



## **THE MYSTERIES OF ANCIENT BRITAIN AND STONEHENGE – AUGUST 15-24, 2020**

**In August 2020 Ancient Origins Tours explores the mysteries of Stonehenge and southern Britain with an exclusive 10-day, 9-night tour with special guests Andrew Collins and Graham Phillips.**

Experience the mysterious ancient sites of southern England including Stonehenge, Avebury, Stanton Drew, as well as the stone circles, megalithic structures and remote landscapes of Devon and Cornwall. Visit also Glastonbury, land of the Holy Grail, and Tintangel, the legendary birthplace of King Arthur. Learn about the sites to be visited as well as the very latest news and theories on Stonehenge and the megalithic builders of ancient Britain with regular guidance and presentations from guests Andrew Collins and Graham Phillips. Take part in meditations where permissible. Dine in some of England's oldest and most renowned pubs and hotels on this journey of a lifetime.

### **10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS**

### **MEETING PLACE LONDON HEATHROW AIRPORT**

*Pick up point for start of tour is the arrival lounge of any designated terminal at London's Heathrow Airport. On arrival, all clients will be given transfers to hotel regardless of arrival time or date. At the end of the tour all clients will be brought to Heathrow Airport on the same shared transfer.*

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## **ITINERARY**

### **Day 1 - Saturday, August 15, 2020**

#### **Salisbury**

Arrive at London Heathrow Airport and be met by your tour manager.

Board your modern motor-coach and travel to Salisbury.

Check-in to hotel.

Spend the afternoon at leisure.

This evening, enjoy an orientation and lecture with Andrew Collins

Return to your hotel by evening transfer.

Overnight, bed and breakfast at your hotel in Salisbury or area. --

## **Day 2 - Sunday, August 16, 2020**

### **Stonehenge & Marlborough**

In the morning, enjoy a private visit to Stonehenge, one of the greatest wonders of the ancient world, built by the megalithic culture of Britain nearly 5,000 years ago.

Continue to Marlborough.

Check-in to your hotel.

Spend some free time at leisure in the historical town of Marlborough, home of some of the most prestigious schools in Britain.

In the afternoon, visit Avebury, the largest stone circle and henge monument in the world. Built as much as 4,500 years ago, the Avebury stone circle complex is so large it embraces a scenic medieval village of the same name.

Afterwards, visit nearby Silbury Hill, the largest artificial mound in Europe built around 4,000 years ago. Examine its remarkable construction and learn about its history and purpose. In the evening, enjoy the sunset (weather permitting) at West Kennet long barrow. Built as a funerary monument as much as 6,500 years ago, this incredible structure is still used today for meditation and drumming.

Return to your hotel by evening transfer.

Overnight, bed and breakfast at your hotel in Marlborough or area.

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## **Day 3 - Monday, August 17, 2020**

### **Marlborough**

In the morning, visit the nearby Devil's Den dolmen structure, and, if permissible, visit a newly formed crop circle in the surrounding landscape.

Spend the day at leisure in Marlborough.

In the evening, enjoy a skywatch and meditation at the Knap Hill car park, and visit also the site of a former long barrow on nearby Adam's Grave. Return to your hotel by evening transfer.

Overnight, bed and breakfast at your hotel in Marlborough or area.

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## **Day 4 - Tuesday, August 18, 2020**

### **Glastonbury**

In the morning, travel to Glastonbury, the legendary Isle of Avalon in Celtic myth and legend. Visit the breathtaking ruins of Glastonbury Abbey, where you can inspect the alleged grave of King Arthur. See also Chalice Well, a holy site of great peace and tranquility. Learn about its connections with the Iron Age druids and also the mysteries of the Goddess. In the afternoon, climb the iconic Glastonbury Tor, on the summit of which is the isolated tower of a former medieval church dedicated to St Michael.

Check-in to your hotel.

Overnight, bed and breakfast at your hotel in Wells or area.

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## **Day 5 - Wednesday, August 19, 2020**

### **Glastonbury to Chagford**

Depart Glastonbury and travel to Stanton Drew, the second largest stone circle complex in Britain. Walk among its various stone circles and stone settings, all built during the Early Bronze Age. Learn about the site's astronomical associations. Enjoy lunch at the nearby Druid Arms pub, in the gardens of which is a further megalithic monument associated with the nearby Stanton Drew complex.

Continue to Dartmoor.

Check-in to your hotel.

Overnight, bed and breakfast at your hotel in Chagford or area.

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## **Day 6 - Saturday, August 20, 2020**

### **Dartmoor and St Columb**

In the morning, visit the Scorhill Stone Circle on Dartmoor. Take in the ambience of this remote area of southern Britain. Next, travel to St Columb Manor and visit the Nine Maidens stone circle, constructed around 4,000 years ago. Lunch at a local pub/restaurant. After lunch, spend some free time at leisure in Bodmin.

