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Highlights of Ireland and Scotland



Your itinerary



- Start Location
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- Plane
- Train
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Day 1 | Hello Dublin



You're in for a lyrical love affair with Ireland's whimsical capital, your launch pad to an enchanting encounter with the 'Emerald Isle' and Scotland. On arrival, transfer to your hotel then spend the rest of the day exploring the city's effervescence on your own. This evening, you'll join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception. Resist the urge to retire early and head to the Temple Bar to soak up the craic and a pint or two of the 'Black Stuff' in one of the many colourful pubs for which Dublin is justifiably famous.

Meals: Welcome Reception

Hotel: The Samuel

Day 2 | Journey to Harbourside Galway



Poetry and politics, music and literature – Dublin is famous for all this and more as you'll come to discover when you join a Local Specialist to delve into the city's iconic sights, tumultuous history and even a few hidden gems. Tread in the footsteps of Arthur Guinness, James Joyce and Bono as you pound the cobbled pavements in search of Dublin's many stories. Then, leave the capital behind bound for the harbour city of Galway, known as the 'City of the Tribes'.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Maldron Sandy Road

Optional Experiences:

Trad on the Prom - The best in Irish dancing from the most-awarded performers in Ireland. Combined with some of Ireland's best musical talent, this show is truly "can't miss".

Adult: 37.00 EUR

Day 3 | Admire Stunning Connemara



Connemara's 'savage beauty' takes centre stage today on your full-day excursion through the endless shades of green which once captured the heart of Oscar Wilde. Visit Kylemore Abbey, a magnificent castellated structure built as a family home and now inhabited by a group of Benedictine nuns. Later, we visit the Connemara Celtic Crystal Factory where you'll Dive Into Culture and witness first-hand how their famous crystal designs are made.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Maldron Sandy Road

Optional Experiences:

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

Galway Castle Banquet - Join us on a drive to Galway Castle where you'll begin your evening of medieval entertainment. This will be accompanied by a delicious dinner where wine will flow, and you'll be treated to songs and the marvellous Irish art of story-telling. *Please Note: this Optional Experience may operate on an alternative day, depending on availability.*

Adult: 72.00 EUR

Dinner and Drive - Watch the sun go down on Galway Bay (made famous in song by Bing Crosby), as we take a scenic drive to an established landmark village restaurant. In this quaint setting, a delicious three-course, locally sourced, dinner with a glass of wine or beer awaits us.

Adult: 56.00 EUR

Day 4 | Onwards to Donegal



Explore the quintessential Irish village of Cong and see firsthand why its rugged beauty was chosen as the backdrop of John Wayne's award winning 'The Quiet Man'. Connect With Locals at Ireland's largest sheep farm, Glen Keen Farm, for a heart-warming Be My Guest experience with your hosts, Catherine, Jim and their son James. You'll watch in deep admiration as the energetic collies herd sheep and enjoy a traditional tea of scones, freshly whipped cream and jam, gaining a deep appreciation for the family's efforts to preserve Irish heritage and traditions. Then, continue to Donegal, the gateway to the Wild Atlantic Way.

Meals: Breakfast, Be My Guest

Hotel: Central/The Abbey

Optional Experiences:

Evening at a Locally-Acclaimed Restaurant - Travel through the lovely Finn Valley to the award winning village of Glenties, where we'll dine at a village tavern with Irish fare and craft beer. While dining on locally-produced dishes, we'll also enjoy music and storytelling.

