



UK Legends of Rock Music History Tour with Alan Cross

London | Liverpool | Manchester

For the ultimate rock music fan, this is more than a trip — it's a backstage pass to music history. Join Alan Cross, Canada's most trusted voice in rock journalism, for an insider's journey through the streets, studios, and stories that shaped generations of sound. Walk in the footsteps of The Beatles, Bowie, The Rolling Stones, and the many artists who defined generations of rock, as Alan brings their legacy to life with rare insights, personal anecdotes, and cultural context you won't find in any guidebook.

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(Overnight Flight)



Alan Cross

With Alan Cross, award-winning music journalist and internationally recognized Canadian broadcaster, writer, and speaker

Day 1 - Sep 30

Joining Day

Begin your rock odyssey in London, where blues met rebellion and the soundtrack of the 1960s was born. Welcome to your UK Legends of Rock: Music History Tour! On arrival at London Gatwick Airport, you'll be met by your local Tour Manager and the tour's official MC, Canada's own Alan Cross. As you make your way into the city, get your first taste of London's musical heritage with a short introduction to the "British Blues" scene that laid the foundation for rock and roll. Enjoy a welcome lunch at a classic pub tied to The Beatles or the legendary Eel Pie area, before a panoramic drive through West London — where the British Rhythm & Blues movement first took shape. See venues where The Rolling Stones, The Who, and Eric Clapton all began their rise to fame. Settle into your centrally located hotel by mid-afternoon, then gather for a festive welcome dinner with Alan Cross before an evening at leisure.

Included Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: The Cumberland Hotel, London

Day 2 - Oct 01

Soho, Mayfair & Abbey Road

Step into the beating heart of London's rock, jazz, and punk revolution, from smoky Soho clubs to Abbey Road's hallowed crosswalk. Today, explore the heart of London's rock, jazz, and punk culture — the vibrant neighbourhoods of Soho, Mayfair, and Marylebone. Following a morning briefing with Alan Cross, set off on a guided walking tour through Soho's legendary streets, where The Beatles, Bowie, Hendrix, Elton John, and Amy Winehouse left their mark. Visit iconic sites like Carnaby Street, Trafalgar Square, Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club, and the Ziggy Stardust album cover location. After lunch at a historic fish & chips restaurant, continue by coach through Mayfair and Marylebone, past Jimi Hendrix's flat and Ringo Starr's former home, before ending your day with a visit to Abbey Road. Strike your best pose at the world's most famous zebra crossing and browse the Abbey Road Studio Shop before returning to your hotel. The evening is free to enjoy London's nightlife.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: The Cumberland Hotel, London



Day 3 - Oct 02

Notting Hill, Kensington & Chelsea

Follow the trail of rock royalty through London's most stylish and storied neighbourhoods, where rebellion met glamour. This morning's theme is Royal Rock, Punk Rock, and Fashion. After a short briefing with Alan Cross, head to Notting Hill — a bohemian hub that inspired generations of musicians from Jimi Hendrix and Bob Marley to The Clash and Pink Floyd. Wander Portobello Road Market and pop into Rough Trade West, one of London's most famous record shops. Continue to Kensington, home to Queen's Freddie Mercury and the world-famous Royal Albert Hall, before exploring Chelsea and King's Road, once the beating heart of 1960s counterculture. Here you'll see Vivienne Westwood's legendary boutique and sites linked to The Rolling Stones and Led Zeppelin. Tonight, consider joining an optional group dinner at either Chateau Denmark or The Troubadour, both iconic venues in London's rock story.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Overnight: The Cumberland Hotel, London

Day 4 - Oct 03

North London, Camden & Primrose Hill

Lose yourself in the rebellious rhythms of North London, home to The Kinks, Amy Winehouse, and the spirit of British indie. Head north to discover the neighbourhoods that shaped Britain's modern music scene. In Muswell Hill, walk in the footsteps of The Kinks, visiting the Davies family home, Konk Studios, and the site of their first gig — now the Clissold Arms, where you'll enjoy lunch. This afternoon, dive into the energy of Camden Town, the epicentre of London's live music culture and home to venues like The Roundhouse and The Electric Ballroom. See album-cover photo spots for Blur, Coldplay, and Oasis, and finish with sweeping skyline views from Primrose Hill. Return to your hotel by early evening or linger in Camden for a night of independent music and nightlife.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: The Cumberland Hotel, London

Day 5 - Oct 04

Rockers, Writers & Artists

Choose your own adventure, from bohemian Fitzrovia to the iconic Hard Rock Café, where the legends live on.

