

Journey Through Iconic London & a Day in Edinburgh: Ashley Dowling's UK Adventure (Episode 121)

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intro: Welcome to the UK travel Planning podcast. Your host is the founder of the UK travel planning website, Tracy Collins. In this podcast, Tracy shares destination guides, travel tips and, itinerary ideas, as well as interviews with a variety of guests who share their knowledge and experience of UK travel. To help you plan your perfect UK vacation, join us as we explore the UK. From cosmopolitan cities to quaint villages, from historic castles to beautiful islands, and from the picturesque countryside to seaside towns.

Tracy: Hello and welcome to episode 121 of the UK travel Planning podcast. This week I am joined by guest Ashley Dowling, who takes us through her incredible UK adventure. From exploring London's iconic sites like Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey and the Charles of London, to planning the perfect day trip to Edinburgh. Yes, you heard that right. Day trip to Edinburgh, which includes a return journey on the Caledonian Sleeper lowland train. Ashley shares all that highlights and insider tips from her trip. If you're wondering how to make the most of a day trip to Edinburgh from London or simply want to hear about some amazing UK travel experiences, this episode is for you. I started our conversation by asking Ashley to introduce herself.

Ashley Dowling says she's overcome jet lag after going to London

Ashley Dowling: So, my name is Ashley Dowling and I live in Alton, New Hampshire. And my husband and I went to London for nine glorious days.

Tracy: And you just got back, didn't you? Actually, well, not even a week.

Ashley Dowling: Back we did, yes. We're not even a week back yet.

Tracy: I know, and I was just saying you're pretty good with the jet lag. You've managed to kind of overcome that, which is good.

Ashley Dowling: Yes, it was a little rap coming back.

Tracy: It's always a bit tough, and it's not something I look forward to when I go. I always think, oh, those first few days where I feel so tired.

You were in the UK for nine days. So let's talk about your itinerary

Anyway, so let's talk about how long. So you were. You were in the UK for nine days. So let's have a quick overview of your itinerary.

Ashley Dowling: Okay, so we were over in the UK for nine days. We, managed to hit the ground running. I have my list here in front of me. So we, landed. We went to Kensington, we did the Tower of London, we went to Edinburgh for a day. We did the Buckingham palace, we did Westminster Abbey, we did Windsor Castle, we did Hampton court. and we did a whole bunch of stuff added to that that we didn't even plan on, that we kind of fit in, or were able to fit in. st. Paul's Cathedral, where the British

Museum. We went to the, portrait gallery, had the fantastic presentation on the six lives of King Henry VIII. That was. That was amazing. we did the hard rock. We did the, royal mile in Edinburgh. We did. We did the Caledonian sleeper. We did it all. We did it all. And we did beatles stuff. We walked to Eaton College. Yeah, we did as much as we could.

Tracy: You did. You really did. And I remember when we did the itinerary consult, we were kind of amazed because you were going to go up to Edinburgh for the day, and we were like, right, okay. We've not had anybody do that one before, so I'm going to ask you about that specifically in a minute. Yes, obviously, I've just mentioned you did an itinerary consult with us, which was lovely. So it's how we got to meet you and your husband, Ryan. So it was fab. but apart from the itinerary consult, how did you go about planning your trip?

Ashley Dowling: I really used the articles from your Facebook page and the recommendations of folks that had been there before to kind of base our trip off of. I knew what I wanted to do, as, you know, a fan of royals and being able to trace my personal family history back. so I knew I wanted to do the big things like Windsor Castle and Westminster and the Tower of London, but, seeing what other folks did off of the Facebook page was really helpful. And honestly, Tracy, you and Doug, like, a lot of your articles, were just amazing. you know, it really, really helped me kind of pull it all together.

Tracy: Oh, that's great. That's good to hear. And you're also a fan of the podcast as well, so that's good.

Ashley Dowling: Yes. Yes. I love podcasts.

Tracy: Yeah, that's cool. yeah, and I'm going to be over in London, end of September, beginning of October for probably about six or seven weeks. So I'm going to start doing lots of videos. So that's going to be a new thing. So, we'll be on YouTube. So you not only will be able to read, read our stuff or listen to us, you'll be able to actually watch us as well. So. So give us a follow. Give us a follow on YouTube or Instagram, if you haven't, because I will be doing a lot of Instagram stuff while we're traveling. so this is going to be so cool.

