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Britain and Ireland Grandeur



Your itinerary



- Start Location
- Visited Location
-  Plane
-  End Location
-  Cruise
-  Train
- 1 Over night
-  Ferry

Day 1 | Journey to Stonehenge and on to Plymouth



Journey west where you'll ponder the myths of the ancient mystical monoliths at Stonehenge which remain largely unsolved to this day. Continuing through Devon, arrive in the historic naval port of Plymouth, your home for the next two nights.

Meals: Welcome Reception

Hotel: Copthorne/Mercure Rougemont

Day 2 | Discover the Cornish Peninsula



Embark on an orientation tour and see the Royal Citadel and Mayflower Steps. Explore the Cornish peninsula and visit the seaside villages of Looe and Polperro.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Copthorne Hotel Plymouth/Mercure Rougemont

Optional Experiences:

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Plymouth Harbour Cruise - Relax on a boat trip round the harbour of one of England's most famous seaports. As the commentary unfolds, we'll see the Mayflower steps monument, where the Pilgrim Fathers set sail for America. We'll enjoy panoramic vistas of Plymouth Hoe before entering the Royal Navy Dockyard, where we'll see modern vessels of the Royal Navy.

Adult: 17.00 GBP

Plymouth Harbour Extended Cruise - An hour-long extended private cruise across Plymouth Harbour will give us a comprehensive tour of the history from the Mayflower Steps all the way to the engineering marvel of IK Brunel's bridge. You'll also enjoy complementary tea or coffee.

Adult: 19.00 GBP

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Dartmoor Excursion And Dinner - A scenic drive across the mysterious moors takes us to the capital of the area, Princetown. Here we'll see the infamous Dartmoor prison, before driving to a lovely old Inn for a drink and supper. Later, a Local Specialist will regale us with stories and legends about the area.

Adult: 41.00 GBP

Devonshire Village And Dinner - We'll drive to a beautiful village in Devon, where you'll see cob walled houses with thatched roofs and the parish church, which dates back over 700 years. You'll also savour a tasty pub dinner and meet the locals, in a 700-year-old village pub.

Adult: 39.00 GBP

Day 3 | Soak up Bath and off to Cardiff



Arriving in Bath, we admire the city's stylish Georgian façades and visit the ancient Roman Baths from which it derives its name. We continue to the vibrant Welsh capital, Cardiff, where we'll have a free evening to enjoy this modern city's proud heritage.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Park Inn by Radisson City Centre/Holiday Inn City Centre

Optional Experiences:

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Traditional Welsh Evening And Dinner - Join us for a traditional Welsh country dinner. We'll take you to a 14th century thatched inn called The Blue Anchor. While you're eating and enjoying your drink, you'll be entertained with a performance from a Welsh harpist.

Adult: 45.00 GBP

Welsh Evening - Enjoy an evening of Welsh music, culture and humour. The venue for the evening is a stunningly-renovated deconsecrated church. After a warm reception, we'll enjoy a first-class meal of seasonal Welsh specialities, sourced and produced locally. Quality wine or soft drinks are included and the meal will be accompanied by our enchanting Welsh harpist. You'll then be entertained by the finest local singers presenting the beautiful music of Wales.

Adult: 69.00 GBP

Day 4 | Cross the Irish Sea to Waterford



This morning, we explore Cardiff's iconic sights – the Principality Stadium, Millennium Centre and Victorian fantasy castle before crossing the Irish Sea to Waterford, most famous for the delicate crystal that graces elegant homes the world over. This evening we dine in our hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Fitzwilton

Optional Experiences:

Cardiff Castle Tour - You'll explore this unique castle on a private tour and hear tales about the eclectic refurbishments. Done in the 1800s by architect William Burgess, his influences included Islamic art, Hans Christian Anderson's fairy tales and even Aesop's fables. You'll also walk on the battlements and climb the 900-year-old Norman keep for superb views over Cardiff.

Adult: 21.00 GBP

Day 5 | Onwards to Blarney and Killarney



Our first stop today is at the House of Waterford Crystal where we Dive Into Culture, watching a demonstration with master craftsmen. In pursuit of the 'gift of the gab', we journey to Blarney Castle where you'll have the chance to kiss the Blarney Stone, before arriving later in picturesque Killarney.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Killarney

Optional Experiences:

Explore Waterford's History - Join us in Waterford, where the history dates back as far as the Vikings. Your Local Specialist will bring the historic area to life through stories and anecdotes; one guest even described the trip as the "best history lesson ever".

