

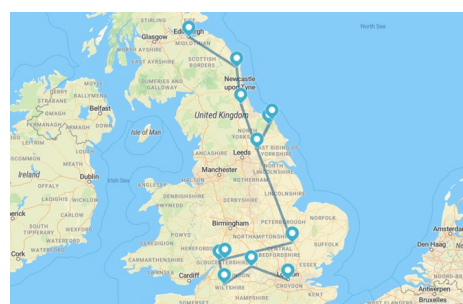


Great Britain, 6 Days · Your own car at your own pace

Harry Potter Route

If you are a Harry Potter fan and have ever wondered where the movies were filmed or how J.K. Rowling wrote her books, this is your route. Go first to the studios of Warner Bros, near London, to see the sets, clothes and artifacts used in the film saga. Visit the King's Cross area in London where many scenes were filmed. Then you will head to Oxford to see the 'college' that served as inspiration for the Great Hall and the library that housed the Hogwarts hospital. You will also go to historic cities such as Gloucester or Durham to see its imposing cathedrals, where the films were also filmed. Your last stage will be in Edinburgh, where J.K. Rowling began writing this popular series of books. In this city you will find many connections with Harry Potter. Also, you will have a drink in the cafeteria where Rowling wrote while enjoying excellent views of the castle that dominates the city.

Departure date: Departures from July 2026 till June 2027



FAMILIES

Travel details

DAY 1 · LEAVESDEN - LONDON

Head to the Warner Bros. studios in Leavesden, about 40 kilometers from London. During the visit you will marvel at some of the sets used in the films such as the Great Dining Room, the Ministry of Magic, Diagon Alley and others. In addition, you will see the costumes of the protagonists, observe the designs of monsters and other creatures of the saga and, of course, you can touch the original wands. Two of the most requested attractions are broom flying and riding Hagrid's bike. Finally, you will have the opportunity to taste Bertie Bott's butter beer and dragees. Admission is between 30 and 40 pounds. After the visit, head to London. On the banks of the River Thames, London is an authentic global city, with a vibrant atmosphere and an undeniable cultural and tourist offer. In addition, the city is one of the main financial centers of the world. Upon arrival, head over to St Pancras Station, with its red-brick façade that you'll recognise from the films. Right next to the Saint Pancras station is the King's Cross station. Inside, you'll see the sign for Platform 9¾ with a trolley embedded into the wall. The lead characters of Harry Potter had to cross this wall to reach the platform for the Hogwarts Express, the train that transported the magic students to Hogwarts to continue with their learning. Also in this area is Leadenhall Market, a location used for the wizards' entrance to the Leaky Cauldron. The King's Cross area has become very fashionable in recent years. Try a local restaurant such as "Granger & Co", "Grain Store" or "Karpo". Overnight stay in London.

● DAY 2 · LONDON - OXFORD - LACOCK - GLOUCESTER / CHELTENHAM (GLOUCESTERSHIRE REGION)

Get ready for a long day ahead. You'll set off from London towards Gloucester.

En route, there'll be stops at Oxford and Lacock. After 100 kilometres, you'll arrive in Oxford, home of the oldest university in the English-speaking world. Oxford is nicknamed "the city of dreaming spires" and is famous for its architectural harmony and diversity. Oxford is a must-visit on the Harry Potter Route, as it played host to many scenes from the films. Christ Church College is home to the Great Hall that served as the inspiration for the creation of the famous Hogwarts dining hall. In Oxford you can also see the Bodleian Library. This is where the real-life Duke Humfrey's Library was used as the Hogwarts library, and the Divinity School as the hospital wing for injured students. Last but not least, the New College courtyard is where Harry confronts Malfoy. (Note: Admission not included. Before visiting these places, we recommend checking the opening hours and booking in advance, whenever possible). About 65 miles (100 kilometres) separate Oxford from Lacock, a beautifully-preserved village founded in the Middle Ages that is reminiscent of times gone by. It's home to Lacock Abbey, a popular place in the films that was the stand-in for the Defence Against the Dark Arts classroom and Professor Snape's Potions classroom. The first is in the Warming Room, while the second is in the Sacristy. Lacock Abbey can be visited every day from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm.

From Lacock, head over to Gloucester to spend the night.

Overnight stay in Gloucester, Cheltenham and surroundings.

● DAY 3 · GLOUCESTER / CHELTENHAM - HARDWICK HALL - YORK

You can tailor your activities today depending on where you spend the night. A great way to start off is by visiting Gloucester, a city founded in Roman times that due to its location became an important trading area between Wales and England. Its majestic cathedral, built between 1089 and 1499, was used for numerous scenes from the Harry Potter films. Several interior shots of Hogwarts were filmed at Gloucester Cathedral. For example, the corridor leading to the Fat Lady or the Gryffindor Common Room are found there. As the visits depend on the times of religious services, it's best to check opening hours in advance. Near Gloucester is the Forest of Dean, which also appeared in the film saga. After these fascinating visits, it's time to hit the road again. The next stop will be York, which lies 300 kilometres away. Along the way, you can stop off at Hardwick Hall, near Chesterfield. This sixteenth-century Elizabethan country house was the setting for Malfoy Manor in Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows. Then onward to York. Overnight stay in York.

