



LEEF JOU REIS

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A glimpse into my journey

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*Music was my first love
but travel is my passion.*

To understand the meaning behind “Leef Jou Reis,” one must discover, take detours, and embrace the alternative routes or the roads less travelled. To eat and mingle with the local people and truly comprehend their culture, we have this special opportunity to become authentic travellers, rather than mere tourists visiting a country.

Growing up in the small town of Mossel Bay, I have had the privilege of setting foot on 7 continents and explored over 85 countries. With all this experience and passion for travel, we would like to extend a warm invitation to you to join our global travel family.

We are the “cool kids” of travel and we do it in style...

Welcome to Leef Jou Reis





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£2800 Per person sharing*

£3800 Per person in a single room*

Join us for an unforgettable Leef Jou Reis adventure through the heart of England and the soul of Scotland!

We visit iconic attractions, from the royal splendour of Buckingham Palace and the historic Tower of London to the vibrant Borough Market, where centuries of stories and flavours come together – every moment brings a new discovery.

As we journey north, both the landscape and atmosphere begin to change. The pace becomes gentler, the history richer, and the scenery even more dramatic. In Edinburgh, Edinburgh Castle, world-class whisky and the iconic sound of bagpipes await.

Come and experience London and Scotland in a way that is more than just a holiday – it is a true Leef Jou Reis experience.





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Highlights

Covent Garden: Discover one of London's most iconic and lively districts, filled with street performers, boutiques and atmosphere.

Thames River Cruise: Experience London from a new perspective as we cruise along the River Thames.

Tower of London: Walk through centuries of history and admire the world-famous Crown Jewels (optional).

Borough Market: Taste local and international delicacies at one of London's oldest and most beloved food markets.

Buckingham Palace: See the official residence of the British monarch and experience the Changing of the Guard.

Edinburgh Walking Tour: Explore the historic heart of the city along the cobbled streets of the Royal Mile.

Edinburgh Castle: Visit one of Scotland's most famous castles with panoramic views over the city.

Palace of Holyroodhouse: Delve into royal history and the story of Mary, Queen of Scots.

Whisky Tasting Experience: Learn how to appreciate a true Scottish "dram" and experience the warmth of local tradition.



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DAY 1: 18 May 2027

Today is the day we have all been looking forward to! Meet the Leef Jou Reis team at OR Tambo International Airport as we depart on our long-awaited tour!

(All meals on board)

DAY 2: 19 May 2027

Welcome to London!

We arrive in the heart of London and are immediately greeted by the city's unique energy. After checking into our hotel, there is time for a short rest before we begin exploring the streets of London.

Our first stop this afternoon is **Covent Garden** – one of London's most iconic and vibrant areas. Originally a fruit and vegetable market in the 17th century, it is now a cultural hub filled with street performers, boutiques and an elegant market square. Here you can stroll at leisure, explore unique shops and perhaps even enjoy a spontaneous opera performance by a street artist!

Tonight, we end the day with a true British experience: a delicious plate of fish and chips at one of London's **oldest fish and chip restaurants**, which has been keeping this beloved tradition alive since 1871. Fish and chips became popular during the Industrial Revolution as a quick and affordable meal for workers – and today it remains one of Britain's favourite dishes!

Overnight: London (Dinner)

DAY 3: 20 May 2027

After a relaxed breakfast, we begin our day exploring London's world-famous landmarks. We board a **Hop-on Hop-off bus** – the perfect way to experience the impressive scale of the city first-hand.

As we travel through the streets, we see some of London's most iconic attractions, including **Westminster Abbey** – a masterpiece of Gothic architecture where British kings and queens have been crowned for more than 1,000 years – and of course the world-famous **Big Ben**.





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The day's experience is further enriched with a relaxing cruise on the **River Thames** – the longest river in England. From the water, you gain a completely different perspective of London.

Our river cruise ends at the **Tower of London** – a fortress with more than 900 years of history. This UNESCO World Heritage Site has served as a royal palace, prison and even a zoo! Here you have the option to view the famous **Crown Jewels** up close – a dazzling collection still used today during royal ceremonies. Tonight, we enjoy the authentic flavours of London during a cosy **pub dinner**.

Overnight: London (Breakfast and Dinner)

DAY 4: 21 May 2027

This morning, we begin our day with a ride in a traditional **London Black Cab** to the popular **Borough Market**. This historic market has existed for more than 1,000 years and is today a food lover's paradise, where you can taste everything from fresh produce to international delicacies.

