

O MANCHESTER, CHESTER-LE-STREET (DURHAM), NORTHUMBERLAND

Legendary England: Yesterday and Today

SMALL-GROUP TOUR: 14 PEOPLE MAX MAY, JUN, SEP 2026





Masterfully English: Gardens, Landscapes, Royalty

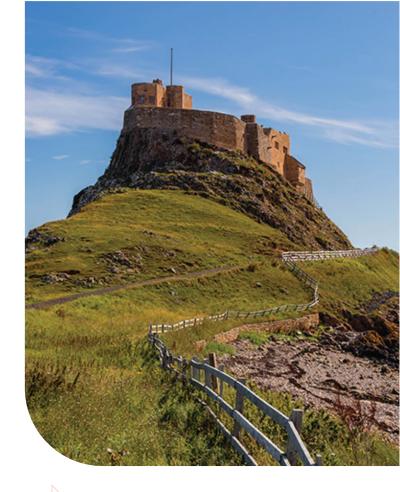
From the bustling streets of Manchester to the tranquil beauty of the Lake District and the rich heritage of Northumberland, this tour offers an unforgettable journey through England's most iconic destinations. You'll explore grand castles, sail scenic lakes, and walk in the footsteps of history. Whether sailing on Windermere, savoring artisan cheeses in Durham, or exploring the majestic Bamburgh Castle, each day brings new adventures and lasting memories. Concluding in Edinburgh, this experience blends culture, history, and camaraderie, leaving you with unforgettable moments and lifelong friendships.





Journey Overview

This experience is for travelers seeking a balance of must-see spots, hidden gems, local culture, and culinary delights.







The United Kingdom is a tapestry of rolling hills, historic cities, and dramatic coastlines. Its landscapes range from the rugged Highlands of Scotland to the tranquil countryside of the Cotswolds. Ancient castles, charming villages, and bustling markets offer endless opportunities to explore its layered history and multi-layered traditions. Though our carefully designed adventures, the people of England, Scotland, and Wales invite you to experience their rich culture, whether through hearty meals, captivating folklore, or lively festivals.

Who is guaranteed to love our tours?

- Curious souls seeking real connections
- Small groups of max 14 people
- Travelers craving authenticity over trends
- Explorers looking for adventures later in life
- Vacationers wanting perfect planning without the work



Journey Itinerary



Day 1: Kickoff in Manchester

You arrive in Manchester, feeling the excitement build as you meet your fellow travelers and your experienced tour director. Today, you have a choice: explore the stunning John Rylands Library, a Victorian Gothic masterpiece filled with literary treasures, or step into the world of football at the Manchester United Museum & Stadium. Walking through the grand halls of the library or stepping onto the hallowed grounds of Old Trafford, you can't help but feel the history all around. As evening falls, we gather for a welcome dinner at one of the city's finest restaurants, sharing stories and excitement for the journey ahead.

- **OVERNIGHT:** THE LOWRY HOTEL MANCHESTER
- MEALS: DINNER
- SEXPERIENCES: JOHN RYLANDS LIBRARY TOUR, OR MANCHESTER UNITED STADIUM TOUR, WELCOME DINNER



Day 2: A Castle and a Cruise

We head to the breathtaking Lake Windermere and cruise the tranquil waters on a luxurious yacht. The sight of the shimmering lake and rolling hills is truly captivating. Later, we journey to Barnard Castle, perched high above the River Tees. Wandering its historic grounds, we uncover stories of its medieval past, admire intricate stonework, and take in spectacular views of the surrounding town. The evening finds us settling into Lumley Castle, our home for the night, where a delightful dinner awaits, filling the air with the warmth of camaraderie.

- OVERNIGHT: LUMLEY CASTLE
- MEALS: BREAKFAST, DINNER
- **SEXPERIENCES:** WINDERMERE LAKE CRUISE, BARNARD CASTLE

Day 3: History and Cheese, Please!

Today, Durham reveals its treasures. We stroll through the cobbled streets, marveling at the grandeur of the UNESCO-listed cathedral and the nearly 1,000-year-old castle. The riverside views are postcard-perfect, and the charm of this city is undeniable. Beyond the historic sites, Durham University Botanic Gardens offer a lush escape, filled with vibrant flora. Later, we indulge in a behind-the-scenes look at artisan cheesemaking, discovering the craft behind each delicious bite. Tasting expertly paired cheeses and wines, we savor the flavors and the experience before we retreat to Lumley Castle for a restful night.

