



ENGLAND AND WALES

****Preliminary Itinerary. Subject to Change****

Saturday, July 21 to Saturday, August 4, 2018

The Ayr-Paris Band is travelling on a 14-day tour to England and Wales, including Torquay; Cardiff, Wales; Liverpool, Northampton, and London.

This is the Ayr-Paris Band's 15th international tour. Each trip offers new experiences with the advantage of travelling with your friends and family. We try to anticipate all points of organization; but, as many of you know, the unexpected is always going to happen.

We have discovered from past trips that by reducing the number of locations, we are able to tour at a more leisurely pace. We are still in the process of planning the trip and the final itinerary will ultimately cater to band jobs when that schedule is finalized.

The cost has been set at \$4,300 per person (double occupancy). Should the budget be increased/reduced, the final trip payment will be increased or reduced. We require that group members are 16 years of age. You must have your travelling partner, for double occupancy. A cost of single travellers is available by request.

The payment schedule is as follows:

Upon Booking.....	\$1,300.00
May 1, 2017	\$600.00
August 1, 2017	\$600.00
November 1, 2017	\$600.00
January 1, 2018	\$600.00
May 1, 2018	\$600.00

There is a full refund until May 1, 2018. After that date, a penalty may be applied if incurred by the Band. Travel insurance will be available after the cancellation date.

The cost includes:

- Transportation to and from Toronto airport
- Flight and taxes
- Double occupancy
- Tourist class/small hotels
- Full American Breakfast daily
- All Dinners
- Bus transportation
- Sightseeing

SUNDAY, JULY 22: ARRIVAL – LONDON – TORQUAY

Arrival at London, England airport. Meet your driver and guide.



Stop at Stonehenge to tour the site.

Proceed to hotel for check in. HOTEL: [Click Here](#)



You can't get much more of a 'traditional British seaside' resort than the vibrant and cheerful town of TORQUAY. Set at the very heart of the English Riviera on the South Devon Coast, Torquay is famous for its sandy beaches,

family attractions and genteel Victorian appearance.

Torquay was made famous by the legendary comedy series Fawlty Towers, is favourite with plenty of attractions and things to do. Summer home of Agatha Christie. Visit the Agatha Christie gallery at the Torquay Museum, the Princess Gardens and Edwardian Pavilion included in the Agatha Christie Mile.

Dinner at the hotel.

Evening at leisure.

MONDAY, JULY 23: TORQUAY

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning at leisure to enjoy the slow pace of Torquay with the beautiful harbour.

Afternoon: CONCERT on the Esplanade

Dinner to be determined

TUESDAY, JULY 24: TORQUAY

Breakfast at the hotel



Sightseeing tour to BRIXHAM. Explore the Brixham Harbour with the Golden Hind Ship (a full-size replica) and Museum. Or, visit the Brixham Battery Heritage Centre with artifacts of the Spanish Armada defence of 1588 and WWII defences.

CONCERT AT TORQUAY

Dinner at hotel

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25: TORQUAY – CARDIFF, WALES

After breakfast at hotel

Depart for EXETER. Free time to explore the Cathedral city and have lunch.

Possible stops enroute to Cardiff: brewery tour and/or Big Pit Mine and Museum.

Continue to Cardiff and check in to the hotel.

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The Welsh capital may have begun its life as a Roman fort, but it's since become a bustling city. Where the fort once stood, Cardiff Castle has held court since the 11th century. It remains a central presence in the city, now full of lively art and music venues, hip boutiques, fun bars and modern hotels.



Even with so many new and exciting things to see, the National History Museum is still the most visited attraction in Wales. Don't be the only visitor who plays hooky!

THURSDAY, JULY 26: CARDIFF

Breakfast at the hotel

Guided tour of CARDIFF during which you will see Cardiff Castle, the Welsh Assembly, St David's Hall, the Millenium Centre and more

Afternoon visit to St. Fagan's National History Museum

CONCERT at the museum

Dinner to be determined

FRIDAY, JULY 27: CARDIFF – LIVERPOOL

Breakfast at the hotel and then depart for LIVERPOOL.