The rest of the day is yours to discover London at your own pace. For a royal experience, you can visit **Buckingham Palace** and possibly witness the Changing of the Guard. Nature lovers can enjoy a peaceful stroll through **Hyde Park or Kensington Gardens**, while culture enthusiasts can immerse themselves in the world-class collections of the **British Museum** or the **Victoria and Albert Museum**.

For shopping enthusiasts, **Regent Street** and the lights of **Piccadilly Circus** are an absolute must. No visit would be complete without a stop at the legendary Harrods in Knightsbridge; this department store with its more than 300 departments has been the epitome of British luxury since the mid-1800s.





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Tonight, you can choose between the excitement of a **West End musical** or a peaceful ride on the **London Eye** to see the city lights from above.

Overnight: London (Breakfast)

DAY 5: 22 May 2027

After a delicious breakfast, we bid farewell to London and exchange the bustle of the city for the rugged beauty of Scotland. We travel by train from **King's Cross Station**.

The train journey is an experience in itself, as the picturesque **British countryside** slowly transforms into the dramatic coastline of **Northumberland**. Keep an eye out for castles, rolling hills and the sea flashing past your window.

Upon arrival in **Edinburgh**, we are welcomed by a city of stone and centuries-old history. This UNESCO World Heritage City is renowned for its medieval Old Town and elegant Georgian New Town.

After dropping off our luggage at the hotel, we enjoy a leisurely walk through the beautiful **Princes Street Gardens** – a green oasis in the heart of the city with views of the imposing Edinburgh Castle towering above.

Later, we also visit the beautiful **Guildford Arms**, a jewel from the golden era of Scottish pub design, where we enjoy our first glass of whisky. We end the evening with a traditional Scottish dinner – a flavourful introduction to the Scottish chapter of our tour.

Overnight: Edinburgh (Breakfast and Dinner)



DAY 6: 23 May 2027

After a hearty **Scottish breakfast** – with everything from tattie scones to black pudding – we begin our day with a walking tour through the heart of Edinburgh.

Under the watchful gaze of the nearly 1,000-year-old **Edinburgh Castle**, we explore the famous **Royal Mile** – the historic main street running through the Old Town. Here we discover not only centuries-old buildings and hidden alleyways, but also fascinating connections to J.K. Rowling, who found inspiration for the world of Harry Potter in this very city.

We also visit **St Giles' Cathedral** – an architectural masterpiece that has played an important role in Scotland's history since the 12th century.

The walking tour ends at the **Palace of Holyroodhouse**, the official Scottish residence of the British monarch and once the home of Mary, Queen of Scots.



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Her dramatic life – filled with love, betrayal and political intrigue – remains one of the most fascinating stories in British history.

The afternoon concludes in style with a true Scottish experience: a **whisky tasting**. Here we discover the art of appreciating a real dram – from the subtle aromas to the complex flavours shaped by each region and unique production method. According to Scottish law, whisky must mature for at least three years before it can officially be recognised as “Scotch”, making the character of every sip even more special.

The evening is free for your own exploration – the perfect opportunity to delve even deeper into Edinburgh’s unique atmosphere.

Overnight: Edinburgh (Breakfast)

DAY 7: 24 May 2027

Today is entirely yours to explore Edinburgh at your own pace. We provide a **Hop-on Hop-off ticket** – the ideal way to conveniently discover the city’s must-see attractions while deciding for yourself where you would like to stop and spend more time.

Highlights include the iconic **Edinburgh Castle** – one of Scotland’s most visited attractions, dramatically perched on an extinct volcanic rock with breathtaking views over the city.

Another special experience is a visit to the **Royal Yacht Britannia** – the last of 83 royal yachts built over a period of 366 years. This luxurious vessel served as the floating residence of the British royal family for more than four decades and today offers a unique glimpse into their life at sea.





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For those eager for even more adventure, optional excursions are available. Explore the creative energy of **Glasgow** – known for its vibrant arts and music scene – or visit St Andrews, the “home of golf”, where the world-famous **St Andrews Links** is located and where the sport has been played since the 15th century.

Tonight, we come together once more for a special farewell dinner – an opportunity to share memories, celebrate new friendships and end our unforgettable Scottish adventure on a high note.

