

Episode 182 - Planning a Trip to the UK in 2026: What You Really Need to Know

Tracy Collins [00:00:00]:

If you're considering a trip to the UK in 2026 and starting to think about the planning, now is a great time to get organized. In this episode, we're sharing essential tips and what you need to know about traveling to the UK in 2026 to help you plan with confidence.

Intro [00:00:17]:

Welcome to the UK Travel Planning Podcast. Your host is the founder of the UK travel planning website, Tracey Collins. Each week, Tracey shares destination guides, travel tips and itinerary ideas, as well as interviews with a variety of guests who share their knowledge 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 Collins [00:00:47]:

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Tracy Collins [00:01:57]:

Whether you should travel by train or by car, where you should stay, choosing what to see and do what, leave out, how soon you really need to book things, how to keep everyone in your travel party happy, which is often not easy.

Doug [00:02:10]:

No, we know that.

Tracy Collins [00:02:11]:

And which decisions actually need to be made early. I'm Tracy and together my husband Doug. Hello there. We run UK Travel Planning. Between us, we help thousands of travelers every year plan trips to the uk. We spend time answering questions, reviewing itineraries and seeing exactly where people can get stuck. Our aim is to reduce stress and. And overwhelm and to help you save time and money by making clearer decisions.

Doug [00:02:37]:

Yep. And I'm Doug, and as our resident train expert, I see firsthand how transport choices, timing and planning order can make a huge difference to how your trip actually feels once you're there. Everything we're sharing in this episode comes from real trips and real itineraries we've helped people plan, not theory or generic advice. By the end of this episode, you'll know what actually matters, what can wait, and where to focus first. So planning your UK trip feels clearer and less overwhelming.

Tracy Collins [00:03:07]:

Yep. We can make it easier for you to plan a trip to the uk, and there are a lot of things to consider, really, when planning your itinerary. And once you kind of understand those, everything else becomes much easier. So in this episode, we're going to walk you through what you really need to know to plan a trip to the UK in 2026. We'll help you understand what's changed, what to prioritize, and how to approach your planning in a way that feels manageable, not overwhelming.

Doug [00:03:31]:

So whether this is your first trip or you've been to the UK before, our goal is to help you feel confident that you're making the right decisions from the very start.

Tracy Collins [00:03:39]:

Yep. And remember, there's no one perfect UK itinerary. There's the itinerary that suits your pace, your interests, and the people you're traveling with. So I'm going to just say we're going to go through lots of different points, and I don't want you to feel overwhelmed because the whole point of this is to. Is to prevent that. So you don't need to write all the things down. First of all, you just check the show notes for this episode, 182, which will be on the website and also in the podcast note, show notes. And then you can, you know, get the links to all the information and everything that we talk about.

Tracy Collins [00:04:15]:

So one thing I do want to say before I start is that there's so much information out there at the moment. It's like information overload. There's so much on the Internet, there's so much from using AI these days that we just know it can feel really overwhelming. So we're hoping that our resources, and we know we. We have resources and podcasts and we have the websites, but we are trying to kind of help you navigate away through all of this kind of noise that's out there when planning a trip. Okay, let's start with looking at what's different about planning UK travel in 2026. Note that you don't need to write all the points that we're going to go through down that

you can actually find links in the show notes for this episode as well. So one of the things to consider if you plan to visit in 2026 is how busy the UK is generally and even more so during peak seasons.

Tracy Collins [00:05:06]:

And that's kind of reflected in demand for accommodation, transport, restaurants, car hire and tours. This is probably no different in 2026 than previous years. But we really did want to start off by just mentioning this. Popular regions are often get booked up earlier than you may expect. Places like Edinburgh, Scottish Highlands, Isle of Skye, the Lake District can fill up well in advance, particularly when it comes to accommodation. The Isla sky is a great example of this because there isn't a huge amount of accommodation there. So if it's on your list, there's something you really don't want to leave until the last minute. Popular attractions like Edinburgh Castle can also book out in advance.

