

UK Ashes 2019 Fully Escorted Tour

3rd
ASHES
TEST

Headingley

4th
ASHES
TEST

Old Trafford

3rd and 4th Ashes Tests plus Scotland Highlights

Welcome to the official Cricket Australia Travel Office's (CATO) travel program for the UK Ashes 2019. The team at CATO has spent a great deal of time putting together what we believe is a fantastic range of tours for Australian supporters who would like to, not only capture the essence of an historic Ashes Series, but also experience some of the UK and Europe's captivating history and culture between Test matches.

Here's a snap-shot of what to expect from your official CATO Ashes experience:

Official Priority Match Tickets

Cricket Australia has secured guaranteed tickets for CATO travellers at all Test Match venues and as part of a Fully Escorted Tour you will receive priority seating within CATO's allocation. For the 2015 Ashes Series in the UK, there was hardly a spare seat to be found at any venue so it is vitally important that you secure guaranteed tickets through the official CATO travel program. It is also important to be wary of unauthorized ticket on-sellers and/or scalpers.

CATO Tour Director

An experienced CATO Tour Director will travel with each Fully Escorted Tour from start to finish and will be available 24 hours a day for tour participants. A CATO Tour Director's primary responsibilities are to ensure that arrangements run smoothly and that all participants have a memorable time.



Maximum 40 guests per tour

Each tour will be limited to a maximum of 40 participants to ensure that our Tour Director can attend to each individual tour participant's requirements while on tour. CATO tours generally attract a mix of couples, friends and solo travellers and everyone will be appropriately catered for throughout the itinerary.

Private match strategy sessions

Cricket Australia team management and former Test greats

Only available to CATO guests on a Fully Escorted Tour, participate in a minimum of two private group sessions with Cricket Australia team management and/or former Test greats. A wonderful opportunity to explore team tactics, selections, player form and analyse the state of play as each 2019 Ashes Test unfolds. Timing of these sessions will be provided in advance of your departure however, they are likely to be held after play on days one, two or three of a Test.

For more information and to book online visit cricket.com.au/travel
Questions? Call or email our consultants: 1 300 133 232 (toll free) or traveloffice@cricket.com.au

Hotels

CATO has included minimum four (4) star superior standard hotels in all Fully Escorted Tours. The hotel names are highlighted within each tour itinerary. For detailed hotel information please visit www.cricket.com.au/travel or contact your CATO sales consultant.

Official Ashes Functions in all cities

Late afternoon/early evening prior to day one of each Test, CATO will host an official match preview function featuring former cricketing greats, current players and/or Cricket Australia team management. These functions will be an opportunity to join fellow CATO travellers and hear the latest

insights into the contest that will unfold over the next few days. All Official Ashes Functions in this tour will be a cocktail style affair including finger food and beverages, with plenty of seats for those guests not wishing to stand.

Official ASICS Team Merchandise

All CATO travellers will receive quality, official Asics team merchandise, including two polos, a jacket and cap. One set of official team merchandise is provided per person, not per tour or travel package.

Explore the official CATO travel program online at cricket.com.au/travel. You will find comprehensive information to help plan your stay including venue information, hotel details and full tour itineraries.

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21 August – 9 September (20 days)

\$9,791 per person twin share **\$2,159** single supplement

Tour Commences: Leeds, 21 August

Tour Concludes: Manchester, 9 September

Tour Code: ET3.1

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Priority reserved seating at the Third Ashes Test (Leeds) and Fourth Ashes Test (Manchester)
- Private match strategy sessions with Cricket Australia team management and/or former Test greats
- Official Ashes Functions in Leeds and Manchester
- Guided tours of Scotland and the North of England
- Private coach and CATO Tour Director throughout



TOUR ITINERARY

Meal Codes: **B** English Breakfast **D** Group Dinner **C** Official Ashes Function

WEDNESDAY
21 AUGUST
2019

Arrive Leeds

The tour will commence at the Radisson Blu Hotel Leeds, our hotel for the next six nights. For those arriving early in the day, there's time to explore Leeds before a short welcome briefing with our CATO Tour Director. This evening we attend the Official Ashes Function to get a superb insight into our cricket celebrities' thoughts on the Series ahead and Day One at Headingley.

Hotel: Radisson Blu Hotel Leeds, 6 nights

THURSDAY
22 AUGUST
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MONDAY
26 AUGUST
2019

Third Ashes Test - Headingley

The start of another exciting Test! Each day we will be transferred well in advance of the start of play of the Third Ashes Test at Headingley, with a return transfer to your hotel at the end of each days play.



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TUESDAY
27 AUGUST
2019

Leeds - Edinburgh

B D

Today we travel to Edinburgh to commence our tour of Scotland. The journey takes us up the East Coast via the historic and tranquil Lindisfarne, of Holy Island, a tidal island off the north-east coast of England. This evening we'll enjoy a traditional Scottish dinner with our group.

Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott, 3 nights



WEDNESDAY
28 AUGUST
2019

Edinburgh Sightseeing

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After breakfast we take in many of the sites of Edinburgh by open top bus, including The Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official residence of the British monarch in Scotland, and the historic Edinburgh Castle. The evening is at leisure.

THURSDAY
29 AUGUST
2019

Edinburgh Sightseeing

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Her Majesty's Yacht Britannia is the former royal yacht of Queen Elizabeth II. After travelling more than a million nautical miles around the globe, the yacht retired from royal service to a permanent berth in Edinburgh. This morning we will explore the Royal Yacht Britannia, with the remainder of the day free to continue exploring this wonderful city.



