

# UNFORGETTABLE BUDGET BRITAIN...

Great Britain is a very fascinating place, not only is the island the biggest one in the European Union it is also a famous tourist destination. Although it is true that Britain is not one of the cheapest places to go as the living costs are quite high, however it is possible to discover the country on a student budget.

Stay only short periods of time in cities like London, as these are quite pricy and spend more time in smaller towns and villages, this will allow you to get a great feel for the culture and customs.

Discover Great Britain, the eight shaped loop:

## 1. LONDON



The capital city is a must see for anyone coming to Britain. Three days or three years, none of it is enough to explore the metropolis in full. There is so much to see and

do. Include a Sunday in your trip, the markets are fabulous! See the vibrancy of Southbank, with various street artists followed by Tower Bridge the real treasure of London.

Jump on a Big Bus tour or explore the city by river and have a great time in one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

## 2. SALISBURY



Make your way to Salisbury a beautiful town in the heart of rural England. Only a short drive away from Stonehenge, the magical stone circle

with its unknown meaning. Have a stroll around and explore the beautiful area. Visit Salisbury cathedral, Longleat Wildlife Park and Stourhead gardens, which are part of the world heritage and well worth a visit.

## 3. BATH



Georgian houses through the city in a breath taking way. Bath is the only city that does not have a Cathedral, only an Abbey. Take your time and relax in the Roman Baths and take

yourself back to the Roman times. Once you are there you will have the chance to go to Bristol, a very vibrant student city with its own flair.

Do not miss out on seeing Cheddar Gorge; you will be surprised by the astonishing scenery and natural caves that are on offer. It is paradise for anyone interested in rock climbing, so don't forget your gear!

## 4. EXETER

Located in the heart of Devon, Exeter is the perfect place to start exploring the South coast. Enjoy relaxing walks in Dartmoor National Park with its wild ponies and rough nature. Only a stepping stone away is Teignmouth and Dawlish, two beautiful coastal villages with the world famous black swans and picturesque scenery. If you are more culturally orientated see maritime Plymouth with a long history dating back to the pilgrims and the Mayflower.

## 5. NEWQUAY

If you thought surfing is only popular in Australia, think again! Many Australians and New Zealanders come to enjoy the waves in the Cornish town. Try surf lessons or go on day trips to lands end or Tintagel, King Arthur's legendary castle. You will be able to enjoy more than just a couple of days here.

## 6. CARDIFF



The Welsh capital is fun to explore, there is lots to see and do from the Millenium Stadium to the castle and the walking tours of this ancient city. There are

lots of cafes and bars, sightseeing tours and of course the shopping!

## 7. LIVERPOOL

From Wales back up to England again. Explore Liverpool the Cultural Capital in 2008, whether you are looking for culture or the arts, the city has something on offer for everyone. From here go and see Manchester from galleries to go carting the city is constantly on the go and has loads of things to occupy you.

## 8. YORK

This city is not only a great destination for a romantic getaway but also an adventurous haunted place. With a great Roman and Viking history it is the perfect destination to get a fantastic cultural experience whilst at night time the so peaceful streets take on a haunted air – make the most of this with a guided ghost hunting trip!

## 9. NEWCASTLE

The city is located next to the British seaside on the East coast; some say it is a bit rough but it's the jewel in the crown of the North East. Have a look at the marvellous architecture and enjoy the fun night life. Since you are already in the region go see the Angel of the North in Gateshead and the picturesque town of Tynemouth with its beautiful castle and a Victorian metro station.

## 10. GLASGOW

Scotland is full of myth and legends, wild nature and roughly romantic landscape, definitely a must see for anyone! Glasgow itself is a beautiful city ideal to plan your little getaway trips and Scotland explorations. Go to Edinburgh for a day and enjoy the magnificent royal mile and castle, stop over in Stirling, famous for its castle and see the legendary Wallace Monument. The highlands have not only been in many movies such as Highlander, Brave heart and Rob Roy, but they are also an experience. See the cute highland cows with long fringes, guys in kilts and with bagpipes as well as the magnificent lochs and mountains. Plan to spend a little bit of time here, the islands are well worth seeing too!

## 11. LEEDS

Before going back to London to finish your eight shaped tour stop over in Leeds. With a thriving culture scene and great night life Leeds is a fantastic city to finish your tour. It also hosts an opera in the park each year so better check it out in advance.

### USEFUL TIPS:

1. Staying outside cities such as London, Manchester and Edinburgh will save you a lot of money. Stay in cities, towns or villages close by and get an even better feel of the country.
2. Plan your trip and use the National Express or if you are staying in the country get a Young Persons Railcard and get 1/3 off all train tickets.
3. Search the internet for 2-4-1 attraction coupons and enjoy a weekend with a friend.
4. In London stop by International Students House and buy tickets for the London attractions – the Zoo, Madame Tussauds, The London Dungeon – the tickets also allow you to beat the queues!!
5. To get the ultimate cultural experience eat in country pubs and mix with the Brits, not only will you meet new people but also get a better experience.