



**West Milford High School
Band Tour to England & Scotland
April 10 – 19, 2020
Adult Tag-a-Long Tour**

Adult Group Leader:
Tour Managers: Ian Stockdale and Jeff Wickens
Number of Participants: 19 + 2

**Friday,
April 10**

W. Milford, NJ/ En route to JFK International Airport

- 1:00 p.m. Students report at the High School. Staff will inspect student's carry-on bags. Everyone helps load equipment and luggage.
- 2:00 p.m. Adult Tagalong Group (17 participants) and Pipers (19 participants) depart for JFK Airport.
2:00 p.m. Band students (89 participants, including Peterson and LaPointe) depart for JFK Airport.
- EACH ADULT IN THE TAGALONG GROUP IS ALLOWED ONE SUITCASE TO CHECK AND ONE CARRY-ON PLUS ONE PERSONAL ITEM. MAKE SURE YOUR SUITCASE AND CARRY-ON IS CLEARLY LABELED WITH NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION USING PINK BAGTAGS!
- 3:30 p.m. Tagalong Group & Pipers group should arrive Airport.
3:30 p.m. Band students should arrive JFK and begin check-in process.
- 3:45 p.m. Unload luggage. Begin check-in process.
- 6:30 p.m. Tagalongs and Pipers depart JFK on British Airways Flight #112 for London Heathrow.
- SARAH PETERSON AND TIMOTHY LAPOINTE CHECK-IN WITH BAND STUDENTS AT JFK WHO WILL BE DEPARTING AT 10:00 P.M.**
- 10:00 p.m. Students and chaperones depart JFK for the flight to London Gatwick.
Do your best to sleep on the plane. Tomorrow will be a long day!!

**Saturday,
April 11**

Arrive London Heathrow Airport/ Windsor/ Central London

- 6:30 a.m. Arrive London Heathrow. Begin customs procedures and gather luggage. Meet your Tour Managers, Ian Stockdale and Jeff Wiggins, who will be waiting for you just outside the arrivals gate. Load luggage and board your Coach. Your coach color is Pink.
- 8:00 a.m. Depart for the short transfer to Windsor.
- 8:30 a.m. Arrive Windsor Coach Park.
- 8:45 a.m. It will be too early to go into Windsor Castle, so a light breakfast reception is planned for you at

the Castle Hotel, Windsor, located across the street from the entrance to Windsor Castle.

9:45 a.m. Walk to the group entrance to Windsor Castle.

10:00 a.m. Tour Windsor Castle, the home of Queen Elizabeth and her family.

11:15 a.m. Jeff Wiggins returns to the Windsor Coach Park to meet Sarah Peterson and Tim Lapointe, 2 Tagalongs who flew with the students on their flight (BA# 2272) to London Gatwick. Sarah and Tim will stow their suitcases in the Pink Coach's luggage bay and Jeff will take them to Windsor Castle to gain entrance and meet up with the other Tagalongs.

Free time for independent lunch and shopping.

2:00 p.m. Return to Windsor Coach Park and depart for London hotel.

3:00 p.m. Check into your hotel.

*Millennium Gloucester Hotel
4-18 Harrington Gardens,
London, SW7 4LH United Kingdom
Phone: 0207 331 6631*

7:00 p.m. Dinner in hotel.
Evening free to rest and relax.

Sunday, April 12

London/ Sightseeing Tour/ Highlander Band Performance

7:30–9:00 a.m. Full English breakfast in the hotel restaurant.

9:00 a.m. Board your coach for a **morning panoramic city tour** ending near Covent Garden. As it is Easter Sunday, Harrods will be closed for the holiday.

12:00 Noon Independent lunch and time for lunch in Covent Garden.

1:45 p.m. Meet your coach and transfer to the Albert Memorial, Kensington Gardens, Hyde Park.

2:30 p.m. The West Milford High School Highlander Band will perform a concert at the base of the Albert Memorial.

Remainder of the afternoon free for independent activities.

Independent dinner.
Return to the hotel at your leisure.

Monday, April 13

London/ Hampton Court Palace

7:30 a.m. Full English breakfast in the hotel main restaurant.

8:30 a.m. **Meet your coach and transfer to Hampton Court Palace, the home of King Henry the Eighth.**

Noon Independent lunch at Hampton Court Palace.

1:00 p.m. Board your coach and return to London, to watch the West Milford Band's concert.

2:30 p.m. Concert by the West Milford Highlander Band at Coal Drops Yard, near Kings Cross

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3:30 p.m. **Station. This shopping complex and private owned public space was originally used to receive coal from South Yorkshire and trans-ship it to narrowboats o the Regent Canal and to horse-drawn carts. In 2018 it was redeveloped to be come a center for shops and open air events.**

Return to your hotel.

Remainder of the evening independent for dinner and optional activities.
This would be a good night to go to the theatre.

Return to the hotel at your leisure.

***Tuesday,
April 14***

London/ Shrewsbury

7:30–8:45 a.m. Full English breakfast in the hotel main restaurant. Check out of the hotel.