Tracy Collins [00:05:40]:

And we actually have heard from people who have not booked tickets and arrived in Edinburgh and actually not been able to go in to the castle. Now, bear in mind, we're talking about peak season here for this, but also if you're considering, like limited capacity tours, like if the private or small group, you often need to be, you know, thinking about reserving those earlier as well. Also, if you're having a car and you need an automatic, that's another thing to be aware of as those can be limited and can sell out much faster than manual cars. And that's something we saw in Edinburgh, didn't we?

Doug [00:06:11]:

We did, yes.

Tracy Collins [00:06:12]:

Yeah. We saw a couple, unfortunately, they were given a manual car, they couldn't drive it, so there was no automatics available and they were just. They ended up standing there with the suitcases and had no car. It was really. It was awful.

Doug [00:06:24]:

It is. We felt for them, didn't we?

Tracy Collins [00:06:26]:

Yeah, we did. We're also seeing more travelers combining cities and countryside, aren't we, Doug?

Doug [00:06:31]:

Yeah. So rather than staying in, say, London or just focusing on one region, people are mixing places like London and Edinburgh with York and Yorkshire, the Cotswolds, Highlands or Cornwall and many other places. So a lot of travelers also combine England and Scotland in a single itinerary.

Tracy Collins [00:06:49]:

Yep. And we've seen actually more travelers, including Northern Ireland as well.

Doug [00:06:52]:

True, true. So that kind of trip can be fantastic, but it does need a Bit more planning to make sure it flows well in terms of well, logistics.

Tracy Collins [00:07:00]:

Yeah. And well, which is one reason that you've been producing your YouTube videos. So do check us out on YouTube at UK Travel Planning because Doug's been putting a lot of videos together about how to get around the UK by train. Recent videos include how to get from London to Bath. He's working on more videos all the time. So you know, so just check out our YouTube channel if you want to watch how to get from different places and what it's like to travel in the UK by train. There'll be lots more videos as well coming in in the coming year actually on YouTube as well. So what we recommend is identifying what matters to you and your party.

Doug [00:07:36]:

Yeah, well which can take some time especially when in traveling with a mixed age travel group. Really.

Tracy Collins [00:07:42]:

Yeah, yeah I think it's important and we talk about this a lot when we do itinery consults as well as I, I guess is is asking everybody but everybody in your party what they're interested in as well like picking, picking must dos I guess for them.

Doug [00:07:55]:

Yeah. Be wide and varied. That can be.

Tracy Collins [00:07:56]:

Yeah, absolutely. So again consider. Are you a see it all traveler or do you want to go deeper? Do you want one base with day trips or do you want a point to point itinerary? Is the trip more about cities, scenery, history or you know, are you a orchestra's great small fan or a Bridgerton fan and you want. But yeah, do you want to build it around that? So there's all sorts of different things and themes and interests when it comes to visiting the uk. If there are places you absolutely want to stay or experiences you really don't want to miss or regions that are high on your priority list. Those are the things to focus on first and then start planning the logistics around it now. And another important thing to remember we'll, we'll mention this for 2026 is even before you get on the plane that you will need if you, if you're traveling to the UK visa free you'll need an ETA which is an electronic travel authorization. Now it's not complicated but it's something people can overlook.

Tracy Collins [00:08:54]:

We recommend adding it to your planning checklist early on and I will add a link to the official government site in the show notes. Now be really careful, just use the official government link

because there have been scammy sites trying are basically charging way, way, way over the odds for this etter. So just make sure you go through the UK site or if you're in Australia, smart traveler will give you that link as well. So it's really worth making sure that you have got that. Well, it's not even worth it. You have to have to have it, have to have it. So take that bit out with said worth it. You have to have it if you're traveling to the UK in 2026.

Tracy Collins [00:09:33]:

So make sure that you sort your ETA out.

Doug [00:09:36]:

So one of the most helpful things we can do at this stage is talk about some of the biggest planning mistakes we have come across when putting together a UK trip. So you can avoid them all together.

