



ENGLAND CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Spring Break Tour

March 16 – March 25, 2001

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DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1 FRIDAY MARCH 16

DENVER TO LONDON

Meet at Denver airport for check-in. Depart from Denver on our transatlantic overnight flight bound for London, England, the capital and cultural center of Great Britain. Relax and enjoy your in-flight meals and movies! (S, D on flights)

Overnight Transatlantic flight

DAY 2 SATURDAY MARCH 17

LONDON

Upon arrival to London/Gatwick airport at 11:00 AM you will be met by your ASD Cultural Exchange Transfer Assistant who will take you by private motorcoach to your centrally located hotel. The capital of the United Kingdom can be divided into three distinct parts. The main commercial area is around the City, where Roman London was founded and where the medieval township grew up, dominated by the massive fortress of the Tower of London. Further west along the Thames lays Westminster, the centre of government and administration. The West End—running west from Covent Garden to Oxford Street—is the main shopping and entertainment area. London's attraction is its cosmopolitanism, rivaling that of New York. An imperial capital in the 19th century, it has become a vibrant world city that is home to a fascinating mix of peoples. Check in at your hotel. Balance of the day at leisure. (B on flight)

Accommodation in London: Bayswater Inn (Tourist Class – 3 stars)

DAY 3 SUNDAY MARCH 18

LONDON

Welcome to exciting and vibrant London! Today you will enjoy a London City Panorama Sightseeing Tour featuring seeing Westminster Abbey, the venue for coronations and other events of supreme national importance. You will also visit the Tower of London, which has seen some of the bloodiest moments in English history, such as the execution of Anne Boleyn in 1536 and the murder of Edward IV's two young sons in 1483. The Tower of London is also home to the priceless crown jewels. Also see the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, the River Thames and much more! Balance of the day is free to sightsee and shop in London. (B)

Accommodation in London: Bayswater Inn (Tourist Class – 3 stars)



DAY 4 MONDAY MARCH 19**LONDON**

Free day to sightsee in London. Known colloquially as “the Square Mile”, the City is small in area, but big in influence, being the financial hub of the United Kingdom, and the base of many international banks and financial services companies. Despite the Great Fire of London, which destroyed much of London in 1666, the City retains its medieval and Roman street plan, and its twisting alleys are lined by characterful pubs (such as the Cheshire Cheese on Fleet Street), exquisite parish churches (over 50 in total), and interesting office buildings, ranging from Richard Rogers’s experimental Lloyd’s of London building to the Victorian iron and glass arcades of Leadenhall market. Among the City’s many attractions, a trip to the top of the dome of St Paul’s is a must, and the excellent Museum of London offers a vivid introduction to key events in London’s history, from its Roman origins to the recent past. The Barbican Centre, besides hosting major art exhibitions, is one of London’s principal cultural centers, with regular performances by the Royal Shakespeare Company and the London Symphony Orchestra. (B)

Accommodation in London: Bayswater Inn (Tourist Class – 3 stars)

DAY 5 TUESDAY MARCH 20**LONDON**

Day is free to further enjoy London. Perhaps to stroll “Shoppers’ Paradise” the collective name for the three streets in the West End of London, each of which has its own character. Oxford Street is the haunt of street traders (mostly illegal) selling counterfeit perfume, handbags, and watches. Interspersed among Oxford Street’s many cheaper clothes stores are some top retail names, however, including Marks and Spencer’s flagship store, at the Marble Arch end of the street, plus the distinguished department stores of Selfridges and John Lewis, and the rival record stores, Virgin and HMV. Running south from Oxford Circus is Regent Street, where the shopping is a notch or two up the social scale. Dickins & Jones, for designer label clothing, Aquascutum for clothing, Burberrys for raincoats, hats, and scarves, and Mappin and Webb for jewelry, are among the street’s best-known names. Also here is Liberty, an Aladdin’s cave of goods from around the world, from oriental rugs to gorgeous fabrics and Japanese prints. Nearby is Hamleys, the world’s biggest toy store. Old and New Bond Street, forming one continuous thoroughfare, run parallel to Regent Street, and here the shops require serious money. Paintings, sculpture, antiques, and jewelry are the stock-in-trade of shops at the Piccadilly end. (B)

Accommodation in London: Bayswater Inn (Tourist Class – 3 stars)