Adult: 19.00 EUR

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Gaelic Roots - A tour de force of traditional Irish song, music and dance, Gaelic Roots showcases Ireland at its best. Using traditional instruments, Irish dance and time-honoured folk songs, this energetic show will have you tapping your feet and singing along in no time.

Adult: 34.00 EUR

Celtic Steps - Enjoy a spectacular evening of Irish music, song and dance performed by champion dancers and musicians and showcasing the music of Kerry and beyond.

Adult: 37.00 EUR

Day 6 | A Day on the Ring of Kerry



Ireland's enduring natural beauty accompanies our leisurely drive circling the enchanting Ring of Kerry. We pass the fishing village of Waterville, Moll's Gap and the Black Valley – renowned for being the last place in Ireland without power and telephone networks.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Killarney/Innisfallen

Optional Experiences:

Experience a Jaunting Cart Ride - Enjoy a traditional pony and trap ride through the beautiful Bourn-Vincent National Park. During your journey, your Local Specialist will share fascinating anecdotes about the area and Ireland.

Adult: 23.00 EUR

Day 7 | Off to Limerick, the Majestic Cliffs of Moher and Galway



Stop in Limerick and view St. Mary's Cathedral, the Treaty Stone and King John's Castle.

Next up is an unforgettable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the Cliffs of Moher where rugged cliffs plunge into the Atlantic, creating a beautifully dramatic coastline which has inspired artists, musicians and poets for centuries. You'll visit the Visitor Centre, a wonderfully engaging experience which brings one of Ireland's most treasured natural phenomena to life in an interactive way that will leave you with stories to tell for years to come. Enjoy the IMAX-type multimedia which gives visitors a bird's eye view of the cliffs or dive virtually beneath the surface of the Atlantic and into the underwater caves at the foot of the cliffs that would have otherwise gone unseen.

Your next overnight stop in Galway is a real treat for culture buffs. Overnight in Ireland's capital of music, song and dance and it's the perfect place to dig deep into Ireland's vibrant traditional arts scene first-hand.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Connacht

Day 8 | Venture into County Donegal



This morning see the great stone Galway Cathedral and stroll through Eyre Square, a tribute to former US president John F. Kennedy, who visited Galway in 1963. Enjoy an orientation of Sligo on your way to Donegal to see its 15th-century castle and explore the city your way before dining at your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Central/Abbey

Day 9 | Explore Derry/Londonderry, the Giant's Causeway and Belfast



We cross the Irish border into Northern Ireland, joining a Local Specialist in Derry/Londonderry to stroll along its 17th-century city walls. See the street murals of the Bogside before continuing to the mythical stepping stones of the Giant's Causeway for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Our visit to the haunt of Finn McCool will help to conserve this iconic natural landmark. Our final stop today is in Belfast, where we'll enjoy an orientation, followed by free time to explore the capital city's sights.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Radisson Blu/Stormont

Optional Experiences:

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Enjoy Dinner and Drinks in Belfast - Join us for an evening of drinks, good food and true Irish hospitality at one of our favourite local restaurants. One drink included.

Adult: 42.00 GBP

Belfast Walk with Fish and Chips - What better way to soak up the atmosphere of this lively city than to join a Local Specialist for a stroll through its hidden side streets? We'll have an included drink in a historic pub and continue to a local restaurant for a quintessentially traditional meal; fish and chips.

Adult: 41.00 GBP

Day 10 | On the road to Dublin



We spend the morning with a Local Specialist 'Cabbie' who will take us on a journey through the recent history of Belfast in their taxi. Heading south to Dublin later, we see St. Patrick's Cathedral and other iconic sights in the company of a Local Specialist. Tonight, consider an Optional Experience to enjoy the rousing sounds and warm hospitality of a traditional Irish Cabaret performance.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Mespil/Clayton Cardiff Lane

Optional Experiences:

Dublin Dinner and Irish Show - Enjoy an evening of fine food and fun as Ireland's history unfolds with comedy, song and dance. You'll be tapping your toes and joining in the show, all in the spirit of Irish humour. And you'll even be served an Irish coffee to round off your dinner.

