

GOTHIC IMAGE

Tours of Ancient Britain and Ireland England - a Spiritual Odyssey

26 May—4 June 2026

A magical tour of Stonehenge and Merlin's Britain

- Experience the energy of sacred sites and landscapes by following in the footsteps of Merlin, Morgan La Fey and King Arthur.
- Listen for whispered messages in Merlin's Cave at Tintagel, at Stonehenge, on the ancient Isle of Avalon (Glastonbury) and at Avebury.
- On the giant hill fort of Cadbury/Camelot, imagine standing under the light of the full moon, waiting to hear the thunder of hooves as Arthur's knights ride forth on their next adventure.
- Take part in a short Druid ceremony before we enter the prehistoric temple of Stonehenge.
- Through Tarot readings and daily cards, gain insight into your own spiritual journey.

DAY ONE: Tuesday 26 May

Rendezvous at **1 pm** - London Heathrow Airport, **Terminal 5**, Arrivals Building at Costa Coffee café near gate 8. Lunch in airport or bring snack onto coach.

Overnight in or near Glastonbury

DAY TWO: Wednesday 27 May

We spend the day in Glastonbury, the ancient Isle of Avalon with its intriguing blend of Christianity, Druidry and Arthurian legend. Jamie is your guide in the morning and you have free time in the afternoon to continue exploring. Highlights include the beautiful gardens of Chalice Well, the legendary burial place of the Holy Grail and the opportunity to climb the magnificent Tor hill with its three dimensional labyrinth. In this landscape, the veil between the worlds is thin and we tune into its special energy through Tarot and meditation.

Overnight in or near Glastonbury

DAY THREE: Thursday 28 May

In the morning we visit the spectacular hill fort known as Cadbury/Camelot — the likely site of King Arthur's citadel. We walk the perimeter of the 21 hilltop acres that constitute the fort, which was an important defensive site for thousands of years. However, its charm lies in its links to the myths and legends of the Arthurian period. The afternoon is free for you to continue exploring Glastonbury. You might like to visit St Margaret's Chapel and/or the ruins of Glastonbury Abbey - the

'Holyest Earthe of England'. The Abbey is said to be King Arthur's final resting place (in the grounds you'll find a stone laid in his honour). You could also travel by public bus to Wells with its magnificent cathedral. And, of course, there's always shopping for memorabilia and gifts!

Overnight in or near Glastonbury

Your tour hosts

Jamie George, Director of *Gothic Image Tours* and **Linda Marson**, Director of *Global Spiritual Studies*, share a passion for providing travel



experiences that connect people to the spirit of place in a relaxed, supportive environment that opens them to exploring their full potential.

Jamie has been taking people on soul journeys through the ancient sacred sites and landscapes of Britain and Ireland since the mid 1980s. Linda, a professional Tarot reader, author and video producer, has taken people on Tarot-guided journeys to Peru and in her homeland, Australia. A working partnership quickly formed after Linda joined Jamie's tours in



England and Scotland in 2013.

Your tour guests

**Musician—
Nathan Lewis
William**



Settle in for a musical soiree during our time in Glastonbury.

We've lined up

local folk singer, Nathan Lewis Williams at a venue in Wells, just up the road from Glastonbury. Nathan is known for his witchy Welsh and Breton folk songs. Depending on her availability, he may be joined on the evening by Jenny Bliss.

Steve Marshall

Steve Marshall was a professional musician for 30 years and a sound engineer. But now he is an independent researcher in the field of archaeology and author of *Exploring Avebury, the Essential Guide* and creator of *Avebury Soundscapes*, music inspired by sites in the

Avebury landscape. New areas that Steve explored in depth, are sound and acoustics and the connection between the siting of prehistoric monuments and moving water.



DAY FOUR: Friday 29 May

Today we travel to North Cornwall, to Tintagel, the legendary birthplace of King Arthur. En route we visit the holy well and chapel of the Celtic St Clether, set in a beautiful valley with a bubbling stream and rocky outcrops. A place of rare peace and sanctity.

We arrive in Tintagel in the early afternoon. We explore the ruins of Tintagel Castle, the legendary birthplace of King Arthur, set on an island peninsula amid the rugged Cornish coastline. We descend to the awesome Merlin's Cave, said to be haunted by the spirit of the great sage. We visit the fogou (iron-age underground ceremonial cave) and the King's Inauguration Footprint, set in stone at the highest point of the island.

Overnight in Tintagel

DAY FIVE: Saturday 30 May

After breakfast we visit the enchanted fairy glen of St Nectan with its wonderful waterfall, kieve (initiation bowl), saint's hermitage and chapel. Here is a precious nature site of outstanding beauty. We walk in silence to the waterfall, leaving ourselves free to tune into the energy of the water sprites, fairies and other elementals that inhabit the glen

According to legend, King Arthur and his knights found refreshment here. We then proceed to the lovely little fishing village of Boscastle for lunch. The afternoon is free time with an optional visit to the **Museum of Witchcraft and Magic** which houses the world's oldest and largest collection of items relating to witchcraft, magic and the occult.

