

# Britain and Ireland Highlights

8 Days

5 Countries

10 Meals

Short on travel time but want to see all the Britain and Ireland highlights? This trip delivers the genius of Shakespeare, Waterford crystal creations in Ireland and a hearty Welsh dinner at a local vineyard, with a side of ancient history, in just over one week.

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## Your Must-See Highlights

- **Explore** Edinburgh, Belfast and Dublin with a Local Specialist
- **Discover** York, Glasgow, Cardiff and Bath
- **Visit** Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon, Gretna Green, Edinburgh Castle, Guinness Storehouse, the Irish National Stud and Japanese Garden, the Waterford Crystal Showroom, the Roman Baths in Bath and the ancient stone circle at Stonehenge
- **View** York Minster, Glasgow Cathedral and George Square, City Hall in Belfast, Kilkenny Castle and Gardens
- **See** the Principality Stadium in Cardiff

Day

**1 Stratford-upon-Avon, York and on to Harrogate** Delve into centuries of history today – tales of star-crossed lovers, tragic kings and Roman emperors are brought to life as we arrive in Stratford-upon-Avon and follow in the footsteps of Shakespeare. Visit his Birthplace and the Visitor Centre, before embarking on a scenic drive north to the Viking city of York, where we'll enjoy an orientation walk around its historic streets. View the cobbled Shambles, see the ancient city walls and the magnificent York Minster. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Reception in our hotel in the Victorian spa town of Harrogate, our home for tonight. **(WR)**  
**Hotel: Crowne Plaza**

**2 Through the Scenic Lake District to Glasgow** We journey through the Yorkshire Dales National Park to the beautiful Lake District, which has inspired poets and writers for centuries. A highlight on our journey is England's pretty Lake Windermere, which we'll pass as we continue through countryside made famous by the poet William Wordsworth. We'll cross the border, into Scotland, to the runaway wedding capital of Gretna Green. Here eloping couples would tie the knot over the Marriage Anvil. We drive through the Southern Uplands to vibrant Glasgow where our orientation will take us past Glasgow Cathedral and George Square. Tonight, consider joining an Optional Experience to Braveheart Country for a fabulous dinner and Scottish entertainment. **(B)** **Hotel: Novotel**

**3 Explore Enchanting Edinburgh** From the cultural capital of Glasgow to enchanting Edinburgh, with its exquisite medieval façades, our encounter with Scotland will see us join a *Local Specialist* for a memorable sightseeing tour. We'll visit Edinburgh Castle, perched atop Castle Rock overlooking the city, and see the Royal Mile, the elegant Palace of Holyroodhouse and the new Scottish Parliament. Admire the elegant Georgian architecture in the New Town and amble through the secret lanes of *Auld Reekie* before returning to Glasgow this evening. Enjoy views of Glasgow Cathedral and George Square before a delicious meal at a local restaurant. **(B, RD)**

**4 Cross the Irish Sea to Belfast and Dublin** Follow the rugged Ayrshire coast, past the island of Ailsa Craig, the stepping stone from Ireland to Scotland. Board the ferry to Northern Ireland, then join a *Local Specialist* to explore the crossroads of British and Irish culture in Belfast. We'll view City Hall and the dock where the Titanic was built. This evening, we arrive in the vibrant capital of Ireland where we'll spend the next two nights. **(B)** **Hotel: Clayton Ballsbridge**

**5 Discover Diverse Dublin** *Dive Into Culture* and gain insights into the centuries-old tradition of Guinness brewing, enjoy a Storehouse tour and a 'pint of the black stuff'. Drive through the pretty streets of Dublin with a *Local Specialist* to admire the stately Georgian Squares, Trinity College and St. Patrick's Cathedral, the tallest church in Ireland, before spending the rest of the day exploring the sights alone. Ramble through Temple Bar or Grafton Street, famous for its colourful street performers. This evening, consider joining an Optional Experience to a rousing Irish cabaret performance. **(B, 🍷)**

**6 Journey to Kilkenny and on to Waterford** We *Dive Into Culture* this morning and gain insights into rearing world-class thoroughbreds at the Irish National Stud established in 1946. Enjoy a guided walk through the farm and take some time to stroll through its tranquil Japanese Gardens, regarded as the best in Europe.

Admire the imposing medieval castle at Kilkenny before some free time for lunch. Our next stop sees us *Dive Into Culture* yet again to witness the delicate craft of Waterford Crystal. We'll watch master craftsmen at work during a tour of the workshop and see the exquisitely crafted pieces in the showroom. **(B, 🍷)**  
**Hotel: Marina/Fitzwilton**



**Learn about Ireland's horseracing tradition.** On or off the racecourse, the thoroughbreds of the Irish National Stud Farm deserve all your praise and you'll get to meet them first-hand. Discover more at [trafalgar.com](http://trafalgar.com).

**7 Ferry Across to Cultural Cardiff** An early start to our sightseeing sees us cross the Irish Sea to Wales by ferry and continue our journey to the Welsh capital of Cardiff to view the Wales Millennium Centre, National Assembly and historic Cardiff Castle, in the heart of the city. Visit the oldest and largest vineyard in Wales as we *Connect With Locals*, joining a local family for a Farewell Dinner *Be My Guest* experience. **(B, BMG, 🍷)**  
**Hotel: Park Inn by Radisson City Centre**

**8 Soak up Bath and Stonehenge then off to London** Traversing the Severn Estuary into England, we arrive in the glorious UNESCO-listed city of Bath, with its elegant Georgian façades and world-famous Roman Baths from which the city derives its name. Journey across the scenic landscapes of Wiltshire, paying a visit to the mysterious monolithic stone circle at Stonehenge, then return to London where your memorable holiday in Britain and Ireland comes to an end. **(B)**

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2023

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- Connect With Locals
- Stays With Stories
- Dive Into Culture
- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
- WR** Welcome Reception
- L** Lunch
- RD** Regional Dinner
- BMG** Be My Guest
- B** Breakfast
- D** Dinner
- FD** Farewell Dinner