Adult: 72.00 EUR

Day 11 | See the Sights of Dublin



Beat the crowds and gain entry to the Guinness Storehouse before general admission. Here you'll Dive Into Culture and embark on a tour and tasting technique demonstration. The rest of the day is yours to explore the Irish capital. Amble along Grafton Street with its colourful performers, head to Temple Bar or stroll through Phoenix Park, Dublin's playground.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Mespil/Clayton Cardiff Lane

Optional Experiences:

Experience the Ancient Monastic Site of Glendalough - Enjoy a visit to one of the most important monastic sites in Europe, which dates back to the 6th century. Your Local Specialist will tell tales and show you around this sacred area, famous for its tranquil beauty amidst the rolling countryside of County Wicklow, the garden of Ireland.

Adult: 27.00 EUR

Dinner in Dublin City - Come to one of Dublin's most locally-loved restaurant-pubs. You'll enjoy dinner and charming hospitality that this part of the world is renowned for.

Adult: 51.00 EUR

Day 12 | Ferry across to Historic Chester and Liverpool



Cross the Irish Sea to Wales and continue to the ancient town of Chester, where your orientation tour will take you past its Roman walls and famous half-timbered Tudor Rows. Later, we head to the haunt of the 'Fab Four', edgy Liverpool, where we'll spend the night.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Jurys Inn

Optional Experiences:

Famous Sights and the Fab Four - Come along with our Local Specialist for a guided tour of Liverpool. From its glorious maritime past to its famous cultural present, you'll discover the two magnificently different cathedrals, see Mathew Street, birthplace of The Beatles, and enjoy the Mersey beat.

Adult: 19.00 GBP

Day 13 | Continue to the Beautiful Lake District



Head north to the idyllic Lake District, which has inspired poets and writers for centuries, and admire the spectacular surrounds of Lake Windermere.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: North Lakes/Castle Green

Optional Experiences:

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Scenic Cruise on Lake Windermere - Enjoy a scenic boat cruise on England's most beautiful and largest lake, taking in the northern coastline, beautiful houses, gardens and Wray Castle. You'll see deserted islands, boats and birdlife as you explore the area loved by Beatrix Potter and William Wordsworth.

Adult: 18.00 GBP

Windermere Cruise and Steam Train Ride - Step back in time as we board the steam train for a short journey from Haverthwaite to Lakeside. Then a chance to view the glorious scenery of the Lake District as we cruise across England's largest lake.

Adult: 24.00 GBP

**Occasionally this experience will operate in reverse.*

Day 14 | Journey North to Glasgow



The runaway wedding capital, Gretna Green is our first stop today, where we'll tread in the footsteps of eloping couples who would take their vows over the Marriage Anvil.

Continue to Glasgow for an orientation tour including views of the Cathedral and magnificent George Square, lined with statues of Great Britain's most celebrated sons. Visit Falkirk Wheel where you'll Dive into Culture learning about the legacy of Scotland's canals and experience the world's only rotating boat lift.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn City Centre

Day 15 | Over the Sea to Skye



Journey past the site of the tragic 1692 massacre at Glencoe, known as the 'Glen of the Weeping' and see Britain's highest mountain – Ben Nevis. We'll view the 13th-century Eilean Donan Castle, where three lochs meet, before visiting the Isle of Skye.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Dunollie/Kings Arms

Optional Experiences:

Loch Lomond Boat Trip - Discover the wild beauty of the 'Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond'. As we cruise across the loch, the skipper will share stories of the area and point out Rob Roy's cave as you relax and savour the stunning scenery.

Adult: 17.00 GBP

Day 16 | The Sights of Loch Ness and Culloden in the Scottish Highlands



Travel through the scenic Scottish Highlands via Glen Shiel and along the banks of Loch Ness, home to the mythical monster affectionately known as 'Nessie'. View the site of the bloody Battle of Culloden, where Bonnie Prince Charlie and his army of Jacobites were defeated in 1746.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Highlander

Optional Experiences:

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Isle of Skye Drive - An opportunity to travel around the Isle of Skye with your Local Specialist. You'll hear about the way of life on this remote inner Hebridean Island and discover its dramatic scenery and rock formations.

