

10 DAYS EXPLORE THE UK CAPITALS



Day 1. London – Arrival & Southbank

Arrive in London. Southbank walk: Tate Modern, Globe Theatre, Millennium Bridge, St Paul's views. Evening: West End show. Overnight in London.

Day 2. London – Royal London

Westminster Abbey, Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace and Changing of the Guard. Afternoon: Tower of London and Crown Jewels. Tower Bridge. Overnight in London.

Day 3. London – British Museum & Museums Quarter

British Museum: Elgin Marbles, Rosetta Stone. Victoria and Albert Museum or Natural History Museum. Hyde Park and Kensington Palace. Overnight in London.

Day 4. London to Edinburgh – Castle & Royal Mile

Train to Edinburgh (4.5 hours). Afternoon: Edinburgh Castle – Crown Jewels, Stone of Destiny, panoramic views. Evening: Royal Mile walk. Overnight in Edinburgh.

Day 5. Edinburgh – Holyrood Palace & Arthur's Seat

Holyrood Palace – the Scottish royal residence. Optional hike to Arthur's Seat. Greyfriars Bobby. Scottish National Gallery. Overnight in Edinburgh.

Day 6. Edinburgh – New Town & Whisky Experience

Georgian New Town: Charlotte Square, Princes Street, Robert Adam architecture. Scottish Whisky Experience. National Museum of Scotland. Overnight in Edinburgh.

Day 7. Edinburgh to Cardiff – Train

Train south to Cardiff via Glasgow or direct. Arrive Cardiff. Cardiff Castle – extraordinary Victorian Gothic interiors. Cardiff Bay. Overnight in Cardiff.

Day 8. Cardiff – Castell Coch & St Fagans

Castell Coch – the extraordinary Victorian Gothic fairy-tale castle. St Fagans National Museum of Welsh Life – 40 re-erected historic Welsh buildings. Overnight in Cardiff.

Day 9. Cardiff – Caerphilly Castle & Senedd

Caerphilly Castle – the largest castle in Wales. Senedd (Welsh Parliament) and Wales Millennium Centre at Cardiff Bay. Llandaff Cathedral. Overnight in Cardiff.

Day 10. Cardiff – Departure

Transfer to Cardiff Wales Airport or Bristol Airport for onward travel.

Must see ATTRACTIONS



South Bank



Buckingham Palace



Tower of London



Edinburgh Castle



Holyrood Palace



Cardiff Castle



Caerphilly Castle



Llandaff Cathedral

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

Edinburgh



The Balmoral Hotel Edinburgh
Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh The Caledonian
Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa Edinburgh



Radisson Blu Hotel Edinburgh
Marriott Edinburgh
Leonardo Royal Hotel Edinburgh



ibis Edinburgh Centre Royal Mile
Travelodge Edinburgh Central
Premier Inn Edinburgh City Centre

Cardiff



St David's Hotel Cardiff Bay
Park Plaza Cardiff
Voco St David's Cardiff



Marriott Hotel Cardiff
Clayton Hotel Cardiff
Hilton Cardiff



Premier Inn Cardiff City Centre
ibis Cardiff City
Holiday Inn Cardiff City

Must try FOOD



Pie and Mash

This British working-class dish, which originated in the docks of London and is considered “a Cockney classic”, typically consists of a minced beef pie served with mashed potato and a parsley sauce known as liquor, with malt vinegar as a condiment; Pie and mash shops have been in London since the 19th century and are still common in East and South London.



Neeps and Tatties

A traditional Scottish dish of yellow turnips or swedes, which are peeled, boiled, and coarsely mashed with butter, salt, and pepper ('neeps') and potatoes, which are peeled, boiled and smoothly mashed with butter and milk ('tatties'), most famously served alongside haggis.



Welsh Rarebit

A dish of hot cheese sauce, often including ale, mustard and Worcestershire sauce, served on toasted bread; the bread is toasted on both sides, then the cheese is toasted on one side and laid on the toast – the other side is then browned and rubbed over with the ale, mustard and Worcestershire sauce.

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

Edinburgh

1. Mosque Kitchen Edinburgh – Beloved halal canteen next to Edinburgh Central Mosque, legendary value
2. Kismot – Award-winning Sri Lankan-Indian halal restaurant, Newington, unique regional curries
3. Khushboo Indian Restaurant – Indian halal restaurant in Haymarket, popular with Muslim visitors
4. Istanbul Edinburgh – Turkish halal restaurant near the Old Town, grills and meze
5. Al-Baraka Edinburgh – Middle Eastern halal food near the university, generous portions

Cardiff

1. Mint & Mustard Cardiff – Award-winning Indian halal restaurant, South Asian fine dining
2. Al-Bab Cardiff – Middle Eastern halal cuisine near Cardiff Bay, mezze and slow-cooked meats
3. Istanbul Cardiff – Turkish halal grill in the city centre, large portions and good value
4. Spice Quarter Cardiff – Indian halal food in Cardiff Bay, balti and tandoor specialties
5. Mediterra Cardiff – Halal Mediterranean restaurant near the Principality Stadium, mixed grill

