

# UK-BASED TOURS

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I am a tour guide based in Cambridge and specializing in Cambridge, London, Brighton, Bath, other UK cities, Paris, Brussels and further afield.

I offer tours lasting from 1½ hours to several days. All tours are given in English, with explanations in German if needed, or reverting completely to German if the clients insist on this, bearing in mind that I am not a native German speaker, but I know how to get the meaning across.

All tours are conducted with the utmost care, to give guests a safe, interesting and memorable experience. Most tours will involve a fair amount of walking, due to the nature of this activity, which is to explore, see and experience the destination. Guests who would prefer not to walk may opt out at any point during a tour, or may choose to take a taxi or public transport at their discretion, and either rejoin the tour if this is possible, or leave the tour and make alternative arrangements of their own.

Any adults accompanying children are responsible for their children at all times, and both adults and children must be fully insured, including comprehensive health insurance, as the UK is not part of the EU.

As a tour guide I select professionally run and well-reputed options which I have reason to believe provide the greatest level of safety and reliability (black cab taxis, airport express trains, Eurostar, punting and boating companies that I know or work with, established catering venues), but I disclaim liability for unforeseeable mishaps.

My fees include my reasonable costs for the expedition: travel up to the guests' hotel in Cambridge or in central London, and from their hotel in Cambridge or in central London back to my home, all my food and drink requirements while on duty, and in the case of tours and services performed in the UK, where the guests have chosen an 'all expenses included' package, my transportation costs while on duty. These costs may however be paid by the guests at their discretion, for instance if they want me to join them in the restaurant, or in a means of transportation that exceeds the budgeted allowance, etc.

All hours in excess of 8 hours per day spent with the guests are chargeable at €50 per hour for up to 2 guests, plus €10 per additional guest, except for long-distance day trips, where I allow for up to 10 hours (Brighton) or 12 hours (Paris / Brussels), including travel to / from the destination with the guests. For those destinations, any additional hour is charged at €100 for up to 2 guests + €10 per additional guest.

Cancellation: once I have received your payment, your booking is firm, final and non-refundable. Until then, I am free to accept other bookings and will not be bound by your request. I will however refund your booking at my sole discretion up to 15 days before a trip should I not have received another booking in the meantime overlapping in any way over the dates of your booking, and therefore had to turn it down.

# TRANSFERS FROM AIRPORTS

## 1. BY TAXI

The most comfortable option: I will meet the guests at the airport arrivals, and chaperone them up to check-in at their hotel and settlement in their room, with a 1 hour briefing about their requirements for the coming days. The costs include the tour guide's fee plus the fare to London by Black Cab – for more than 4 passengers, we may need two black cabs, unless guests insist on travelling together in a single conveyance, in which case we will find a reliable solution. When returning from the hotel to the airport, guests are advised to book a car directly from the hotel, but I will of course accompany them if they want, based on the same terms:

HEATHROW – LONDON		Taxi
	€200	€160
	€200	€160
	€200	€160
	€200	€160
	€200	€320
	€200	€320
	€200	€320
	€200	€320

GATWICK – LONDON		Taxi
	€200	€200
	€200	€200
	€200	€200
	€200	€200
	€200	€400
	€200	€400
	€200	€400
	€200	€400

STANSTED – LONDON		Taxi
	€200	€200
	€200	€200
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## 2. BY TRAIN AND TAXI