Talk us through what you did in Edinburgh and how it panned out

so I know you visited, a lot of places, but I want to ask you about that trip to Edinburgh. I'm going to kind of drill down a bit on that because, so talk us through what you did in Edinburgh and how it panned out.

Ashley Dowling: So, at

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Ashley Dowling: Doug's advice, we took the liner train over to Edinburgh and got out, and we got there around 01:00 p.m. and then we got the royal mile. We went right to Holyrood. we explored that for a little while. then we walked back. We did, Greyfriars Kirkyard, and, we explored that. We did the castle very briefly. We did not spend a lot of time, Edinburgh Castle. we had a reservation at Johnnie Walker, that I had made, and we had a little bit of dinner there. We walked to two fantastic pubs on the amber rose and the black rose. And then, we came back on the caledonian sleeper, which was an experience.

How was the lowlander experience from Edinburgh to London? Cause it leaves quite late

Okay.

Tracy: So because we haven't. We haven't taken the lowlander. We're actually taking the Highlander again, at the end of September because we're coming back from Inverness. So we're doing Inverness, London on the Highlander. So how was the lowlander experience from Edinburgh to London? Cause it leaves quite late, so you have to kind of hang around a bit, don't you?

Ashley Dowling: Yeah. Yep, it was. I mean, our. The Caledonian sleeper came back at, like, 10:00 p.m. or it left at 10:00 p.m. so, you know, like, that worked out actually great for us. Otherwise, I don't think we would have been able to fit it in. You know, if it had left any earlier, then we wouldn't. We wouldn't have done it. But there's never enough time in Scotland, I feel like. But, it gave us just enough. We were like, oh, this is where we're gonna come back to. We're gonna go back for sure.

Tracy: And that's good to hear. And it's. I'm the same. It doesn't matter how many times I go back to Scotland. I wanna go back to Scotland and explore more of it. It's just. It always calls me back. It's just a wonderful place. so actually being able to go up there and doing what you did and had that kind of taste, it's great that it kinda then giving you an emphasis. Right? You know what? That's where we're gonna go and explore. And we can certainly help you with that next time we're gonna go to Scotland. We love talking about Scotland.

What were your favorite places and favorite experiences from the trip

so overall, and I know this is a really hard question because you went to some amazing places, but what were your favorite places and favorite experiences from the trip?

Ashley Dowling: Okay, I wrote these down because I have a few of them for me. We were able to do, the Buckingham palace east wing tour, hands, down. and I got, like, a little bit emotional about it because a part of that tour is going into where you see the balcony. And for me, this is kind of a royal based trip. the tour guide stopped us and she said, I want you to think about who has stood here. And then I was like, please don't say that. I kind of emotional person anyways. But just thinking about everybody who has stood there really just got me. That was a very special moment, as well as when we went to Windsor. I wasn't sure if the queens, you know, the queen Elizabeths, you know, like we were going to be able to view that. They say tomb. And I feel like tomb is so harsh, but it's what it is. And I had really wanted to be able to do that, and we were able to do that. And it just really, it meant a lot to me to be able to do it and see that. So those two things to me were very important to me that I got to do.

Tracy: Oh, that's fantastic. If I asked the same question to Ryan, what do you think he would say?

Ashley Dowling: I think he would probably say he likes St. Paul's, and we walk to the top of St. Paul's Cathedral. I think he liked that. and if I had to maybe guess the Johnnie Walker experience, but I don't know, I might be putting words in his mouth. I think he liked that. And for him, I'm more of the royal historian person. He likes being surprised by things. So I think for him, just the surprise of it all was probably great, too.

Tracy: Oh, that's good.

How did you go about getting to Windsor Castle and Hampton court

I know you went to Windsor Castle and you went down to Hampton court, par. So how did you go about getting there? Was it straightforward? Because we get asked that a lot, and we do have articles on the website about that. yeah. It's always interesting to ask, how were your experiences doing that? Did you find that straightforward for both of those?

Ashley Dowling: We did. So when we went to Windsor, we took, you know, like, just the. I don't know what. It's the railway.

Tracy: Yep. Yeah, just, yeah, the above ground train. Yeah. Yep.

Ashley Dowling: We took the main line train, and we did the same thing for Hampton court. We found it was the most easiest, most direct line. because you know how in Hampton court there is, like, the option to, you know, do the tube and then take a bus. We were kind of like, forget that. We're just going to take the train. It'll get us right there. And it was not a long walk at all. So we're really happy with our choice to do the railway versus the tube.

