



TREASURE TROVE X

ENGLAND
ORIGINALS

FROM ENGLAND'S HISTORIC CITIES

6 Days / 5 Nights
Self-drive Itinerary



LOSE YOURSELF

Starting from Edinburgh, this 6 days, 5 nights itinerary is perfect for those who simply love nothing better than to jump in the car and hit the open road! From Scotland, you will wind your way down South, visiting York, Lincoln & Cambridge, before arriving in London.

SURPRISE YOURSELF

Learn more about Britain's fascinating history, by uncovering more about it's Viking past & University history. Find the Magna Carta in Lincoln Cathedral and keep an eye out for the Lincoln Imp!

Punt along the river in Cambridge, and on your final day explore the delights of the City of London.



Iconic Experiences (not to be missed)

You're coming to England (finally!) and you need to make sure you tick those all-important things off your list.

We'll show you a veritable 'Treasure Trove' of delights, all to be uncovered in England's Historic cities - with an ASA twist - and ensure you are always in the best place, at the right time, for that Instagram-perfect moment



Visit the fascinating city of **Durham**, home to **Durham Cathedral**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site



Enjoy driving through the **North York Moors National Park**



Experience the history at **Lincoln Cathedral** and see the **Magna Carta** at **Lincoln Castle**



TOP TIP:

Visit Durham Castle and University; join a tour which will be hosted by a student from Durham University.

HIGHLIGHTS

ALNWICK CASTLE

Alnwick Castle is one of the most iconic castles in England. Home to the Duke of Northumberland's family, the Percys, for over 700 years, it has witnessed drama, intrigue, tragedy and romance.

Alnwick Castle also features in the Harry Potter movies as the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

DURHAM CATHEDRAL

Explore Durham Cathedral, one of the grandest cathedrals in Britain. Marvel at its Sanctuary Knecker and Open Treasures Exhibition.



EDINBURGH – DURHAM



2 HR 45 MINS

This morning, pick up your rental car from Edinburgh and make begin your epic journey by travelling towards Durham. On your way stop off at **Alnwick Castle**.

After check-in at your hotel enjoy a relaxing walk along the **River Wear** that winds through **Durham City**.

Durham will surprise you with its breath-taking buildings as the impressive **Cathedral of Durham**, which is a UNESCO World Heritage site, or the elegant college buildings known to be England's third oldest university -very reminiscent of Oxford



Sanctuary Knecker – In the medieval period Durham Cathedral offered the right of sanctuary – or protection – to criminals fleeing from the law. Anyone who grasped hold of the sanctuary knecker on the cathedral's north door was safe



Overnight Durham:
Radisson Blu Durham

TOP TIP:

Why not visit the beautifully restored Victorian Turkish Baths, the jewel of Harrogate's Spa crown?

HIGHLIGHTS

WHITBY'S FAMOUS CHARACTERS

One of Whitby's most famous sons is Captain James Cook, the 18th-century explorer who discovered Australia. Whitby is also famous for its association with the horror novel *Dracula*; Bram Stoker found some of his inspiration for 'Dracula' after staying in Whitby in 1890 where he was quite smitten with the atmosphere of the town; the red roofs, Whitby Abbey, the church with its tombstones and even the bats flying around the many churches

WHITBY ABBEY

Whitby Abbey with its gaunt, imposing remains, recently named Britain's most romantic ruin is set high on a cliff above the Yorkshire seaside town of Whitby



DURHAM - YORK



3 HRS 30MINS

On your way to York stop at **Whitby Abbey** to explore the soaring gothic ruins and to take in the stunning sea views.

Drive through the **North York Moors National Park** to reach **Castle Howard** - a stately home in North Yorkshire, it is a private residence, the home of the Carlisle branch of the Howard family for more than 300 years

In the afternoon, on your way to **York**, explore **Harrogate**. This thermal city is famous for its local mineral springs, has a strong heritage as a fashionable spa resort. Enjoy a lovely walk through the city, or a spa treatment.



Harrogate Turkish Baths - the flagship spa experience for Harrogate, offering contemporary treatments in original Victorian surroundings.