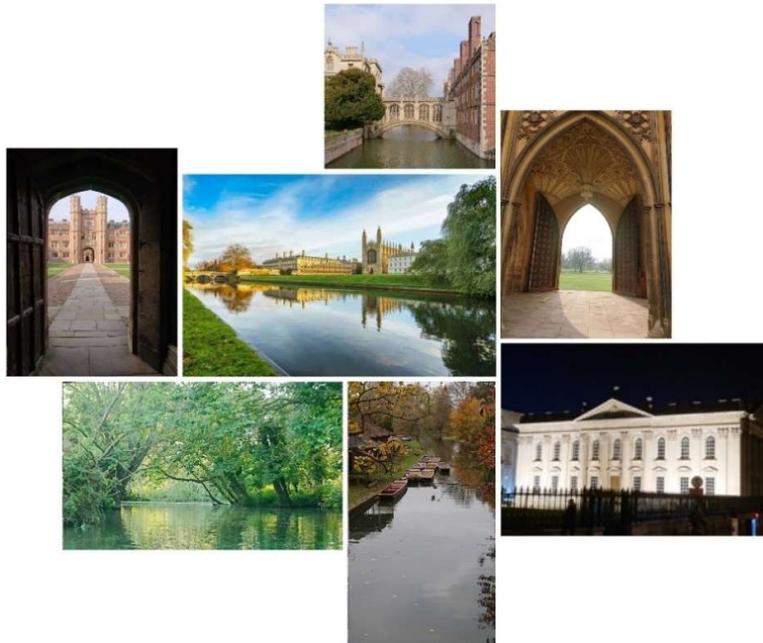
Not the most comfortable, but probably the quickest and in some cases cheapest option: I will meet the guests at the airport arrivals, and chaperone them up to check-in at their hotel and settlement in their room, with a 1 hour briefing about their requirements for the coming days. The costs include your guide's fee, the train fares and the cab fares. We will travel from the airport by Express Airport Train, and take a Black Cab from the railway station to the hotel. From Heathrow, we will travel 1<sup>st</sup> class; from the other airports, standard class. My fee includes my train fare. When returning from the hotel to the airport, guests are advised to book a car directly from the hotel, but I will of course accompany them if they want, based on the same terms:

HEATHROW – LONDON	Train	Taxi
	€240	€40
	€240	€80
	€240	€120
	€240	€160
	€240	€200
	€240	€240
	€240	€280
	€240	€320

GATWICK – LONDON	Train	Taxi
	€230	€30
	€230	€60
	€230	€90
	€230	€120
	€230	€150
	€230	€180
	€230	€210
	€230	€240

STANSTED – LONDON	Train	Taxi
	€230	€30
	€230	€60
	€230	€90
	€230	€120
	€230	€150
	€230	€180
	€230	€210
	€230	€240

## CAMBRIDGE TOURS



See all the sights of this quaint and beautiful little city.

Hear how the world-renowned Cambridge University began as a community of religious schools more than 800 years ago, because of a riot in Oxford.

Learn how it developed over the centuries under the patronage of royalty and the church, in response to England's historical upheavals.

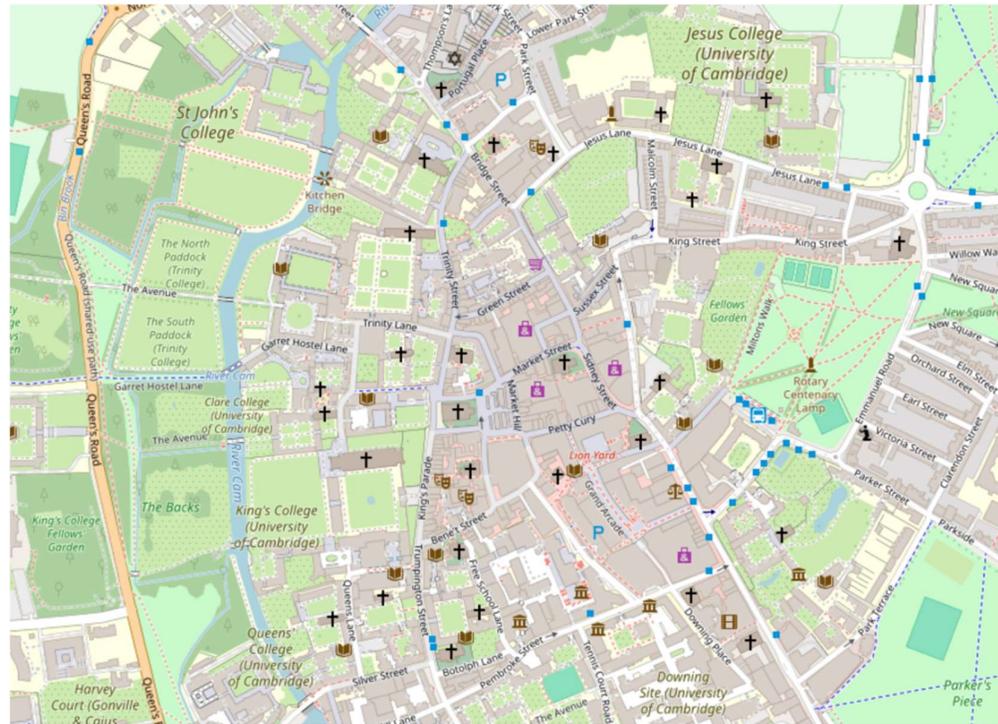
Find out how it has taught and hosted countless brilliant people, from Newton to Darwin, from Byron to Wordsworth, from John Maynard Keynes to Amartya Sen, from Pitt the Younger to Palmerston, from Karl Popper to Wittgenstein, from Christopher Marlowe to Monty Python...people who have influenced the world for hundreds of years in every field imaginable.

