

10-Days UK Travel Itinerary

Dreaming of exploring the United Kingdom? Get ready for an unforgettable journey through royal palaces, charming villages, dramatic castles, world-famous landmarks, breathtaking countryside, and vibrant cities steeped in centuries of history.



Explore UK Your Way (Solo or With Friends or Family)

Whether you're traveling solo, planning a romantic getaway, or exploring with family and friends, this 10-day UK itinerary offers the perfect introduction to England and Scotland. From London's iconic landmarks and the picturesque Cotswolds to Edinburgh's medieval streets and the stunning Scottish Highlands, each destination showcases a unique side of Britain.

Day 1 - 4: London



Day 1: Arrival in London - Royal Landmarks & Riverside Walks

- **Morning**

Arrive in London and check into accommodation around Covent Garden, Westminster, or South Bank for convenient access to major attractions.

→ [Find social stays & Central hotels here](#)

- **Midday & Afternoon**

Begin your trip with a walk through Westminster, passing Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, and Westminster Abbey. Continue along the River Thames toward the London Eye before crossing Westminster Bridge for beautiful city views.

Enjoy lunch at a traditional British pub or riverside restaurant.

→ [\[Get Westminster Abbey Ticket\]](#)

- **Evening:**

Head to Covent Garden for street performers, boutique shopping, and dinner before watching a West End musical.

→ [\[Book West End Theatre Tickets: Mamma Mia! The Musical\]](#)

→ [\[Book West End Theatre Tickets: Lion King\]](#)



Solo Trip Tip: Walking tours and evening food tours are fantastic ways to meet fellow travelers while discovering London's history and local food scene.



Day 2: Royal London & Notting Hill

- **Morning**

Visit Buckingham Palace and, if timing allows, watch the Changing of the Guard ceremony.

→ [\[Join Buckingham Palace & Royal London Tour\]](#)

- **Midday & Afternoon**

Explore colorful Notting Hill, browse Portobello Road Market (if visiting on market day), and enjoy coffee in one of London's charming cafés.

→ [\[Join Notting Hill Walking Tour\]](#)

- **Evening**

Take a sunset cruise along the River Thames and admire London's skyline illuminated after dark.

→ [\[Join Thames River Evening Cruise\]](#)



Day 3: Tower of London & Harry Potter Tour

- **Morning**

Visit the historic Tower of London to see the Crown Jewels and discover stories of kings, queens, and prisoners.

→ [\[Get Tower of London and Crown Jewels Exhibition Ticket\]](#)

- **Midday & Afternoon**

Walk across Tower Bridge before exploring Borough Market for lunch. In the afternoon, step into the wizarding world on a Harry Potter walking tour, visiting famous filming locations and discovering the real-life streets that inspired J.K. Rowling's magical universe.

→ [\[Join Warner Bros. Studio Harry Potter Tour\]](#)

- **Evening**

Enjoy rooftop drinks overlooking London's skyline or enjoy sunset view from the iconic London Eye.

→ [\[Get The London Eye Entry Ticket\]](#)

Day 4: Stonehenge & Windsor (or Stonehenge Half-Day)

- **Morning**

Leave London for one of Britain's most famous prehistoric landmarks. Explore the mysterious stone circle of Stonehenge and learn about the theories surrounding its construction over 4,000 years ago.

→ [\[Join Stonehenge Half-Day Tour\]](#)

- **Midday & Afternoon**

Return to London for lunch before spending the afternoon exploring Notting Hill, browsing Portobello Road Market (on market days), and relaxing in one of the neighborhood's charming cafés.

Alternative: If you prefer a full-day excursion, combine Stonehenge with Windsor Castle or Bath.

→ [\[Join Stonehenge, Windsor & Bath Full Day Tour\]](#)

- **Evening**

Enjoy a traditional British dinner before preparing for tomorrow's countryside adventure.

Day 5-6: Cotswolds & Oxford

Day 5: The Cotswolds

- **Morning**

Travel into the beautiful Cotswolds, famous for rolling hills and postcard-perfect villages.

- **Midday & Afternoon**

Visit picturesque villages like Bourton-on-the-Water, Bibury, and Stow-on-the-Wold. Wander stone cottages, riverside paths, independent shops, and cozy tea rooms.

If you prefer to stay in London and do day trip instead

→ [\[From London: Cotswolds and Oxford Guided Day-Trip\]](#)

- **Evening**

Stay overnight in a charming countryside inn and experience peaceful village life.



Day 6: Oxford & Journey to Edinburgh

- **Morning**

Explore Oxford's historic colleges, libraries, and medieval streets that inspired countless books and films.

→ [\[Join Oxford University and City Walking Tour with College entry\]](#)

- **Midday & Afternoon**

Visit the Bodleian Library, Radcliffe Camera, and local cafés before traveling north to Edinburgh by train.

