

# British Landscapes

featuring England, Scotland and Wales



## Highlights...

London • London Theatre Performance\*\* • Cambridge • York  
• Edinburgh Castle • Lake District • North Wales • Stratford-  
Upon-Avon • Bath • Stonehenge

**10 Days • 13 Meals: 8 Breakfasts • 5 Dinners**

### COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

- ★ Visit the historic town of Cambridge, home of the elite university.
- ★ Explore the picturesque Lake District villages.
- ★ See the natural hot spring baths that were enjoyed by the Romans more than 2,000 years ago.
- ★ Enjoy an overnight stay in a beautiful castle situated in the north of Wales.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Feel the vibrant energy of England, hear the unique sounds of Scotland and see the rolling countryside of Wales on a trip that combines the exploration of dramatic history and natural wonders.

#### Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in London, the cosmopolitan and historic capital of Britain. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. *Today dinner will be included.*

#### Day 3: London

This morning, see the quintessential sights of London, hosted by a local guide. View Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and the changing of the guard\*. London has one of the best live theatre scenes in the world. **Later today, enjoy one of London's spectacular theatre\*\* performances.** *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 4: London - Cambridge - York

Today you visit Cambridge, home of the famous university which is nearly 800 years old. Later, stroll through the medieval city of York and the famous "Shambles," a quaint, narrow street that appears today almost as it did during the Middle Ages. Here you'll find great shopping and a street that is so narrow in parts that you can almost reach both sides with your outstretched arms. **A visit is included to the magnificent 13th-century York Minster, one of the finest medieval cathedrals in all of Europe.** *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 5: York - Cheviot Hills - Edinburgh, Scotland

Head north through the rolling fields on your way to Bonnie ("lovely" in Scottish) Scotland. **Stretching over the open moorland you will**

find Hadrian's Wall, which once marked the northern border of the Roman Empire. Stop to see this ancient fortification that was built in AD 121 in response to repeated barbarian invasions against the Romans. Next, drive through Northumberland National Park and the Cheviot Hills before arriving in Edinburgh, the "Athens of the North." Enjoy discovering Scotland's exciting capital city which is rich in scenic beauty and culture. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 6: Edinburgh

Enjoy a locally-guided tour of Edinburgh that includes Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish crown jewels. **You will get a glimpse at what life is like for the royals during your visit to the Palace of Holyroodhouse\*\*\*, the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh, and once the home of Mary, Queen of Scots.** Your evening is at leisure to sample one of Edinburgh's fine restaurants and perhaps take an evening stroll through Princes Street Gardens to view the illuminated castle above you. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 7: Edinburgh - Lake District, England - Wales

Your final stop in Scotland is at the border town of Gretna Green where generations of runaway couples came to be married. Here you will discover what it means to be married "over an anvil." Later today return to England and travel through the picturesque English Lake District. In the heart of the Lake District, visit the charming village of Grasmere, home of the poet William Wordsworth. End your day with an overnight stay in beautiful Ruthin Castle situated in the north of Wales. Upon arrival, a brief tour of the castle introduces such niceties as the ladies walk and gardens (and the not-so-nice whipping pit and dungeon). **Tonight, enjoy a medieval dinner complete with Welsh entertainment.** *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 8: Wales - Stratford-Upon-Avon

Journey to Stratford-Upon-Avon, your home for the next two nights and birthplace of William Shakespeare, England's most famous playwright. **Walk in Shakespeare's footsteps, visiting his birthplace as well as his wife's thatch-roofed home, Anne Hathaway's cottage.** *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 9: Stratford-Upon-Avon - Bath - Stonehenge - Stratford-Upon-Avon**

Journey through some of England's most beautiful countryside. Stop in the ancient Roman town of Bath - renowned for more than 2,000 years for its spas and natural hot springs. Visit the Roman Baths Museum to see the elaborate spas, valued since Roman times for their curative properties. **Finally, no visit to Britain would be complete without a visit to Stonehenge of Celtic and Druid lore.** Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at the magnificent and historical 1,000-year-old Warwick Castle. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

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**Day 10: Stratford-Upon-Avon - Tour Ends**

Your journey through Britain ends today. *Today breakfast will be included.*

*Experience It!*

**Walk in William's footsteps**

Birth records say he was born the son of a glover, a local leather merchant. He was the third of eight children, three of whom died in childhood. Little is known about the next few stages of his life - we know he was educated, but no one is certain as to where. We know he was married and had three children, but much of his life remains a mystery.

It is believed that during his late 20's he began to write plays - at least 37 of them. Although they were popular with the commoners at the time, his writing received very little praise from those in the educated circle. They called it "tawdry" and "vulgar entertainment." A fantasy taking place on a hot August evening...the story of a shady salesman from Italy...and a tale about the ill-fated lives of two star-crossed lovers. Four hundred years later, these plays are classics entitled, A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Merchant of Venice, and Romeo and Juliet. In his day his works did not receive critical acclaim but William Shakespeare is undoubtedly one of the greatest literary forces of all time.

Join Collette Vacations as we rediscover Shakespeare. Walk in his footsteps through his home town of Stratford-upon-Avon and tour his birthplace as well as the childhood home of his wife.

**YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day	1	Overnight Flight
Day	2, 3	Copthorne Tara Hotel, London
Day	4	Park Inn, York
Day	5, 6	Jarvis Mount Royal Hotel, Edinburgh
Day	7	Ruthin Castle, Ruthin
Day	8, 9	The Falcon Hotel, Stratford-Upon-Avon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**Please Note:**

Air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Due to transfer scheduling, flights on the last day of your tour should be scheduled after 11:30 AM.

To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are

pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Days and features are interchangeable.

\*The Changing of the Guard is included when held at Buckingham Palace

\*\*On most dates the theatre performance will be a matinee performance.

\*\*\*The Palace of Holyroodhouse may occasionally be closed when the Queen is in residence or for official state functions.

Passengers arriving into Edinburgh between August 5-27, 2011 will be provided with tickets to the Edinburgh Military Tattoo Show.

Collette air passengers will arrive and depart from London airport. On day 10, all Collette transfers will depart from Stratford-Upon-Avon for the London airport.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

## IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

### IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

**\*Airline Fuel Surcharges:** Our air inclusive vacations are priced including airline fuel surcharges valid at time of print. These fuel surcharges are assessed by the airlines and are subject to increase without notice. Government taxes and fees are additional.

**Taxes and Fees:** Government and Other Authority Taxes and Fees are not included in base fare but are included in the tax amount listed: September 11th Security Fee up to \$10.00, Passenger Facility Charge (PFCs) of up to \$18 per passenger, Federal Domestic Flight Segment Fee of up to \$3.50 USD applies per passenger, per segment, US or International Departure and Arrival Fees up to \$350 which vary by itinerary. In order to better serve you, once you complete the booking process your invoice will display your vacation land package, base airfare, fuel surcharge and all taxes and fees as separate line items. Airfares are subject to change. Seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

**Checked Baggage Charges:** Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies, as fees vary by airline and destination.

**Cancellation Charges for this tour:** After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 30% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If waivers have not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Purchase of Waiver and Insurance guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Waiver and insurance fee itself, made to Collette Vacations for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Waiver and Insurance does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's Traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be

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