

# TIME TRAVELLERS



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PRICE FROM\* **GBP.459. PER PERSON**

*3 Nights, 4 Days*

## DAY ONE - GREENWICH

- 8 minutes from London Bridge by train or 20 minutes by boat/tube/DLR from central London

Welcome to Greenwich, recognised by UNESCO as a centre of maritime history, home to 'Greenwich Mean Time' and the first stop on your *Time Travellers* adventure! Greenwich was also the birthplace of the infamous King Henry VIII and Elizabeth I. Both were born in the Tudor Palace of Placentia, located on the banks of the River Thames where the Royal Naval College stands today.

From Greenwich Station, it's a fifteen minute walk to The Royal Observatory, which overlooks Greenwich Park and the Thames. Discover how the Observatory's work contributed to the development of global navigation and established Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). Here lies the Prime Meridian, the base-line for the world's time zone system, where East meets West. Stand either side of this line (marked by a steel strip in the building's courtyard) and you'll be in two hemispheres at once! At night, the line is marked by The Meridian Laser, shining northward from the Observatory and, in clear conditions, visible from up to 36 miles away!

Next, take a ten minute walk through Greenwich Park to the Cutty Sark. This historic 'tea clipper' was built in 1869 in Glasgow, and was the fastest of its time. Today it is an award-winning visitor attraction. On board, you'll have the opportunity to explore the ship, take the helm, walk beneath the hull and even meet the crew.

A great suggestion for lunch, or just a leisurely walk, is historic Greenwich Market, established in 1737. Here you will find a varied range of antique, craft, fashion and food stalls on offer. After lunch, enjoy works of art by leading artists such as Lowry and Turner at the Queens House, the masterpiece of pioneering architect Inigo Jones.

Tonight you'll catch a Thames Clipper boat from Greenwich to Tower pier, staying overnight in the City of London at The Tower Hotel, a 4 star property right by Tower Bridge and close to the Tower of London.

## DAY TWO - CANTERBURY

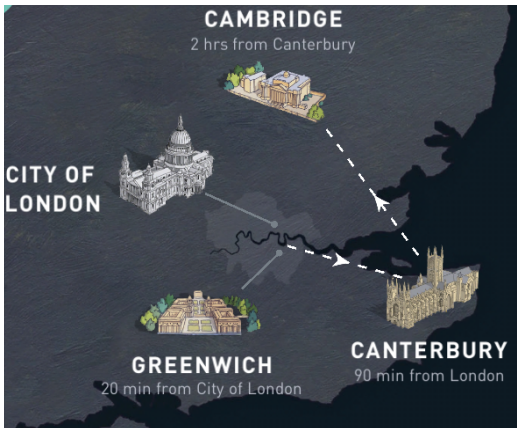
- London to Canterbury 1hr 30 minutes by tube and rail via St Pancras (1 change)

Today, take the High Speed Train to Kent and spend the day in Canterbury, known for its rich history and of course Canterbury Cathedral, founded in AD 597. The Cathedral is the site of the shrine of Thomas Becket, martyred in the Cathedral by four knights in 1170, and the seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury, leader of the Church of England.

This morning, take a guided tour of Canterbury Cathedral - an essential part of any trip to the city. You will be able to explore the Norman-era crypt, the perpendicular nave and view beautiful medieval stained glass windows. Your knowledgeable guide will tell you the story of Thomas Beckett's assassination, take you to his shrine, and reveal incredibly well-preserved 12th century wall paintings of scenes from the Bible, sealed off for centuries behind a wall, and rediscovered in the early twentieth century. Had they not been hidden from view, the paintings would undoubtedly have been destroyed in the Reformation, a period when all religious images in churches were destroyed!

This afternoon, enjoy a leisurely guided cruise along the River Stour, which will take you to many historic sites that are difficult to access on foot. Next, prepare to be transported to ancient Canterbury at *The Canterbury Tales* visitor attraction. This interactive journey through Chaucer's stories consists of five crucially intriguing tales of love, infidelity, intrigue, courtship and death. Your costumed guides will accompany you on a journey through the sights, sounds and smells of medieval England.