Tracy Collins [00:09:46]:

Yeah, we thought this would be really useful just to talk about a few things that we see. So the first big mistake is trying to see too much. Now, this is incredibly common, especially for first time visitors. Now, the UK looks small on a map and it's tempting to think you can fit in lots of places in a short amount of time. But what often happens is that people spend far more time traveling than they expect. Far more time in a car, not enough time actually enjoying the places that they've come to see. Now, again, I'm just going to say this is your trip. If you want to fit in lots of different places, that is up to you.

Tracy Collins [00:10:18]:

But we just want to really make you think carefully about this because often we will talk to people who want to do Cornwall and they also want to go to the Scottish Islands and they're only in the UK for a week. That's just not doable.

Doug [00:10:31]:

Yeah.

Tracy Collins [00:10:32]:

So again, I guess that's where it really helps if you're considering where you want to visit and you're getting a bit overwhelmed, is to talk that through with us in a consort. Yeah.

Doug [00:10:40]:

So, yeah. And closely linked to that is understanding travel times and underestimating travel times. Yeah, definitely underestimate it. So even when distances look short, journeys in the UK can take longer than people expect. Trains may involve changes, raw roads are slower than they look, and cities like London take time to move around, can be a lot of time. This can turn what looks like a relaxed plan to something that feels rushed very quickly.

Tracy Collins [00:11:06]:

Yeah. Another mistake we see a lot is an assumption that because the UK is smaller than many countries, it's easier to get around in the same way everywhere in reality, honestly, traveling around London is very different from traveling in the Highlands or the Cotswolds. The pace, transport options and distances all change depending on where you are. And planning without accounting for that can lead to frustration and delays and disruption to travel plans.

Doug [00:11:31]:

So a related issue is treating the UK as one destination rather than a collection of very different regions. England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland all feel quite distinct. Even within England, you will find a lot of variety between areas. So planning a trip without thinking about these differences can lead to unrealistic expectations. And itineraries that don't quite work, such as Cornwall, takes longer to get to and around than many people expect. So planning a one day visit is not logistically possible. From London, for example, unless you want to spend the entire day on the train there and back, which I have.

Tracy Collins [00:12:08]:

To say, you have done.

Doug [00:12:09]:

Well, that's me. I spend all day, every day sitting on the train.

Tracy Collins [00:12:12]:

Yeah. To be fair, you did do that for research purposes. You took the overnight sleeper, didn't you?

Doug [00:12:17]:

I did. Fantastic.

Tracy Collins [00:12:18]:

That's Cornwall. Yes, you did. And then you came back the next day. So I did. But it's not something we would recommend.

Doug [00:12:23]:

No.

Tracy Collins [00:12:24]:

So one practical mistake we've seen and one that's often hard to fix later. If you didn't book with free cancellation booking accommodation before understanding the logistics around a proposed itinerary, locking in hotels or holiday rentals early because of worries about limited availability without knowing how you're going to get from place to place can create problems. Now, during our 1:1 consults and video reviews, we're able to identify and point out if and where plans don't work. And then we can suggest alternatives to make plans more realistic, enjoyable and achievable.

Doug [00:12:57]:

Yeah, I also want to jump in quickly if I can clarify one point about trains that I hear all too often. Many people assume that train tickets in the UK will sell out if they don't book early. Well, they don't unless you're planning to take a sleeper train service. That is, tickets do not sell out. So also, there's a long morning myth that tickets are available to book sort of 12 weeks in advance. So but that's actually more realistic being six to nine weeks. There's exceptions and there's caveats to that.

Tracy Collins [00:13:29]:

Yeah, that's Doug sharing a bit of his extensive train knowledge there.

Doug [00:13:32]:

And it does irritate me a bit when I keep hearing the myth.

