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Exploring Britain & Ireland

Featuring England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales

From £2,234* pp | 14 Days • 20 Meals *Prices are per person for tour only based on 2 people sharing.
Personalise your tour with our range of competitively priced regional flying options.

A COMPREHENSIVE JOURNEY THROUGH HISTORY

Travel to some of the world's most magnificent cities and through the magical countryside of Britain and Ireland. This comprehensive journey takes you through rolling farmland and across the Irish Sea, through England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Marvel at the mystery of Stonehenge. Experience Ireland's culinary renaissance during a cooking class at one of Dublin's premier culinary institutes. Walk in the footsteps of William Shakespeare at his birthplace, Stratford-upon-Avon. Be mesmerized by the breathtaking landscapes in the English Lake District, Ireland's Ring of Kerry and the valleys, mountains and imposing castles of North Wales. Admire the ancient Roman ruins at Hadrian's Wall and in elegant Bath. Get acquainted with Britain's pageantry in the royal cities of Edinburgh and London.







YOUR TOUR – AT A GLANCE

- Behold the magical scenery at the glorious Ring of Kerry.
- Find inspiration in the Lake District's quintessential English villages.



Must-See's

- Ponder ancient mysteries at Stonehenge.
- Overnight in the capital cities of London, Cardiff, Dublin and Edinburgh.
- Explore the Roman Bath Museum's 2,000-year-old elabourate spas.

Choice On Tour

- Your choice of tour in Waterford, Edinburgh and Stratford-upon-Avon.
- In Waterford, choose to tour the House of Waterford Crystal factory or enjoy an included walking tour of the city.
- Set out on a locally guided panoramic coach tour of Edinburgh or take an expert led walking tour of the city. Both include a visit to imposing Edinburgh Castle.
- In Stratford, tour the childhood home of Ann Hathaway (Shakespeare's wife) or enjoy a leisurely Avon River cruise.

Culinary

- Give traditional Irish cuisine a modern twist during a cooking class and dinner.
- Experience a traditional English carvery.

PERSONALIZE YOUR TRIP

Pre and Post Tour Extensions. Start and end your holiday rested.

Arrive early:

Pre night in London

- Discover the city’s gardens, museums, monuments and theatres.

YOUR ITINERARY

Please note: tour inclusions and available options may vary based on departure date. Please select a date above for more details.

Day 1 London, England - Tour Begins

Discover the true cultural treasures of Britain and Ireland on a comprehensive journey through England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland. Your journey opens in the regal city of London. A capital of culture and commerce, the city blends traditional with modern. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers at a traditional English pub for dinner.

Dinner High 13° Low 4° 1" Radisson Blu Edwardian Grafton

Day 2 London

Discover the pageantry of London as we join a local guide for a city tour. See Big Ben, Westminster, Whitehall, Hyde Park and Buckingham Palace. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore this iconic city or perhaps partake in an optional excursion to Windsor Castle.

Breakfast High 13° Low 4° 1" Radisson Blu Edwardian Grafton

Day 3 London - Stonehenge - Bath - Cardiff

Travel to Stonehenge, the mysterious formation that dates back to the Stone Age. Explore various theories on how the colossal stones arrived at the location and their purpose. Continue to the elegant Georgian town of Bath to visit the Roman Bath Museum's 2,000-year-old elabourate spas. Enjoy some time to stroll through Bath's cobblestone streets and soak in its old-world atmosphere. Your day ends in the Welsh capital of Cardiff.

Breakfast High 12° Low 4° 2" Radisson Blu Cardiff

Day 4 Cardiff - Ferry to Ireland - Waterford

Join a local expert on a leisurely paced walking tour of Cardiff. Learn about the city's deep ties to the coal industry, its connection to ancient Rome and its famous Victorian shopping arcades. Take in the beautiful countryside of Wales en route to the coastal village of Fishguard. There we board the ferry for Ireland, crossing the Irish Sea. Upon arrival in Rosslare, travel to Waterford, walking tour of Ireland's oldest city and discover its rich Viking, Norman and Cromwellian history. Later, travel to historic Blarney Castle. Make your way to the top of the castle, lie back and kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Legend has it that if you do, you will be blessed with the "gift of eloquence." This evening it's Diner's Choice…tonight's dinner is included and you'll choose the perfect spot from a 'menu' of Killarney's great restaurants.

Breakfast & Dinner High 15° Low 8° 2" Scotts Hotel Killarney

Day 6 Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney

This morning explore Killarney National Park on a traditional jaunting car ride.* Then travel along the glorious Ring of Kerry where you'll find some of Ireland's most magical scenery. Pause for a moment at the Gap of Dunloe to browse for traditional Irish handcrafted goods. As we continue our journey, marvel at the vistas created by windswept cliffs, rugged mountains, lakes and picturesque villages. Later, see border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration at a family-run farm.