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Enjoy a refreshing drink this evening is the Shakespeare Wine Bar just outside *The Canterbury Tales*, overlooking the cathedral. Here, you will find dishes crafted from ingredients from across Kent, often labelled 'The Garden of England'. From Kentish cheeses to local-butcher British beef and a range of ales brewed in nearby Faversham, there is something for everyone!

Tonight you will staying at the House of Agnes 4 star B&B, located just under 10 minutes walk from Canterbury Cathedral. This hotel offers boutique-style themed rooms, all uniquely furnished ranging from the traditional British 'Canterbury Room' to the exotic 'Mumbai Room' and romantic 'Paris Room'.

**DAY THREE - CAMBRIDGE** • *Canterbury to Cambridge 2hrs by rail via London King's Cross/ St Pancras (1 change)*

Welcome to Cambridge! This university town has so much to discover, with ancient colleges, cobbled streets and of course the River Cam which must be explored in a traditional wooden punt (boat). The 800-year old University of Cambridge is an iconic institution of education which has an illustrious list of alumni, ranging from Oliver Cromwell (who dropped out to fight the English Civil War) to Charles Darwin, Alan Turing, Sir David Attenborough and Professor Stephen Hawking.

Go with the flow on the River Cam with an excellent punting chauffeur who will tell you everything about Cambridge's history, student life, architecture and many anecdotes as you float along the river. This tour will take you to the eight famous Cambridge University colleges along the part of the river known as 'The Backs'. You will also pass through some of the well-known bridges including the Mathematical bridge and the Bridge of Sighs, built in 1831, which links two parts of St.John's College.

This afternoon you will visit Trinity College at Cambridge University, originally founded by Henry VIII in 1546. Sir Isaac Newton, one of the greatest of all physical scientists, entered the College as an undergraduate in 1661 and remained at Trinity until 1696, by which time his most important mathematical and scientific work had been completed. Now why not take a seat alongside Newton's Tree, grown from a cutting of the original fallen apple and enjoy the view.

Your next visit is to the magnificent Corpus Clock which is located at street level on the outside of the Taylor Library at Corpus Christi College at Cambridge University. This clock was officially unveiled to the public on 19 September 2008 by Cambridge alumni physicist Stephen Hawking. This clock is home to a metal creature similar to a grasshopper: the 'Chronophage', meaning 'time-eater'. The Chronophage moves its mouth, appearing to "eat up" the seconds as they pass, and occasionally it "blinks" in seeming satisfaction. The hour is tolled by the sound of a chain clanking into a small wooden coffin hidden in the back of the clock.

A great suggestion for dinner tonight is at The Eagle Pub, one the oldest inns in Cambridge. Here you can enjoy home cooked food and traditional British cask ales. The Eagle Pub dates back to February 1953, when the scientist Francis Crick first announced that he and James Watson had discovered the structure of DNA, which helped solve one of the most important of all biological riddles. This led to them receiving a Nobel Prize in 1962 in Physiology or Medicine for their discovery.

This evening is the final night of your *Time Travellers* adventure. Round off your trip with a stay at the elegant, 4 Star University Arms. overlooking Parker's Piece.

**Price Includes:**

- 3 nights at a 4\* Hotel/B&B or similar property
- Entrance to The Royal Observatory
- Entrance to Cutty Sark
- 4 Hour Walking Tour Including Canterbury Cathedral
- The Canterbury Tales
- Canterbury River Boat Cruise
- Trinity College at Cambridge University
- The Corpus Clock
- Cambridge Punting Tour

**Price does not include:**

- Lunches and Dinners
- Room Upgrades, Extras and Room Service
- Personal Travel Insurance
- Transport unless otherwise stated

**\*Terms and Conditions:**

Rates are based on 2 adults sharing 1 standard room; Rates are subject to availability, should suggested hotel not be available one of a similar category will be offered; Rates are valid until 31.12.2020 and subject to availability; not valid on bank holidays and during special events; All services are on request. Please note the above itinerary can be amended and tailored to client's needs. Certain areas of the Queens House can be closed for private events.

