

Victoria College Academy of Lifelong Learning presents...

British Landscapes

with Optional 3-Night Paris Post Tour Extension

March 17 – 26, 2024



Upgrade to Elite Airfare! see inside for details



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10 Days • 13 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 4 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Edinburgh Castle, Choices on Tour, York, Chester, Llangollen, Wales, Stratford-upon-Avon, Oxford, London

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Mercure Haymarket , Edinburgh
Day 4	Holiday Inn York City Centre, York
Days 5, 6	The Queen at Chester Premier Collection, Chester
Day 7	Hotel Indigo Stratford Upon Avon, Stratford-Upon-Avon
Days 8, 9	Mercure London Bridge , London
<i>On some dates alternate hotels may be used.</i>	

Day 1: Sunday, March 17, 2024 Overnight Flight Feel the vibrant energy of England, hear the unique sounds of Scotland, and see the rolling countryside of Wales on a trip that combines dramatic history and natural wonders.

Day 2: Monday, March 18, 2024 Edinburgh, Scotland - Tour Begins Your tour opens in Edinburgh, the historic capital of Scotland, where rocky hills tower in the distance and the shadows of history can be seen around every corner. Discover Scotland's capital and see how medieval crossroads blend seamlessly with a vibrant modern energy. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 Edinburgh Today visit Edinburgh Castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels. Then **it's your choice!** Get acquainted with this regal city on a locally guided tour of the Old Town and New Town via motor coach **-OR-** join a local expert and explore the Old Town and Royal Mile on foot. Whichever you choose, you can enjoy the rest of the day to explore the city independently. (B)

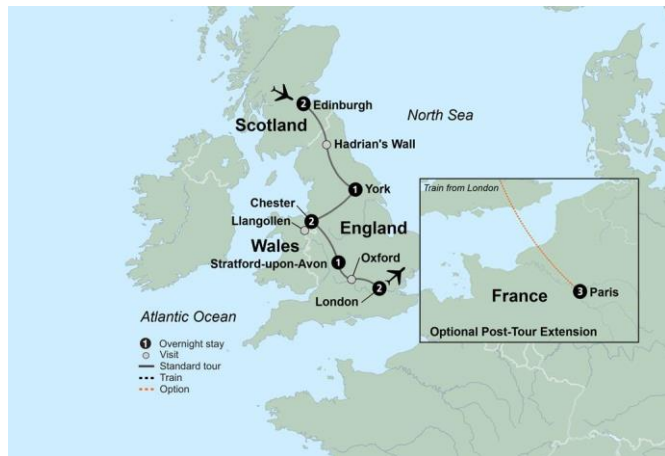
Day 4: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 Edinburgh - Borders Region - York, England Say farewell to the rolling hills of Scotland while travelling south through the Borders Region, stopping at Gretna Green, a popular wedding destination. Visit the archeological site of Vindolanda, an Ancient Roman fortress built along Hadrian's Wall in the 2nd century to protect Roman Britain from the tribes of Scotland. Arrive in the medieval city of York, which is surrounded by historical city walls. This evening you may join an optional tour to an alehouse to sample a selection of ciders, lagers and ales and enjoy a farm-to-table dinner. (B)

Day 5: Thursday, March 21, 2024 York - Chester Enjoy a leisurely morning to explore York at your own pace. Meander the labyrinth of quaint, narrow streets the locals call *Snickelways* or maybe visit the city's famous Minster. End the day in Chester, your home for the next two nights, where ancient walls enclose charming Tudor and Victorian houses. (B, D)

Day 6: Friday, March 22, 2024 Chester - Llangollen, Wales - Chester, England Embark on a panoramic city tour and then walk through Chester's Rows. Here you'll peer into the city's hidden secrets, hopping in and out of the iconic 2-tiered shopping galleries with a local guide. Cross over into Wales and discover Llangollen, one of the country's most picturesque villages. Enjoy a traditional afternoon tea served in a former chapel, with sandwiches and cakes, before returning to Chester. (B)

Day 7: Saturday, March 23, 2024 Chester - Stratford-upon-Avon Step back in time on a journey through the English countryside to Stratford-upon-Avon. This afternoon, visit the Bard's birthplace – the childhood home of William Shakespeare. After touring the home, enjoy time at leisure to explore on your own. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Sunday, March 24, 2024 Stratford-upon-Avon - Oxford - London Bid *adieu* to Stratford and travel to the charming university city of Oxford. Upon arrival, **it's your choice!** Glide gently past Oxford's spires on a traditional punting boat experience **-OR-** join an expert local guide for a



