

The Classic Pilgrim and Mayflower Tour

8 day / 7* night Guided Tour*

London, Harwich, Lincoln, the Pilgrim Villages,
Worcester, Dartmouth, Plymouth.

This Mayflower tour is provided by

ACTIVEENGLAND

Begin your tour in London, travel to Plymouth,
The Pilgrim Roots region, onto Worcester,
Dartmouth and the final departure point of the
Mayflower - Plymouth.



OFFICIAL TOUR OPERATOR

The tour is designed with the active traveller in mind and there are biking and walking options the majority of days.

There are a variety of routes to suit all ages and fitness levels. We also welcome guests who do not want to travel in an active way. The tour is fully supported and guided or self-guided and the price is also inclusive of all accommodation on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis. Also included are all bikes and equipment and entry into all the points of interest.

In fact the only time guests need to put their hands in their pockets is for lunch, normally informal in pubs and cafes and for dinner drinks.

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*First night in guests pre-booked hotel



Day 1 London. Southwark / Rotherhithe

(Guests to stay in their pre-booked hotels or in hotels which are bookable through Active England)



The tour starts in London in the afternoon, where we meet guests at Tower Hill tube station before heading across the river to Southwark and Rotherhithe, where the Mayflower set sail for Southampton. We visit Southwark cathedral, where Shakespeare's brother was buried and the John Harvard Chapel, dedicated to the visionary who went on to found Harvard University and also see the Golden Hinde which Sir Francis Drake circumnavigated the globe in 1577-80. We will have dinner at the Mayflower Pub in Rotherhithe and give guests a full briefing on the rest of the tour.



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2-3 miles



Flat

Day 2 Harwich to Lincoln – Stay Lincoln



We travel out of London to Harwich, in the morning. At Harwich we have lunch and visit the Captain of the Mayflowers House and the Guildhall before moving on to Lincoln where we will spend the night at the White Hart Hotel. There is the opportunity for a late afternoon ride or walk when we arrive at Lincoln.



10-20 miles



Flat



4-6 miles



Flat

Day 3 Boston, via Scotia Creek – Stay Lincoln



From our base in Lincoln we strike out from the city down the off-road Water Rail Way, dropping in for coffee in the lovely village of Woodhall Spa, before heading towards Boston. The route is pan flat and will work equally well for both cyclists and walkers. The walkers will start their walk further down the Water Rail Way and will walk directly into Boston for lunch. In Boston, the group will visit the Guildhall where Pilgrims including Bradford and Brewster were old and tried following their unsuccessful attempt to flee from England from nearby Scotia Creek. The Rev John Cotton preached at Boston Stump (St. Botolph's Church), and was influential in the emigration of 300 Bostonians from England to the USA. Visit the church and the memorial at Scotia Creek. Later in the afternoon there is the option to bike the route back, or jump in the support vehicle back to Lincoln where we again stay at the White Hart Hotel.



20-30 miles



Flat



4-8 miles



Flat

Day 4

The Pilgrim Villages – Scrooby, Austerfield, Gainsborough, and Babworth – Stay Lincoln



We bike or walk out of Lincoln along the off-road path and onto Retford where we jump on the bus and visit some of the iconic villages where the Mayflower Pilgrims lived and worshipped. We visit

- Babworth Church, where Richard Clifton preached from the Geneva bible
- Scrooby, where we sit in the original pews at St Wilfrid's Church and pass Scrooby Manor the former home of William Brewster and the Scrooby Separatist Congregation
- Austerfield, where William Bradford, the second Governor of the Colony was baptised
- Bawtry and onto Gainsborough, where we visit Gainsborough Old Hall and All Saints Church

We return to Lincoln in the mid afternoon and have the opportunity to visit the magnificent cathedral and castle which houses the 1215 Magna Carta, which influenced the Mayflower Compact, before once again staying at the White Hart Hotel.