Adult: 19.00 GBP

Local Crafts on Skye - Join us this morning to gain a real insight into crafts on the Isle of Skye. First we'll drive up to Slig Hotel to take in magnificent views of the Cullins. Then, we'll meet local weaver Bev and see a traditional hand spinning demonstration on a spinning wheel with a drop spindle; with time to browse around her workshop. Next we'll visit Love from Skye, to see a selection of Celtic jewellery and handmade gifts. We'll finish off our whistle-stop tour with tea and scones at a local hotel.

Adult: 17.00 GBP

Highland Farm Experience - Visit a real Highland sheep farm and meet Neil the Shepherd and his border collies. He'll show you how he uses different whistles to command each dog to carry out different tasks. You'll also have the opportunity to try your hand at feeding the lambs and discover his training techniques. Weather permitting.

Adult: 18.00 GBP

Day 17 | Onwards to Edinburgh



We continue south and stop in Pitlochry before travelling to the historic town of St. Andrews, home to the oldest golf course in the world. We cross the Firth of Forth to the enchanting Scottish capital, Edinburgh, our home for the next two nights. Tickets to see the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Holiday Inn

Optional Experiences:

Pitlochry, Visit of Blair Castle - Set in its own grounds against a backdrop of glorious scenery, we'll discover the ancient home of the Dukes of Atholl, home to Europe's last remaining private army. Unique amongst Scottish castles, Blair has hosted royalty from Mary, Queen of Scots, to Queen Victoria.

Adult: 25.00 GBP

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Edinburgh by Night and Dinner - We'll drive into the old city of Edinburgh to see the city at night with photo opportunities of the Castle and the Grassmarket, famous for historic executions and when possible visit one of the most haunted graveyards and see the grave of Greyfriars Bobby, the famous Skye Terrier. Then, we'll make our way to a local restaurant for a delicious dinner and drink.

Adult: 45.00 GBP

Local Dinner Evening - Join us and your travelling companions for a delicious traditional dinner and drink at a local restaurant.

Adult: 40.00 GBP

Day 18 | Explore Edinburgh Castle



Join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour including a visit to Edinburgh Castle, overlooking the town from Castle Rock. See the Royal Mile, Palace of Holyroodhouse and new Scottish Parliament building.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Holiday Inn

Optional Experiences:

Rosslyn Chapel - We'll drive out of Edinburgh to the tiny village of Rosslyn, where we'll hear the inside story of the famous Rosslyn Chapel from a Local Specialist. One of Scotland's most unusual 15th-century buildings, Rosslyn is famed for its associations with the Knights Templar, the Masonic movement, and now 'The Da Vinci Code'.

Adult: 22.00 GBP

Of the two following optional experiences, you will be offered the 'Scottish Show With Dinner'. However, on the rare occasion that this is not available, the 'Dinner and Drive to Historic Torphichen' has been selected as a suitable alternative.

Dinner and Drive to Historic Torphichen - Enjoy a scenic drive to the ancient village of Torphichen, associated with Scottish kings and Knights Templar. At the Torphichen Inn, your arrival will be toasted by our gracious host before enjoying an excellent dinner of local specialties and entertainment.

Adult: 56.00 GBP

Scottish Show with Dinner - Tonight is your chance to put on that tartan and join us for an evening of singing, dancing and bagpipe playing. You'll enjoy Scottish food and wine, join in the singing and watch a Highland dance or two. There's even a chance to sample Scotland's national dish – haggis.

Adult: 72.00 GBP

Day 19 | Uncover York's Treasures



Visit the medieval market town of Alnwick before stopping in York where we'll embark on an orientation walk along the picturesque Shambles and to York Minster, one of the greatest cathedrals in the world. This evening Connect With Locals over dinner at a Be My Guest experience, a grand private home of a Yorkshire family enjoying traditional flavours and hospitality.

Meals: Breakfast, Be My Guest

Hotel: Novotel Centre

Day 20 | Journey to Stratford-upon-Avon and on to London



Travel to Stratford-upon-Avon to view Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage and visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and Visitor Centre before returning to London.

Meals: Breakfast