Did you know that the laws of electromagnetism, the electron, the neutron, the structure of DNA and radioactivity were all discovered in Cambridge? That Harvard University was founded by a former student of Cambridge University? That Erasmus laid the foundations of the Reformation by translating the Bible in Queens' College, Cambridge?

If you decide to take a punting tour on the river, you'll see the picturesque Backs. You can also enjoy a typical English pub lunch at one of the city's many comfortable and atmospheric pubs. It can all be done in a laid-back afternoon.

I propose a number of tours, which can be customized to suit the particular wishes of the guests, ranging from a basic tour of the city centre, to a wonderful dinner experience at one of the most prestigious colleges.

# 1. WALKING TOUR



Walking tour of the historic sights, with historical background, explanations and a bit of fun too (1½ hours). The tour starts and ends outside the Cambridge University Senate House:

	€25
	€40
	€55
	€65
	€75
	€85
	€95
	€105

## 2. WALKING TOUR + RIVER TOUR



Walking tour of the historic sights (1½ hours) + river tour (45 minutes) based on Scudamore's standard list prices for punting tours. I will accompany the clients up to the punting station, and book them onto the next boat. As the boat tour will be pre-booked, the guests must arrive for the walking tour at the scheduled time, to allow us 2½ hours to do the walking tour and then reach the embarkation point for the river tour in good time without rushing:

Pax	Tour	Boat
1	€30	£38
2	€50	£76
3	€70	£90
4	€85	£140
5	€100	£165
6	€115	£165
7	€130	£255
8	€145	£255

### 3. WALKING TOUR + PUB LUNCH + RIVER TOUR



Walking tour of major sights (1½ hours) + pub lunch (1 pint of beer + fish & chips, or equivalent – up to €35 per person) + river tour (45 minutes) based on Scudamore’s standard list prices for punting tours. Tour guide fees assume that I remain with the guests during the lunch, and conduct them up to their boat. As the boat tour will be pre-booked, the guests must arrive for the walking tour at the scheduled time, to allow us 3½ hours to do the walking tour and then head to the pub and have a 1 hour lunch there, with enough time to spare for reaching the nearby embarkation point for the river tour in good time:

Pax	Tour	Lunch	Boat
1	€75	€35	£38
2	€90	€70	£76
3	€105	€105	£90
4	€115	€140	£140
5	€125	€175	£165
6	€135	€210	£165
7	€145	€245	£255
8	€155	€280	£255