● DAY 4 · YORK - GOATHLAND - YORK

Explore York in the morning. This is a historic English city of major importance during Roman and Viking times, while also playing a significant role in the Anglican Church. The Cathedral, the castle and the walls are must-sees. York also made its mark on the Harry Potter film saga. The construction of Diagon Alley was inspired by The Shambles, a medieval street in the old area that's well worth seeing. Also, when Harry and Hagrid stroll over the bridge at King's Cross, it's actually York train station.

In the afternoon, you can combine the visit to this beautiful city with a trip.

Just 37 miles (60 kilometres) away is Goathland, a small town whose train station is Hogsmeade Station in the Harry Potter films, i.e. from where the students would travel to Hogwarts. It was built in 1865 and is exactly the same as it appears on screen. After the visit, head back over to York. The York area is known for its production of rhubarb. Make sure you try a rhubarb pie before you leave!

Overnight stay in York.

● DAY 5 · YORK - DURHAM - ALNWICK - EDINBURGH

Today's itinerary is quite long. During the first part of the day, you'll travel around 70 miles (110 kilometres) north to Durham, a picturesque city with the third oldest university in England. Durham Cathedral, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was used for interior and exterior scenes of Hogwarts, such as the chapter house that doubled for Professor McGonagall's classroom. The Durham Cathedral's cloister is where Harry Potter gave a letter to his owl. The Cathedral can be visited every day until 6.00 pm. Continue your drive north for about 53 miles (85 kilometres) until you reach Alnwick Castle, the very spot where Harry had his first flying lesson and where Ron and he crash-landed the flying car at Hogwarts. The castle can be visited from 10.00 am and 5.00 pm, with admission costing between 14 and 25 pounds. This includes a flight on a broomstick! Eighty six miles (140 kilometres) separate you from Edinburgh.

In search of some spectacular views? Then head up to Calton Hill. From the top, you'll get an unbeatable panoramic view of the city, with the sea in the background. A recommendation for dinner? Pop over the picture-postcard neighbourhood of Leith, located on the Firth of Forth estuary in the northern part of the city. Here you can pick a table at one of the city's most famous restaurants.

Overnight stay in Edinburgh.

● DAY 6 · EDINBURGH

Edinburgh plays a key role in Harry Potter. This is where J.K. Rowling started writing the books. There are several guided walking tours around the iconic places where the writer found inspiration to create the adventures of Harry Potter. You can go for a drink at The Elephant House coffee shop, which boasts magnificent views of the castle. It is here where Rowling started writing the early Harry Potter books. From there, head over to the nearby Greyfriars Kirkyard (graveyard). Many of the names on the tombs in this graveyard will remind you of the fictional characters in Harry Potter, as Rowling used them for her novels. What's more, this place inspired the fight between Harry and Voldemort in "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire". Greyfriars is also famous for the Bobby the dog, who for twelve years guarded his master's grave. Such was the magnitude of this story that a statue of the pooch was built in the cemetery. From here, you can head towards Edinburgh City Chambers on the Royal Mile. In the grounds of this building are golden handprints engraved in stone of Rowling and other prominent citizens. For lunch, head to "Spoon", a café frequented by the author and which has a varied menu. Enjoy a free afternoon in Edinburgh, a city you're bound to love. For this, there's nothing better than mooching around the Old Town. This area oozes a magical air and includes medieval highlights such as Edinburgh Castle. This historic fortress is the most significant feature of the city's profile, and a mandatory stop on any trip to the Scottish capital. The castle visit includes the Honours of Scotland (a.k.a. the Scottish Crown Jewels) - which are among the oldest in Europe - and the Stone of Destiny, the former coronation throne of the Scottish monarchy. It goes without saying that one of the country's greatest treasures is its whisky. You must also make sure you try the legendary haggis, a spicy and flavoursome Scottish speciality made from lamb offal.

End of the route.

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| ✓ Stay in selected hotel in London | ✓ Selected meal plan in London |
| ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Gloucestershire. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Gloucestershire. |
| ✓ Stay in selected hotel in York. | ✓ Selected meal plan in York. |
| ✓ Selected meal plan in Edinburgh. | ✓ Insolvency protection. |
| | ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Edinburgh. |

Your trip doesn't include

✗ Accommodation taxes in Edinburgh direct payment in facility.

✗ Possible toll charges.

✗ Rent-a-car.

Destinations Visited

London



Oxford



Lacock



Gloucester



Cheltenham



Hardwick



York



Goathland



Whitby



Durham



Alnwick



Edinburgh



Important remarks

- From 5 March 2025, it is mandatory to obtain an ETA Electronic Travel Authorisation in advance and online to enter the United Kingdom. This form must be obtained through the website Apply for an electronic travel authorisation (ETA) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).
- Triple rooms in Europe are generally rooms with twin beds or a double, in which a folding bed is installed to accommodate the third person. Due to the inconvenience this causes, we advise against using this option as far the possible.
- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.

- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.