- OVERNIGHT: LUMLEY CASTLE
- MEALS: BREAKFAST, LUNCH
- **SEXPERIENCES:** DURHAM TOUR, CHEESEMAKING TOUR & TASTING



Day 4: The Great North Adventure

We start our day exploring Housesteads Roman Fort, set high on Hadrian's Wall. Walking through its ancient ruins, we imagine life in the Roman Empire and take in sweeping views of the Northumberland countryside. Then it's off to Alnwick Castle, a fairytale-like fortress featured in blockbuster films. We enjoy a private archery lesson and wander through the enchanting gardens, taking in the cascading water features and seasonal blooms. As night falls, we check into The Tempus Hotel and later gather for an unforgettable stargazing experience, peering into the cosmos through powerful telescopes. The night sky reveals its celestial wonders, leaving us in awe.

- OVERNIGHT: THE TEMPUS HOTEL
- MEALS: BREAKFAST, DINNER
- **SEXPERIENCES:** HADRIAN'S WALL WORLD HERITAGE SITE, ALNWICK CASTLE, GUIDED STARGAZING

Day 5: Tides, Towers, and Tales

Today, we visit Holy Island, a tidal isle steeped in history and spirituality. Exploring its ancient priory and castle, we reflect on its significance as the cradle of British Christianity. The island's serene atmosphere and rugged beauty make it a place of quiet contemplation. We then head to the grand Bamburgh Castle, towering above the rugged coastline. Its dramatic past unfolds before us as we walk through its historic halls and enjoy panoramic views of the North Sea. The evening brings a heartfelt farewell dinner, celebrating our incredible journey through England and the friendships we've made along the way.

- OVERNIGHT: THE TEMPUS HOTEL
- MEALS: BREAKFAST, DINNER
- SEXPERIENCES: HOLY ISLAND TOUR, BAMBURGH CASTLE, FAREWELL DINNER



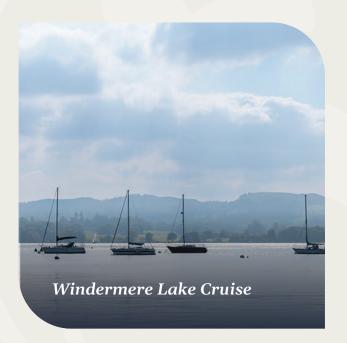
Day 6: Ending on a Highland High

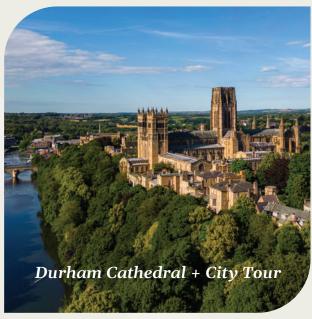
After breakfast, we bid farewell to our travel companions and make our way to Edinburgh. Some of us choose to extend our adventure in Scotland, while others take time to explore the city independently. Whether visiting historic landmarks, enjoying local cuisine, or simply soaking in the atmosphere, our time here is a perfect ending. As we part ways, we carry home unforgettable memories, stunning photos, and new friendships formed along the way.

- MEALS: BREAKFAST
- SEXPERIENCES: SCENIC DRIVE TO EDINBURGH

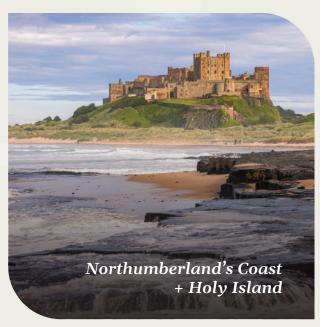
Discover Our Signature Experiences

Many of our experiences are not found in tours offered by others. We go for *authentic* while others go for *popular*. Those are gems and gems are our signature. And even what you do find elsewhere becomes *unique* when sprinkled with SilverOpus *twists*.









Stay





Overlooking the River Irwell, The Lowry Hotel is Manchester's premier five-star retreat, boasting spacious, stylish rooms with floor-to-ceiling windows. Indulge in award-winning dining, a tranquil spa, and a prime location near the city's top cultural destinations.

Nestled in the countryside, *Lumley* Castle offers a unique stay within its 14th-century walls. With grand interiors, period furnishings, and stunning grounds, this historic hotel transports guests to a bygone era while providing modern comforts and fine dining experiences.

Enjoy Dreamy & Luxurious Stays



Set within the picturesque Charlton Hall Estate, The **Tempus Hotel** blends contemporary style with country charm. Featuring beautifully designed rooms, scenic surroundings, and top-tier amenities, it provides a relaxing retreat after days filled with exploration and discovery.

