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A Rockhound's Tour of England

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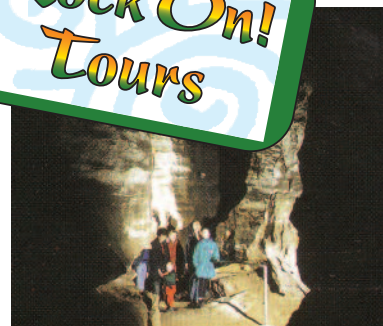
May 4-14, 2010 • 11 Days • 17 Meals

Join *Rock and Gem* editor Bob Jones for this special tour of England, arranged specifically for rockhounds and mineral enthusiasts. We'll tour geologically significant areas, visit important mines, view mineral collections not normally accessible to the public, and even do some collecting of our own! Don't miss this exceptional opportunity to tour these remarkable sites in the company of others who share your enthusiasm for the wonderful world of rocks and minerals!

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Tours



► Daily Itinerary

Included meals in parentheses: **B**=Breakfast, **L**=Lunch, **D**=Dinner

Tuesday, May 4: Arrive in London Heathrow

Arrive in London's Heathrow airport, where you will be met by a tour leader and taken to our hotel. Take a little time to rest from your flight; we'll reconvene in the evening for our welcome dinner and orientation. **(D)**

Wednesday, May 5: London

After enjoying breakfast at our hotel, we'll begin with a visit to the remarkable British Museum of Natural History. The museum boasts a superb collection of minerals from all over the world—as well as choice specimens of many of the minerals for which England is noted—making it the ideal location to kick off our mineral tour. You'll have an opportunity to explore the museum and have lunch on your own before we depart for our next stop, the Tower of London. A powerful fortress, the Tower of London is the treasury of "the ornaments and jewels of the crown." This priceless collection of Coronation Regalia includes the glistening Imperial State Crown, which alone has 2,868 diamonds, 273 pearls, 17 sapphires, 11 emeralds, and 5 rubies! The balance of the afternoon and evening is free for you to enjoy London on your own. **(B)**

Thursday, May 6: Chatsworth

This morning we'll check out of our hotel after breakfast and board our motorcoach for Derbyshire and Chatsworth. The home of the Duke of Devonshire, Chatsworth is considered the finest example of a stately home in England. We'll begin our visit with a group lunch at one of the acclaimed on-site restaurants. Afterwards, you'll have time to view the estate's antiques, art works, furnishings, and lovely gardens, which bear witness to the elegance of a bygone era. Of even greater interest to our group, however, will be the opportunity to see the recently re-discovered (in the cellar!) and newly referenced collection of Cornish minerals. Here you'll also see the world's largest tazza bowl, carved from a single piece of Blue John fluorite (tomorrow's destination!) **(B, L)**

Friday, May 7: Treak Cliff/Blue John Mine/Mineral Collecting

An early morning today as we'll head for the Treak Cliff Cavern immediately following breakfast. We'll go underground here and learn how miners in the 1750s constructed a tunnel using only hand tools to reach the Blue John fluorite deposits inside the hill. Back on the outside, you'll have time to enjoy a little shopping. The gift shop has a nice selection of jewelry and ornaments made from the Blue John stone, and if you like, you can even select, prepare and polish a slice to take home. From here, we'll set out for our first collecting site on the trip. Geologist Richard Haw has generously agreed to lead a trip to a quarry where you can expect to find galena, barite, calcite, and other minerals. We'll provide a box lunch along the way so as not to delay. **(B, L)**

Saturday, May 8: Stoke-on-Trent/Bristol

After breakfast this morning, we'll check out of our hotel and depart for Stoke-on-Trent and the Wedgwood Museum and Visitors Centre. The Museum houses paintings, documents, and some of the finest ceramic pieces, all related to the history of Wedgwood. At the Visitor Centre, you'll have an opportunity to see how it is done at close quarters, and meet and talk to Wedgwood's skilled craftspeople. If you want, you can throw your own pot, paint plates or china flowers to create your own, very personal, souvenir of the day. Take time to enjoy lunch on your own here (served on Wedgwood, of course!) before we depart for our hotel in Bristol. **(B)**

Sunday, May 9: Cheddar Gorge/Cornwall

Today our destination is Cheddar Gorge, a spectacular natural setting where limestone cliffs tower 450 feet above a 3-mile long gorge. We'll tour Gough's Cave, Britain's most beautiful cave, and you'll have a little time to just wander and explore this unique place. You may want to have lunch here, or wait for our next destination, the Cheddar Gorge Cheese Company. This region is at the center of England's dairy industry, and in part because the gorge's famous caves served as a giant refrigerator, it was also the source of the first authentic (you guessed it!) cheddar cheese. Here, we'll tour the factory, ending up at the "Taster Bar," where all of the cheeses are available to sample. Well satiated, we'll continue on to Cornwall via the Tintagel road, with a short stop to visit the legendary birthplace of King Arthur along the way. **(B)**

Daily Itinerary Continued...

