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is an award
winning
education
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provider

Founded in 1993, the Group has grown rapidly to become a major provider of a wide variety of educational programmes for both UK and international students.

TWIN has excelled as a British Council Accredited English language provider as well as specialising in career development and employability skills, achieving LTM Star Work Experience Provider 2008 winner status at the 2008 Language Travel Magazine awards.

As a market leading award winning English language and work experience provider, Twin Group is able to offer a boutique, tailor made service to individuals and groups on a wide variety of exciting programmes, paving the way for career development.

In addition to British Council recognition Twin is an OFSTED inspected organisation that is recognised as an exam preparation centre for the London Development Agency, European Social Fund, Department for Education & Skills, the Institute of Leadership & Management and the Chartered Management Institute.



From left to right: Janinah, Ondine, Claire, Myriam and Holly

TAILOR MADE GROUP TOURS TO THE UK



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Twin's Group Travel department is specialised in organising tailor made group tours to the United Kingdom and Ireland and our service is completely flexible – we can organise accommodation only, a full tour (or anything in between!). Our tours are for groups of all ages from all over the world, from as little as 5 per group to groups of over 200 people.



SAMPLE PROGRAMMES

2 Capitals of UK – London & Edinburgh tour



Day 1	Morning guided tour of London including Whitehall, 10 Downing Street, Houses of Parliament & Big Ben . In the afternoon take a cruise down the River Thames to the Tower of London
Day 2	Full day tour by coach to the university city of Cambridge , visit to Kings College one of the oldest Cambridge colleges, having been founded in 1441 by King Henry VI
Day 3	Another full day in London . Morning walking tour today of the South Bank area . This re-generated area is now home to many of London's top attractions including the Tate Modern Art Gallery, HMS Belfast, London Eye and Shakespeare's Globe . In the afternoon walk over the infamous Millennium Bridge across the River Thames to St Pauls Cathedral . In the evening a visit to the theatre to see one of London's top musicals
Day 4	Coach transfer to Kings Cross station for train to Edinburgh . The journey by train takes approximately 5 hours. From your window you will be able to see the ever-changing British landscape. On arrival in Edinburgh transfer to your chosen accommodation (we can provide hotel, hostel or host family accommodation in Edinburgh)
Day 5	Morning guided tour of Edinburgh including the Royal Mile, Edinburgh Castle and Palace of Holyrood House Evening ghost walking tour of Edinburgh's Old Town
Day 6	Full day excursion by coach to Highlands & Loch Ness – the famous loch where legend says the Loch Ness monster lives. Travel through spectacular scenery en-route and on arrival at Loch Ness take a boat cruise to see if you can find the monster!
Day 7	Full day excursion to Stirling to visit its magnificent castle, we will visit the Wallace (Braveheart) Monument and the Battlefield at Bannockburn , which was the key battle in what are now known as the Scottish wars of Independence.

Highlights of Southern England tour

Day 1	Full day tour in London . In the morning enjoy a panoramic tour of London with your own guide. In the afternoon enjoy a river cruise down the Thames from Embankment Pier to Greenwich Pier . Spend the rest of the afternoon in Greenwich , home to the National Maritime Museum and Royal Observatory
Day 2	In the morning visit the world famous Madame Tussauds and Baker Street , home to Sherlock Holmes. In the afternoon visit the Egyptian collection at the British Museum , followed by shopping on Oxford Street
Day 3	Transfer to Bath via a visit to Windsor Castle , one of the Queen's official residences and the oldest and largest occupied Castle in the world
Day 4	A full day to explore Bath and its wonderfully preserved Georgian architecture. Visits to the Royal Crescent and Roman Baths will be included
Day 5	Transfer today to the beautiful city of Oxford , home to one of the oldest UK universities. Visit one of the colleges, Christchurch College , which also has a more recent claim to fame: the college was used as a location for Hogwart's School in the recent Harry Potter films!
Day 6	Full day tour of Stratford-upon-Avon , home to the UK's most famous playwright, William Shakespeare . There are many properties which Shakespeare or members of his family lived in at various stages of their lives, we will visit his famous birthplace in the centre of the town and we will also visit Anne Hathaway's Cottage (Shakespeare's wife's pre-marital home) in the nearby small village of Shottery .

