

QUEEN MARY 2

TRANSATLANTIC & THE BEST OF ENGLAND

October 15-30, 2021

GTB Travel
Great Ocean Voyages

Celebrate the end of pandemic isolation with a classic travel experience. Join GTB Travel for a seven-day transatlantic cruise from New York to Southampton on the Queen Mary 2, followed by nine days in England.

★ **S**even day transatlantic crossing on the Queen Mary 2, the premier ocean liner. Inside cabins from \$1,507 and balconies from \$2,057 per person/double occupancy.

★ **T**hree days in London with organized tours and a wide range of optional activities, including a London theater or concert night.

★ **S**ix days in the medieval city of Salisbury, staying within the cathedral grounds. In-depth tours of the town of Salisbury and the Cathedral.

★ **T**ours beyond Salisbury, including Bath, Stonehenge, Winchester, Wells, Glastonbury, and Avebury. Estimated cost for the full, nine-day England tour is \$2,200 in a shared room.

★ **E**xcellent fares are available from Cunard for the flight to New York and the return from London.

★ **E**xclusive **GTB Travel** enrichment program, with educational programs during the cruise as well as during your stay in Salisbury.



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The Queen Mary 2 (QM2), flagship of the Cunard line, is designed as an ocean liner rather than a cruise ship. For less than a business class airline seat to Europe, you will have a full week to enjoy the leisure and luxury of a traditional ocean crossing, arriving in England refreshed with no jetlag. Bring some dressy clothes, as the QM2 honors the classy traditions of days gone by. The ship was completely refurbished in 2016, and is updated to meet post-pandemic health standards. With a full range of modern amenities, your seven days at sea can be as busy or relaxed as you choose.

Itinerary



Pre-Cruise in New York, Thursday Oct 14: Optional overnight hotel stay in New York and transfer to the ship.

Transatlantic Crossing Oct 15-22: Seven days and nights on the Queen Mary 2, New York to Southampton. Enjoy all the amenities of this classic ocean liner plus exclusive GTB Travel enrichment programs and social activities.

London

Friday, Oct 22: On arrival in Southampton, board a chartered motor coach and head to our centrally located hotel in London. We'll stop along the way in Winchester to tour the cathedral and the Great Hall with its ties to King Arthur.

Saturday, Oct 23: A full-day touring London, highlighted by a riverboat cruise to nearby Greenwich. The evening is open, with options for the theater or concerts.

Sunday, Oct 24: A free day for you to enjoy London on your own. Or join one of many optional tours arranged by GTB Travel, including a daytrip to Oxford and Stratford on Avon.

Salisbury

Monday, Oct 25: Morning departure for Salisbury, stopping in Windsor for a tour of the Royal Castle and lunch in this historic town. Arrive Salisbury midafternoon, checking in to the Sarum College guest house. We will attend the daily Evensong service at the cathedral before dinner at Sarum College.

Tuesday, Oct 26: Enjoy a full tour of the cathedral and a walking tour of the old city. Join members of your group for small-group dinners at a local pub.

Wednesday, Oct 27: A full day touring the ancient sites of Stonehenge, Avebury and Old Sarum.

Thursday, Oct 28: Select a tour to Glastonbury and Wells or to the Roman city of Bath.

Friday, Oct 29: Your last day in England to explore on your own or join a tour arranged by GTB Travel. Options include a walk on the local footpaths, visits to gardens and country estates, and an in-depth tour of the cathedral's restoration workshop. In the evening we'll have a farewell dinner.

Saturday, Oct 30: After breakfast, we head to Heathrow airport for the flight home, arriving the same day. Or continue your European travels returning on your own schedule.

Estimated cost for the comprehensive nine-day (eight night) England tour is \$2,150, per person double occupancy. This includes all transportation and sightseeing, lodging and two meals a day. A final itinerary with pricing will be provided in the spring of 2021.



The Salisbury Connection

Salisbury, England, 95 miles southwest of London, is an excellent location for discovering the best of England. There are many historic sites within an easy one or two-hour drive: Old Sarum, Stonehenge, Winchester, Bath, Wells, Avebury and Glastonbury, among others. Salisbury is also a great place to experience the best of English traditions, including the pubs, footpaths, weekly markets, estates and gardens. One of the main attractions in Salisbury is the 800 year old cathedral, considered by the travel writer, Bill Bryson, to be ***“the single most beautiful structure in England, and the close [grounds] around it the most beautiful space.”***

Sarum College, an ecumenical training institute located within the cathedral grounds, will be our home in Salisbury. You'll enjoy the unique setting just a few minutes' walk to the cathedral and the city center. The College will give us access to specialized tours of the cathedral and members of the faculty and staff will provide enrichment programs on topics related to the cathedral and the Salisbury region.



Great Ocean Voyages

Great Ocean Voyages is a series of cruise and land tours organized by GTB Travel, a travel services company owned and operated by George T. Brown. With a PhD in International Relations, George is former President of Friendship Force International, a people-to-people exchange organization with programs in more than 60 countries. Since retiring, he designs and leads customized tours particularly suited to lifelong travelers. A hallmark of each tour is an educational enrichment program that brings to life the history and culture of the region visited. Jill Brown, a retired art teacher, adds her extensive travel experience and knowledge of world artistic traditions to the enrichment programs.

