaps in humanity, as well as inspiration for **JK Rowling's Harry Potter** series. Free time for lunch in the late afternoon. Afterwards, we'll head north, to enjoy the **Christmas markets** and lights of the infamous **Blenheim Palace**. A Palace with countless stories to tell, Blenheim Palace is most well known for being the ancestral home of Winston Churchill. Today, the palace welcomes visitors and, in the weeks, leading up to Christmas, is renowned for having one of the most colorful and festive markets in all of England. Return late in the evening to our hotel.
Overnight in Oxford

Day 4: In the morning we'll leave Oxford and head west towards the meadows and fields of the **Cotswolds**, officially named an area of outstanding beauty, the Cotswolds are renowned for their quintessential **English villages**, brimming with honey colored stone houses. We'll tour around some of these pretty villages with plenty of photo stops along the way. Arriving late afternoon in the historic town of Bath. Free afternoon to enjoy the delights of **Bath and the Bath Christmas Market**, where we spend our next two night's.
Overnight stay in Bath

Day 5: In the morning we'll enjoy a tour around the elegant streets of Bath. Famous for almost two thousand years since the time of the Romans for its thermal waters and a place of escape and relaxation even for today's Brits. We visit the **Roman baths**, where we discover the importance of the town's waters followed by a chance to enjoy some **afternoon tea** in one of Bath's refined establishments. Afterwards, a free afternoon to enjoy one of the many delightful spas and relaxing places the town has to offer and of course the colorful **Bath Christmas market**, a few doors away from our hotel.



Day 6: Departing Bath in the morning, we'll head west across the rolling green fields of the English countryside. Stop and tour a **cider farm** where we learn how one of England's best drinks is produced along with some delicious straight from the barrel cider tasting. After which, we continue to journey across the fields and meadows of England and arrive at **Stonehenge**. One of the most marvelous structures ever to be still in existence since the dawn of humanity. We'll enjoy a guided tour around and discover the history of these enchanting stone circles. Later in the afternoon we head further south, towards the county of **Hampshire**, home to beautiful rolling hills, **Tudor houses** and birthplace of the famous **Pride and Prejudice author Jane Austin**. We'll stay overnight in the medieval town of Winchester with our hotel being a short walk away from **Winchester's grand cathedral** and **Christmas Market**.

Overnight in Winchester

Day 7: Today, we'll make two peculiar stops. Our first will be the **Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery**, the home and place where some of England's best Gin is produced. Here we'll uncover how Gin is crafted, its medicinal properties and its importance in English culture, along with some superb Gin tasting. After some tasting to warm the body and soul, it's time to head to one of England's best palaces. Home to the notorious **Henry VIII, Hampton Court** was a palace built by one of England's most influential and well-known monarchs. A place where the king would indulge in endless celebrations with extravagance. We'll walk around this palace and discover its unique charms. In the late afternoon, we'll depart for Britain's infamous capital, **London**. Our home for the next 3 nights.

Overnight in the Maldron Finsbury Park.

Day 8: Today we'll begin our guided tour of **London** with a visit to **Westminster Abbey and Big Ben**. Afterwards, we'll enjoy some free time shopping in one of the world's most famous and luxurious department stores, **Harrods**. Late afternoon we'll enjoy the festive scenes on the grounds of **Hyde Park's Winter Wonderland Christmas Park**. Free evening to enjoy Finsbury Park and our hotel's surroundings.

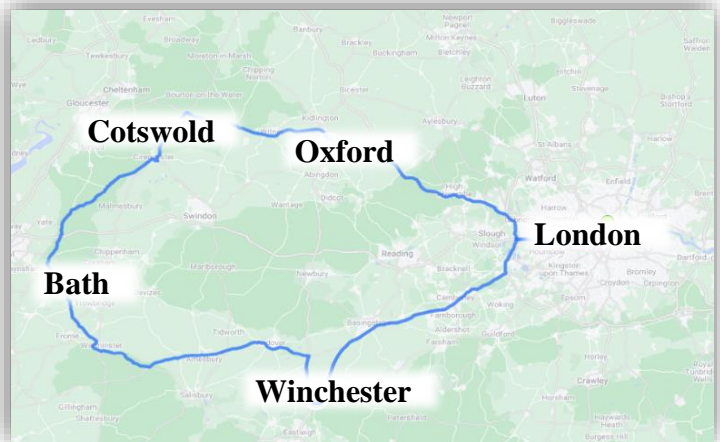
Day 9: Today it's time to uncover the mysteries of the ever-imposing **Tower of London**. Home to countless tales of prisoners and royalty, the tower has stood the test of time and has seen some of the most grueling stories in British history from times of war and rebellion. It's also home to some of the world's most precious jewelry. We'll tour around this fascinating fortification and discover with our own eyes why it brought fear and respect to many over the centuries. After uncovering the Tower of London, it's time for some food and shopping. We'll have free time to enjoy the gourmet delights of **Fortnum and Mason's**. One of London's best known department stores that's renowned for its luxury food products. Free time to enjoy the delights of this foodie's paradise. In the evening we'll have a final get together with dinner and wine at our hotel.

Day 10: Time to say goodbye. After our incredible journey across the rolling hills and great towns, it's time to say goodbye to Britannia. Knowing when we come back home that this majestic land will always welcome us back with open arms. Breakfast and transfer back to Heathrow airport.



Tour Includes:

- ▽ 8 nights in superb centrally located 4* accommodation
 - Malmaison Oxford Hotel, Oxford 4*
 - Francis Hotel, Bath 4*
 - Winchester Royal Hotel 4*
 - Maldron Finsbury Park, London 4*
- ▽ Breakfast each morning (including day 1 after arrival).
- ▽ 2 Dinners
- ▽ Transfer and travel in a comfortable coach with an expert driver
- ▽ A professional guide to escort you along your English experience
- ▽ Entrances to the following establishments
 - Windsor Castle
 - Blenheim Palace
 - Roman Baths, Bath Town
 - Cider Farm
 - Stonehenge
 - Bombay Gin Distillery
 - Hampton Court
 - Westminster Abbey
 - Tower Bridge, London
- ▽ All Taxes and charges



Not Included:

- ▽ Gratuities for tour manager, driver and step-on guides
- ▽ Trip insurance – highly recommended
- ▽ Airline baggage fees

Payment Plan:

Deposit: \$400 pp (due at time of booking)

Payment 1: \$1000 pp (3/12/24)

Payment 2: \$1000 pp (5/11/24)

Payment 3: \$1000 pp (7/10/24)

Final payment: Balance (9/8/24)

Cancellation Policy:

Although not mandatory we highly recommend trip cancellation insurance, ask for details.

Cancellation fees are as follows:

Cancellation Penalty Processing Fee (CPPF): \$400.

Up to 91 days prior, the CPPF + any non-refundable airfare deposits.

0-90 days prior 100% non-refundable.