Henry VIII and Tudor - London - 7 night tour

**Day
1**

Arrival at accommodation in London



**Day
2**

Morning guided tour to include **Buckingham Palace, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square and Hyde Park**, also including **Westminster Abbey** where Henry's daughter, Elizabeth I is buried. In the afternoon visit the reconstructed **Globe Theatre** on the South Bank of the Thames, Shakespeare wrote many of his plays for this theatre. The original was built in 1599, but burnt down in 1613.



**Day
3**

In the morning visit the **Tower of London**. Two of Henry VIII's wives, Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard were imprisoned in the Tower and later beheaded on Tower Green. Afternoon is free for independent sightseeing or shopping.

**Day
4**

Excursion to **Hampton Court Palace**, which Henry used as his summer residence throughout his reign. Henry's only son, Edward, was born at Hampton Court and his mother, Henry's third wife, Jane Seymour died at the palace a few days after his birth. You can visit the Tudor kitchen and the Great Hall which is little changed since his Henry VIII's time.

**Day
5**

Full day excursion to **Portsmouth** to view the **Mary Rose**. The Mary Rose was Henry VIII's pride and joy, the greatest ship built in Britain at that time, but it sank in front of the horrified gaze of the entire royal court just off Portsmouth harbour. In October 1982 the ship was excavated from the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean and the long refurbishment and conservation project began.

**Day
6**

Full day to explore the county of **Kent** known as "The Garden of England". In the morning we will visit the beautiful **Hever Castle**. This was the childhood home of Ann Boleyn, the second wife of Henry VIII (you will already have seen her execution place when visiting the Tower of London!). Hever is many people's idea of what a 'real' castle should look like, from its gateway and courtyard to its surrounding moat. Inside the castle you can view Ann Boleyn's bedroom and two magnificent Books of Hours (prayer books), both signed and inscribed by Anne Boleyn. The gardens of Hever Castle are also very impressive. On the way back to London we will visit the small Kent town of **Sevenoaks** to visit **Ightham Mote**, a manor house built in 1320 which has a Tudor chapel with painted ceiling.

**Day
7**

On our final day we visit **Windsor Castle**, still used by today's Queen as an official residence, it is the burial place of Henry VIII and his third wife, Jane Seymour. We will also visit the nearby town of **Eton**, home to England's best known and most expensive private school - Eton College. Both Prince William and Prince Harry attended this school.

**Day
8**

Departure transfer back to airport or to Dover for groups travelling with their own coach



FOR GROUPS TRAVELLING WITH THEIR OWN COACH:

- 7 nights full board host family accommodation in London
- Return ferry crossing for the coach and passengers
- 15 hours of English lessons (optional)
- Guide for half day tour of London on day 2
- Free group leader places (1:10)
- Free places for up to 3 coach drivers
- Group Organiser services including 24 hour back-up
- Full head office assistance, administration and visa support
- Paid entrances to a number of attractions indicated in sample programmes

FOR GROUPS ARRIVING BY AIR:

- 7 nights full board host family accommodation in London
- 15 hours of English lessons (optional)
- Return London Airport transfers
- Daily excursion travel passes
- Coach and guide for half day tour of London on day 2
- Coach for full day excursion to Oxford and Stratford-upon-Avon on day 7
- Free group leader places (1:10)
- Group Organiser services including 24 hour back-up
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ENGLISH LESSONS

We offer English courses at our British Council and EnglishUK accredited English schools in London, Eastbourne and Salisbury.



Groups will be taught by qualified EFL teachers in either closed groups or integrated in mixed classes with other nationalities. Classes can be General English or if the group

study in closed groups we can tailor their English lessons to subjects they have been studying at home or concentrate on areas of weakness.

We can also arrange English language lessons throughout the UK such as in Edinburgh, York, Oxford and Cambridge.