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walking tour, including one of the Colleges used as a filming location for *Harry Potter*. Lunch is at a historic pub. Continue on to London, England's storied capital city. (B, L)

Day 9: Monday, March 25, 2024 London Take in the sites of London on a tour of the city's quintessential sights. Begin with a walking tour of Westminster, where you see Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey. Continue to Buckingham Palace, the official residence of His Majesty The

King, and make your way past St Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London. Today you may join an optional tour to the Tower of London, with lunch at a traditional pub. This afternoon is yours to explore this cosmopolitan and dynamic city. This evening, toast the end of a wonderful journey during a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 10: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 London - Tour Ends

Your journey through Britain comes to a close today. (B)

Experience It! Chester

The friendly and lively city of Chester is waiting to welcome you. Stunning Tudor and Victorian homes, a charming waterfront promenade along the River Dee, two-tiered shopping galleries dating back to the Middle Ages, all enclosed by ancient walls with steadfast towers that were built during Roman rule. This is Chester. Founded in 79 AD as a Roman fort, Chester's Roman roots can be felt across the city, from the largest Roman amphitheater in Britain to Roman Gardens featuring a number of artifacts, columns, and ruins from this time. Chester is home to the Eastgate Clock — the second most photographed clock in the country after Big Ben — and the oldest horse racecourse in the world. Explore the charm and quintessential landmarks of beautiful Chester — this is a small city with a lot of history (and a lot of heart).

EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH

Optional 4 Days 3-Night Paris Post Tour Extension

Rate: \$1,199.00 USD per person, double, land only

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1158891>

PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Sep 18, 2023, valid on air inclusive packages only.

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Days of features are interchangeable.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Travelers arriving in Edinburgh from August 4-26, 2023 will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show. Please inquire at time of reservation.

This tour is Activity Level 2. You like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can partake in a two-hour leisurely walking tour, covering up to two miles (with included breaks). You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. There may be 1 to 2 days on this tour when walking tours can cover 3 to 4 miles over uneven terrain. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Air passengers will arrive into Edinburgh Airport and depart from London airports.

Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4:00 p.m.



Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of September 11, 2023 are based upon availability. Final payment due by January 17, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until September 18, 2023.

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For important reservation information visit
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You can also find this information on your tour documents.



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BOOKING NUMBER: 1158891

TOUR: British Landscapes *featuring England, Scotland
and Wales*

DEPARTURE DATE: March 17, 2024

GROUP NAME: Victoria College Academy of Lifelong
Learning

Name of Passenger:

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Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

York

The Flavors of Yorkshire

\$60 USD

Surround yourself in old-world ambiance and the fresh flavors of Yorkshire when dining in a family-owned alehouse located in the center of historic York. Begin by being treated to a tasting of five Yorkshire brews that includes a selection of ciders, lagers and ales. Then pick your favorite to enjoy with your homemade farm-to-table dinner. You'll delight in the personal service as you are guided through the menu featuring a variety of seasonal local dishes including the region's famous "Yorkshire pudding." Take this opportunity to get to know Northern England's budding farm-to-table movement showcased during this locally-inspired dining experience. *Duration: Approximately 3 hours.* Please note a minimum of 8 passengers is required. Transportation is not included.

London

The Tower of London with Historic London Pub Lunch

\$120 USD

Hop on London's iconic 'Tube' and head east towards Tower Bridge Station. During your self-guided tour, explore the world-famous Tower of London, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This iconic symbol of the city has served as a fortress, a treasury, a prison and a zoo. See the Traitors' Gate, where prisoners like Anne Boleyn and Saint Thomas More once entered the tower. Behold the magnificent and priceless Crown Jewels before enjoying a savory lunch at a traditional London pub. *Duration: Approximately 4 hours.* Please note a minimum of 2 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Edinburgh



Scottish Cultural Show: A Night of Food, Song & Dance

\$125 USD

Join us for a rollicking evening of tastes, sights and sounds that are classically Scottish. Feast on a banquet prepared from a selection of local recipes. Your taste buds will savor the true flavor and goodness of this distinctive country. Tonight will be filled with entertainment including Highland pipers and dancers, who deliver the very best in Scottish music, song and dance. Be prepared for a Scottish night of food, fun and many fond memories! This option will not be offered on departures that include the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. *Duration: Approximately 3 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

PASSENGERS NAME: (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

Salutation: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____ Nickname: _____
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print **EXACTLY** as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
_____	The Flavors of Yorkshire	60.00
_____	The Tower of London with Historic London Pub Lunch	120.00
_____	Scottish Cultural Show: A Night of Food, Song & Dance	125.00
_____	<i>This option will not be offered on departures that include the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.</i>	