Tracy Collins [00:13:35]:

Well, I mean, anyway, you've shared that now. Okay, so let's have a look at how to plan a trip to the UK in the right order, the order that we suggest. So the important thing to remember is that the, that what we've talked about are very common mistakes and a bit of structure and the right planning order can make a huge difference. So one of the biggest reasons people feel Overwhelmed on Planet UK trip is that they're making decisions in the wrong order. For example, booking accommodation or locking in day trips before you've really thought through how everything fits together. And I say, I know there's overwhelm as well, because there's just so much information out there. But let's talk about a simple plan and order that works and that we use again and again when helping people plan their trips.

Doug [00:14:20]:

Sure. So the first thing to think about is when you're going. The time of year affects almost everything else, from weather and daylight hours to crowds, prices and availability. Traveling in summer, shoulder season or winter can lead to very different experiences. And knowing when you're going also helps set realistic expectations from the start. So that it's also worth considering setting a rough budget early on because it will influence how many places you can comfortably include and where you can choose to stay.

Tracy Collins [00:14:52]:

Absolutely. Because places like London and Edinburgh, for example, are extremely expensive for accommodation. So if you set your budget, then you may be able to work out how many days you can spend in London if you want to add Edinburgh in how many days in Edinburgh, or look at accommodation options that may make your trip a little bit more affordable. London is incredibly expensive, I will say that. And that's a lot of feedback we're having during recent consultation consultations about just how pricey London accommodation is. So I would imagine for most people, London features quite heavily in their itinerary. So perhaps look at your London parts first of all, and accommodation, because that is going to be expensive when you're working out your budget next, think about where you're going. Now, this might sound obvious, but it's more about just listing places you want to visit.

Tracy Collins [00:15:40]:

It's also about deciding how many locations actually make sense for the amount of time you have and how those places fit together geographically. Now, once you've picked your places, plot them on a map. It might sound basic, but it instantly will show you what groups together and what doesn't. Fewer places done well nearly always lead to a better experience than trying to squeeze in too much and trying to go from one end of the country to the other. Really, you need to kind of consider the logistics once you have the idea of places that you want to go to. Yeah.

Doug [00:16:13]:

So once you know when and where the next step is, how you're going to get around.

Tracy Collins [00:16:18]:

Yeah. And also that's a point where, I guess, mobility and comfort comes into play as it can affect how you get around and where it makes sense to stay as well.

Doug [00:16:26]:

Yeah. You've Got to consider everybody in the travel group.

Tracy Collins [00:16:28]:

Yeah.

Doug [00:16:28]:

So this is a really important decision because it affects the pace of your trip, how much time you spend traveling and how flexible your days are. Whether you're traveling by train, car or combination of both will shape your itinerary more than most people realize. After that comes where you'll stay when you leave accommodation. Until this stage, it becomes more easier to choose between places that actually support your itinerary. For example, choose an accommodation with a car parking or close to a railway station.

Tracy Collins [00:16:58]:

Yeah. And that's something actually we talk about a lot when we talk about when people are hiding cars to consider, you know, getting accommodation with car parking. Because sometimes some places in UK can actually be quite difficult.

Doug [00:17:08]:

Yeah.

Tracy Collins [00:17:08]:

Finally, you need to look at what, what needs booking in advance. This is where you can prioritize the things that really matter to you. So it might be a specific hotel, a particular tour, a popular attraction or event, or a limited availability experience. Not everything needs to be booked early, but the things that are most important to your trip usually do. And I would book

them. For example, I'll be in the UK in April, May and probably June. And I really wanted to go to the Chelsea Flower Show. So I have booked my ticket.

Tracy Collins [00:17:36]:

I, in fact I booked my ticket a good few weeks ago now and recording this at the end of December. So if you want to, if there's something specific you really want to do. Another one, for example, would be going to the Warner Brothers Harry Potter Studios.

Doug [00:17:49]:

That gets booked up or to Anfield for Liverpool football, of course.