Sample 7 day Tour based on lessons at our Twin English Centre London

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
Ferry crossing from Calais – Dover OR coach transfer from any London airport to accommodation	<p>AM: Testing & English Lessons at Twin English Centre, London</p> <p>PM: Panoramic tour of central London with English speaking or your own language guide</p>	<p>AM: English lessons</p> <p>PM: Excursion to Greenwich including entrance to National Maritime Museum & Royal Observatory</p>	<p>AM: English lessons</p> <p>PM: Excursion to Windsor including entrance to Windsor Castle</p>	<p>AM: English lessons</p> <p>PM: Visit to your choice of one of London's many attractions</p>	<p>AM: English lessons</p> <p>PM: Visit to Madame Tussauds</p>	<p>Full day Excursion to Oxford and Stratford-upon-Avon including entrance to Shakespeare's Birthplace</p>	Travel back to Dover for ferry crossing back home or coach transfer back to airport

TRANSPORT



FLIGHTS / FERRY CROSSINGS

We can book your inbound flights to the UK, and we can also arrange your Eurostar or ferry crossing from mainland Europe. Our rates are very competitive due to the large volume of business we operate annually.

COACH

We work with renowned coach companies and we can take care of your coach transfers from the port to your accommodation. If your group needs a meet and greet service at the airport we can provide this too. We can also book coaches for daytrips and full tours all over the UK.

TRAVEL CARDS AND TRAIN TICKETS

We can arrange travel cards for all your travel needs in London, and we can also book your train tickets for travel within the UK.

EXCURSIONS

We have special rates with all the popular attractions throughout the UK including:

- Brighton Pavillion
- Banqueting House
- Buckingham Palace
- Henry Royal Pass
- Kensington Palace
- London Aquarium
- Hampton Court Palace
- London Dungeon
- Tower of London
- London Eye
- London Zoo
- Mme Tussauds
- Ripleys Believe it or Not Museum
- St Pauls Cathedral
- The Household Cavalry Museum
- River Thames Cruises
- Royal Historic Palaces



Our Blue Badge guides speak over 20 languages. For groups on a budget, we are able to source mentors who are responsible for escorting groups and looking after their safety during their stay.

OTHER SERVICES



We can also arrange theatre tickets, restaurants and packed lunches, as well as 3 day packages to Paris or any specific request.



We also offer a variety of vacation programmes for groups in residential and homestay centres throughout the year in a number of destinations around the UK.



ACCOMMODATION



HOTELS

The UK, and especially London, offers a wide range of hotels. Twin works together with budget hotels as well as with one to five star hotels.

We can book the Queens Hotel in zone 3 of London from only £16 per person per night.

YHA HOSTELS

Twin is an official YHA agent. This means that we can offer you a choice of more than 200 hostels spread over London and the rest of the UK.

We also book independent hostels such as Clink Hostel in Central London from only £17 per person per night

RESIDENTIAL CENTRES

Residential accommodation offers younger groups the opportunity to stay together on a residential campus.

HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION

Staying with a host family is by far the most popular way of experiencing life in Britain. Over 20,000 students stay in one of our homestay centres in London and throughout the UK each year. We have around 60 host family centres throughout the UK and

16 centres in London alone. We work with a well-established and trusted network of high quality host families across the UK. Our experienced in-house accommodation department organises accommodation in South East London, Eastbourne and Salisbury. Outside of these areas we work with carefully selected local area representatives who organise accommodation in all other areas. Our local area representatives are the first point of contact for groups, meeting them on arrival

and departure, as well as twice a day throughout their stay to ensure that the highest level of satisfaction is achieved.

Homestay accommodation is usually on a full board basis: bed, breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal. Host families are also provided for group leaders and coach drivers, but we can also book local guest houses and hotels if preferred. Guests are accommodated in groups of two, three or four per family.

We can provide English lessons at many of our homestay centres and through our own British Council schools in London, Eastbourne and Salisbury.