9:00 a.m. Load luggage on your coach and depart for The Shard.

10:00 a.m. **Ride the elevator to the top of the Shard for a panoramic view of the city of London.**

11:00 a.m. After leaving the Shard in central London we head for Shrewsbury on the Welsh border. We will stop for lunch, photos and some shopping in the Cotswolds region. This lovely area, North West of Oxford, is characterized by gentle hills and unspoilt picture book villages.

3:30 p.m. Return to your coach for travel to Shrewsbury.

5:00 p.m. Arrive Shrewsbury and check into your hotel.

*The Prince Rupert Hotel
Butcher Row,
Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY1 1UQ
Phone: 01743 499955*

7:00 p.m. Dinner in the Prince Rupert Hotel.
Evening at leisure.

***Wednesday,
April 15***

**Shrewsbury/ Highlander Band Parade and Performances/
Powis Castle, Wales**

8:00 a.m. Full English breakfast in the hotel restaurant.

9:00 a.m. Shrewsbury walking tour with Blue Badge city guide.

11:00 a.m. Watch the West Milford Highlander Band as they Parade to Town Square led by Shrewbury's Town Crier, Martin Wood, and perform their Tattoo Concert.
Martin is the world's tallest Town Crier at 7 feet, 2 inches tall. He is known for playing Hagrid, in the Harry Potter movies.

Free time for independent lunch.

1:00 p.m. **Meet your coach for travel to Welshpool in Wales to visit Powis Castle.**

4:00 p.m. Return to Shrewsbury.
Independent dinner in Shrewsbury.

7:30 p.m. Walk to nearby St. Mary's Church.

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8:00 p.m. Concert Performance by the West Milford High School Highlander Band.

Remainder of evening at leisure.

***Thursday,
April 16***

Shrewsbury/ En route to Edinburgh, Scotland/ Stirling Castle

8:00 a.m. Full English breakfast in the hotel restaurant.

8:00 a.m. PROMPT Departure for Scotland, stopping en route in Scotland for lunch.

2:00 p.m. Arrive Stirling Castle to visit the castle and watch the West Milford High School Band perform in the Queen Anne Bowling Green Garden.

2:30 p.m. Tattoo Performance, Queen Anne Bowling Green Garden.

After the concert continue your castle visit.

Depart from Stirling for drive to Edinburgh.

5:00 p.m. Arrive Edinburgh and check into your hotel.

*The Holiday Inn Express Edinburgh Royal Mile
300 Cowgate
Edinburgh, Scotland EH1 1NA
+1 44 131 524 8401*

6:45 p.m. Walk from the hotel the short distance for dinner in Ciao Roma Italian Restaurant.

7:00 p.m. Dinner in Ciao Roma Restaurant.

Remainder of the evening at leisure

Edinburgh/ Edinburgh Castle

8:00 a.m. Breakfast in the hotel restaurant.

9:00 a.m. Board your coach for morning panoramic sightseeing tour ending with a visit to Edinburgh Castle.

11:30 a.m. Visit Edinburgh Castle.

Return at your leisure to your hotel in Edinburgh, just down the Royal Mile from the castle.

Remainder of the afternoon free for your independent lunch and to explore the fabulous city of Edinburgh and go shopping on the Royal Mile and Princes Street.

Independent dinner.

Evening at leisure.

***Saturday,
April 18***

Edinburgh

9:00 a.m. Breakfast in the hotel restaurant.

10:00 a.m. Meet your coach and transfer to Edinburgh's harbor to visit The Royal Yacht Britannia. This beautiful Yacht has been used by the British Royalty for their vacations. Princess Diana and Prince Charles spent their Honeymoon on the Yacht.

Noon Return to Edinburgh for your independent lunch and remainder of the afternoon free for shopping along the Royal Mile. Return to your hotel to get ready for dinner.

6:00 p.m. Depart for South Hall on the grounds of Pollack Halls for a Scottish party called a Ceilidh.

6:30 p.m. Piper Joe Smolinski will “Pipe in the Haggis” and Stan Reeves will recite “Address to the Haggis” by Robert Burns.

Scottish Dinner and Dancing.

10:30 p.m. Return to the hotel.

Start packing for your flight home tomorrow.

**Sunday,
April 19**

Edinburgh/ En Route to JFK International Airport & Home

7:00 a.m. Breakfast at the hotel.

8:30 a.m. Depart for Edinburgh Airport. (Tagalongs Sarah Peterson and Tim LaPointe will join the students on their coach and fly home with the Student Group at 1:45 p.m).

9:15 a.m. Check in for your British Airways Flight #1443 to JFK via London Heathrow.

11:30 a.m. Depart Edinburgh changing planes in London Heathrow.

1:05 p.m. Flight #1443 arrives Heathrow. Transfer to B.A. Flight 0113.

4:20 p.m. Flight B.A. #0113 departs Heathrow.

7:15 p.m. Arrive JFK International Airport.

Meet your West Milford coaches and travel back to West Milford High School.

Welcome Home!