Tracy Collins [00:17:53]:

Yeah, book those. So once you've got an idea of what you want to do, then start looking. I mean, you know, get your itinerary together, but think about those experiences that you want to do and then you know, those I would be getting booked in and working the rest of your itinerary around that. That planning in this order helps you avoid a lot of common problems. It will reduce backtracking, cuts down on wasted travel days, and take so much of the unnecessary stress that comes from trying to force plans to fit together later on. If you're listening to this and thinking it all makes sense, but you're not quite sure how to apply it to your own trip. We do have a free UK itinerary planning challenge that walks you through this step by step and we'll link to that in the show notes. The key thing to remember is that planning in the right order doesn't mean planning every detail.

Tracy Collins [00:18:35]:

It just means putting the big pieces in place first. So everything else becomes easier.

Doug [00:18:40]:

Yeah, it falls into place.

Tracy Collins [00:18:42]:

Yeah.

Doug [00:18:43]:

One of the biggest decisions you'll make when planning a UK trip is how you're going to get around. This is something people often underestimate, but it really does affect almost every part of your itinerary. At a high level, most travelers are choosing between trains, a high car, or combination of both. Neither option is automatically better. And this isn't about finding a single best way to travel, it's about choosing what works best for your specific trip. So if you're spending most of your time in cities, especially places like London, Edinburgh or other major towns, trains often make a lot of sense. They can be efficient, comfortable and allow you to avoid traffic well, and the parking and the stress of driving in busy areas. For many people, traveling by train also means you can relax, enjoy the scenery and make better use of your travel time.

Doug [00:19:35]:

For travellers with mobility considerations, trains can also be a good option because stations often have staff assistance available and many services offer step free access, although this does vary by station and route. It's another reason why understanding your needs early helps you make the right transport choices.

Tracy Collins [00:19:56]:

Absolutely. Now. But on the other hand, if your plans include rural areas or more remote regions, or you have a lot of luggage, a car can offer more flexibility. It can make it easier to reach places that aren't well served by public transport and allow you to explore at your own pace. However, it also comes down with its own considerations. Don't say that again, Ryan. However, also comes with its own considerations, like driving on unfamiliar roads or on the opposite side of the road, parking, and sometimes longer travel days than expected. This is where the cities versus countryside distinction really matters.

Tracy Collins [00:20:28]:

The way you get around London is completely different from the way you'll move around the Highlands, the Lake District or coastal areas. Many trips work best with a mix of both using trains between major cities and a car for specific regions. Now, this is something we'll be diving into in much more detail very soon. In a couple of weeks, we'll be doing a dedicated episode all about getting around the uk, looking at trains versus cars, and helping decide what makes the most sense for your trip. So if this is something you're unsure about, make sure you subscribe to the podcast so you don't miss that episode. For now, just keep this in mind. There's no single right way to get around the uk, but there is a right choice for your trip.

Doug [00:21:09]:

So let's finish with a quick roundup of practical things that are useful to know for 2026. Cash or card.

Tracy Collins [00:21:17]:

Right? Well, Cash is really not used very often these days. It just isn't. You just. In fact, I have have been, I think the last few times I've been in the uk, I've not even seen any cash. I've not used any cash, I've not had any cash on me. In fact, I've actually went on a trip around the UK with just my phone, which was probably not the most sensible and it was absolutely fine. I would say have maybe a small amount of backup cash. Yeah.

Tracy Collins [00:21:43]:

It's useful thing if you want for tips and things like that. So maybe just take 20, 20 or 50 pound. 50 pound, maybe get it in kind of five 10 pound notes and maybe that would be enough. I tend to honestly think that these days you just, just don't need cash at all. It's just contactless everywhere. So you just tap your phone or you tap your card and away you go. Really?

Doug [00:22:04]:

That's right. So for 2026, is there any dates that we should be aware of?

Tracy Collins [00:22:09]:

Yep. I just want to mention about school holidays. They are generally July and August, Easter for two weeks, Christmas for two weeks, and then there are half term holidays which kind of interrupt a full school term, that is for a week at the end of May and a week at the end of October. Other things to mention are bank holidays. Those are basically public holidays. And the two, well, three actually I'm going to mention are. There's one at the beginning of May, first Monday in May, the last Monday in May and then also the last Monday in August. Those are public holidays for everybody in the uk.