Tracy: Yeah, that's the way that I would generally go. And I live not too far from, Hampton court for a while as well, so I always enjoy going there. It's actually really easy to get to. In fact, Windsor Castle as well is really easy to get to. You just have to remember that you have to get a ticket. You can't use

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Tracy: contact list or oyster card. There's always so many people that get caught out of that. They come off the train and the signs go, no, you can't use your oyster card, you can't use contact list. You have to bought a train ticket.

Ashley Dowling: yeah.

Tracy: So that's always, always worth knowing.

You attended the changing of the guard at Windsor Castle

Did, you see the change in the guard when you were at Windsor Castle or.

Ashley Dowling: Yes. So I'm a huge Mary Poppins fan. And we go and, like, I've paid my respects to the queen. I'm, like, all misty eyed and I'm like, oh, my goodness, people are going to think I have a problem. We come out to the changing of the guard, who decides to stand there and play? None other than feed the birds and a whole Mary Poppins selection. So then I'm crying even more. Like, it was just, it was like a series of perfect events. I mean, we just walked right into it and I was like, you've got to be kidding me. Like, did they know I'm here? Like, what happened? It was amazing. It was amazing.

Tracy: Oh, that's fantastic. That's fantastic.

You did the opening ceremony at the Tower of London and then Westminster Abbey tour

I know you did the opening ceremony as well at the Tower of London. How did you find that?

Ashley Dowling: I thought that. I think that was very special. I'm very glad that we did that. We had booked two tours with walks, so we had done the opening ceremony, and then we did the Westminster Abbey tour. But, the opening ceremony at the Tower of London was. I felt like I was witnessing a little piece of history. and the keys were literally, you've seen them that round. Like, when you picture old keys, you're like, oh, that's, you know, like, that's really what they look like. And I zoomed in and I got a picture of them because I was like, no one's going to believe me. This is literally what they look like.

Tracy: It's amazing, isn't it? Watching that ceremony, the open one and the closing, they're just so, because you are watching, like, it is an event that goes on every single day of the year. It has its, its routine of how it's done. and also the fact that you have the, yeoman ward explaining what's happening as well, which is really important, I think. and I saw you shared your photo, and I don't know, that human water. My aim is to have met all of them, and, and someone's like, oh, I don't know him. There's a new one. I know. So did you. How was it? Was it good? I mean, what did he, was he. I mean, they're all brilliant.

Ashley Dowling: It was great. He was hilarious. So the first thing he's, you know, like, he had us all line up and, you know, the first thing he asks is, you know, is anybody from America? And I was like, oh, no. Oh, no. I was like, I don't know if I'm going to raise my

hand. And then he goes, well, if you are, we have a gate for you here around, and there's traitor's gate. And I'm like, oh, lovely. He was great. He was so funny. And, you know, like, really just made, you know, like, it was a short ceremony, but really just made it, you know, all that more special for us. And the Irish guards were there. The Irish guards were there that day, and we're. We're Irish as well, so it was a bonus treat to see them.

Tracy: Oh, that's perfect. And then you get to go and see the crown jewels like before anybody else. So I know I always go around the travel later a couple of times, because I'm like, I'm gonna have a really good look at these things.

Ashley Dowling: Yep, we did. We went around twice. And that man, that, that big diamond something.

Tracy: I know. I know that just, you kind of go, wow. Wow. I know. They are amazing. They are beautiful. I don't know if I'd like to have one of those things on my head, because I think that must be incredibly heavy. But they're very pretty to look for a look at, and I know that they're very, very popular with everybody. So I would say, you know, if you're going to get the child of London, do the walks trail. So you get to the opening ceremony is amazing. And then you get to see the. Go straight into the crown, jewels, which is great. So that's good.

Westminster Abbey is amazing. Did you go to the Jubilee galleries when you were there

So did you do any other tours? Obviously, you did the two walks tours. Westminster

Abbey is amazing as well. Did you go to the Jubilee galleries when you were there?

Ashley Dowling: We did, yeah.

Tracy: Aren't they amazing?

Ashley Dowling: They are. They are. And I. What was interesting to me, of course, was they still had the numbers up from where people stood for the queen service. So that for some reason just enthralled me. I was like, you've got to be kidding me. you know, like, this is where people all lined up and it just, it amazed me that, you know, like, not to mention all of the, death masks that were up there. And I was like, oh, my goodness, like, where is this hiding?