 20-30 miles  Flat

 3-7 miles  Flat

Day 5

Worcester / Droitwich Spa and Plymouth – Stay Plymouth



A day spend mostly travelling down to the South West, with no cycling or walking. On the way we visit Worcester and Droitwich Spa where Pilgrim Edward Winslow lived and was baptised. We lunch in the beautiful town of Worcester, visit its Cathedral where Winslow studied and finish the day in Plymouth from where the Mayflower set sail in 1620. We stay at either the Holiday Inn, Jurys Inn or the Cophorne.

Traveling day.

Day 6

Explore Dartmouth – Stay Plymouth



After a morning cycle up the Drake's trail towards the beautiful Dartmoor or walk from the stunning village of Dittisham into Dartmouth itself, the tour visits Pilgrim Hill where the Mayflower was moored whilst the Speedwell was being repaired as well as Dartmouth Castle which guards the beautiful estuary. Dartmouth is a stunning town where guests can either take a boat trip around the harbour, a ride on a steam train or just soak up the atmosphere in the town where the Duke of Edinburgh first met the Queen! We travel back to Plymouth for the evening.

 20-40 miles  Gently Rolling

 3-8  Gently Rolling

Day 7 Explore Plymouth – Stay Plymouth



After the aborted first voyage, both the Speedwell and the Mayflower turned about for Plymouth and finally the Mayflower set sail with up to 30 crew and 102 passengers on board. Visit buildings, familiar to the Pilgrims which survive to this day including the Island House where Pilgrims are thought to have lodged, The Elizabethan House and Gardens, Black Friars (a gin distillery since 1793 but prior to that 'The Refectory' is believed to be the room where the Mayflower Pilgrims spent their last night before setting sail for the New World), the Mayflower steps, the Jacka Bakery, Custom House and the Mayflower Museum ('The Box' will open in 2020 telling the Mayflower story). A final night celebration dinner is held at the hotel giving guests a chance to unwind at the end of a memorable tour. Cycling is arranged on Dartmoor for those who would like a ½ day in the saddle and there is plenty of walking in and around Plymouth for those who would like to walk.

 20-30 miles  Rolling

 4-8 miles  Flat

Day 8 Plymouth and the end of the tour



Guests are free to further explore Plymouth and surrounding area with many taking the trip over to Cornwall and the magnificent Mount Edgumbe house and park. The tour finishes at lunchtime where guests are free to either stay on in the South West or transit back to London where we will aim to arrive by later afternoon. Many guests may also want to take a trip to Leiden in Holland which can be organised with prior notice.

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 2-3 miles  Gentle Rolling

Pricing

There are two pricing options which are inclusive of the following.

Guided Tours

- Six nights accommodation in a 4* hotel on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis (based on two people sharing)
- Bikes, either road, hybrid or ebikes (from Giant)
- Helmets and all other cycling equipment
- GPS / maps / written instructions for each route
- Mechanical support and back-up
- Guides who will be with the group at all times who are local and experts in the region
- Transfers on a daily basis
- An extra night (day 1) can be booked if guests have not already planned hotel accommodation at an extra cost.

Per person for Walking = \$US3429

Per person for Cycling = \$US3969

Group rates (from 10 people) for Walking = from \$US2749

Group rates (from 10 people) for Cycling = from \$US3199

Self-Guided Tours

- Six nights accommodation in a 4* hotel on a bed and breakfast basis
- Bikes, either road, hybrid or ebikes (from Giant)
- Helmets and all other cycling equipment
- GPS / maps / written instructions for each route
- Mechanical support and back-up
- Transfers on a daily basis

Per person for Walking = \$US2449

Per person for Cycling = \$US2799

Group rates (from 10 people) for Walking = from \$US1929

Group rates (from 10 people) for Cycling = from \$US2229

Additional pricing for coach travel and transfers from airports, ports to be quoted on a group basis and not included in the pricing guidelines above.