FRIDAY
30 AUGUST
2019

Edinburgh - Scottish Highlands

B D

Today we join our coach and commence our tour of Northern Scotland with a journey across the Firth of Forth, through the resort town of Pitlochry and the picturesque scenery of Perthshire, before visiting Blair Athol Castle amongst the Scottish Highlands. We also make a visit to Dalwhinnie Distillery for a Scottish malt whiskey tour and tasting, before a late afternoon arrival at our hotel located in the heart of the Cairngorm National Park. Dinner this evening is included at the hotel.

Hotel: Hilton Coylumbridge, 2 nights

SATURDAY
31 AUGUST
2019

Scottish Highlands Sightseeing

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This morning we visit the Battlefield of Culloden and learn about the famous defeat of the Jacobite Army at the hands of government troops in 1746. Continuing, we travel to the Strathspey Railway where we step aboard and help celebrate forty years of the return of steam travel through the Highlands of Scotland. It is then a short journey back to the hotel and an evening at leisure.

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Meal Codes: **B** English Breakfast **D** Group Dinner **C** Official Ashes FunctionSUNDAY
1 SEPTEMBER
2019**Scottish Highlands - Stirling** **B**

The shores of Loch Ness await. Learn about the fabled Loch Ness Monster and take a cruise from Fort Augustus on the famous Loch. We then travel to Fort William, located in the shadow of Ben Nevis & Aonach Mor before continuing south towards the spectacular scenery of Glencoe, through the Trossachs National Park and toward the famous Loch Lomond. Our day concludes with overnight accommodation in Stirling.

Hotel: The Stirling Highland Hotel, 1 nightMONDAY
2 SEPTEMBER
2019**Stirling - Lake District** **B**

After breakfast we visit Stirling Castle and the Wallace Memorial. Here we follow the story of Sir William Wallace, patriot, martyr, and Guardian of Scotland, before continuing our journey to the Lake District. There's an abundance of spectacular scenery to enjoy throughout this famous National Park. Our day concludes at our picturesque hotel on the banks of Lake Windermere.

Hotel: Lakeside Hotel & Spa Windermere, 1 nightTUESDAY
3 SEPTEMBER
2019**Lake District - Manchester** **B C**

After a morning cruise on Lake Windermere, we travel to Manchester where the Fourth Ashes Test Match awaits. On arrival there's time to freshen up at the hotel before the Official Ashes Function in the evening to preview the Test ahead at Old Trafford.

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Manchester, 6 nightsWEDNESDAY
4 SEPTEMBER
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SUNDAY
8 SEPTEMBER
2019**Fourth Ashes Test - Old Trafford** **B D-8 September**

The start of another exciting Test. Each day we will be transferred well in advance of the start of play of the Fourth Ashes Test at Old Trafford, with a return transfer to your hotel at the end of each days play. On the night of Day Five (8 September), we'll enjoy a farewell dinner with our new friends to share some unforgettable memories.

MONDAY
9 SEPTEMBER
2019**Depart Manchester** **B**

After breakfast, your tour will conclude at the hotel.

THIS FULLY ESCORTED TOUR INCLUDES:

- Accommodation as detailed including breakfast daily
- Priority reserved seating at the Third and Fourth Ashes Tests (see Important Notes)
- Official Ashes Pre Match Functions in Leeds (21 August) and Manchester (3 September) including entertainment, finger food and beverages
- Private match strategy sessions with CA Team Management and/or former Test greats
- Group dinners in Edinburgh (27 August), Aviemore (30 August) and Manchester (8 September)
- Admission to the Palace of Holyroodhouse and Edinburgh Castle (28 August), Royal Yacht Britannia (29 August), Blair Athol Castle and Dalwhinnie Distillery (30 August), Culloiden and Strathspey Steam Railway (31 August), Stirling Castle and Wallace Memorial (2 September)
- Cruise on Lake Windermere (3 September)
- Private coach for all touring detailed in the itinerary
- CATO Tour Director to accompany the group throughout
- Official Asics team merchandise (2 x polo shirts, a jacket and cap)

NOT INCLUDED:

- International airfare to/from the United Kingdom; contact CATO for a Qantas airfare quote.
- Airport arrival and departure transfers (see information below)
- Portage and baggage handling, as most guests prefer to handle their own baggage. The CATO Tour Director will be available to facilitate baggage handling if required
- Any meal or item not mentioned in the itinerary or specified in Tour Inclusions above
- Items of a personal nature (telephone calls, internet, laundry, mini-bar, etc.)
- Passport and/or visa costs where applicable
- Travel Insurance.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Tours are limited and subject to availability at the time of booking
- Day One to Four match tickets provide a reserved seat and Day Five may be general admission (non-reserved) or reserved seat depending on final ground configuration
- All prices are provided per person in Australian dollars and are subject to the CATO Ashes 2019 Booking Conditions

AIRPORT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TRANSFERS

Arrival and departure transfers have not been included in the tour, as many CATO clients have opted not to use these services in the past. Once your flights are confirmed, CATO will be more than happy to provide a quote for arrival and departure transfers.

ARRIVAL AND EXTRA NIGHTS' ACCOMMODATION

All Escorted Tours commence the day before the start of the Ashes Test Match. For those wanting a more relaxed start to the tour, extra nights' accommodation can be added to your stay. Please contact your CATO sales consultant for costs.