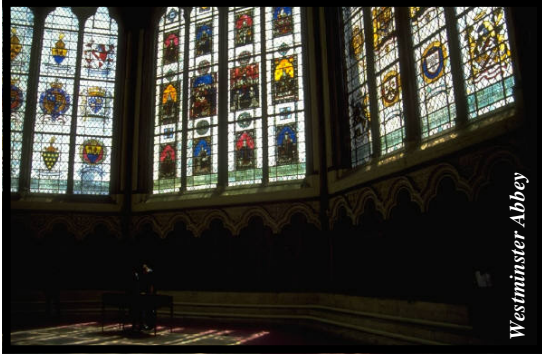
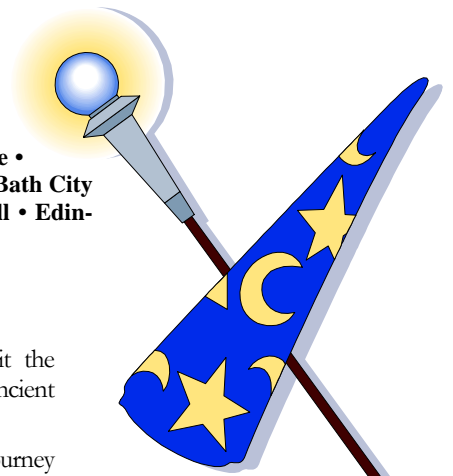


Wizards & Bards

ITINERARY NIGHTS: London (3), Bath (1), Stratford (1), Edinburgh (2)

HIGHLIGHTS: London City Tour • Westminster Abbey • Harry Potter Movie Sites • Windsor Castle • Jack the Ripper Tour • British Museum • Theatre Performance • Stonehenge Tour • Lacock Abbey • Bath City Tour • Pump House • Gloucester Cathedral • Stratford Tour • Durham Cathedral • Hadrian's Wall • Edinburgh City Tour • Wool Mill Tour

OPTIONS: Wedgwood Store (no charge) • Celidh Dinner with Entertainment



Westminster Abbey

DAY 1 Jet off to the land of Wizards and Bards!

DAY 2 LONDON Welcome to England! Your TSA Tours guide waits to escort you on a **London City Tour**. See Piccadilly Circus, Tower Bridge, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, the Houses of Parliament, St. Paul's Cathedral, Big Ben, and Australia House, "Gringott's Wizard Bank" in the movie *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's*. Visit formidable **Westminster Abbey**, the site of royal weddings and coronations for many centuries.

DAY 3 LONDON Tour **Windsor Castle**, weekend retreat of the royal family, and the largest castle in Europe still occupied. See the Round Tower built by Henry II, the State Apartments and Queen Mary's Dolls' House. Tonight, follow the crooked, cobbled alleyways of the East End on the **Jack the Ripper Tour**. An expert guide will spirit you back to an era of fog-filled Victorian horror (the autumn of 1888) and help you unravel the truth about London's notorious serial killer.

DAY 4 LONDON Take a guided tour of the magnificent **British Museum**, where the

history of civilization awaits you. Among the major works on display are the Rosetta Stone, Egyptian mummies and the Elgin Marbles "stolen" from the Parthenon in Greece. Enjoy a magical **Theatre Performance** at one of London's historic West End theatres this evening.

DAY 5 BATH Transfer through the West Country with a tour of **Stonehenge**; a journey to the mystical past. While contemplating the sculptural majesty of the standing stones, your mind is crowded with questions. Who built this 5,000-year-old Neolithic monument, and why? Legend has it that King Arthur's wizard Merlin is responsible for its construction. Make a stop at 13th century **Lacock Abbey** in North Wiltshire, another movie site from *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*.

Continue to the Georgian city of Bath, one of Britain's most elegant towns, famous since Roman times for its mineral baths and hot springs. It also boasts elegant architecture, history, beautiful scenery and grand terraces of mellow stone houses. Drive along



the Royal Crescent and visit the **Roman Baths** and the ancient **Pump House**.

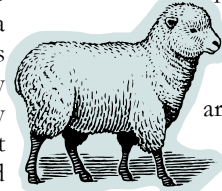
DAY 6 STRATFORD Journey through the lovely Cotswold Hills, with a stop at **Gloucester Cathedral**, the fabled "Hogwarts" (used as the entrance to Griffindor, Harry's dormitory, in the movie). Arrive in the renown Birthplace of the Bard (1565). A guided **Stratford City Tour** takes you inside Shakespeare's birthplace, to Anne Hathaway's cottage in the picture-postcard village of Shottery, and to see other sites in this charming market town of broad streets and half timbered buildings.

DAY 7 EDINBURGH Travel north to Scotland and stop to see **Durham Cathedral**, a location used in filming scenes of Hogwarts school of wizardry and witchcraft in the Harry Potter movie. This magnificent building is historically and architecturally one of the most interesting in England. Pass **Hadrian's Wall** in Northumberland, a fortification extending 73 miles begun by the

Romans in A. D. 122 to defend against the "barbarians" from the north. Arrive in the striking city of Edinburgh, known as the Athens of the North. **Option:** If time permits, visit Wedgwood Store in Stoke, England, and see the processes involved in creating the world-famous china. There's even

opportunity to throw a pot to be fired in the kilns. (No additional charge for this tour.)

DAY 8 EDINBURGH Explore Scotland's capital on a guided **City Tour** that includes all the highlights and a visit to dramatic **Edinburgh Castle**, then a drive along the Royal Mile to view Holyrood House, official residence of the Scottish Monarch, home to Mary Queen of Scots before she lost her head. Also tour a **Wool Mill** to see what practical use all those sheep you've seen this past week are put to, and learn about the development of wool



spinning, knitting and weaving skills of this country's important textile. You can even take a turn on a handloom, the traditional method of weaving still used today in parts of the Western Isles. **Option:** Dine on traditional Scottish fare tonight and be entertained by folk dancing, fiddles and pipes at a special Celidh Dinner—a wonderful conclusion to a this week's enchanted journey.

DAY 9 DEPART Transfer to the airport and fly home, with the magic of Great Britain and the wisdom of her wizards and bards alive in your memory for years to come.

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