Eat









Experience a Taste of the UK

Savor authentic, high-quality meals featuring hyper-local, seasonal menus.



The SilverOpus Group Experience: Reimagined for Excellence & Authenticity



Tribal Travel

First and foremost, we build experiences for sophisticated, curious and adventurous travelers ages 50 plus. That is our tribe. We have a solid understanding of what our tribe wants, how they expect to discover the world, so we build adventures around that knowledge.

Group Size & Tour Directors

Each of our departures is restricted to a maximum of 14 travelers, which guarantees a meaningful and intimate experience for all. Why such small groups? Because they are perfect for camaraderie to flourish. Laugh, exchange ideas, discover, talk, learn. Together. You are among friends. Old and new.

Leading each departure you will always find someone who does two things very well: 1) they are masters at sharing their knowledge and passion for the destination. Great story tellers. 2) They have the gift of taking care of people, ensuring that they feel comfortable, happy and safe. Caring leaders.

We are fully aware that at the heart of every outstanding travel experience is a great Tour Director, so we invest heavily in the people we hire to lead our programs. Our tribe deserves them!





Local Tour Guides

In every village, town and city visited in our programs live a few unique guys and gals who really, really, really love that town. They love it so much that they could talk about it all day long. They are entertaining, warm and immensely proud of the culture, history, food and people they represent.

Those are the guys and gals we pick for our local tours and excursions. Excellent people. Beautiful people whose words and passion become souvenirs that our travelers carry with them for the rest of their lives.

Itinerary Design

There are a few cornerstones present in every program we design. Nothing is by accident.

Balance is paramount. A strong itinerary covers some of the destinations famous attractions, but, most importantly, it must give you the opportunity to be with the locals. Walk the streets and see the houses, understand how people live there. Reflect. The final touch in the recipe is some open time, so you can roam around a bit and find your own favorite corners. Favorite memories, after all, are personal.



Hotels, Activities, Transportation & Meals

Hotels are more than just places to stay—they're key to your journey. Each property is chosen to ensure you feel like a guest of honor through ambiance, comfort, and exceptional service.

Authenticity matters. All our group programs include daily breakfast and several meals, letting you savor fresh, local dishes prepared with traditional care.

We balance luxury vehicles with local transport—trains, boats, and flights—to optimize comfort and sightseeing time. You'll spend your days exploring, not stuck in transit. Sustainability is at the heart of our choices, respecting each destination we visit.

To fully immerse yourself, every experience engages your senses. Each day unfolds differently, tailored to your fitness level, ensuring participation and personalization throughout your journey.



Absolute, 24/7 Support

Airplanes are the safest way to travel because of their redundant safety systems. We shamelessly copied that idea in what we do (why not?). If you need anything while traveling, your Tour Director is right there to assist you. Moreover, we have a network of suppliers at each destination, ready to work for you. And over here, in the USA, we have a team of highly-qualified professionals at your disposal before, during and after your travels. No question goes unanswered and no request is ignored. We do what it takes to give you absolute support.



The Final Quality Test

Before any new program is made available to our tribe, it must be approved by the founder and owner of SilverOpus: a tough-to-please engineer with sky-high expectations. Our tour designers, all of the highest caliber, know that they will be faced with one question: "would you take your spouse / family / friends on this adventure?" If the answer is not a ground-shaking "yes!!", then the program returns to the drawing board, immediately.

Program Essentials

6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS

TOUR DETAILS:

Tour starts: Manchester, England - The Lowry Hotel Manchester lobby - 3:00 PM

Tour ends: Edinburgh, Scotland - Edinburgh Airport - after breakfast

Trip length: 6 Days / 5 Nights

Trip overview: Manchester (1 night), Chester-le-Street (Durham) (2 nights), Northumberland (2 nights)

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- 5 nights at handpicked luxury accommodations
- 10 authentic dining experiences (5 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners)
- Guidance of an expert Tour Director throughout the entire journey
- Signature experiences and locally guided activities as noted in the daily itinerary
- Top-of-the-line transportation connecting your locations in England
- 24/7 support while traveling
- Personalized, comprehensive services before, during and after your journey

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Departures & Prices

For departure dates and pricing, please scan the QR code or visit this link: silveropus.com/england-pricing

Tour prices are per person based on double occupancy. Inquire for single rates and special rates for parties of 10 to 14 people. *See our complete terms and conditions: silveropus.com/cancellation-policy