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TRAVEL DATE: 3/17/2024 TERRITORY: T3
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**British Landscapes featuring England,
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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiration Date: (month/day/year) _____ Date of Issuance: (month/day/year) _____

City, State, Country of Issuance: _____ Citizenship: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: ☐ Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times. Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

Please reserve an upgrade to Elite Airfare for an additional rate of: ☐ Business Class \$4,290

Service is limited and not available on all flights or carriers. Other restrictions may apply. Please note: if you purchase an upgrade we cannot guarantee the same flight schedule as the group. If Business class service has been purchased, it is for the international portion of the journey only.

Are you willing to separate from the group air schedule to accommodate your upgrade request? () Yes () No

"Federal law forbids carriage of hazardous materials such as aerosols, fireworks, lithium batteries & flammable liquids aboard the aircraft in your checked or carry-on baggage. A violation can result in 5 years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more. Details on prohibited items may be found on TSA's "prohibited items" web page: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>."

TRAVEL PROTECTION: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$449 () No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

EXTENSION: I wish to purchase "3-Night Paris" () Yes () No

ON TOUR ACTIVITIES: Please choose one of the following on tour activities

Please Choose One:

- () Coach Tour of Edinburgh
() Walking Tour of Edinburgh

Please Choose One:

- () Oxford Punting Boat Experience
() Oxford Walking Tour

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Collette () Check () Credit Card

Waiver/Insurance Amount: \$ _____ Deposit Amount: \$ _____ Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

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Optional 4 Days 3-Night Paris Post Tour Extension

Rate: \$1,199.00 USD per person, double, land only

4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

Day 10: London, England - Paris, France

Head to the train station* and zip through the underwater tunnel that runs beneath the English Channel – known commonly as the “Chunnel.” In less than 3 hours, you’ll be in Paris, the “City of Light.” For dinner, get a taste of the city’s local flavors at a Parisian bistro, situated at the base of the Eiffel Tower. As the day draws to a close, admire the city from a relaxing sightseeing cruise, passing by illuminated landmarks as you drift softly along the Seine. Settle into your hotel, just steps away from the Eiffel Tower. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 11: Paris

Step into the shoes of a local and navigate *Le Métro*.** Get to know this underground system with a local pro, giving you the freedom to set off later as you wish. First stop – the hip neighborhood of Montmartre. Blending artistic roots and quirky modernity, this 18th *arrondissement* neighborhood is home to classical painters and cultural provocateurs. Venture into the Musée de Montmartre and glimpse the roots of cabaret and the lives of Paris’ most famous artists, before taking advantage of time at leisure to explore on your own. Perhaps you’ll browse the shops of L’Opéra District, where you’ll have time to peruse luxury Parisian retailers or take a stroll down the Champs-Élysées and pause at a local café for some people watching. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 12: Paris

It’s your last day in Paris – how will you spend it? Perhaps you’ll explore *Le Marais*. This trendy district abounds with winding streets, gorgeous old mansions, and independent boutiques. Meander through the flourishing trees and bright grassy patches of Place des Vosges, the oldest planned town square in all of Paris. Or maybe you’ll stroll down to the *Île de la Cité*, the island set in the heart of Paris to take in the progress of restoration efforts of the awe-inspiring Notre Dame Cathedral. No matter how you spend your day – you’ll get a true taste of the Parisian lifestyle. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 13: Paris - Depart for Home

Wish Paris goodbye as you transfer to the airport for your flight home. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Please Note:

During this extension, you can expect to have a **hosted** experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences.

**Using the Paris underground system requires the ability to negotiate 2 to 3 flights of stairs and agility to step on and off moving escalators. Seating is not guaranteed in the Métro as it’s available on a first come, first served basis. In case seats are not available, the ability to stand in a moving vehicle is required (handrails are available). Only 3% of the underground stations are wheelchair accessible.

*Porterage is not available in French train stations, therefore your checked luggage will be transferred from the London hotel to the Paris hotel on the day prior to your train ride. However, you must be prepared to handle your own carry-on luggage from the motorcoach to the platform and lift it aboard the train. Luggage space is limited, so you may have to store your bags in the overhead racks as there is no checked luggage service available on French trains. You will be responsible for carrying your bags from the train to the motorcoach upon arrival in Paris.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 passengers is not met to operate.

Due to fair periods in Paris, the rate of this extension may be higher on certain dates. Please enquire about rates and availability at time of booking.

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3. This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn’t a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure.