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Ireland & Britain

Designing Custom Group Journeys to Inspire

Benefiting from over 34 years' experience, Journeys Connect is a business to business wholesale travel provider offering tailor-made group and specialty vacation programs to Europe, South America, Africa, Japan, and the USA.







Why Choose Journeys Connect?

Our Commitment

Expertise, reliability, flexibility, as well as innovative product and services. We believe that in order to earn our customers loyalty and trust, we must listen to them, anticipate their needs and act to create value in their eyes. These are some of the foundations on which Journeys Connect is built.

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Journeys Connect group and specialty services are available exclusively on a Business-to-Business basis, to travel industry professionals.

Our Services

- Groups of 6 or more. No group is too large!
- Expertise in creating imaginative and inspiring Custom Group Journeys
- Competitive Group airfare in combination with land package
- Seasonal and themed itineraries
- Weddings in Ireland and Italy
- Group Travel Insurance
- Group proposals within 48 hours

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Journeys Connect has an established network of carefully chosen strategic business partners in the destinations we offer. Our partners are an invaluable extension of the company, each offering a unique expertise within their destination, making Journeys Connect the complete group travel solution service provider for all your custom group needs.

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- Small, fully refundable group deposit. In most cases, only \$300 per group
- We guarantee our prices against currency fluctuation
- Active members of the United States Tour Operators Association
- 1 Million Liability Insurance
- 24-hour emergency in-country customer assistance

Our Mission

Integrity, commitment and excellence in everything we do. We strive not just to meet the expectations of our customers, but to exceed them.

Ireland & Britain Suggested Group Programs

Browse our selection of Sample Custom Ireland & Britain Group itineraries, or, if you prefer, our team can work with you in creating your own unique group journey.

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The perfect solution for those Group clients looking for an energetic trip or a long weekend in the Emerald Isle. Visit the Medieval city of Kilkenny, bustling Killarney and Ireland's Capital, Dublin. A full sightseeing and admissions program includes a choice of The Ring of Kerry or the Dingle Peninsula. Enjoy 4-Star accommodations, full Irish breakfast each morning and dinner each evening while in Killarney. There's plenty of time to relax and enjoy the nightlife of these famous cities, pubs and traditional Irish music!

- 4 nights' accommodation in 4* hotels as detailed in the itinerary (or similar): 1 night in Kilkenny, 2 nights in Killarney and 1 night in Dublin
- 8 meals (4 breakfasts and 4 dinners), including dinner and traditional entertainment in Dublin's Taylors Three Rock Pub
- The Stunning mountains and coastline of the Ring of Kerry
- Services of a professional Irish Driver Guide
- Full planning and support from an expert tour consultant to help you tailor your tour in any way to suit your group
- Private luxury motor coach transport with air-conditioning
- Entrance fees for all visits and activities detailed in the itinerary
- 24-hour emergency contact service based in Ireland
- Hotel porterage
- Portfolio of travel documents
- All taxes and fees

Emerald Isle Break



Itinerary

DAY 1 Arrive in Dublin

Welcome to Ireland. After clearing customs, you will be met by your professional driver/ guide in the arrivals hall, and shortly afterwards, begin your transfer south to Kilkenny, undoubtedly Ireland's loveliest inland city. After some time to rest, you have time to explore on your own. In medieval times this was a prosperous trading center and the narrow streets still follow ancient routes. This afternoon you visit Kilkenny Castle, built in the the 13th century and home to the powerful Butler family for almost 600 years. This evening enjoy dinner in Kytelers Inn, one of Ireland's oldest pubs, with a history dating back to 1263. OVERNIGHT: THE NEWPARK HOTEL

MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 2 Journey south to Cork & Killarney Departing Kilkenny, you travel south towards County Cork where you pause to visit Blarney Castle with its magical stone that gives the gift of eloquence for a kiss. There is time to stop at Blarney Woollen Mills to shop before continuing on to bustling Killarney. The town on the lakes is famous for its lively pubs and open, cheerful atmosphere, full of what the Irish call "craic!" – Gaelic for fun. Enjoy dinner in your hotel.

OVERNIGHT: GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, D DAY 3 Ring of Kerry or Dingle Peninsula *Option #1 – Ring of Kerry:* Travel the road that winds around the beautiful Iveragh Peninsula, better known as The Ring of Kerry. It is undoubtedly one of the most magical places in all Ireland. Here mountains, valleys, lakes and sea blend into a landscape that is often breathtaking beyond words. A number of stops will allow you to marvel at the spectacular scenery; walk around the colorful village of Sneem and pause at Moll's Gap for amazing views of the Lakes of Killarney. Later, return to Killarney where the rest of your day is free. Enjoy dinner in your hotel.

Option #2 – Dingle Peninsula: Today head out to the beautiful Dingle Peninsula. This peninsula is a Gaeltacht, a unique area where the Irish language is preserved. There is time to explore the town of Dingle, a colorful fishing port. Later, return to Killarney where the rest of your day is free. Enjoy dinner in your hotel. OVERNIGHT: GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 4 Killarney to Dublin You depart from Killarney early this morning,

and travel towards Dublin, via the small town of Cashel where you will have a photo stop and a chance to view the unforgettable Rock of Cashel. The dramatic limestone rock crowned with secular and religious buildings dominates the flat countryside for miles around. Travel on through the Curragh, the heart of Ireland's equestrian country, and arrive in Dublin early this afternoon. Upon arrival, you will enjoy a panoramic city tour, introducing Dublin's grand architectural treasures, beautiful Georgian squares and history stretching back more than 1,000 years. The remainder of your day and evening are free to explore. This evening, depart for a special evening of good food and traditional entertainment in Dublin's Taylors Three Rock Pub. OVERNIGHT: DAVENPORT HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 5 Depart Dublin

This morning after breakfast, transfer to Dublin Airport. MEAL PLAN: B





11-day Small Group Experience

Enjoy the highlights of the Emerald Isle on this small group family themed journey, staying in 4* and 5* hotels. Your private driver guide will reveal the legends behind the Book of Kells, the Rock of Cashel, and Blarney Castle. Soak in the culture and incredible scenery as you drive along the Wild Atlantic Way. Discover the rugged beauty of Connemara, or the windswept and breathtaking Aran Islands. Visit Ireland's fair capital of Dublin, and many ancient historical sites & castles.

- 8 nights' accommodation in 4* & 5* hotels as detailed in the itinerary: 3 nights in Dublin, 2 nights in Killarney, 1 night in Dromoland Castle, 2 nights in Galway
- 11 meals (8 breakfasts, 3 dinners), including dinner in Dromoland Castle's Earl of Thomond restaurant
- Travel by private, luxury, air-conditioned mini-coach
- Professional Irish Driver/Guide
- Trinity College and the Book of Kells
- Rock of Cashel
- Blarney Castle
- The Ring of Kerry or Dingle Peninsula or Jaunting Cart Ride in Killarney National Park
- Foynes Flying Boat Museum, and Irish Coffee
- Bunratty Folk Park
- The Cliffs of Moher
- Rathbaun Farm, including tea, coffee and scones
- Connemara Excursion or Excursion to the Aran Islands
- Full-day Hop-on Hop-off Dublin Sightseeing Bus Pass
- Portfolio of travel documents
- 24-hour local customer service while traveling in Ireland

Magical Ireland - A Family Adventure

Itinerary

DAY 1 Arrive in Dublin

Welcome to Ireland! After collecting your bags, you will meet with your transfer driver in the arrivals hall at Dublin Airport. Shortly afterwards, your private transfer will depart and make its way towards your Dublin hotel. This afternoon, take a short walk to the courtyards of Trinity College to its library and world treasure, the 8th century Book of Kells. Enjoy dinner in your hotel, followed by your evening at leisure in Dublin. OVERNIGHT: BROOKS HOTEL MEAL PLAN: D

DAY 2 Journey south to Killarney

This morning after breakfast, meet with your private chauffeur in the lobby of your hotel. Departing Dublin, you travel south towards County Kerry. Pause at the Rock of Cashel, a spectacular group of medieval buildings set on an outcrop of limestone in the Golden Vale including the 12th century round tower, High Cross and Romanesque Chapel, 13th century Gothic cathedral, 15th century Castle and the restored Hall of the Vicars Choral. Afterwards, travel south towards County Cork for a visit to Blarney Castle with its magical stone that gives the gift of eloquence for a kiss. There is time to stop at Blarney Woollen Mills to shop before continuing on to bustling Killarney. The town on the lakes is famous for its lively pubs and open, cheerful atmosphere, full of what the Irish call "craic!" - Gaelic for fun. OVERNIGHT: KILLARNEY PARK HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 3 Options in Killarney

Enjoy breakfast in your hotel before departing on one of the following two excursions:

Option #1 – Ring of Kerry: Travel the road that winds around the beautiful Iveragh Peninsula, better known as The Ring of Kerry. It is undoubtedly one of the most magical places in all Ireland. Here mountains, valleys, lakes and sea blend into a landscape that is often breathtaking beyond words. A number of stops will allow you to marvel at the spectacular scenery; walk around the colorful village of Sneem and pause at Moll's Gap for amazing views of the Lakes of Killarney.