Overnight in Tintagel

DAY SIX: Sunday 31 May

After breakfast we embark on a day trip to south Cornwall and the little district of West Penwith with its stone circles, wayside shrines and holy wells. This is a day for crossing over into the otherworld through Tarot, ritual and meditation.

We travel to Mount's Bay where we view St Michael's Mount. Onwards to the evocative stone circle of Boscowen-un ('house of the elder tree'), secluded amongst bracken, with a central leaning pillar stone and a quartz stone with healing qualities. In the afternoon, we visit the holy well of Madron. We return to Tintagel for dinner and our last night in Cornwall.

Overnight in Tintagel

DAY SEVEN: Monday 1 June

A travel day as we proceed to the little town of Amesbury in Wiltshire via Dartmoor. Lunch en route. After we settle into our hotel, there's free time to relax or explore the town.

Overnight in Amesbury

DAY EIGHT: Tuesday 2 June

Today, with our guest Steve Marshall, we visit the magnificent Avebury, a World Heritage site which has the largest stone circle in the world and an imposing bank and ditch and inner stone circle. We then view the enigmatic Silbury Hill en route to the awesome 3,700BC West Kennet Long Barrow which we have the privilege of entering. If time permits we visit the Tolkien trees because they inspired Tolkien's walking trees in *Lord of the Rings*.

After lunch we visit the largest burial mound in Europe - West Kennet long barrow where Steve demonstrates some fascinating sound effects and we listen to his composition, *Bone Ceremony*, an imaginary coming-of-age ceremony in the barrow, complete with an incantation to summon the ancestors.

Overnight in Amesbury

Your tour guests (cont'd)

Cheryl Traffon

Cheryl is Cornish, and, after graduating from London and Cambridge universities lived and worked for a while in Scotland and England before returning to Cornwall. She is the author of a



number of books on prehistoric Cornwall and on the Goddess. These include *Pagan Cornwall: land of the Goddess*; *Fentynyow Kernow* (holy wells); *Megalithic Mysteries of Cornwall*; *The Earth Goddess*; and *Daughters of the Earth*.



DAY NINE: Wednesday 3 June

We rise early for our pilgrimage to the great temple of Stonehenge, Before we enter the circle we hold a brief Druid ceremony to honour the land, the ancestors and the journey we've shared. We return to our hotel for breakfast. After a break we proceed to the market town of Marlborough which dates back to 1215. En route we visit Woodhenge, another ceremonial site which is part of the Stonehenge sacred landscape.

Overnight in Amesbury



DAY TEN: Thursday 4 June

After breakfast we depart for London Heathrow Airport for international, domestic flights and transfers. We arrive by 10am in time for flight departures from 1pm onwards.

The Gothic Image approach

We always spend a good amount of time at each site so that you benefit fully from the ambience and subtle magic of the experience. Ours are not 'now you see it - now you don't' tours. Our focus is on experiencing the 'spirit of place' and the peculiar enchantment that each site offers, and learning something from it.

We visit inspiring locations where the ancient spirits of each place still reside. In addition, some of you will be returning to the homes of your ancestors. This can raise spiritual and emotional issues. On our tours we seek to build a supportive atmosphere, and your fellow travellers tend to be of a supportive and understanding disposition. At different sites that we visit, you will be given opportunity for reflection and peace. This inner dimension is what makes our tours especially memorable - a pilgrimage and nourishment for the soul.

The pace is not rushed. There are some areas where we climb steps or hills, but otherwise each site is easily accessible and within walking distance from the coach. Nevertheless, you will get some physical exercise! We reserve the right to vary the itinerary as necessary, to provide the best possible experience under the circumstances prevailing at the time.

Cost

Early bird: £3,350 per person twin share. To qualify for this price, you must book and pay your deposit by **31 December 2025**.

Full price: £3,450 per person, twin share (from 1 January 2026)

Single supplement: £750 per person. Single rooms are few and on a first come first served basis.

Deposit: £750, payable upon booking

Final payment is due by **27 February 2026**.

Price includes:

- quality, comfortable accommodation.
- coach travel
- full English breakfasts **and** dinners each day
- entrance fees
- guide fees, taxes and gratuities (excl. driver)
- Tarot activities.

Not included:

- international airfares and travel insurance
- gratuities for the coach driver
- lunch and services not specified.

Payment

Payment is in UK pounds sterling only. Follow the link on the tour page to register online. There you can pay your deposit through PayPal using a debit or credit card (with **OR** without a PayPal account).

Cancellation policy

If you cancel your booking by **26 February 2026**, your deposit minus a £75 administration fee will be refunded. If you cancel after that date, your full tour payment can only be refunded if you find someone to take your place.

If *Gothic Image* cancels a tour due to insufficient numbers, your deposit will be refunded in full. If cancellation is due to a pandemic or event beyond our control, we reserve the right to offer alternative arrangements.

We strongly recommend that you take out travel insurance to cover unforeseen circumstances that could lead to you cancelling your place on the tour.