

Day 1

Arrive Manchester / Chester

Upon arrival in Manchester, you will be met by a Cox & Kings representative and privately escorted to your hotel in the historic town of Chester, dating back to Roman times.

Day 2

Chester

Spend the day exploring Liverpool, famous for its musical heritage, where the Beatles were born and raised. Where the River Mersey meets the Irish Sea, see the well-preserved 19th Century dockyards on the waterfront. Take in breathtaking 360° views from the rooftop of the towering Anglican Cathedral, the highest in the UK. Visit the Beatles Story museum and see the houses where John Lennon and Paul McCartney grew up. View the Cavern Club and Penny Lane before returning to your hotel in Chester.

Day 3

To Northern Wales

Explore Chester this morning. Encircled by a glorious 2-mile ring of Roman and medieval walls, Chester is a rare blend of ancient and traditional. Take in the half-timbered Tudor buildings and the unique covered Rows - today packed with independent boutiques and high street stores. Visit the 16th Century Chester Cathedral, before departing for Northern Wales. In the Welsh seaside town of Llandudno, take a cable car to the Great Orme for the jaw-dropping panoramic views of the Bay, the Little Orme, the Conwy Estuary and miles out over the Irish Sea. Enjoy a walking tour of Conwy, with its medieval walls and imposing 13th Century Castle, as well as Britain's smallest house. Afterwards, continue to your accommodations.

Day 4

Northern Wales

This morning, tour the National Slate Museum, which vividly brings back to life the inheritance of the North Wales slate industry, which roofed the industrial revolution. One of Britain's best-known upland areas, Snowdonia, Wales, is famous for its slate, mountainous terrain and epic landscape of glacially sculpted valleys and craggy peaks. Take a scenic ride on the Snowdon Mountain Railway and stop in the picturesque village of Betws-y-Coed and Beddgelert. Caernarfon Castle occupies a superb setting with the mountains of Snowdonia as a backdrop and wonderful views across the Menai Strait to Anglesey - this is where Prince Charles' investiture took place.

Day 5

To Cardiff

Visit the strange and wonderful village of Portmeirion, surrounded by the wild Gwyllt gardens, and then begin your journey south to Cardiff. After a break in Machynlleth, enjoy the spectacular landscape of Brecon Beacons National Park including 4 mountain ranges. Arrive late in the day in the Welsh capital city of Cardiff and continue to your hotel.

Day 6

Cardiff

Explore Cardiff today. Cardiff is a vibrant city that combines the elegance of Victorian architecture with a modern and vital new face. Enjoy a guided visit of the city's most recognizable landmark: Cardiff Castle, which was built nearly 2,000 years ago and features ornate Victorian era salons designed by celebrated architect William Burges. Today will also include lunch and winetasting at a local vineyard.

Day 7

To London

This morning you are accompanied to the train station for your first class train journey to London, journeying through the scenic Cotswolds of the English countryside. Upon arrival, you will be welcomed by your Cox & Kings local representative and accompanied to your hotel. Enjoy the balance of the day at leisure to rest up from your travels or begin your explorations of one of the world's greatest cities.

Day 8

London

Join your expert guide who will accompany you on a guided visit of London. See the Royal Borough of Chelsea and Kensington, Kensington Gardens, then continue to Buckingham Palace and see the ceremony of the Changing of the Guard. Your panoramic sightseeing includes Trafalgar Square, the House of Parliament with Big Ben, Westminster Abbey and Christopher Wren's St. Paul's Cathedral. Continue on to visit the Tower of London, a magnificent fortress which has stood on the banks of the River Thames for over 1,000 years. Your guide will regale you with incredible tales and you can admire the stunning Crown Jewels on display.

Day 9

London

This morning, with your guide continue your sightseeing to visit the Windsor Castle. Explore this half day by visiting this ancient royal castle, the oldest and largest inhabited castle in the world and has been home of the British kings and queens for almost 1000 years. During your visit you would have the opportunity to visit the wonderful state apartments with their magnificent collection of art and

antiquities. Enjoy some of the parks and gardens or some local shopping and pubs before returning to London where the remainder of your day is at leisure.

Day 10

Depart London

Today, you are accompanied to the airport or railway station for your onward journey.

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