### 4. WALKING TOUR + PUB LUNCH + RIVER TOUR + TRANSFERS TO/FROM RAILWAY STATION

Meet at railway station, taxi to the city center, tour of major sights, on foot (2 hours) + pub lunch (e.g. pint of beer + fish & chips) + river tour (45 minutes) based on Scudamore’s standard list prices for punting tours, followed by return to railway station by taxi, accompanied by your guide, up to the door of the train. As the boat tour will be pre-booked, the guests must ensure they arrive at the railway station at the scheduled time, to allow us 4 hours to get to the town centre, do the walking tour, then head to the pub and have a 1 hour lunch there, with enough time to spare for reaching the nearby embarkation point for the river tour in good time:

Pax	Tour	Lunch	Boat
1	€200	€35	£76
2	€220	€70	£90
3	€235	€105	£140
4	€265	€140	£165
5	€275	€175	£165
6	€285	€210	£255
7	€295	€245	£255
8	€305	€280	£255

## 5. CAMBRIDGE WALKING TOUR + PUB LUNCH + RIVER TOUR + EVENSONG AT KINGS COLLEGE CHAPEL



You've come to Cambridge; now come and experience something truly unique: Evensong at Kings College Chapel. The Chapel was built from 1446 to 1535, over a period spanning the reign of 6 English kings, and is widely acknowledged as one of the finest achievements of English early renaissance architecture. It is a poem, a prayer cast in stone, glass and wood, rendered sublime by the masterful craftsmanship of its builders. See Cambridge's most iconic building, from within, and listen to the organ, the choir and the rector as they deliver a service that resonates in this timeless hall of worship, and will not fail to impress you. There is no entry fee to attend the service in Kings' Chapel.

Our tour will include all the elements from the previous tour (no. 4), plus entry to the Chapel. We must reach the Chapel by 5:30pm, queue up, and wait to be admitted. The service lasts for around 1 hour, after which I will accompany you back to the railway station by taxi.

Pax	Tour	Lunch	Boat
	€250	€35	£76
	€275	€70	£90
	€300	€105	£140
	€325	€140	£165
	€350	€175	£165
	€375	€210	£255
	€400	€245	£255
	€425	€280	£255

## 6. WALKING TOUR OF CAMBRIDGE + TOUR OF A COLLEGE + DINNER WITH THE PROFESSORS OF JESUS COLLEGE

### \* Exclusive experience \*

A dinner at High Table or in an exclusive private dining room with the professors of the college and their guests, in very beautiful, luxurious and historical surroundings – imagine dining in the Harry Potter dining hall! Expect electrifying conversations with interesting people from all walks of life. Includes pre-dinner drinks; silver service dinner, with unlimited port, sherry, red and white wine, after-dinner coffee / tea...followed by a late visit to the grand, historic college chapel if the organ is being played. A unique and wonderful experience. We cannot provide a choice of menu, but guests can request a vegetarian, vegan, halal or kosher meal in advance. Dinner itself lasts from 7pm to 10pm, but guests can leave at any time.



*Dinner in private college room  
(faces blurred to respect the participants' privacy)*

We will meet at the railway station or at your hotel in Cambridge at around 4:30pm, take a taxi to town center if need be, conduct a late afternoon tour of the main Cambridge sights (around 1 hour), then tour a picturesque Cambridge college (around 30 minutes), before attending pre-dinner drinks, followed by dinner at High Table with the professors, visit to the chapel, then taxi back to the railway station.

This experience can be combined with any of tours 1-4 above.

⇒ **Note:** 2 guests maximum, must be aged over 18, smart dress required:

Exclusive dining experience	
	€750
	€1100

⇒ **Note:** If you are a couple with children, I might be able to arrange for them to be kept happily fed and entertained at a suitable family home while you attend the dinner.

## LONDON TOURS



London...many hold it to be the greatest city on Earth. From its gorgeous monuments and magnificent architectural set-pieces, to the dismal decay of its inner-city slums; from the gilded heights of fame, to plumbing the depths of infamy; from the sordid to the sublime; from the grim but grand history spanning millennia, to the pop culture and counterculture of modern times; from the influence that came from being the beating heart of the greatest empire the world had ever seen, to the pull it still exerts on millions of hopeful dreamers at all four corners of the world.