HOMESTAY CENTRES



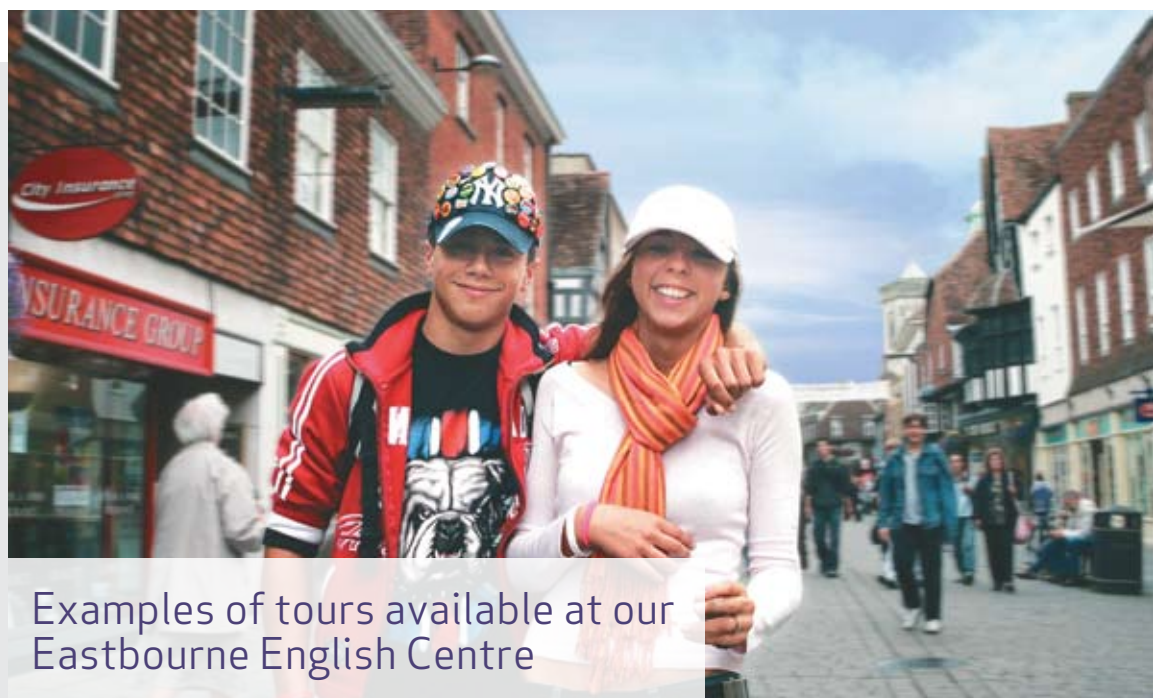
Twin can arrange homestay accommodation in all the locations on this map. Please note that we are always developing new homestay centres and are able to find accommodation in all cities around the UK, simply ask our experienced operators for advice on centres that best suit your groups requirements.



SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS

We are able to organise tours of any nature for any size group such as:

- University visits with guides for parents and academics wishing to experience life at a British University.
- Visits to companies and factories, schools and colleges
- Academic programmes offered in our schools



Examples of tours available at our Eastbourne English Centre



SCHOOL VISITS

A programme designed to compare the differences between the UK education system with the educational system in different countries around the world. Including an afternoon [or morning] school visit to meet students of a similar age.

CULTURE

1066 Country and Castles with Hastings [smugglers caves] Pevensey, Bodiam and Hastings Castles.

COUNTRYSIDE & SEASIDE

Beachy Head, Seven Sisters and the South Downs; beach walks etc. Historical/cultural Eastbourne & Brighton [including visits to an

Art Gallery in Eastbourne and the Royal Pavilion in Brighton].

LITERARY SUSSEX

For example: Virginia Woolfe at Charlston Farmhouse, Rudyard Kipling at Batemans; George Orwell in *Eastbourne*; AA Milne and Winnie The Pooh in Ashdown Forest [including a visit to Pooh Corner and playing Pooh sticks from Pooh Bridge].

EASTBOURNE: TRADITIONAL ENGLISH SEASIDE

Visiting the Pier; Sovereign Harbour; Mini Golf; Traditional English Cream Tea + Hastings or Brighton Excursions: Smugglers Caves; Royal Pavillon etc.



English Culture & Heritage, literature, Shakespeare, Dickens, Harry Potter ...



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"I thank you very much for the great job you have done to tailor my trip and I am looking forward to working with you in the future".

Oleg Kolesnyk, Ukraine

"I just wanted to thank you for all that you did for me and my group. We had a wonderful trip. We'll be in touch for future trips. I wish you all the best!"

Arlinda Bajgora, Kosova

"Our group returned to Moscow safely. All of them are very much delighted

and have great impressions of the sightseeing programme, school, and most of all, the place where they were staying. It had nice surroundings, was a quiet place, had comfortable rooms and good food. Thank you very much for choosing this place for us and for everything that you've done preparing our visit to London!

It has always been a pleasure to work with you. I hope we will continue our fruitful contact in the future."

Olga Bulatova, Russia



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