- **Evening**

Check into accommodation near the Royal Mile or New Town and enjoy dinner in one of Edinburgh's traditional pubs.

Day 7-10: Edinburgh & Scottish Highlands



Day 7: Edinburgh's Historic Old Town

- **Morning**

Start your day at the magnificent Edinburgh Castle overlooking the city.

→ [\[Get Edinburgh Castle Guided Tour\]](#)

- **Midday & Afternoon**

Walk along the Royal Mile, visit St Giles' Cathedral, browse local whisky shops, and explore hidden closes filled with history.

→ [\[Join Edinburgh Old Town Walking Tour\]](#)

- **Evening**

Experience Scotland's culture during a traditional whisky tasting or live folk music performance.

→ [\[Join The Johnnie Walker Signature Experience\]](#)



Day 8: Arthur's Seat & New Town

- **Morning**

Hike Arthur's Seat for panoramic views over Edinburgh and the surrounding countryside.

- **Midday & Afternoon**

After lunch, uncover Edinburgh's darker past at **The Edinburgh Dungeon**, where live actors, immersive sets, and thrilling rides bring Scotland's most infamous stories and legends to life.

→ [\[Get The Edinburgh Dungeon Entrance Ticket\]](#)

- **Evening**

Enjoy authentic Scottish cuisine featuring haggis (if you're adventurous), fresh seafood, or locally sourced beef.



Day 9: Scottish Highlands Adventure

- **Morning**

Leave Edinburgh early for one of Scotland's most spectacular regions.

- **Midday & Afternoon**

Explore Glencoe, Loch Ness, dramatic mountain landscapes, ancient castles, and breathtaking viewpoints while learning about Scottish history and legends.

Discover the Highland locations made famous by the Harry Potter and James Bond film series.

→ [\[Join Scottish Highlands Day Tour\]](#)

- **Evening**

Return to Edinburgh and enjoy your final Scottish evening.



Day 10: Slow Morning & Departure

- **Morning**

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before visiting Dean Village or the Royal Botanic Garden

- **Midday & Afternoon**

Spend the day exploring Stirling Castle and learning about Scotland's fascinating royal history before returning to Edinburgh.

Or

Browse local boutiques for Scottish souvenirs such as Harris Tweed, whisky, or cashmere before heading to the airport.

- **Evening**

Celebrate your final night with a traditional Scottish dinner and reflect on an unforgettable journey across the United Kingdom.

The United Kingdom is Waiting for You!

The UK combines centuries of royal history, world-famous cities, breathtaking countryside, charming villages, and rich cultural traditions into one unforgettable adventure. One day you'll be standing beneath Big Ben, the next wandering through honey-colored villages in the Cotswolds, and soon after exploring medieval castles overlooking the Scottish Highlands.

This 10-day itinerary gives first-time visitors the perfect balance of iconic attractions, scenic train journeys, local experiences, and enough flexibility to travel at a relaxed pace.

Visit in **spring** for blooming gardens and mild weather, **summer** for long daylight hours and festivals, **autumn** for colorful countryside and fewer crowds, or **winter** for Christmas markets, cozy pubs, and festive celebrations.



Smart Travel Tips for UK



Socializing made easy

Traveling solo? Join city walking tours, afternoon tea experiences, pub crawls, food tours, or Highland excursions. They're excellent opportunities to meet fellow travelers while learning more about British culture.

→ [\[Join activities & tours\]](#)



Getting around efficiently

Britain's extensive rail network makes traveling between London, Oxford, Edinburgh, and other major cities straightforward. Book train tickets several weeks in advance to secure the best fares. Within cities, the London Underground, Edinburgh trams, and local buses make sightseeing easy.

→ [\[Get London City Sightseeing Hop-On Hop-Off Bus Ticket\]](#)

→ [\[Get Edinburgh: Royal Attractions with Hop-On Hop-Off Bus Ticket\]](#)



Staying connected

An eSIM or local SIM card makes navigating maps, translating menus, booking tickets, and staying in touch much easier throughout your trip.

→ [\[Get UK eSIM\]](#)



What to pack

The UK's weather can change quickly—even during summer. Pack comfortable walking shoes, a waterproof jacket, layers, a compact umbrella, and a universal power adapter. If you're visiting Scotland or the Highlands, bring a warm layer for cooler evenings, even in warmer months.

→ [\[Check the Essential Travel Packing List\]](#)

Plan & Book Your Trip

To make planning easier, here are the platforms most travelers use to book everything in one place:

-  Find the best flight deals and routes
→ [\[Book your flights\]](#)
-  Compare hotels, hostels, and social stays
→ [\[Book your accommodation\]](#)
-  Lock in top tours and experiences (walking guide tours, food tours, day trips)
→ [\[Browse activities & tours\]](#)
-  Exploring places more comfortably? Renting a car gives you the most flexibility
→ [\[Rent a car\]](#)

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