Tracy: I know you're not allowed to take photos up there, so I'm going to mention, because I'm not going to cut it out. We've got your dog in the background, so we need to introduce your dog because I could know. It's fine.

Ashley Dowling: He's cool.

Tracy: What's his name?

Ashley Dowling: Yes. There I have two. So they are stark and happy and they are supposed to be quiet.

Tracy: But, you know, I think. I think you want a little bit of attention. It's like, hey, can we join in on the podcast?

Ashley Dowling: Yeah, there's something.

So how did you get around? You took the LNER service up from London

Tracy: So how did you get around? So, obviously, you took the LNER service up from London, Edinburgh, and I know Doug helped a lot, talking about the train travel. What about in London itself? How did he get around?

Ashley Dowling: So we mostly did the tube. we ubered a little bit. but we walked a lot. and Riz picked us up at the airport. And he picked us up, or he brought us back. So he was lovely. ten out of ten recommend. He was fantastic.

Tracy: Oh, he's amazing. He's picking us up next month, actually, by the time this podcast comes out, the middle of October. So I'll actually be in London.

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Tracy: but, yeah, he's picking us up. He will have picked us up by this point. and it's always really good to see. And Riz will be taking Doug back to the airport because he'll be back in Australia by the time this podcast comes out.

Ashley Dowling: Oh, wow.

Tracy: He's only getting a month in the UK, where. So I'm getting three. So what about, it's a sore point.

Victoria says London can be an extremely expensive place to stay

what about, accommodation? Where did you stay? And were there any highlights to that?

Ashley Dowling: We stayed right at the resident. Victoria cannot, recommend that enough. We were in within walking distance from the royal mews, and it took us three minutes to get to Buckingham palace, which for me was great because we went down there, I think around 10:00 p.m. one night, and everything was all lit up. It was stunning. It was exactly what I had envisioned, and I did not find it expensive at all compared to, I think, where were we? Next to the St. Regis, which was absolutely not an option. I was like, no, no way. It's tucked right in there along with everything else. So I was surprised.

Tracy: that's good because, yeah, London can be an extremely expensive place to stay. It soon adds up. yes. And there are some very expensive hotels I have not stayed in yet. But if any of you hotel guys are listening that I'm quite happy to come in and try out your hotels. For sure. Yes.

Ashley Dowling: Put it out there.

Tracy: Absolutely.

Let's talk food. So we talked a little bit about whiskey, but what about food

Okay, let's talk food. So we talked a little bit about whiskey, but what about food? What were the, what were your favorites?

Ashley Dowling: Okay. We had some amazing food. we did go to the english grill, which was a restaurant right next door to us. We had beef Wellington, and it was everything that I thought it would be. We, ended up at the old bank of England, where we had some meat pies a la, you know, fleet street and all of that. we did. I'm gonna. I always get it wrong. Ye olde Cheshire cheese.

Tracy: Yes. Yo, cheshire cheese. Yes.

Ashley Dowling: Yep. So we did that. We had a drink there. we didn't get food there, but we had a drink and it was, it was amazing. and then we ended up, we ended up at the rooftop in St. James. that we just had drinks and a little bit of charcuterie, but that was very, very good, too. I would recommend if anybody is looking for a spot with a view and they want a nice drink. The rooftop at St. James was great. It's in trafilgar, so I know a lot of people. It's not their first choice to eat at, but it was great.

Tracy: Oh, good. No, it's always good to have, recommendations.

Did you eat when you were there in Edinburgh? I hope you ate

What about, in Edinburgh? I know you mentioned a couple of pubs. Did you eat when you were there? I hope you ate.

Ashley Dowling: Yes. Yes, we did. we had a few things at Johnnie Walker, but after that

we ended up at, the amber rose, which was. We had, you know, like, I had macaroni and cheese. I'm a little embarrassed by that. But it's made with real english cheese, which I replied, I hope so. It was delicious. It was lovely. my husband got fish and chips a few times, you know, because you have to. It was. We really did have a good time. The best one, I will say. For breakfast, we went to the deli Rubicon, where we got one of the square croissants with the cream inside.

Tracy: Yeah.

Ashley Dowling: M I am really glad that I didn't know that that was a short walk through green park for us to get there because I would have been there every morning. It was delicious.

Tracy: I know. I have to admit, I'm already thinking my jeans are a little bit tight, and I just know how many things I want to eat when I get over there. I'm like, oh, the list is long, the afternoon tea list. I'm like, I want to do lots of afternoon teas. And I'm like, but we'll be doing a lot of walking. You do a lot of walking, so you cannot.

Ashley Dowling: Yeah, we did end up doing, an afternoon tea at Fortnum and Mason, and that was. That was a good experience. That was fun. It was. It was great. And after that, I didn't really get a lot of tea. Like, that kind of surprised me. I wasn't sure, you know, like, I don't know what impression I was under, but I figured, you know, like, I could get tea and scones everywhere. I, apparently not. I mean, or maybe I just didn't look in the right places. But, so I. When we got them, we got them.

Tracy: You enjoyed them. That's really good.

There's so many amazing places to eat in London. I'd have to probably spend the rest of my life in

Oh, I want to ask you about the Churchill arms as well, because I know you'd booked a meal there. How did that go?

Ashley Dowling: So I ended up getting an email from them saying that they were closed for food because something had happened in their, you know, like, in their kitchen. So instead of going to the church arms, we went to the Albert, which was also really great. Yeah. And closer to us, so I didn't know that existed. So it was great.

Tracy: There's so many. I'm busy doing my, new product, which hopefully will have launched by the time of this podcast comes out, which is going to have a lot of information about different places to eat in London. I can't eat all of them. I'd like to. I'd have to probably spend the rest of my life in London just to even think about eating in all these

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Tracy: amazing places. But. But it's been really fun doing all the research and all the different. Oh, there's just amazing places to eat when you're there.

Ashley Dowling: So good food everywhere we went to. We ended up at the hard rock because I wanted to go over and see the vault. and we ended up in the vault, and my favorite band is Aerosmith. So he let me hold one of Joe Perry's guitars, and he was like, don't tell anybody this, but I'm just gonna tell you. And, you know, all of your listeners, but I got to hold it. And, like, you know, I was so, so very excited.

Tracy: Oh, that's so good.

You also did the abbey road walk with the Beatles

And you also, did you went to do the, abbey road walk? Beatles, did you do that?

Ashley Dowling: We did, yeah. We ran up, we ran up to Abbey Road and we did that, totally didn't realize it was as busy as it is right there. And how upset the people got, you know, like, waiting for people to cross the road, which I don't blame them. So, we did, we did that. We ran across really, really quickly and just sort of filmed ourselves. And then we actually, we found the Abbey road store. So we bought some things from there and then they, came back. We did go to Savile Row and we saw, you know, like, their, building there where they played the last show. And.

Tracy: Cool.

Ashley Dowling: Do you know what we did that was really cool? we went on this little tour of, like, the shops of London. So we went to, like, John Lobb and, we went to the lock and the hatter, and James Fox. So we saw where Churchill bought his cigars and we went downstairs and sat in Churchill's chair. at John Lobb, he has the replicas and the templates for all of the royal shoes. So there's literally queen Victoria's template of her shoes. And then when we went to the hatter, they have the diagrams of everyone's head who's had hats made. It was fascinating. I have to send that info to you. It was fascinating.

Tracy: Yeah, absolutely. Because I'm adding that to my list. I need to go and do that.

That sounds good.

Ashley Dowling: I'll send it to you. It was amazing. And I was a little weary about just walking in, knowing that I was like, I can't afford anything in here, but I really want to know the history of this. And they seemed really cool with people coming in, which was great because he explained to us how they made the hats, how they made the shoes, and it was just that also, for us, kind of made it feel like, okay, this isn't just the average tour. Like, this is something, this is something special.

Tracy: Yeah. And honestly, they'll be used to majority of people walking in, not being able to afford anything in the shops.

Ashley Dowling: Yeah, yeah. It wasn't happening.

Tracy: No, no. Just, just look and appreciate and that's it. It's like, that's me walk out.

I bought tea towels from everywhere we went to make a quilt

But that does take me into a really lovely question that I do like to get in if I can, and ask, which is, did you buy anything? As if you did, what did you buy?

Ashley Dowling: So I, before we left, I was like, how am I going to buy as many souvenirs as I would like to buy and fit them all in. So I have a fantastic friend who makes quilts, and, so I bought tea towels from everywhere we went, and she's going to turn them into a quilt for me. And I just. I thought that was the coolest idea because I was like, I can't really take home a lot of big, bulky souvenirs, but the tea towel, I mean,

I probably have, like, 20 tea towels, you know, ready to go. And I just am going to give them to my friend Laura and say, here, you know, like, do what you do, what you can. And I think that'll be the coolest souvenir.