Tracy Collins [00:22:43]:

There may be additional ones depending on like maybe Scotland in Wales. I'm not 100% sure.

Doug [00:22:49]:

Yeah. For. For the pigeon. Same days.

Tracy Collins [00:22:53]:

Yeah. But those are the main ones that I really want to talk about. So obviously those weekends, if it's a long weekend, so if it's a public holiday on the Monday, it'll just be busy if the weather's good. Which is why I'm talking mainly about kind of the May and August ones.

Doug [00:23:05]:

Yeah. And especially for travel plans as well. A lot of people will be traveling.

Tracy Collins [00:23:08]:

Yeah. So it can be really disruptive to travel around those times or just very, very busy. Other one I want to mention is the Edinburgh Festival, which is the Fringe Festival, which is in August. Amazing atmosphere, but accommodation, books up very early and camping very expensive. So perhaps staying outside the city may be your best option. Or just book accommodation as soon as possible and you will find it is more, more expensive. Also, the London Marathon catches everybody out every year as well we see that in the Facebook group. So this year I just want to let everybody know, it's on Sunday, April 26th 6th.

Tracy Collins [00:23:43]:

So Central London is impacted. So you can have a look online at where the actual route of the marathon goes. But it will be very busy that weekend, it's just on the, the Sunday. But generally people coming into London earlier of that weekend, it can make it busier, roads will shut down as well. So it just will be really, really, really, really busy. So consider how you're going to get from the airport into your hotel. Consider where your hotel is, is located as well. If it's a very central location, are you going to be impacted by the London marathon? So consider your plans very carefully for that day.

Tracy Collins [00:24:19]:

The other one that's at the major event actually that's happened in the UK this year I want to talk about is a Commonwealth Games which will be held in Glasgow 23rd of July, 2nd August 2026. So that will have a big impact on Glasgow, accommodation and effects across Scotland. So plan earlier if you're planning to travel to Scotland from the end of July to the beginning of August because that will have an impact. Last one just want to quickly mention is we get asked all the time is what will the weather be like in London, in Edinburgh, in York and wherever and what should I pack? Now I'm just going to mention that I, I wish I could tell you but I don't know. It's the UK, the weather just is just unpredictable. It's predictably unpredictable, just it varies by region though it tends to get cooler the further north that you go. I will always say take lay, it doesn't matter what time you travel. We've actually traveled in May to Edinburgh and arrived on the Sunday and got sunburn and on the Monday I was dressed up with a scarf and hat and a raincoat because it was pouring down with rain and some really cold.

Tracy Collins [00:25:20]:

So it depends, you just can't predict anything. What I tend to do is I will check on the BBC weather, I'll look on the long range forecast which will give me an idea for the month ahead and before I usually pack I will check out so the next couple of weeks what the weather looks like. But you know, I always take a raincoat. I've got a fold up raincoat that if you've seen probably in my photos, it's a yellow one and it's got flowers on and I get asked so many times about that. I take that all the time wherever I go and the Other thing that I really recommend that you do is they have comfortable shoes because you're going to be doing a lot more walking than you imagine.

Doug [00:25:55]:

Yeah, that's true.

Tracy Collins [00:25:56]:

Yeah. So at this point I'm going to say it's. It's worth saying that you don't have to figure out all of this on your own. So when you're putting your plan together, how much help you want really depends on how you like to plan and how much time you have. So if you're happy to do in your own research, we have a lot of free resources available. There are articles and podcast episodes on UK travel planning and we have a London travel planning website too that covers everything for getting around and where to stay, seasonal tips and more. So for many people, our free resources are more than enough for you to put together a great trip. We provide these free of charge.

Tracy Collins [00:26:33]:

But if you would like to leave us a tip, that would be absolutely fantastic. There's a tip you guys page button on the podcast show notes and on the website as well because it helps us to continue to provide all this kind of free information for you guys, like, as much as you can. We spend a lot of time putting this together. A lot of love and care put together.

