

# Cornwall and the South of England

5 Nights / 6 Days

Group Travel



## Day 1 ARRIVAL

Enjoy a panoramic tour of London en route to your hotel. And take in some of the cities landmarks -Tower of London, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey. Overnight in London.

## Day 2 LONDON, STONHENGE AND BOURNEMOUTH

First stop today will be Stonehenge. **Stonehenge** built in several stages from about 3000BC, is Europe's most famous prehistoric monument. Continue to the medieval town on Salisbury with its magnificent cathedral. Its magnificent landmark spire – the tallest in England – was an inspired afterthought added in 1280-1310. Overnight in the seaside resort of Bournemouth.

## Day 3 BOURNEMOUTH AND DEVON COAST

First stop today will be Exeter, Devon's capital, a bustling and lively city with a great deal of character. Built high on a plateau above the River Exe, the city is encircled by substantial sections of Roman and medieval wall, and the street plan has not changed much since the Romans first laid out what is now the High Street. Enjoy a visit to **Exeter Cathedral** before we travel via the Dartmoor to Plymouth. Dinner and overnight in Plymouth.

## Day 4 WEST CORNWALL

We begin our tour of Cornwall with a scenic drive to the Bay of Penzance. From here we visit **St. Michael's Mount**. This beautiful island set in Mount's Bay has become an icon for Cornwall. There the church and castle, whose origins date from the 12th century, have at various times acted as a Benedictine Priory, a place of pilgrimage, a fortress and a mansion house. We continue to the most Western point of Cornwall – Land's End with a stop at the Minack theatre. During the journey back to Plymouth area, we will arrange a stop in one of the many fishing village which are known for the smuggling history. Dinner and overnight in Plymouth.

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## Day 5 WELLS CATHEDRAL, CHEDDAR GORGE AND BRISTOL

We leave the West of England and travel via **Wells Cathedral** and **Cheddar Gorge** to Bristol.

Wells has maintained much of its medieval character with its cathedral, moated Bishop's Palace and other buildings around the close forming a harmonious group. Visit Cheddar Gorge, a spectacular ravine cut through the Mendip plateau by fast-flowing streams during the glacial phases of the last Ice Age. Cheddar has given its name to a rich cheese which originates from here and is now produced worldwide. Dinner and overnight in Bristol.

## Day 6 WINDSOR CASTLE AND DEPARTURE

Visit **Windsor Castle**, the largest inhabited castle in the world and Royal Residence since William the Conqueror.

The castle is one of the Official Residences of the Queen, who spends Easter, part of June and the majority of her weekends at the Castle.

On your visit you explore the Precincts and the State Apartments which were severely damaged by fire in 1992, the magnificent restoration of which took 5 years.