12 DAYS
A ROMANTIC ENGLISH CONNECTION

Day 1. London – Arrival & Tea at Claridges

Arrive in London and check in to Blake's Hotel in South Kensington. Afternoon: Tea at Claridge's — the legendary Mayfair hotel's extraordinary afternoon tea, the most celebrated in London, with extraordinary pastries and perfectly brewed Darjeeling. Evening: Tour of London from a private car. Overnight in London.

Day 2. London – London Eye Private Capsule & Tour

Morning: private guided tour of London's extraordinary highlights: Westminster, Kensington, Belgravia, the City. Afternoon: London Eye — private capsule with champagne and truffles, with extraordinary 360-degree views over London from 135 metres. Evening: extraordinary West End show in the finest seats. Overnight in London.

Day 3. London to Cambridge – Punting with Champagne & Strawberries

Train from London to Cambridge. Check in to the Hotel du Vin on Trumpington Street. Afternoon: private punting on the River Cam with champagne and strawberries — the ultimate Cambridge romantic experience, gliding past the extraordinary college Backs with a private punt guide. Evening: King's College Chapel and extraordinary Cambridge evening. Overnight in Cambridge.

Day 4. Cambridge to Oxford – Private Tour of Blenheim Palace

Drive from Cambridge to Blenheim Palace — private tour of the extraordinary baroque palace, including the state apartments and the private gardens, with a terrace lunch in the extraordinary gardens. Continue to Oxford: check in to the Old Parsonage Hotel. Private tour of Oxford. Overnight in Oxford.

Day 5. Oxford to Bath – Drive

Drive south to Bath. Check in. Roman Baths private tour. Afternoon: Thermae Bath Spa — the extraordinary modern spa above the ancient Roman springs, with private couples spa treatment. Overnight in Bath.

Day 6. Bath – Couple's Spa & Royal Crescent

Morning: couple's spa at Thermae Bath Spa — the extraordinary outdoor rooftop pool with city views. Afternoon: Royal Crescent and the Circus — the extraordinary Georgian architecture. Jane Austen's Bath. Overnight in Bath.

Day 7. Bath to Stratford-upon-Avon – Shakespeare Country

Drive north to Stratford-upon-Avon. Check in to The Arden Hotel — Stratford's finest hotel, overlooking the Royal Shakespeare Theatre. Afternoon: tour of Stratford-upon-Avon Shakespeare locations. Evening: play at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre. Overnight in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Day 8. Stratford – All Shakespeare Locations & Theatre Tour

Full day: visits to all Shakespeare locations in and around Stratford. Tour of the Stratford Open-air Theatre. Afternoon at leisure. Evening: another play at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre. Overnight in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Day 9. Stratford to Windermere – Lake District

Drive north to the Lake District: Windermere. Check in to the luxury hotel. Afternoon: Lake Windermere private cruise. Overnight in Windermere.

Day 10. Windermere – Dove Cottage, Hill Top & Romantic Lake Cruise

Wordsworth's Dove Cottage in Grasmere. Beatrix Potter's Hill Top. Private romantic dinner cruise on Lake Windermere. Overnight in Windermere.

Day 11. Windermere – Coniston Water & Private Yacht

Private yacht on Coniston Water — the extraordinary lake where Donald Campbell set water speed records. John Ruskin's Brantwood. Afternoon at leisure. Final evening: extraordinary candlelit dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Windermere.

Day 12. Windermere – Departure

Transfer to Manchester Airport or train to London for onward travel.

Must see ATTRACTIONS

Tea at Claridge's Hotel, London

The London Eye – Romantic Treat

Punting on The River Cam, Cambridge

Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire

Oxford

Thermae Bath Spa, Bath

Play at The Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon

Lake Windermere

Coniston Water, Lake District

ACCOMMODATION *Options*

London

★★★★★
The Savoy London
The Ritz London
Claridge's London

★★★★
Park Plaza Westminster Bridge London
Leonardo Royal London City
Hyatt Regency London The Churchill

★★★
Hub by Premier Inn London King's Cross
Travelodge London Central City Road
ibis London Blackfriars

Bath

★★★★★
The Royal Crescent Hotel & Spa Bath
Lucknam Park Hotel & Spa Bath
Gainsborough Bath Spa

★★★★
Bailbrook House Hotel Bath
Abbey Hotel Bath
Francis Hotel Bath

★★★
Premier Inn Bath City Centre
ibis Bath
Holiday Inn Express Bath

Must try FOOD

Gourmet Meat Pies

Simple comfort food elevated by local pie-makers to gourmet level with premium cuts such as beef cheek or smoked chicken, rich slow-simmered gravies and flaky hand-made butter pastry; popular gourmet variations include classic steak and ale, lamb ragu and traditional chapshoro.

Roast Dinner

A British roast dinner is a hot, sit-down meal typically served on Sundays – hence the term 'A Sunday Roast'; at its heart, it features roasted meat - beef, chicken, lamb or pork, accompanied by roast potatoes, a variety of vegetables, gravy, and Yorkshire puddings; what makes a roast dinner special is its sense of occasion.

Cream Tea

An afternoon tea meal consisting of tea, scones, cream, jam, and sometimes butter; cream teas are sold in tea rooms throughout UK, particularly in Devon and Cornwall, where the cream is usually locally produced 'clotted cream'.

RESTAURANT *Options*

Halal Certified

London

1. Dishoom – Celebrated Bombay-style café, halal-certified, branches across London, legendary bacon naan
2. Tayyabs – Legendary Pakistani halal restaurant in Whitechapel, famous lamb chops, always busy
3. Roti Chai – Indian street food, halal-certified, near Oxford Street, excellent lunch thali
4. Bayswater Grill – Lebanese and Arabic halal grill, Bayswater, popular with Gulf visitors
5. Ferdosi – Persian cuisine, halal-certified, Kensington, renowned for lamb koobideh and saffron rice

Bath

1. Al-Baraka Bath – Middle Eastern halal restaurant near Bath city centre
2. Istanbul Bath – Turkish halal grill near Bath Spa station, good value lunch menu
3. Rajpoot Tandoori Bath – Indian halal restaurant, Bath's longest-established curry house
4. Medina Bath – North African halal cuisine near the Roman Baths, tagine and couscous
5. Halal Kitchen Bath – International halal food near Pulteney Bridge, family-friendly