Monday, May 10: Truro/Royal Cornwall/Geevor

There's no finer place to begin our exploration of Cornwall than the Royal Cornwall Museum, so that will be our destination this morning. The Museum houses the mineral collection of Philip Rashleigh. This collection is historically important as it is one of the few mineral collections that still exists from the heyday of Cornish mining. In the afternoon, we'll visit the Geevor Tin Mine, dramatically situated on the Atlantic coast. We'll take time for shopping and a group lunch at the nearby Count House Café, which features breathtaking views and serves delicious home cooked food (Cornish pasty, anyone?), before continuing our tour of the mine and world class Museum of Hard Rock Mining. (B, L)

Tuesday, May 11: Lizard/Serpentine Collecting

This promises to be an exciting collecting day. We'll depart just after breakfast for the Lizard area, a part of Cornwall that juts into the English Channel. The outcrops here contain fine green serpentine, which was formerly worked at the local lapidary factory. The factory is now abandoned, but the serpentine is still there, waiting for eager rockhounds (like us)! Once again, a box lunch will be provided in order to maximize our collecting time. (B, L)

Wednesday, May 12: Caerhays Castle

A highlight of our tour—and one that would not have been possible without Bob Jones' extensive connections in the mineral world—today we have the distinct privilege of visiting Caerhays Castle. The castle is known for its beautiful and extensive gardens. Not so well known is the fact that it also houses a superb, historically important mineral collection, one that was shrouded in secrecy for many years. Our group has been invited to not only view this previously unknown collection, but to enjoy an elegant lunch on the premises as well. No other rockhound tour can boast such a treat! (B, L)

Thursday, May 13: Stonehenge/London

This morning we'll have breakfast and then check out of the hotel, bound for Stonehenge—and ultimately—London. Erected between 3,000 BC and 1,600 BC, Stonehenge is a World Heritage site and a powerful reminder of the once-great peoples of the late Stone and Bronze Ages. Some of the stones were carried hundreds of miles over land and sea, while antlers and bones were used to dig the pits that hold them in place. Modern techniques in archaeology, and a series of recent digs, have helped to shape new theories about the stones, but their ultimate purpose remains a fascinating and enduring mystery. We'll visit the site and Visitors Center (with an opportunity for lunch on your own) before continuing to London. We'll aim for a late afternoon arrival so you'll have a few hours to rest and pack before we reconvene for an unforgettable farewell dinner. (B, D)

Friday, May 14: London—Tour Concludes

Depart from the hotel for London's Heathrow airport with many special memories and bags that feel *slightly* heavier than on your arrival! Or, you may wish to extend your stay to include the optional British Museum tour (see below). (B, flight time permitting)

Optional Add-on Day

On Friday, May 14th, Bob Jones has graciously offered to guide anyone who would like to stay an additional day through the British Museum. The museum houses a fabulous collection that includes art and archeological artifacts. Of particular interest to rockhounds will be the Elgin marbles and the Rosetta Stone. Bob is donating his time so the cost for this special opportunity is just for the additional night's hotel accommodations and transportation (via the underground) to the Museum. Breakfast is included with hotel stay; all other meals are on your own. Contact CRIZMAC for more information on this option.



Your Journey Includes

- Three nights at a tourist category hotel in London
 - Two nights at a tourist category hotel in Derbyshire
 - One night at a tourist category hotel in Bristol
 - Four nights at a tourist category hotel in Cornwall
 - Daily breakfast, five lunches, two dinners
 - Transfers from the airport to hotel (for those traveling on scheduled arrival and departure dates)
 - Motorcoach transportation to tour destinations
 - Museum and site admissions
 - Guides and demonstrations
 - Server tips for group meals
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- Two guided collecting opportunities
 - Tour handbook
 - Basic Travel Insurance policy through Travel Insured
 - Cost based on double occupancy rooms, single rooms available for an additional fee.
 - AIRFARE NOT INCLUDED

Important Information

Every effort will be made to carry out all activities as planned and advertised, however, CRIZMAC and the seminar leaders reserve the right to make any alterations, deletions, or modifications to the itinerary and/or accommodations deemed necessary due to circumstances beyond their control.

Payment Deadlines

Enrollment will be made on a "first-come, first-served" basis. A \$500 deposit is required to guarantee your space. **Register by January 4, 2010 and receive a free one-year subscription (or one year extension to your current subscription) of Rock and Gem magazine.** Registration and deposit payments may be made in person at our Tucson Marketplace or by phone, mail, online at www.crizmac.com. Final payment is due two months prior to departure.

Cancellations and Refunds

Cancellations must be received in writing. Participants who cancel on or before March 22, 2010 will receive a full refund **less a \$200 processing fee. If cancellation is made after that point, no refund is given.** CRIZMAC will make every effort to operate the tours advertised. In the event CRIZMAC must cancel a tour, participants will receive a full refund of all seminar fees, however, CRIZMAC is not responsible for losses due to non-refundable airline tickets or other travel arrangements. **A basic travel insurance policy is included as a part of this tour. Each participant assumes the responsibility for checking the coverage provided and purchasing additional coverage as his/her needs dictate.**



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