

WoodenBoat Magazine's UK Maritime Tour

Hosted by Peter Neill
June 16 - 29, 2014



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Your Tour Host, Peter Neill, is past Director of the South Street Seaport Museum, New York, and former President of the Council of American Maritime Museums and the International Congress of Maritime Museums. Presently he is Director, World Ocean Observatory; Chair, Ocean Classroom Foundation; and frequent contributor to WoodenBoat on maritime heritage subjects. He and his wife, Mary Barnes, have been the Group Leaders for prior WoodenBoat travel programs in Norway, Denmark, and The Netherlands.

Monday, June 16 **Depart JFK**

Depart on British Airways #112 from JFK at 6:45 pm.

Tuesday, June 17 **Arrive London** **D**

Arrival in London, transfer to your hotel with the group. Meet your fellow travelers at this evening's Welcome Dinner.

Overnight at Hotel Copthorne Tara/Holiday Inn Kings Cross or similar.

Wednesday, June 18 **London** **B, L**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Today your full-day sightseeing tour of London will include



panoramic sightseeing of the city's famous sites with photo stops including Hyde Park, Westminster with the Parliament, Big Ben, London Eye, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace with the changing of the guards, Trafalgar Square, St Paul's Cathedral and Tower of London. Lunch included in a typical English pub.

After lunch, visit St. Katherine's Dock (photo at left) and have a guided tour at London Docklands Museum. Dinner on your own.

Hotel Copthorne Tara/Holiday Inn Kings Cross or similar.

Thursday, June 19 **Greenwich Day Trip** **B**

After breakfast, transfer to Westminster Pier to take boat to Greenwich Pier for full day sightseeing in Greenwich. Begin with a walk around the Royal Navy College visiting the exhibition, the Painted Hall and the Chapel. Visit the Cutty Sark, then walk to the National Maritime Museum for a guided tour.

Continue to the Queen's House to see the historical English maritime paintings. Lunch on your own.



Visit the Royal Observatory for a tour, and enjoy the stunning views. Dinner on your own.
Hotel Copthorne Tara/Holiday Inn Kings Cross or similar.



Friday, June 20 London – Chatham – Portsmouth B, L

After breakfast, depart by private motor coach to Chatham to visit the Royal Dockyard including the National Lifeboat Collection. (photo at left)

Lunch included in Portsmouth at a local restaurant.

In Portsmouth visit the Historic Dockyard, including the national Museum of the Royal Navy, Mary Rose, HMS Warrior 1860 and the HMS Victory. Learn how

apprenticeships in woodworking are being awarded, with

the hope that a new generation can learn to love and restore Britain's boats.

Dinner on your own. *Hilton/Marriott Portsmouth or similar.*

Saturday, June 21 Portsmouth – Southampton – Exeter B, D

After breakfast, depart for Southampton to visit the Sea City Museum, including the Titanic story.

Enjoy lunch on your own, then visit Buckler's Hard. The village visit includes to the Maritime Museum, Shipwright's Cottage (where you can learn about ship making), and St Mary's Chapel. Included is a short cruise on the Beaulieu River, with commentary about the history of the river.

Continue to Exeter for dinner and overnight.

Hotel Mercure/Jury's Inn or similar.



Sunday, June 22 Exeter – Falmouth / Plymouth B, D

After breakfast, continue to Launceston, Cornwall and Falmouth to visit the National Maritime Museum, including the Small Boat Collection, the Smugglers Museum and the Land's End Lighthouse (at left)

Lunch on own. *Holiday Inn or Copthorn Tara Plymouth or similar.*

Monday, June 23

Falmouth/Plymouth – Bristol B, L, D

Continue the tour to Bristol after

breakfast. After lunch in a local restaurant, visit the Brunel Institute and the SS Great Britain (photo at right). Some free time before check-in at the hotel.

Radisson Blu/Marriott Bristol or similar.





Tuesday, June 24

Bristol – Swansea – Birmingham B, L, D

After breakfast, continue, to Swansea to visit the National Waterfront Museum (photo below)

Lunch included in Swansea. Continue to Birmingham.

Hilton/Marriott Birmingham or similar.

Wednesday, June 25 Birmingham - Liverpool B

After breakfast, transfer to Ellesmere Port (photo at left) where you will visit the National Waterways Museum, the Canal and Riverboat Trust and Heritage Boat Yard. A 45-minute guided tour by boat is included. Lunch on your own. Afternoon free time in Liverpool. Dinner on your own.

Radisson Blu/Crown Plaza or similar.



Thursday, June 26 Liverpool - Windermere B, L

After breakfast, start sightseeing in Liverpool at the Merseyside Maritime Museum (photo at right) and continue to walk around in Prince Albert Dock. Lunch included in a local restaurant.

After lunch, transfer to Windermere and visit the Windermere Lake Museum including the Steamboat Museum.

Dinner on your own. *Hotel Low Wood or similar.*



Friday, June 27 Windermere – Anstruther B, D

After breakfast, transfer to Anstruther and visit the Scottish Fisheries Museum (photo at left). Enjoy some free time today.

Overnight in Anstruther area including Dundee / Perth at Apex or Hilton Hotel, or similar.

Saturday, June 28 Scottish Traditional Boat Festival B

After breakfast, transfer to Portsoy to enjoy the Scottish Traditional Boat Festival. All day, you are free to join the programs. Lunch and dinner on your own.

Hilton, Marriott or Park Inn Hotel, Aberdeen, or similar.

Sunday, June 29 Boat Festival – Departure B, D

Breakfast at your hotel. Transfer to Portsoy to spend another day at the Scottish Traditional Boat Festival. Lunch on your own.

Late afternoon British Airways flight to London from Aberdeen, connecting to British Airways to JFK, arriving at 10:35 pm.



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Tour cost:*

\$5960 per person

\$1228 Single Supplement

Tour cost includes:

- Economy class transatlantic airfare on British Airways JFK-London Heathrow-Aberdeen - JFK, plus current taxes and fuel surcharges of \$714.28 (as of October 29, 2013).
- Twelve nights' accommodation in suggested hotels. (4 star)
- Breakfast daily, five lunches and seven dinners (B, L, D)
- Private deluxe motor coach transportation from arrival London until departure Aberdeen.
- City Cruises one-way ticket from Westminster Pier to Greenwich Pier.
- Sightseeing with local guides in London, Chatham/Portsmouth, Southampton, Cornwall, Bristol, Swansea, Ellesmere Port/Liverpool, Windermere, Anstruther, and Portsoy.
- Entrances Docklands Museum (with guided tour), Cutty Sark, Royal Naval College Maritime Museum (with guided tour), Queens House Royal Observatory (with guided tour), Royal Dockyard (with guided tour), Historic Dockyard, Sea City Museum, Buckler's Hard and river cruise, National Maritime Museum, Smugglers Museum, Brunel Institute - SS Great Britain, National Waterfront Museum (tour by boat), National Waterways Museum, Heritage Boat Yard (guided tour by boat), Merseyside Maritime Museum, Lake Museum, Steamboat Museum, Scottish Fisheries Museum (with guided tour).
- Two days at Scottish Traditional Boat Festival.
- Basic travel insurance which includes trip delay/missed connection, baggage and baggage delay, emergency accident & sickness medical expense, emergency medical evacuation/repatriation, 24 AD&D. (Option to upgrade to full travel insurance including trip cancellation for a supplement. Amount is determined by total trip cost.)
- Services of Tour Host, Peter Neill.

*If you choose to make your own flight arrangements, you will receive a credit for the group airfare of \$1190 per person off the above price, making the land tour cost \$4770 per person.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact:



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