Enjoy a relaxed start and choose how you'd like to spend your final day in London. Join Alan Cross for an optional Rockers, Writers & Artists walking tour through Fitzrovia, exploring haunts of Bob Dylan, The Who, and Pink Floyd — or take the day to explore London's East End markets, from Brick Lane to Spitalfields. This evening, regroup for a memorable dinner at the original Hard Rock Café, complete with a private tour of the Hard Rock Vault's rare memorabilia collection, hosted by Alan Cross himself.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Overnight: The Cumberland, London



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TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- MC and Host Alan Cross will accompany you throughout the tour including daily morning briefings, curated historical context, and in-the-know storytelling
- Pre-Trip Virtual Group Meet and Greet with Alan Cross
- Pre-Trip original 'UK Legends of Rock Playlist' curated by Alan Cross
- Airport transfer LGW to London hotel
- Welcome lunch
- Guided touring days with large coach, driver, and local rock history tour guides
- Specialist guide for walking sections (Soho, Chelsea, Camden, etc.)
- Included meals:
 - 4 Lunches (Welcome, Fish & Chips, Clissold Arms, Strawberry Fields)
 - 4 Dinners (Cumberland Welcome, Hard Rock Café, Philharmonic, Kimpton Farewell)
- Breakfast daily
- All hotel accommodations (4-star)
- Specialist rock history guides in London, Liverpool, and Manchester
- Tour Manager throughout
- Round-trip rail Manchester – London for staff logistics

Day 6 - Oct 05

London to Liverpool

Hit the road to Liverpool, from the roots of British rock to the birthplace of the Fab Four. Bid farewell to London as you set off for Liverpool — the birthplace of The Beatles and the next stop on your musical journey. Several scenic routes are available today, each featuring its own legendary stops: visit George Harrison's Friar Park estate and Dusty Springfield's memorial, or journey through the Midlands to explore the birthplace of Black Sabbath and Judas Priest. Upon arrival in Liverpool, take a short walking tour with your local Beatles expert to see the Cavern Club, Cilla Black statue, and Mathew Street's Wall of Fame. This evening, enjoy Liverpool's buzzing nightlife — perhaps a pint and live music back at the Cavern Club.

Included Meals Breakfast

Overnight Hard Days Night Hotel, Liverpool

Day 7 - Oct 06

Beatles' Liverpool

Experience Beatlemania where it all began, from Penny Lane to Strawberry Fields and beyond. Spend the day celebrating the Fab Four in their hometown. After your morning briefing, explore iconic Beatles landmarks including Penny Lane, Strawberry Fields, and Eleanor Rigby's grave. Visit the childhood neighbourhoods of John, Paul, George, and Ringo, and enjoy a traditional Scouse lunch at Strawberry Fields. Later, relive Liverpool's golden years with dinner at The Philharmonic Dining Rooms — the same pub Paul McCartney revisited during his Carpool Karaoke episode with James Corden.

Included Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight Hard Days Night Hotel, Liverpool

Day 8 - Oct 07

Liverpool to Manchester

Head east to Manchester, a city of swagger, soul, and sound, where Oasis and Joy Division made history. Travel east to Manchester, a city synonymous with innovation and sound. On arrival, join your local expert to explore the early roots of Oasis and the legendary Manchester music scene. Visit the Gallagher brothers' old neighbourhood and Sifters Record Shop, before continuing to the Free Trade Hall — where Bob Dylan famously "went electric." Discover the sites that helped shape the Stone Roses and Joy Division, before settling into your stylish hotel for the night.

Included Meals Breakfast

Overnight Kimpton Clocktower Hotel, Manchester

Day 9 - Oct 08

Madchester Special

Celebrate the spirit of Madchester, where The Smiths, Joy Division, and the Hacienda changed music forever. Immerse yourself in Manchester's musical legacy today — from The Smiths and Joy Division to the wild Madchester era of the 1990s. Visit landmarks such as The Hacienda, Factory Records HQ, Strangeways Prison, and the Salford Lads Club, immortalized by The Smiths. See the Joy Division Bridge and key venues that fuelled one of Britain's most influential music movements. Tonight, toast to an unforgettable journey during a Farewell Dinner at your hotel with Alan Cross and your fellow travellers.

Included Meals Breakfast, Farewell Dinner
Overnight Kimpton Clocktower Hotel, Manchester

Day 10 - Oct 09

Departure Day

Your journey through the soundtrack of British rock comes to an end, but the music never stops playing. Your musical journey comes to an end today. After breakfast, transfer to Manchester International Airport for your return flight home — taking with you incredible memories, new friends, and the soundtrack of the UK's rock legends.

Included Meals: Breakfast