Adult: 55.00 EUR

Day 5 | Venture to Derry/Londonderry and Belfast



Start your day with a visit to Derry/Londonderry where a Local Specialist will take you on a stroll along the ancient walls that surround the Renaissance-style old city. Follow the scenic Causeway Coastal Route through rolling countryside and past rugged cliffs to the Giant's Causeway for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Your visit will help to conserve this iconic landmark. You'll have some free time to tiptoe in the giant geometric steps of Finn McCool and enjoy lunch before continuing to Belfast, your home for the next two nights.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: AC by Marriott

Optional Experiences:

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 6 | Discover Colourful Belfast



Explore Northern Ireland's trendy capital today, starting with a visit to the Titanic Belfast Experience, where you'll Dive Into Culture and gain insights into the tragic story of the famous ship that met its end in the Atlantic. Your Local Specialist will join you for a sightseeing tour through the city with views of the Belfast City Hall, Castle and Botanic Gardens. Take the rest of the afternoon to explore at your leisure, perhaps enjoying a pint in Belfast's oldest traditional pub or visit St. George's Market for some shopping or consider joining a Local Specialist 'Cabbie' who will take you on a journey through the recent history of Belfast in their taxi.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: AC by Marriott

Optional Experiences:

Local Taxi Tour of Belfast - A unique 2-hour tour experience with a local Taxi Driver who will share their personal story on what it's like to grow up in Belfast, and the struggles and troubles that made this a divided city. See the neighbourhoods and murals that you wouldn't normally see on a traditional Sightseeing Tour.

Adult: 25.00 GBP

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

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Adult: 25.00 GBP

Day 7 | Cross the Irish Sea to Glasgow



Bid Ireland farewell as you board your ferry to Scotland. Follow the rugged Ayrshire coast past Ailsa Craig, then continue to Glasgow, where you'll enjoy an orientation of a city that exudes edginess. Take to the streets on your own exploration and see George Square, Glasgow Cathedral and the Clyde River before finding a cosy pub to warm your heart with a little local whisky and a night on the toon.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Maldron

Optional Experiences:

Glasgow City Evening - You'll enjoy a chance to experience a night out in the city of Glasgow. Your Travel Director will take you for an evening of good food, drinks, and undoubtedly interesting conversation.

Adult: 45.00 GBP

Day 8 | Uncover Loch Ness and the Scottish Highlands



Sensational scenery follows your journey through the Scottish Highlands from Glasgow to Newtonmore. Loch Lomond sets the tone with views over the water to craggy Ben Lomond. Continue to Glencoe where the tragic 17th-century massacre of the MacDonalds turned the wild beauty of this valley into a 'Glen of Weeping'. Then, on to Fort William, the self-proclaimed 'Outdoor Capital of the UK' before arriving in Loch Ness, where you'll keep a keen eye out for the beloved monster that lurks beneath its surface. Tonight, you'll enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Highlander

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 9 | Continue to Elegant Edinburgh



It's never too early for a wee dram when you travel the wilds of Scotland. Your day begins with a visit to Pitlochry and to a whisky distillery where you'll Dive Into Culture and learn how Scotland's golden goodness is made. Continue to the home of golfing gods, St. Andrews. You'll view its famous 18th hole before continuing to Edinburgh, your 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: Novotel Edinburgh Park

Optional Experiences:

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 10 | Explore Edinburgh



Surrender to the charms of Edinburgh, one of the world's most enchanting cities. Your Local Specialist will guide your sightseeing tour through its medieval Old Town to the elegant Georgian façades. See the Royal Mile and the Palace of Holyroodhouse before visiting Edinburgh Castle, perched atop Castle Rock. This afternoon, you'll have some free time to explore on your own or get stuck into some last-minute souvenir shopping before joining your travel companions for a rousing Farewell Dinner to toast your memorable journey together.

Meals: Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

Hotel: Novotel Edinburgh Park

Optional Experiences:

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

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

Royal Yacht Britannia - You'll explore this magnificent ship, which has played host to some of the most famous people in the world. Now berthed in Leith, you'll be welcomed on board to discover the heart and soul of this most special of royal residences – the former honeymoon sanctuary for four royal couples.

Adult: 23.00 GBP

Day 11 | Journey Home



Imbued with Gaelic spirit, your holiday has come to an end. Bid your new friends a fond farewell as you prepare for your return journey home. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers.

Meals: Breakfast