Breakfast High 15° Low 8° 2" Scotts Hotel Killarney

Day 7 Killarney - Rock of Cashel - Dublin

Today we venture through the "Golden Vale" en route to the awe-inspiring Rock of Cashel. Be amazed by its imposing facade and visit the spot where St. Patrick preached. Tonight, give traditional Irish cuisine a modern twist during a cooking class and dinner at one of Dublin's premier culinary institutions. Top off the evening by making your very own Irish coffee!

Breakfast & Dinner High 14° Low 7° 2" Ballsbridge Hotel

Day 8 Dublin

Discover Dublin's past and present on a locally guided tour highlighting the Bank of Ireland, O'Connell Street, Grafton Street, Phoenix Park and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Later, experience for yourself the welcoming nature of the Irish as you set out to explore the "Fair City" on your own.

Breakfast High 14° Low 7° 2" Ballsbridge Hotel

scenery in all of Britain. Tonight, experience dinner at a traditional English carvery.**

Breakfast & Dinner High 17° Low 7° 1" Grosvenor Pulford Hotel Spa

Day 10 Cheshire - Lake District - Gretna Green, Scotland - Edinburgh

Travel north into England's scenic Lake District. Here you'll feel the inspirational appeal of the region's quintessential English villages, Lake Windermere, Ambleside and Grasmere. Crossing into Scotland, stop in the town of Gretna Green where generations of runaway couples eloped. Continue to Edinburgh, Scotland's majestic capital city.

Breakfast & Dinner High 14° Low 6° 2" Apex International Hotel Edinburgh

Day 11 Edinburgh

Today it's your choice! Come to know this regal city during a locally guided panoramic city coach tour. Or, for a different perspective, join a local expert and explore the city on foot. Both tours include a visit to Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels, and the Palace of Holyroodhouse,*** the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary, Queen of Scots. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax or explore the city independently.

Breakfast High 14° Low 6° 2" Apex International Hotel Edinburgh

Day 12 Edinburgh - York, England

En route to England, visit Hadrian's Wall. Construction of this ancient structure began in A.D. 122 and since that time, it has served as the northern border of the Roman Empire. Continue to the historic city of York. Find yourself surrounded by the charms of history as you explore its quaint narrow streets. Walk on the famous "Shambles" and see the magnificent 13th-century Minster.

Breakfast High 16° Low 5° 2" Hotel 53

Day 13 York - Stratford-upon-Avon

Journey to charming Stratford-upon-Avon. Step back in time as we visit William Shakespeare's birthplace. Afterward, it's your choice! Tour Anne Hathaway's thatch-roofed cottage, the childhood home of the author's wife. Or, set out on a leisurely cruise along the

your home for the evening.

Breakfast & Dinner High 12° Low 5° 2" Tower Hotel Waterford

Day 5 Waterford - Blarney - Killarney

This morning, it's your choice! Tour the House of Waterford Crystal factory featuring a fascinating visitor's centre and a retail store housing the largest collection of Waterford Crystal in the world. Or, enjoy a leisurely paced

Day 9 Dublin - Ferry Crossing - Wales - Cheshire

Ferry across the Irish Sea to Holyhead, Wales. As you traverse northern Wales, pass Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobw the town with the longest name in the world. Make a stop at majestic Caernarfon Castle, where Charles was crowned Prince of Wales. Then, continue through the Welsh countryside and discover some of the most magnificent

Avon River. This evening we gather to say farewell to this captivating region over dinner.

Breakfast & Dinner High 16° Low 6° 1" Walton Hotel

Day 14 Stratford-upon-Avon - Tour Ends

Depart today with many fond memories of lovely Britain and Ireland.

Breakfast

THINGS TO KNOW

Tour Activity Level



This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

Travel Tips

- Britain and Ireland are 5 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.
- Elevation on this tour will not exceed 1,500 feet.
- Currency in Great Britain is the British Pound and in Republic of Ireland is the Euro.
- Voltage for the United Kingdom and Ireland is 220.

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Electricity

An adaptor (which changes the physical plug) and/or converter (which changes the electric current) are necessary if you plan to use an appliance with voltage different from the standard within the country you are visiting. Please note, if your appliance has dual voltage you may still need an adaptor for the plug. When packing your electronic items for travel, please review the converter electric current level to make sure it is the same or greater than the items you are planning on using. If you plan on utilising or transporting a sleep apnea machine, please remember to pack an extension cord and adapter plug to ensure proper function.

Voltage for the United Kingdom and Ireland is 220V.

Time Zone

There is no time difference between Ireland and GMT.

Elevation

The highest elevation encountered on this tour is 457 metres.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Windsor Castle - £45

Step into the formal world of the British Monarchy when you visit the stately and expansive Windsor Castle.

The Guinness Storehouse and Traditional Irish Night - £88

This culinary and cultural adventure begins at the Guinness Storehouse, Ireland's top international visitor attraction.

A Scottish Night Out - £80

Join us for a rollicking evening of tastes, sights and sounds that are classically Scottish. Feast on a banquet prepared from a selection of local recipes.

The Flavors of Yorkshire - £53

Surround yourself in an old-world ambiance and the fresh flavours of Yorkshire when dining in a family owned alehouse located in the centre of historic York.