Overnight York:
DoubleTree by Hilton

TOP TIP:

The York Pass is a great way to do more for less. Available as a one, two or three day pass, it entitles you to entry to over 30 best attractions in and around York

HIGHLIGHTS

JORVIK VIKING CENTRE

Explore the most famous and shocking discoveries of modern archaeology. These incredible discoveries enabled the centre to be built on the very site where the excavations had taken place, creating a groundbreaking visitor experience where you take a journey through the reconstruction of Viking-Age streets and experience life as it would have been in 10th century York

YORK'S CHOCOLATE STORY

York is known as the UK's home of chocolate, from the Chocolate orange to the globally famous KitKat. Discover how to make and taste chocolate like an expert.



YORK

This morning, leave your car in the hotel car park. Explore York by foot, wandering through its picturesque streets and stroll along the **Shambles**, Europe's most intact medieval shopping street and an inspiration for **Diagon Alley** in the **Harry Potter** movies. Visit the **Jorvik Viking Centre**, to learn what it was like to live in York under the Vikings

Have lunch in a traditional pub dating back to 16th century such as The Black Swan Inn.

After lunch, visit **York's Minster**, one of the largest cathedrals in Northern Europe and also one of the most beautiful Gothic cathedrals in the world. Look down on York and admire the rooftops of the old and new buildings and the sight of the **River Ouse** snaking around the city. Don't forget to take some amazing pictures!



In need of a sweet treat? Relax with a cup of tea and a bun at the extremely pretty **Betty's Café Tea Rooms** on St Helen's Square.



Overnight York:
DoubleTree by Hilton

TOP TIP:

Discover Lincoln's hidden secrets with Visit Lincoln app (free) otherwise pick up a printed version at the Lincoln Visitor Centre

DAY 4

HIGHLIGHTS

MEDIEVAL BISHOP'S PALACE

Standing almost in the shadow of Lincoln Cathedral, with sweeping views over the ancient city and the countryside beyond, the Medieval Bishop's Palace was once among the most important buildings in the country

MAGNA CARTA

Lincoln's Magna Carta is the primary surviving copy of the original document of 1215, delivered to the cathedral's muniments room that year. Having been taken to Fort Knox, Kentucky for security during the second world war, Lincoln's Magna Carta is now on permanent display in Lincoln Castle



YORK - LINCOLN



1 HR 55 MINS

Leave York and continue your journey to **Lincoln** - historical city with a vibrant atmosphere. Discover the **Cathedral Quarter** with its independent boutiques, shops and places to eat and relax. Continue your day visiting **Lincoln Castle**. With striking city views and 1,000 years of history to take in, a walk around Lincoln Castle's medieval walls is an unforgettable experience.

Along the way, explore towers and dungeons and discover a violent past of battles, sieges and public hangings. Here you'll find also the **Magna Carta**, the international icon of liberty and freedom.

After lunch spend your afternoon doing some shopping at **Bailgate & Steep Hill**; this area is one of the most historic parts of Lincoln's Cathedral Quarter



Look for the **Lincoln Imp** at Lincoln Cathedral - a little charmer who became the symbol of the whole county



Overnight Lincoln:
The Lincoln Hotel



TOP TIP:

If you want to visit University of Cambridge Colleges, book a Blue Badge guide so you have exclusive access to tours inside the University.