DAY 6 WEDNESDAY MARCH 21**LONDON/STONEHENGE/SALISBURY/
BATH/ CHELTENHAM**

We depart London in the morning and start our English Countryside touring with many cultural sights to see over the next few days. We journey to mystical and ancient Stonehenge, where you will visit this unique monument. The purpose of the world’s most famous stone circle still remains a mystery. Its origins go back as far as the Pyramids. What today’s visitor sees are the mighty remains of a sequence of monuments erected between 3000 and 1000 BC. We then continue to the quaint town of Salisbury to visit its famous Cathedral. Salisbury Cathedral, built between 1220 and 1258, is a mighty landmark. It has the tallest spire in the country (404 feet), and it is the only English medieval cathedral to be constructed in a uniform design. Among its many interior highlights are the Lady Trinity Chapel; the clock movement dating from 1386, which is said to be the oldest surviving mechanism in Europe; the Chapter House, which holds a copy of the Magna Carta; and the beautifully preserved cloisters. Time for lunch on own in Salisbury. We then continue our journey and travel through beautiful scenery to Bath. Bath is a perfect 18th century city, perhaps the best preserved in all of Britain. Your tour will visit the Ancient Roman Baths and Pump Room, housing the finest Roman remains in Britain. You will also have the chance to



visit the Abbey, site of the coronation of Edgar, first King of All England. After a full day of countryside touring with some sightseeing highlights, we continue to Gloucester/Cheltenham and your home away from home for the next few nights in England's cozy Cotswold's. (B)

Accommodation in Cheltenham: Hotel de la Bere (Tourist Class – 3 stars)

DAY 7 THURSDAY MARCH 22

**DAY EXCURSION TO GLOUCESTER,
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON & WARWICK**

Departing the hotel at 9:00 AM, today we enjoy sightseeing of the English Countryside. We begin our morning with a visit to the nearby charming city of Gloucester to wander the market town with its half-timbered architecture. We enjoy a Gloucester Panorama City Sightseeing where we will see Gloucester Cathedral, with its magnificent tower, which is one of England's great churches. The abbey, built in 1089, is clearly Norman, with its simple nave and massive pillars. Norman royal patronage was bestowed by William the Conqueror (whose eldest son lies here), and in 1216 Henry III was crowned in the cathedral. The charming cathedral precincts are famous for the House of the Tailor of Gloucester, which now houses a Beatrix Potter shop and exhibition. Westgate is one of the best-preserved streets in central Gloucester and occupying some of its atmospheric 16th and 17th century houses is the excellent Folk Museum. After an interesting day visit to charming Gloucester, continue Stratford-upon-Avon where we will enjoy a tour of Stratford-upon-Avon, one of Britain's most famous towns due to its association with the playwright William Shakespeare, whose birthplace, now containing a small museum, is one of several attractive timbered buildings that have been preserved or reconstructed here. This town dates back to the Roman times, but its appearance today is that of a small Tudor market town. We will enjoy an orientation sightseeing of Stratford-upon Avon, as well as visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and Anne Hathaway's Cottage. We also have free time for lunch on own in Stratford-upon-Avon. We then continue to Warwick Castle – a splendid medieval fortress – for a 3:30 PM tour of the Castle and its Gardens. After our visit to Warwick Castle, we return to Cheltenham and our hotel. (B)

Accommodation in Cheltenham: Hotel de la Bere (Tourist Class – 3 stars)

DAY 8 FRIDAY MARCH 23

**DAY EXCURSION TO OXFORD &
BLENHEIM PALACE**

9:00 AM morning departure from the hotel. Today we continue with some more sightseeing of the English Countryside. We will enjoy a beautiful day in the Cotswold's region with a visit to the famous university town of Oxford. The city's first scholars who founded the university came from France in 1167. The development of England's first university created the spectacular skyline of tall towers and "dreaming spires". At Oxford University we will visit Christ Church College, the largest of the Oxford Colleges. Christ Church College has produced 16 British Prime Ministers in the last 200 years! We then continue to Blenheim Palace, the ancestral home and birthplace of Britain's World War II leader, Sir Winston Churchill. Afternoon visit to Blenheim Palace, which is a Baroque masterpiece. Following a fun filled day of touring the English countryside, we depart Blenheim Palace and return to our hotel for packing and getting ready for our return back home. (B)

Accommodation in Cheltenham: Hotel de la Bere (Tourist Class – 3 stars)

DAY 9 SATURDAY MARCH 24

ENGLISH COUNTRYSIDE/LONDON TO USA

8:00 AM morning departure from our hotel. Today we will depart the serenity and beauty of the English Countryside and transfer by our private motor coach direct to London Gatwick airport. Bid farewell to England as we depart at 1:30 PM on our non-stop transatlantic British Airways return flight to USA and Denver, with an arrival at 4:25 PM. (B and L, S on flight).

Transatlantic flight

End of tour

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MORE SIGHTSEEING AND TOURING - ALWAYS !

