Edinburgh Meander down the Royal Mile, puzzle over Rosslyn Chapel's symbols, explore Edinburgh Castle, sip a whisky (or two); the two days will fly

Oxford Christ Church College, the Bodleian Library, punting and Tolkien's favourite pub does for starters in this extraordinarily atmospheric city. Q 1/4 hrs to London London Go royal (Buckingham Palace. Windsor Castle), go cultural (West End theatres, V&A), go shopping (Harrods, Borough Market); just make sure you go.