From the money temples, to the houses of worship of every religion; from the excitement of its teeming streets, to the peace and quiet of its glorious parks... Red double decker buses, Black taxi cabs...Posh restaurants serving foreign delicacies, Fish & Chips and lukewarm beer...Sherlock Holmes, Henry VIII, Charles Dickens, Jack the Ripper and Margaret Thatcher...Is there any city on Earth that can claim such a mingling of the ordinary and extraordinary, such a pedigree of excellence and the unusual, so many verses of poetry and lines of prose, such a vast array of extremes, such diversity of styles and such a collection of citizens from all walks of life and all the countries of our planet?

Come and discover it with me. Before moving to Cambridge I lived in London for more than 20 years, and I loved it with a passion. Let me share this passion with you as we walk the city's streets, stroll through its parks, take a shuttle boat along its famous river, and experience the city of which Samuel Johnson said: "*When a man is tired of London, he is tired of life, for there is in London all that life can afford*".

## 1. DAY-LONG TOURS OF LONDON TOURIST SIGHTS:

*8 hour tour of major sights, choose from:*

- a. **City of Westminster:** see Buckingham Palace, St. James Park [or on a summer's evening: tour ends with a glass of wine on the steps overlooking St. James Park], the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, the Strand, the Law Courts and the Temple, a walk along the River Thames, or in Hyde Park, with a lunch break [or if a late tour: dinner / drinks] in a pub
- b. **Riverside London:** a leisurely stroll along the banks of the river Thames, from the Tower of London and Tower Bridge, to Southwark Cathedral and the Golden Hind pirate ship, then on to St. Paul's Cathedral and the Tate Modern museum, the Shakespeare Globe and the National Theatre, and finally the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben, with a lunch break at a pub or restaurant on the Thames
- c. **City of Westminster + shopping:** see Buckingham Palace, St. James Park, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, then go shopping in either Harrods, Knightsbridge, Selfridges, Oxford Street or Fortnum & Mason, Piccadilly, with a lunch break [or dinner / drinks in evening] in a pub
- d. **City of Westminster + Museum:** see Buckingham Palace, St. James Park, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, followed by a lunch break at a pub, and then entry to a museum of your choosing: British Museum, National Gallery, Science Museum, Natural History Museum, Museum of London...
- e. **Regents Park and Primrose Hill (April - October):** we'll walk through one of London's most stunning parks, then row on the lake and have a small picnic in the park, weather permitting; we will walk along the Regents Canal, ascend to the top of Primrose Hill for a spectacular view of London, and have a lunch break or dinner and drinks at a pub in Primrose Hill. Optional: visit to London Zoo (entry not included in costings below, the fee is up to €40 per person, though group rates may be negotiated)
- f. **Bespoke tours can be arranged,** if there's something specific you want to see or do.
- g. **Shows, events, and special requests:** Just ask me and I'll be delighted to handle and facilitate your special requests.

⇒ **Tour only:**

Pax	Tour
	€350
	€400
	€450
	€500
	€525
	€550
	€575
	€600

⇒ **All expenses included:** black cab from hotel to area being visited, 1 pint of beer + fish & chips or equivalent option at a pub, access to one special activity: rowing in the park, access to museum / special exhibitions, summer evening drinks at St. James or other activity, black cab to 1 destination, and then back to hotel—add €110 per person:

Pax	Tour	Expenses
	€350	€110
	€400	€220
	€450	€330
	€500	€440
	€525	€550
	€550	€660
	€575	€770
	€600	€880

⇒ **All expenses included plus hire of car & driver for the day:** private car for up to 3 pax + guide, otherwise 1 black cab for 4 pax, or 1 black cab and one private car for 5 to 7 pax, and 2 black cabs for 8 pax: budget for €50 in expenses per person + the cost of the car(s): €300 for the private car, € 450 for a black cab:

Pax	Tour	Expenses	Car
	€350	€50	€300
	€400	€100	€300
	€450	€150	€300
	€500	€200	€450
	€525	€250	€750
	€550	€300	€750
	€575	€350	€750
	€600	€400	€750

## 2. DAY TRIP TO GREENWICH:



Greenwich used to be where everything happened. In 1012, Alphege, the Archbishop of Canterbury was martyred there by Vikings. Later on the Tudor kings and queens lived there at their riverside palace, and the future queen Elizabeth I consorted with her admirers in the palace gardens, now Greenwich Park. Here, for three centuries, astronomers searched the stars and looked for ways to develop a tool to make seafaring safer—a reliable clock! In 1884, the world powers agreed that the world's Prime Meridian would pass through the Greenwich Observatory. Meanwhile, in the 18th century, the palace by the riverside was turned into the Royal Naval Hospital, a major Royal Navy site together with nearby Deptford, where Russia's Peter the Great came to study shipbuilding. In 1874, it became the Royal Naval College. As recently as the late 1990s there was a tiny *secret* nuclear reactor called 'Jason' in the basement of one of the buildings!

Let's visit this amazing place, if only as an excuse to take a boat trip along the Thames and see London from a different perspective! Out by boat and back by taxi, or vice-versa (or out by boat and back by DLR automated light rail, so we can marvel at the little Manhattan on the Isle of Dogs), we'll visit the historic riverside, the market, the park, the Maritime Museum, Painted Hall or Observatory, the Prime Meridian and take in the view of London from the top of the park.

⇒ **Tour only:**

Pax	Tour
	€400
	€450
	€500
	€550
	€575
	€600
	€625
	€650

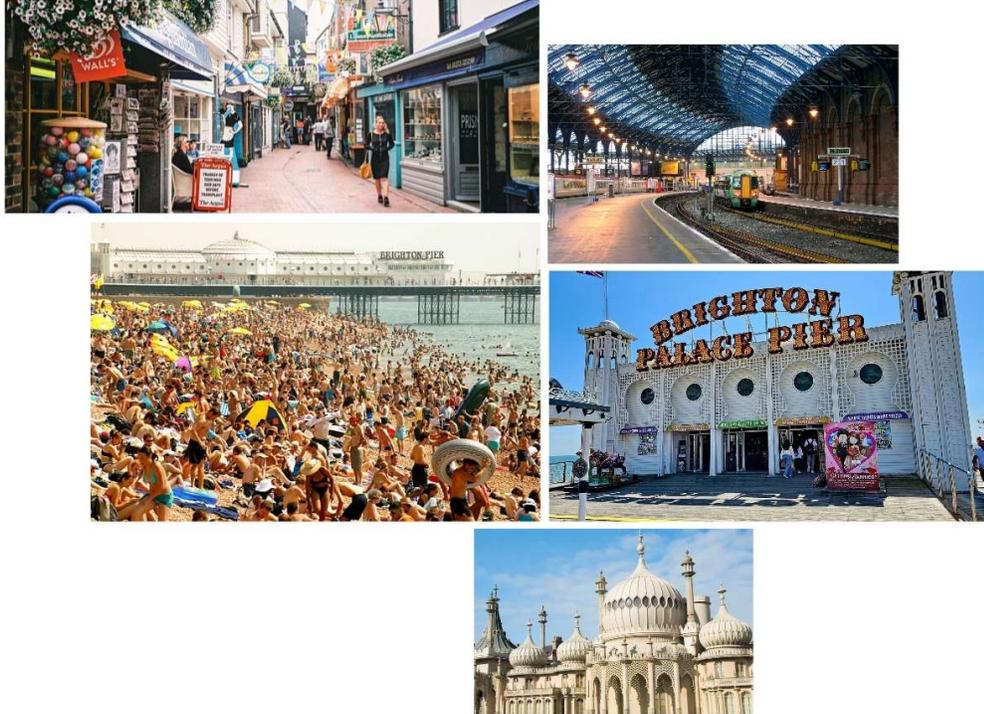
⇒ **All expenses included:** black cab from hotel to boat pier, boat fare, black cab in Greenwich to top of hill, entry to Observatory or Painted Hall, 1 pint of beer + fish & chips or equivalent option at pub overlooking river, black cab back to hotel. €120 per person:

Pax	Tour	Expenses
	€400	€120
	€450	€240
	€500	€360
	€550	€480
	€575	€600
	€600	€720
	€625	€840
	€650	€960

**All expenses included plus hire of car + driver for the day** (private car for up to 3 pax, otherwise 1 black cab for 4 pax, or 1 black cab and one private car for 5 to 7 pax, and 2 black cabs for 8 pax): add €70 per person + the cost of the car(s): €300 for the private car, € 450 for a black cab:

Pax	Tour	Expenses	Car
	€400	€70	€300
	€450	€140	€300
	€500	€210	€300
	€550	€280	€450
	€575	€350	€750
	€600	€420	€750
	€625	€490	€750
	€650	€560	€750

### 3. DAY TRIP TO BRIGHTON – BEST IN SUMMER:



You've come all the way to London, you might as well go to the beach! Brighton is a hedonist seaside party mecca, nicknamed London-on-sea, only 1 hour from Central London by train. Children and the young at heart love it. It's also the UK's Gay capital. The city is at its best when the weather is warm. There's a pier with an amusement park, very popular with children, and if you're hardy enough, you can dip into the North Sea waters until hypothermia sets in! 10 hour tour to Brighton by train—picnic / sunbathing / swimming at the beach, window-shopping in the Lanes (the town's old shopping district), and a visit of the amusement pier for the kids.

Something I particularly like about Brighton, is how the hordes coming for a day out at the sea spill out of the train on arrival, and head straight down the same street to the beach, and then all lie in the same stretch of overcrowded beach, desperate to find a space...ignoring the miles of empty beach on either side! I also like the vibe here on a summer's day: everyone wants to have a good time. It's worth coming here just for that.

⇒ **Tour only:**

Pax	Tour
	€450
	€500
	€550
	€600
	€650
	€700
	€750
	€800

⇒ **All expenses included** (black cab from hotel to railway station, first class return train fare, 1 pint of beer + fish & chips or equivalent option at pub, black cab back to hotel): add €125 per person

Pax	Tour	Expenses
	€450	€125
	€500	€250
	€550	€375
	€600	€500
	€650	€625
	€700	€750
	€750	€875
	€800	€1000

⇒ **All expenses included plus day pass to the rides on the amusement pier:** add €30 per person

Pax	Tour	Expenses	Pass
	€450	€125	€30
	€500	€250	€60
	€550	€375	€90
	€600	€500	€120
	€650	€625	€150
	€700	€750	€180
	€750	€875	€210
	€800	€1000	€240

#### 4. TRIPS TO PARIS, BRUSSELS BY EUROSTAR:



You're in London; Paris and Brussels are just around the corner. So why not indulge yourself and book a day trip to the Continent? Or even a trip lasting several days? I have lived in both cities and will guide you to the best sights. We will travel by Eurostar train, departing from London St. Pancras Station in central London. The trip lasts ~2 hours + 1 hour for check-in, each way.

#### ⇒ **Tour only:**

For trips to Paris or Brussels, all the Tour Guide's expenses must be paid by the guests, including his Eurostar train ticket and any other transportation costs, all meals, fees and tickets for entry to attractions. On top of that, you must pay for his hotel accommodation in London if you want the trip to start at your hotel before 9am and/or to end at your London hotel after 10pm. The guide's fees and costs must be paid up-front once the trip has been planned and agreed with him.

Pax	Day trip or first day	Additional days
	€600	€400
	€650	€450
	€700	€500
	€750	€550
	€775	€575
	€800	€600
	€825	€625
	€850	€650