Tracy: I love that idea. I really do. And I want to. I want to see a picture of it when she's done it. Oh, that'd be amazing. Now you give me an idea. I spoke to, I did a podcast the other day, with Heather, who'd visited with the family, and they. They started collecting the little ducks. You know, you get the little duck, like the 8th duck and Winston Churchill duck and Jane Austen duck. So that's now on my list this time to go back, so. Well, I need to collect ducks. And now I'm thinking, like, I do. I usually buy tea towels, and I've got loads.

Ashley Dowling: Yeah.

Tracy: And then they get it put in the drawer, and then I think, should I, can I put them on the wall? And, you know, I used to make quilts, so, I never even thought about doing that. That's genius idea. I love that idea.

Ashley Dowling: Thank you. Yeah, I just wanted something different.

You made it to the royal ballet. Was that special?

Tracy: Oh, and I need to ask you as well, because I know that, you're a, ah, ballet dancer. So I saw the lovely photos, and I will put them in the show notes that you made it to the royal ballet. And we did. Was that special?

Ashley Dowling: it was like, wherever we go, I try to find the local dance studio, the dance area, and, finding the royal ballet was pretty special. I was able to take a picture out front. I was able to go in and talk to them and just say, hey, I am, from here. I have wanted to come over for forever. They were fantastic. They had a tea towel. I bought it, you know, and then after that, you know, like, we went around to the other places. There was

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Ashley Dowling: a dance store called block and freed, and I got some souvenirs and some things for my kids. And, you know, that was pretty special, too.

Tracy: Oh, that's brilliant.

One tip you would give to anyone visiting the UK for the first time

so I'm gonna kind of wrap up, but I'm gonna ask the question I always ask at the end of the podcast, what is the one tip that, you would give to anyone visiting the UK for the first time?

Ashley Dowling: So I thought long and hard about this. I wanted to give something interesting, and my best advice when visiting for the first time is to look everywhere. Because we went on a lot of tours, and every time a door was open, I would look, because, you know, like, they're very good at directing you where you should look. But I wanted to look everywhere. So, you know, like, especially when we were in Buckingham, I was, you know, like, looking down the corridors and looking other ways.

And I just feel like you get a little more sense of your belongings when you look around everywhere. so that's my advice. Look everywhere.

Tracy: No, that's a really good tip. Look up, look down corridors, look around. You never know. You never, you know, King Charles might have been wandering around one of those corridors at some point.

Ashley Dowling: Look, look down. When we went to Holyrood, I was not looking down, and I missed the blood spot. you know, Lord Darnley and I had to turn around and go back, and I had to ask and be that person who was like, I missed the blood spot. So look. Look everywhere.

Tracy: Absolutely.

How were you with Kensington palace? Did you enjoy it

Oh, and one question I'm just going to ask now, because there's been a lot of feedback in the Facebook group about Kensington palace. Now, I personally really like Kensington palace because to me, it's that tight. The queen Victoria, she was born there. There's her toys, which I just think are amazing to see. but there's been a bit of, like, didn't enjoy it, did enjoy it. So how were you with Kensington palace? Did you enjoy it?

Ashley Dowling: I like Kensington. I mean, I thought it was beautiful. I thought I wasn't. I did not expect to see her crowns, which was special. I, love the Diana memorial, I love the gardens. I thought that Kensington, you know, like, I can get where people say that

because it doesn't seem as grand in nature, but I think you have to remember where it started, you know, I mean, so, for me, I personally love Kensington, and I would, if anybody has it on their list and they're doubting it, do it.

Tracy: Brilliant. Well, I'm gonna go again when I'm back. I don't know how I'm gonna fit everything in, but I'm determined to go back to Kensington because I really enjoyed it. well, actually, it's been just amazing catching up with you. It's been so good to chat with you.

Ashley Dowling: Thank you so much.

Tracy: Honestly, it's just, it's so honestly, I love talking to you guys when you come back from your trip, and it's just,

And so where are you gonna go next in the UK? Scotland. I gotta get to Balmoral

And so where are you gonna go next in the UK?

Ashley Dowling: Scotland. Excellent. Yeah. I gotta get to Balmoral. M. I gotta do Balmoral.

Tracy: Well, I haven't been there yet either, so. So maybe we should both. We'll both add that to our lister visit, for sure.

Ashley Dowling: Yes.

Tracy: Oh, thanks so much, honestly. It's been great to chat with you, actually.

Ashley Dowling: Thank you and up for all your help.

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