

UK - BRIDGING THE CULTURAL GAP

A WEALTH OF DIVERSITY AND A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

OXFORD

This ancient and famous seat of learning was also briefly the nation's capital city during the English Civil War when the loyalists of King Charles I refused to accept the rule of Oliver Cromwell's Puritans. Oxford revolves around its world famous university with its 38 colleges whose architecture led to its poetic description as the 'City of Dreaming Spires'.



UK University Map



High Street



York



Stratford Canal



Fish and Chips

LONDON

The UK's capital city needs no introduction as it is a city state in its own right, acting as a magnet drawing people from all over the globe and defying economic trends in the same way that New York, Singapore, Shanghai and Tokyo thrive, identifiable with, yet independent of their domestic countries. Culturally diverse and rich in history, London is Europe's largest city and home to The Queen with a wealth of 'must see' destinations including Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, the River Thames and London's economic power house that is known simply as 'The City'.



STRATFORD UPON AVON

Shakespeare's birthplace on the banks of the River Avon in West Midlands is home to theatre lovers of all persuasions. Here you can take in a play, visit old and new in this medieval market town and even step back in time to experience a medieval banquet in the style and costume of 16th century England. Now home to nature lovers and tourists, this town thrived in the days before rail and road when water was the main mode of transport and the Stratford Canal junction with the River Avon basin is a popular destination for waterway holidays with industrial narrowboat transport barges now converted into floating hotels.



THE LAKE DISTRICT

Fomed from receding glaciers this area of outstanding natural beauty in the North West of England is a mountainous region famous for its lakes, forests and fells covering some 2,362 square kilometers of UNESCO World Heritage. The impressive scenery with its long distance footpaths, working farms and quaint villages make 'The Lakes' a popular 'go to' destination offering quality lakeside inns and a host



of local pubs and eateries whilst associations with poets such as William Wordsworth and authors Beatrix Potter and Enid Blyton make this a must see for all visitors to the country.



UK DISCOVERED

From the Highlands of Scotland, the tartan clans and ancient cities of Stirling and Edinburgh, through famous Roman cities of York and Bath, the rolling countryside and market towns of Buckingham and Loughborough; through culturally diverse ports such as Liverpool and Bristol, transport and network hubs such as Manchester and Leeds, not to mention London itself with its host of learning centres, UK offers an oasis of education, activities and atmosphere.

Growing up in a small town in England I was fortunate to be educated at Oxford and Durham universities before going to live and work in London where I bought my first house. Since that time I have travelled far and wide, lived and worked in Europe, Middle East, Africa and Aisa, developed business and projects in a variety of different fields and places, yet home for me will always be UK. Whether it's the sense of humour, the pleasure of reading an English newspaper or a good fish n chip supper with a glass of English Ale, for me it's a great life and a great place and I welcome you all.

Best wishes,

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