Doug [00:26:51]:

That's true.

Tracy Collins [00:26:51]:

Yeah.

Doug [00:26:51]:

But if you prefer something a bit more structured, we also have a free UK itinerary planning challenge. It walks you through the planning process step by step and helps you apply everything we've been talking about to your own trip. We'll link that in the show notes as well. So also for people who like having everything in one place, we also offer a selection of helpful resources including itinerary planners, planning maps, and our best selling guide to UK train travel.

Tracy Collins [00:27:18]:

Is that the one you wrote?

Doug [00:27:19]:

It might well be, yes. It's very good. Even though I say so myself. These are designed for travelers who want clarity without having to piece information together from lots of different sources.

Tracy Collins [00:27:30]:

Yeah, and like I said, there's just so much out there. Crazy. Absolutely. So Doug and I also offer a few ways to get personalized help if you'd like a bit of extra reassurance. If you already have an itinerary or you have a draft itinerary and would like feedback, we offer an itinerary review service. So you send us your plans and questions, we review everything and respond with a personalized video where we walk you through the itinerary, explain what works works and suggest improvements or alternatives, and obviously answer any questions that you have. If you prefer more interactive help, we also offer one to One itinerary consultation. Now that's an hour long session where we help you shape or refine your itinerary, talk through options, answer your questions in real time.

Tracy Collins [00:28:12]:

Now some people come together with come with a draft itinerary, others come with ideas that need pulling together, which is absolutely fine. We would say though to consider how long your trip is because obviously for an hour it's going to be very difficult if your trip is six weeks to do it in an hour. But we recommend start with the hour and then if necessary you can book additional additional time with us if necessary. So both of those options are designed to help you feel confident that your plans make sense and that you're making the most of your time in the UK. And for 2026 we're also excited to offer a new personalized itinerary planning service. This is a more hands on option where we'll help design your trip from the ground up based on your interest, timing and priorities. Now, because trip is different, this is something you can contact us about for a quote. There's really no right or wrong way to approach planning.

Doug [00:29:01]:

So whether you do it all yourself or get some help along the way, the aim is to make planning your UK trip easier and more enjoyable and to help you end up with a trip that really works for you and everybody else in your group.

Tracy Collins [00:29:12]:

Yeah, that's true.

Doug [00:29:14]:

So before we wrap up, we want to quickly mention what's coming next. Next week we're focusing entirely on planning a trip to London in 2026. London is an incredible city and like any other major global city, it has its own consideration when it comes to planning. Things like where to stay, how to get around and how to structure your days can have a big impact on how your time in London feels.

Tracy Collins [00:29:37]:

That's true. And in that episode we're going to walk through those kind of London specific considerations and share practical tips to help you make the most of your time in the city. I'm actually busy planning my, I don't know, 120,000 millionth trip to London at the moment.

Doug [00:29:51]:

That's right.

Tracy Collins [00:29:52]:

So which is very, very exciting in now. That's it really for this week. If you found this episode helpful, make sure you're subscribed or following the podcast so you don't miss any future episodes. You can also explore our back catalog. We'll find lots of episodes covering different parts of the UK Transport options, practical planning tips that build on what we've talked about today. If you have any questions or comments, leave us a message via Speak pipe because we love to hear from everybody, don't we?

Doug [00:30:18]:

We really do.

Tracy Collins [00:30:18]:

Yeah. Now, all the links we've mentioned are in the show notes and that can be found at uktravelplanning.com/forward/episode182 but as always, that just leaves us to say until next week, Happy UK Travel Planning. Thank you for tuning in to this week's episode of the UK Travel Planning Podcast. As always, show notes can be found uktravelplanning.com if you've enjoyed the show, why not leave a US feedback via text or a review on your favorite podcast app? We love to hear from you. And you never know, you may receive a shout out in a future episode. But as always, that just leaves me to say until next week, Happy UK Travel Planning.