Option #2 – Dingle Peninsula: Today head out to the beautiful Dingle Peninsula. This

peninsula is a Gaeltacht, a unique area where the Irish language is preserved. There is time to explore the town of Dingle, a colorful fishing port. Later you will return to Killarney, where the balance of the day is free. OVERNIGHT: KILLARNEY PARK HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 4 Flying Boats & Castles

After breakfast, depart from Killarney and head north towards Foynes to visit the Flying Boat Museum. Step on board the famous Boeing 314, "Yankee Clipper" flying boat; travel back in time while enjoying the awardwinning film "Atlantic Conquest". Parents will enjoy an Irish coffee, sure to warm you up! Afterwards, travel on to Bunratty. This is your chance to experience a window on Ireland's past and explore the acclaimed 15th century Bunratty Castle and the 19th century Bunratty Folk Park. Later, make your way to your 5* Castle hotel for overnight. This evening, enjoy dinner in the castle's flagship restaurant, the Earl of Thomond.

OVERNIGHT: DROMOLAND CASTLE MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 5 Cliffs of Moher & Sheep Dogs

After breakfast, you depart for a walk along the Cliffs of Moher, rising 700 feet above the pounding Atlantic waves. Afterwards, travel through the Burren and on to Rathbaun Farm where you will watch the farmer shear a sheep and maneuver a flock with the help of a sheep dog. Then, enjoy traditional tea, coffee and scones in the 150-year-old thatched farmhouse. Onwards to Galway where you will enjoy a panoramic tour before checking in to your centrally located hotel. OVERNIGHT: PARK HOUSE HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 6 Connemara or Inishmore

Enjoy breakfast in your hotel before departing on one of the following two excursions: **Option #1 – Connemara Excursion:** After breakfast, depart on a full-day excursion in Connemara. Whitewashed cottages are scattered over a land of rocky mountains, sparkling brooks and rivers. Stop to visit the beautiful Kylemore Abbey, a castellated neo-Gothic mansion, occupied since 1920 by the Irish Benedictine community of Nuns. Option # 2 – Excursion to the Aran Islands: This morning, travel west to the ferry terminal at Ros a' Mhíl. Here you board a comfortable, modern ferry for the 45-minute crossing to Kilronan on Inishmore, the largest of the Aran Islands. Board a minibus and enjoy your Local Guide's commentary on a tour of the island, ending with a visit to cliff top Dun Aengus, one of the most spectacular and dramatic prehistoric stone forts in Europe. Later, board your ferry back to the mainland, meet your driver and transfer back to Galway where your evening is free. (B)

OVERNIGHT: PARK HOUSE HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 7 Journey east to Dublin

After breakfast you depart from Galway and make your way to Dublin. On your way, pause to visit Clonmacnoise, an early Christian site founded by St. Ciarán in the mid-6th century on the eastern bank of the River Shannon. The site includes the ruins of a cathedral, seven churches (10th-13th century), two round towers, three high crosses and the largest collection of Early Christian graveslabs in Western Europe. The original high crosses and a selection of graveslabs are on display in the visitor center. There are also exhibitions that deal with the flora, fauna and landscape of the region. Once back in Dublin, say goodbye to your chauffeur and check in to your centrally located hotel. OVERNIGHT: BROOKS HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 8 Dublin

Today you will have a full-day ticket for the Hop-on Hop-off Dublin Bus to explore and enjoy Dublin at your own pace. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner in the hotel restaurant, Francesca's.

OVERNIGHT: BROOKS HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 9 Depart Dublin

May the road rise to meet you as you transfer to the airport, where your Emerald Isle adventure concludes. MEAL PLAN: B

Ireland A Literary Tour 8-day tour

Explore Irish heritage and scholarly traditions, discover where many world famous writers, poets and playwrights were born and lived and were inspired to write about the spectacular beauty, culture and history of their native isle; and visit famous galleries, and towns that celebrate Ireland's proud literary history.

