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GEMS OF BRITAIN (5 DAYS) – 2013

Windsor, Jedburgh, Edinburgh, Aviemore, Lake District, Stratford-upon-Avon

Day 1: London – Windsor – York area

This morning, at the check-in point, you will meet your Tour Manager and join the coach for a leisurely drive from London to the Royal city of Windsor. On arrival we visit Windsor Castle, the largest inhabited Castle in the world, and the oldest in continuous occupation. On the tour, (subject to opening arrangements), visit: the State Apartments, St George's Chapel and Queen Mary's Dolls' House. Continue onto York area and late evening check into our hotel. (Dinner)

Day 2: York area – Jedburgh – Edinburgh – Overnight stop

Driving through Northumberland National Park, we cross the Scottish border, and passing small valleys and river streams, our journey leads us past the romantic ruins of Jedburgh Abbey. Crossing River Tweed we reach Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland. On arrival we meet our expert local guide for our sightseeing tour, which features a visit to the famous Edinburgh Castle. We will also view The Palace of Holyroodhouse, once home of Mary Queen of Scots, Old and New Town, the stately Royal Mile, and elegant Princes Street for tartans and tweeds. Continuing our drive, we reach our overnight stop and check into our hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 3: Overnight stop – Aviemore area

Depart north today for the scenic drive over the Monadhliath Mountains. Enjoy the grand panoramic scenery as we proceed across the Scottish highlands. En route we visit a traditional whisky distillery for a short tour. We pass the waters of Loch Lomond, the town of Fort William, at the foot of the mighty Ben Nevis, and Loch Ness, famed for its myths and legends. Late evening we check into our hotel. (Breakfast, Continental Dinner)

Day 4: Aviemore area – Lake District

Today we return to England and drive south to the shores of Lake Windermere, the site of England's largest lake. Admire the natural scenery and breathtaking views. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 5: Lake District – Stratford-upon-Avon - London

This morning enjoy a scenic cruise on Lake Windermere. Later we depart for the beautiful town of Stratford-upon-Avon, birthplace of William Shakespeare, where you have some free time to explore the historical town. We then continue onto London where the tour ends and its time to say farewell to all the friends you have made on tour. (Breakfast)

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

WINDSOR: Visit Windsor Castle

EDINBURGH: Guided City Tour - visit Edinburgh Castle; view Holyrood House, Old and New Town, Royal Mile and Princes Street

SCOTLAND: Visit Whisky Distillery, Panoramic Tour – Loch Lomond – Loch Ness

LAKE WINDERMERE: Scenic drive and cruise on Lake Windermere

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: Explore the historical town

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:

- 4 nights in a First Class Hotel with private facilities
- 4 Vegetarian Breakfasts, 3 Authentic Indian Vegetarian / Non-Vegetarian Dinners and 1 Continental Dinner
- Meal plan is indicated at the bottom of your daily Itinerary: Breakfast, Indian Vegetarian / Non-Vegetarian Dinner, Continental Dinner
- All coach transportation by executive coach from tour departure to termination points
- All sightseeing and excursions as mentioned in the Itinerary
- All tips and service charges
- Services of Bi-lingual Tour Manager throughout the Tour

TOUR DEPARTURES (2013):

Tour Code: **05D - GEMS** (out Mondays – return Fridays)

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| March | 28* |
| April | 15, 22 |
| May | 02*, 23* |
| June | 03, 10, 17, 24 |
| July | 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 |
| August | 05, 12, 19, 22* |
| September | 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 |
| October | 14 |

(*) = Thursday departures

TOUR PRICES (GBP):

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| Adult | £455.00 |
| Child 2 – 11 yrs | £335.00 |
| Infant 0 – 23 months | £125.00 |
| Single Person | £575.00 |

Adult Rate is based on 2/3 Adults (12+ years) sharing Twin / Triple Rooms

Child (2-11 years) must share a Room with 2 Adults

Infant price is for Coach Seat only

Discounts available for groups of 15+ passengers