Check-in to your hotel.

Overnight, bed and breakfast at your hotel in Bodmin or area. –

## **Day 7 - Friday, August 21, 2020**

### **Liskeard**

Explore nearby Liskeard today. Visit Trethevy Quoit, a striking megalithic tomb structure lying between the villages of St Cleer and Darite. Locally known as “the Giant’s House,” Trethevy Quoit stands to a height of nine feet and consists of five standing stones capped by a large table stone.

Afterwards, visit the Hurlers, an extraordinary triple stone circle built around 2000 BCE and located on the Cornish granite uplands of Bodmin Moor.

Overnight, bed and breakfast at your hotel in Bodmin or area.

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## **Day 8 - Saturday, August 22, 2020**

### **Liskeard to Penzance**

Travel to Penzance to see the Merry Maidens stone circle located at the end of the famous St Michael Line of ancient sites including Avebury and Glastonbury. Also visit the impressive Boscawen-un stone circle. Built some 4,000 years ago, it is made up of nineteen standing stones set into an ellipse.

Overnight, bed and breakfast at your hotel in Bodmin or area.

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## **Day 9 – Sunday, August 23, 2020**

### **Bodmin to Reading**

Depart Bodmin this morning and travel to Reading.

En-route, visit Tintagel Castle, an impressive medieval castle built on a dramatic headland overlooking the Bristol Channel. According the twelfth-century writer Geoffrey of Monmouth, Tintagel Castle was the birthplace of King Arthur, who became King of the Britains and who united the country against the invading Saxons during the early sixth century CE.

Visit also the nearby Merlin’s Cave (tide permitting), where according to legend Merlin the Magician sheltered the young King Arthur.

Lunch at a local pub/restaurant.

Continue to Reading.

Overnight, bed and breakfast at your hotel in Reading hotel. --

## **Day 10 - Monday, August 24, 2020**

### **Farewell / Onward Journey**

Travel to London Heathrow Airport (approx. 1 hour) today.

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## **PRICING**

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#### **10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS**

**Price per person based on double occupancy: \$4550**

**Please note prices are based on a single person sharing a cabin with another tour guest**

**Single occupancy supplement: \$1345**

#### **BASIC TOUR DEPOSIT \$800**

Please note prices are based on a single person sharing a room/cabin with another tour guest

Register your details to hold your place on this exclusive tour. To secure your place a deposit payment of US\$800 per person is required within 48 hours of completing the form. Payment details are noted at the end of the form.

#### **TOUR DEPOSIT \$800 PER PERSON**

A deposit of \$800 per person is required to secure immediate booking. The remainder of the payment will be required ten weeks before the start date of the tour.

Any problems or queries contact Travel The Unknown - <https://www.traveltheunknown.com/>

#### **PRICE PER PERSON INCLUDES**

- 9 nights at good 3-4 hotels
- Breakfast at hotel each day
- Lunch at a local pub/restaurant x 3
- Dinner in hotel on 3 nights
- Visits to Stonehenge, Avebury stone circle, Silbury Hill, West Kennet long barrow, Knap Hill, Adam's Grave, Devil's Den, Glastonbury Abbey, Stanton Drew stone circles, Glastonbury Abbey, Glastonbury Tor, Chalice Well, Trethevy Quoit, Nine Maidens stone circle, Boscawen-un stone

circle, Scorhill stone circle, Hurlers stone circle, Merry Maidens stone circle, Tintagel Castle, Merlin's Cave

- Parking fees associated with visits
- Modern motor-coach with driver
- rooms with private bath or shower – 10 inclusive days
- 10 full days, days 1 – 10 inclusive (09h00 – 17h30)
- Modern motor-coach with driver x 3 evening return transfers, on days 1, 2 and 3
- English-speaking guide x 10 full days, days 1 – 10 inclusive (09h00 – 17h30)
- Service charges and taxes at existing rates
- Porterage of one piece of luggage in and out of hotels
- Two free places for tour leaders (single rooms)

*Final choice of accommodation is subject to change. We will choose hotels of a similar standard where hotel shown is not used.*

*Please note that check-in in some of the hotels may not be available until 15h00*

*Tours are run in association with award-winning travel company Travel the Unknown.*

## **\*\*Important\*\***

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Before making any booking please read the Ancient Origins Terms and Conditions for all its tours and tour guests. All information regarding the tours are current per the website. This document may or may not reflect the most current information. Please confirm the website details before booking. Final choice of accommodation is subject to change. We will choose hotels of a similar standard where hotel shown is not used.

***On this tour, we will be visiting and staying at several local English hotels. Due to their historic nature, these properties do not have lifts/elevators installed. All travelers must be able to climb stairs unassisted to access their rooms. Requests can be made for ground level rooms, but these are subject to the hotel's availability and will not be finalized until check-in.***

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