Stop in SHREWSBURY OR CHESTER for lunch on your own and time to explore.

Proceed to Liverpool and check into hotel.

HOTEL: [Click Here](#)





LIVERPOOL is a maritime city in northwest England, where the River Mersey meets the Irish Sea. A key trade and migration port from the 18th to the early 20th centuries, it's also, famously, the hometown of The

Beatles. Ferries cruise the waterfront, where the iconic mercantile buildings known as the "Three Graces" – Royal Liver Building, Cunard Building and Port of Liverpool Building – stand on the Pier Head.

SATURDAY, JULY 28: LIVERPOOL

Breakfast at the hotel

Beatles Tour including entrance to *The Beatles Story*

Late afternoon CONCERT in the Wirral – or WARRINGTON choir exchange in nearby Warrington.

Dinner to be determined.

SUNDAY, JULY 29: LIVERPOOL

Breakfast in the hotel

Free day in LIVERPOOL for sightseeing or shopping.

Options include The British Music experience in the Cunard Building opens in 2017, the U-Boat story in Birkenhead, the International Slavery Museum, the Titanic Memorial. The Albert Dock is one of Britain's top heritage attractions, situated in a spectacular riverside setting as part of Liverpool's UNESCO designated World Heritage Site.

CONCERT at Ness Botanical Gardens – or joint concert with WARRINGTON Choir, in nearby Warrington.

Dinner to be determined.

MONDAY, JULY 30: LIVERPOOL – NORTHAMPTON

Breakfast at the hotel

Depart by coach for NORTHAMPTON

Stop enroute at ALTHORP ESTATE (birthplace and burial site of Princess Diana) for tour and possible CONCERT.



Continue by coach to NORTHAMPTON and check in to the hotel.

HOTEL: [Click Here](#)

NORTHAMPTON is the county town of Northamptonshire in the East Midlands of England. It is also the imaginary crossing point between the north and south of England. Archaeological evidence of settlement in the area dates back to the Bronze Age, Roman and Anglo-Saxon periods.



Northampton Market is one of the oldest in the country and Northampton is known for its rich shoe market.

TUESDAY, JULY 31: NORTHAMPTON

Breakfast at the hotel

Visit to BLETCHLEY PARK, WWII Spy Centre. Codebreakers penetrated the secret communications of the Axis Power – most importantly the German Enigma and Lorenz ciphers. The official historian of World War II British Intelligence has written that the



“Ultra” intelligence produced at Bletchley shortened the war by two to four years.

Transfer to HENLEY ON THAMES with CONCERT in the Bandstand.

Dinner to be determined.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1: NORTHAMPTON – LONDON

Breakfast at the hotel



Depart by coach for LONDON with enroute stop at Blenheim Palace – possible CONCERT

Proceed to London hotel. HOTEL: [Click Here](#)

Free time to explore Covent Garden on arrival.

London, the capital of England and the United Kingdom, is a 21st-century city with history stretching back to Roman times. At its centre stand the imposing Houses of Parliament, the iconic ‘Big Ben’ clock tower and Westminster Abbey, site of British monarch coronations.



Across the Thames River, the London Eye observation wheel provides panoramic views of the South Bank cultural complex, and the entire city.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 2: LONDON

Breakfast at the hotel

Guided sightseeing tour of LONDON –Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament; Westminster Abbey; Trafalgar Square; Buckingham Palace; St Paul’s Cathedral, Piccadilly Circus and more.

CONCERT at Victoria Embankment Gardens (or Canadian Embassy)

Dinner to be determined.

Option to attend a West End Show.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 3: LONDON

Breakfast at the hotel

Full day at leisure in London.

Option to visit Downton Abbey (Highclere Castle), about one hour from London.

Farewell dinner in a local restaurant

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4: LONDON – TORONTO

Breakfast at the hotel

Check out of the hotel and load coach for transfer by coach to airport and check in for return flight to Canada.