Overnight: Edinburgh (Breakfast and Dinner)

DAY 8: 25 May 2027

After a week filled with special moments and wonderful new memories, it is time to say goodbye – with hearts full of stories and a newfound appreciation for London and Scotland. After one final Scottish breakfast, we depart for the airport for our flight back to South Africa.

(Breakfast and all meals on board)

DAY 9: 26 May 2027

We arrive back at OR Tambo International Airport, where the journey officially comes to an end. The adventure may end here, but the stories of London's lights and the Scottish Highlands will remain with us for a long time to come.





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Package Includes

- 3 nights hotel accommodation in London with breakfast
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- Airport transfers (if group flights are used)
- Welcome dinner
- Pub dinner in London
- Traditional Scottish dinner
- Farewell dinner
- Drink at Guildford Arms
- Hop-on Hop-off bus ticket in London and Edinburgh
- Thames River cruise
- Traditional London Black Cab ride
- Train ticket between London and Edinburgh
- Walking tour in Edinburgh
- Entrance to Holyroodhouse
- Whisky tasting
- All gratuities
- Leef Jou Reis tour leader

Package Excludes

- Return flights between Johannesburg and London/Edinburgh
- Visa application
- Lunches, dinners and drinks (unless otherwise specified)
- Personal expenses
- Optional excursions

Things to Remember

- South African passport holders require a British visa, which is not included in the tour price. However, we will assist you throughout the application process and provide all necessary documentation.
- You require a passport with two blank pages that is valid for 6 months after your return date (i.e. until 26 November 2027).
- A Leef Jou Reis tour guide will be available throughout the journey to assist with all questions and information.
- Optional extras are arranged with the assistance of the Leef Jou Reis team, but tour members are free to come and go as they please.
- **NB: You are in good hands and can simply sit back and enjoy the journey, while also setting your own pace. At Leef Jou Reis we enjoy walking, but alternative options often arise spontaneously and we can even hire a taxi if needed.**
- To fully enjoy the attractions on this tour, you should be fit enough to comfortably walk approximately 5 kilometres per day.
- Come with an open mind and make new friends.
- Approximately one week before departure, we create a WhatsApp group to share information. This serves as your communication channel with Leef Jou Reis. Please ensure that you provide the correct cellphone numbers on your booking form in order to be included in the group. During and after the tour, we will also share photos and videos here.
- Please also note that, if necessary, we may swap some of the day programmes around to ensure that you have the best possible travel experience.

Please note that this Leef Jou Reis tour is guided by a highly capable and knowledgeable team. A Leef Jou Reis team member will always be available to assist with any questions or support you may need. Due to Leef Jou Reis's busy annual travel programme, it is unfortunately not always possible for Gerrie to personally attend every tour. While his presence cannot therefore be guaranteed, your comfort and enjoyment can certainly be assured by our enthusiastic tour leaders!



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What Next...?

Follow the steps below to confirm your booking on the London and Scotland tour:

STEP 1

If you want to join us on this exciting tour, send your e-mail address and mobile number to leefjoureis@twf.co.za. We will then send the booking form that you must complete and return, together with a copy of your ID/passport and proof of payment of the deposit.

STEP 2

This itinerary is fairly complete and should contain all the information you might need. We will set up a WhatsApp group closer to the time for further communication; therefore, please make sure that the mobile number you have provided is correct. If you have any questions, feel free to send an e-mail or WhatsApp 082 923 3626.

STEP 3

In the meantime, start looking forward to this amazing experience!

Deposit

- To secure your place on this tour, we require a non-refundable deposit of R10 000. Please note that we are obligated to pay the deposit and administration fee over to our operators. Kindly read the terms and conditions as stated on the website.
- The second payment of R15 000 is payable by 15 September 2026. The next payment of R15 000 is payable by 30 November 2026 and the full outstanding balance is payable by 1 February 2027.
- Prices are based on EFT payments.
- The tour price is calculated according to an exchange rate of £1 = R24, to accommodate exchange rate fluctuations and cover payments to suppliers outside South Africa.

Banking Details & Pricing

Account Name	:	LeefJouReis TWF
Bank	:	Standard Bank
Branch Code	:	051001
Account Number	:	012324523

Deposit reference number: LON27 + NAME & SURNAME

Please make sure you use the right reference number and that you send proof of payment to us on email: leefjoureis@twf.co.za.

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