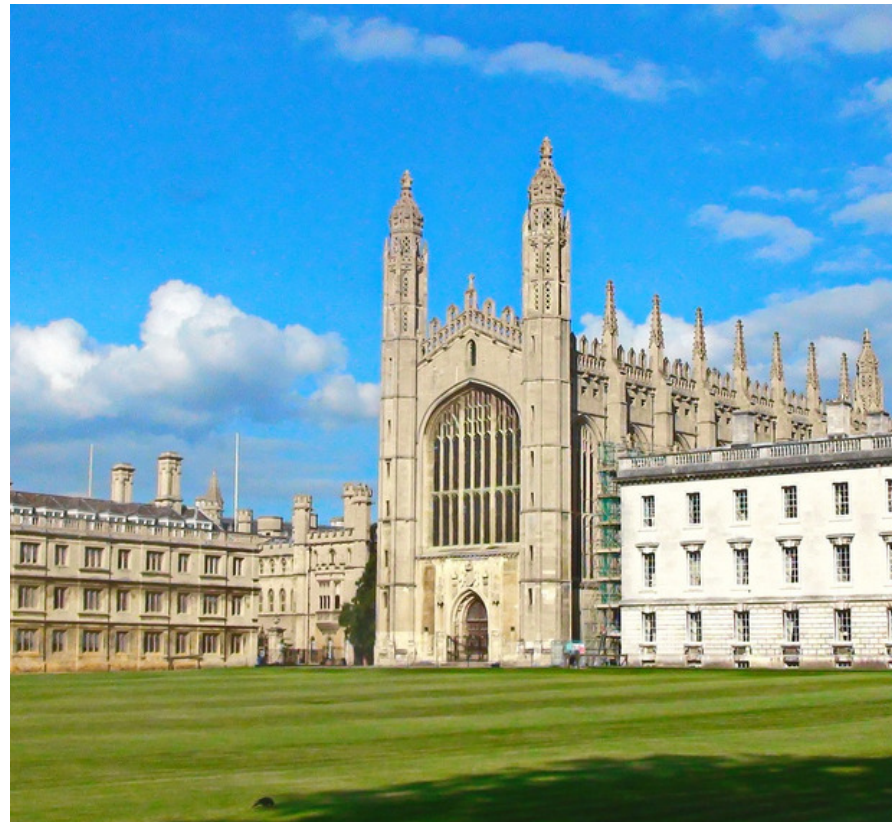
HIGHLIGHTS

PUNTING IN CAMBRIDGE

Punts are square-ended boats with flat bottoms, no keel and are usually propelled with a long pole. They are well-suited to the flat, shallow waters of the Fens around Cambridge and were already integral workboats at this time for regional trades such as eel fishing, reed-cutting and fowling

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Founded in 1209 and granted a Royal Charter by King Henry III in 1231, The University of Cambridge is the second-oldest university in the English-speaking world and the world's fourth-oldest surviving university. The university grew out of an association of scholars who left the University of Oxford after a dispute with the townspeople



LINCOLN – CAMBRIDGE

 2 HRS 15 MINS

On your way to **Cambridge** you will pass by **Sandringham House**, the private home of Queen Elizabeth II, whose father, George VI, and grandfather, George V, both died there.

Cambridge will be your next stop, best known for being one of the top University City's in the world. The **River Cam** and its various bridges offer spectacular views and a perfect spot to admire “the **Backs**” of the Colleges. There are seven **Cambridge University colleges** situated along the Backs – all eye-catching, inspiring and wonderful examples of Cambridge architecture.



Wren Library (designed by Christopher Wren and completed by 1690) holds Newton's Principia Mathematica, along with a lock of his hair. Also on display is the modern manuscript of **Winnie the Pooh**



Overnight Cambridge:
The University Arms

TOP TIP:

Old Spitalfields Market is the perfect place for the fashion and food lovers, offering a variety of vintage, quirky creations and delicious food from all parts of the world.

HIGHLIGHTS**TOWER OF LONDON**

The Tower of London is one of the world's most famous fortresses and has seen service as royal palace, prison, armoury and even a zoo. The ancient stones hold within them dark secrets, as fortified vaults shine with priceless jewels and historic uniformed Beefeaters stroll the grounds. The Tower has also famously been the site of many high profile executions, the chopping block for which still stands on the grounds to this day. Perhaps most famously, King Henry VIII had his wife Anne Boleyn executed on its grounds three years into their marriage on the grounds of adultery and treason

MUSEUM OF LONDON

Here you can discover hundred years of history of this turbulent city and see how it has changed during the years from the prehistory to nowadays.

**CAMBRIDGE - LONDON**

1 HR 55 MINS

Finish your journey in the **City of London** (also known as the Square Mile), founded by the Romans and heavily changed during the years to become the financial centre of London. **The City** offers lots of cultural and fun things to do and to see and many of them are free! Modern buildings in the area include the **Gherkin** and **The Cheesegrater** or **Sky Garden** (London's highest public garden).

In the afternoon, visit the **Tower of London** and its Royal Treasures. Over the years this world-famous castle has been home of numerous kings and queens, a prison, an execution chamber and even a zoo!



The Crown Jewels- Try and count the 23,578 gems that make up the Crown Jewels and marvel at the stories of how the collection was nearly destroyed through history. You can even see the crown Elizabeth II wore to her coronation



Optional overnight London
OR departure flight back home