- Comprehensive sightseeing per itinerary and as follows:
 - London Panorama City Sightseeing
 - See the Houses of Parliament
 - See Big Ben
 - See the River Thames
 - Visit Tower of London
 - See Westminster Abbey
 - See Hyde Park
 - Scenic touring of the English Countryside
 - Visit Stonehenge
 - Visit Salisbury Cathedral
 - See charming Bath
 - Visit the Ancient Roman Baths and Pump Room
 - See Bath Abbey
 - Scenic touring of the English Countryside
 - Visit Gloucester
 - See Gloucester Cathedral
 - See the House of the Tailor of Gloucester
 - Stratford-upon-Avon Panorama City Sightseeing
 - Visit William Shakespeare's birthplace
 - Visit Anne Hathaway's Cottage
 - Visit Warwick Castle
 - Visit Oxford
 - Oxford City Panorama City Sightseeing
 - See Oxford University
 - Visit Christ Church College at Oxford University
 - Visit Blenheim Palace
 - Scenic drive from Cheltenham to London

(please note that Panorama City Sightseeing tours does not include entrance fees)

MORE ENTRANCES TO FAMOUS SIGHTS - ALWAYS !

- Entrance Fees for included visits per itinerary:
 - The Tower of London
 - Stonehenge
 - Salisbury Cathedral
 - Ancient Roman Baths and Pump Room
 - William Shakespeare's Birthplace
 - Anne Hathaway's Cottage
 - Warwick Castle
 - Christ Church College at Oxford University
 - Blenheim Palace

MORE QUALITY SERVICES - ALWAYS !

- All transfers per itinerary
 - Transfer from London airport to London area hotel
 - Transfer from Cheltenham area hotel to London airport
- All land transportation throughout tour as listed per itinerary (varies: local or long-distance coach), from arrival to London and departure from London, by private luxury motor coach with air-conditioning, reclining seats and emergency washroom.
- Services of ASD Cultural Exchange local meet and greet transfer assistance upon arrival in London
- Services of ASD Cultural Exchange local English-speaking guide during sightseeing's and day excursions per itinerary in London, Bath and Stratford-upon-Avon/Warwick Castle
- Local hotel taxes and service charges
- Tips for drivers, local guides and headwaiters are not included
 - Please note: Tipping of Tour Manager and Driver to be paid locally while on tour – recommended tipping is \$ 3.00-4.00 per person per day for the Tour Manager and \$ 1.00- 2.00 per person per day for the motor coach Driver
(tipping examples: Tour Manager - 4 days on tour x \$ 4.00, for tipping of the tour manager \$ 16.00 per person; and, Driver – 4 days on tour x \$ 2.00, for tipping of the driver \$ 8.00 per person)
- Airline taxes, US departure and customs tax (not included - see supplement - subject to change at any time)
- Exclusive ASD Cultural Exchange London and England Travel Information Kit
- ASD Cultural Exchange Tee-shirt and Travel Bag

END OF SERVICES

Not included:

- Single Room Supplement: \$ 300.00 per person
- Baggage handling at the hotels and at the London airport
- Tipping of Local Guides and Driver to be paid locally while on tour – recommended tipping is \$ 1.00-2.00 per person for the local guide and \$1.00-2.00 per person per day for the motor coach driver
- Personal items such as laundry and spending money

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**APPLICATION FOR ASD CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM
ENGLAND SPRING BREAK 2001**

TOUR CODE: EN1A01
TOUR PRICE: \$1,650.00
TOUR DATE: March 16 – 24, 2001

CLIENT CODE:
SEX: M F
INSTRUCTOR _____
STUDENT _____
CHAPERONE _____

(AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT OR BIRTH CERTIFICATE)

NAME _____
FIRST LAST MIDDLE

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

HOME PHONE _____ **BIRTH DATE** _____

EMAIL _____

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

T-SHIRT SIZE S M L XL XXL

Tour Deposit & Cancellation Schedule

Application and deposits should be sent to ASD Cultural Exchange or given to your group leader as soon as possible. Because of your group booking, airline and hotel cancellation fees are substantial. Your deposit is non-refundable. Cancellation fees from 60 to 35 days before departure is \$500.00, 34 to 7 days is up to 50% of the tour price plus any airline penalties. Inside 7 days there are no refunds.

Medical Release

I hereby authorize the staff of ASD Cultural exchange to act for me according to their best judgment regarding medical attention and I hereby waive and release ASD Cultural Exchange from any and all liability for any injuries or illnesses incurred while abroad. I have no knowledge of any physical impairment, which would adversely affect the named participant.

Signature of Applicant (Parent/Guardian of Minor)

Date

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