



UW ALUMNI BRITISH ROCK STARS 2026: LIVERPOOL AND LONDON

**TRIP DATES: DEPART U.S. THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026,
RETURN TO U.S. SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026**

The British Invasion kicked off as the Beatles touched down at JFK Airport sixty-two years ago. This July, we'll be kicking off a British Invasion of our own! Join [UW English professor Kent Drummond](#) on a tour like no other, focusing on the marketing machinery that keeps Britain at the top of the rock pile. In Liverpool, birthplace of the Beatles, we'll stand in Paul McCartney's living room, where he and John Lennon wrote hits like "She Loves You." In London, we'll brave the Abbey Road zebra crossing and dine with rock's legendary muse, Pattie Boyd. We'll have high tea at Kensington Palace and visit Churchill's War Rooms. As these unique experiences will demonstrate, many of Britain's greatest rock stars don't play guitars.

PRICE (CLICK HERE FOR PAYMENT)

- Double occupancy room plus all inclusions listed: \$4,650
- Single occupancy room plus all inclusions: \$6,450
- Non-refundable deposit: \$1,000 USD is due at booking; deposit should be sent no later than Friday, March 6, 2026.
- Balance of full payment: Due by Friday, April 17, 2026.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Guide & transport:

- Expert guidance and insights from Dr. Drummond at every step along our journey. Additional support will be provided by Sara Robinson from UW's Education Abroad Office
- Charter bus from Heathrow to Liverpool
- Oyster Card
- Charter bus to Heathrow

Accommodation:

- 8 nights in rooms with private bathroom in Comfort-Class hotels including Holiday Inn City Centre and Copthorne Tara Hotel London Kensington



Meal plan:

- Daily breakfast included at each hotel
- One high tea
- Two group dinners

Excursions and entrances:

- Strawberry Field
- Liverpool and Beatles Explorer Bus Tour
- Beatles Story Museum
- National Trust Beatles Childhood Homes
- British Music Experience
- Black Taxi Tour of London
- Guided Beatles Walking Tour in London
- Drinks and Dinner with Pattie Boyd and Rod Weston
- Globe Theatre Premium Guided Tour
- West End Show
- High Tea at Kensington Palace with tour included
- Visit to Churchill War Rooms Tour
- Walk through Borough Market

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare/flights
- Drinks other than cocktail night (coffee, hot tea, and juice included in breakfasts)
- Six dinners
- Lunches
- Personal travel insurance
- Passport, Global Entry/PreCheck, or British Electronic Travel Authorization (UK ETA)

ITINERARY

- » **July 16, 2026** - Depart Denver International Airport, see flight recommendation below. It is important to arrive at Heathrow by 9:00am; one bus will pick us all up at the same time from Heathrow.
- » **July 17, 2026** - Arrive Heathrow Airport, charter bus pickup. We'll travel to Liverpool and check in to the Holiday Inn City Centre. We then head out for a visit to Strawberry Field. Our first group dinner at the Cavern Club Restaurant will be that evening. For those who feel up to it, we'll walk down the stairs and catch some music at the Cavern Club itself, where the Beatles played hundreds of concerts and caught the eye of their eventual manager, Brian Epstein.
- » **July 18, 2026** - We'll have breakfast (included) at Holiday Inn City Centre. Then we'll take a City Explorer Tour, a Beatles Explorer Tour, and a ferry trip on the River Mersey. The evening will be free to explore sites we passed on the tour.
- » **July 19, 2026** - We'll have breakfast (included) at hotel, then commence our day at the National Trust Childhood Homes Tour. This exclusive tour includes only two stops: the childhood homes of John Lennon and Paul McCartney. Expert docents will guide us through the homes and provide colorful anecdotes of John and Paul's adolescent (mis)adventures. Next, we'll visit the amazing British Museum Experience, which places the Beatles in the context of Britain's rich and varied pop music scene.

- » **July 20, 2026** – We'll have breakfast (included) at the hotel. This morning, a charter bus will take us from Liverpool to London. Upon arrival in London, we'll check into the Copthorne Tara Hotel, located on London's fashionable Kensington High Street. Then we'll take a Black Taxi Tour of London to acclimate ourselves to one of the world's great cities.
- » **July 21, 2026** – We start with breakfast (included) at the hotel. At the end of a free day, we will have an evening with rock legend Pattie Boyd and her charming husband, Rod Weston. Pattie, who was married to both George Harrison and Eric Clapton, inspired such iconic songs as "Something," "Layla," and "Wonderful Tonight." We'll start with drinks and hors d'oeuvres at their beautiful flat, then walk to one of their favorite neighborhood restaurants for dinner. Pattie and Rod's stories of their life and times among rock's greatest luminaries will leave you breathless -- guaranteed!
- » **July 22, 2026** – We have breakfast (included) at the hotel. Today our adventure continues as we embark on a Beatles Walking Tour, culminating at the iconic Abbey Road zebra crossing. Photos will be taken! In the afternoon we will visit Churchill's War Rooms, where world-changing decisions were made during WWII.
- » **July 23, 2026** – We start with breakfast (included) at the hotel. We will walk across the iconic Millennium Bridge, arriving at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre for a premium guided tour. Afterwards, we'll visit the world-famous Borough Market, where dozens of open-air food stalls tempt your palate. That evening, we'll enjoy a West End show.
- » **July 24, 2026** – We have breakfast (included) at the hotel, followed by a visit to beautiful Kensington Palace — home of Queen Victoria, Princess Diana, William, Kate, and Harry -- for exploration, an audio tour and High Tea. For those interested, we will take a short walk to the Princess Diana Fountain.
- » **July 25, 2026** – Breakfast is available at the hotel, and today our journey comes to an end. A charter bus will depart the hotel for Heathrow Airport at 10:00am.

FLIGHTS

We recommend that you fly out of Denver International on July 16, 2026 and plan to arrive at London Heathrow by 9:00am on July 17, 2026. **One bus will pick us up as a group at 10:30am that morning. No additional pickup times are available.**

IMPORTANT DETAILS

In order to enter the United Kingdom, you should:

- Make sure that your **passport does not expire earlier than January 1, 2027** (you must have at least 6 months of valid passport time left to enter the United Kingdom).
- All travelers into the United Kingdom must apply for a UK ETA (<https://www.gov.uk/eta/apply>). This can be done online, or via the UK ETA app. The cost is £16, and must be done prior to departure from the United States. Approval time is typically fewer than 3 days. Please note that airlines will not permit you to board a departing flight to the UK without this.
- **We also recommend that you purchase travel insurance in case of emergency or extraordinary circumstances.**

DEPOSIT AND FULL PAYMENT DUE DATES

The first 14 travelers who make a non-refundable deposit will secure a seat to join this adventure. For more information about the alumni study tour, please contact Dr. Kent Drummond at Drummond@uwyo.edu or to make a payment to reserve your spot on this adventure, please visit: https://gopokes.formstack.com/forms/trip_payments.

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