- 7 nights' accommodation in 4* hotels as detailed in the itinerary (or similar): 3 nights in Dublin, 2 nights in Killarney, 1 night in Galway, 1 night in Sligo
- 13 meals (7 breakfasts and 5 dinners) including an evening of Irish stories and music in Dublin's oldest pub
- Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson Irish Whiskey
- The impressive Rock of Cashel
- The stunning Dingle Peninsula
- The majestic Cliffs of Moher
- Special Yeat's Dinner in County Sligo
- Visit James Joyce Centre in Dublin
- Services of an expert Irish Driver/Guide
- Full planning and support from an expert tour consultant to help you tailor your tour in any way to suit your group
- Private motor coach transport with air-conditioning
- Entrance fees for all visits and activities detailed in the itinerary
- 24-hour emergency contact service based in Ireland
- Hotel porterage
- All taxes
- Portfolio of travel documents



Itinerary

DAY 1 Arrive in Dublin

Arrive Dublin where you are met by your driver/guide. Today you will visit The Dublin Writers Museum, and Trinity College to view the Book of Kells. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner in hotel. Overnight in Davenport Hotel which holds UNESCO Literature Plaque.

OVERNIGHT: THE DAVENPORT MEAL PLAN: D

DAY 2 Journey south to Killarney

Drive south and view the Rock of Cashel, an impressive medieval fortress complex perched atop a verdant hill. Stop at the Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson Irish Whiskey, a Local Specialty, and taste the triple-distilled, twice-as-smooth whiskey. Continue to charming Killarney. OVERNIGHT: KILLARNEY PLAZA MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 3 Dingle Peninsula

Take a full day tour around the Dingle Peninsula with its breath-taking views and sceneries of the Atlantic Ocean, bright sandy beaches as well as ancient and early Christian relicts and small Gaelic speaking villages. You will reach the most Western point of Europe at Slea Head, from where you can catch a view of the offshore Blasket Island, which has been abandoned by its inhabitants in 1953. You will learn more about the rough life at the sea and great literary past of the islands in the Blasket Centre in Dunquin. Find out more about fascinating life on the island in Thomas O'Crohan's "The

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Islandman", which was written in Gaelic language. Return to Killarney for overnight and dinner in your hotel. OVERNIGHT: KILLARNEY PLAZA MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 4 Cliffs of Moher & Galway

Depart Killarney and travel towards Limerick, the setting for Frank McCourt's bestseller "Angela's Ashes for visit to Cliffs of Moher. See the dramatic, near-vertical Cliffs of Moher, rising 700 feet above the Atlantic. Next, onwards via the Burren to Galway for dinner and overnight. OVERNIGHT: MEYRICK HOTEL

MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 5 Connemara & Yeats Country

Depart Galway and travel through Connemara for visit to Kylemore Abbey. Onwards via Westport to Sligo, Yeats Country. Tonight you will enjoy a special evening with a visit to a private home for a bit 'o food, fun and poetry. Damien Brennan and his wife Paula, together with their adult children Sarah and Paul, live at Broc House, a modern abode with rustic touches overlooking beautiful Lough Gill. Inside, you will find walls adorned with contemporary Irish paintings and a table set for a feast prepared by Paula, a noted chef. Damien, meanwhile, is an acknowledged expert on the Yeats family. Scrumptious food, fine company and the delicious poetry of Yeats come together 'round the accommodating table, positioned in front of gracious windows that let in countryside views. Afterwards, travel the short distance to Sligo for overnight. OVERNIGHT: SLIGO PARK HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 6 Sligo to Dublin

This morning after breakfast, depart Sligo. Stop for a visit to Yeats grave in Drumcliff, which is located at the foot of the Benbulben Mountain. Onwards to Dublin. Once you are back in Dublin visit James Joyce Centre and the birth place of George Bernhard Shaw. Enjoy some free time in Dublin. This evening you are free to enjoy dinner on own. OVERNIGHT: DAVENPORT HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 7 Day at leisure in Dublin

Enjoy breakfast in your hotel followed by a day of leisure to explore Dublin at your own pace. Later in the afternoon, meet back at your hotel and depart on an enchanting evening of Irish folklore and storytelling while enjoying a candlelit traditional Irish dinner in The Brazen Head, Dublin's oldest Pub. OVERNIGHT: DAVENPORT HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 8 Depart Dublin

May the road rise to meet you as you transfer to the airport, where your Emerald Isle adventure concludes. MEAL PLAN: B



Ireland A Gourmet Journey

9-day Small Group Experience

The glamorous glitz of Dublin and Belfast calls! Magical mysteries of counties Donegal, Sligo, Mayo and Galway, are set to beguile. What a combination of destinations for an Ireland gourmet journey. During this fabulous seven night tour, see for yourself the unique differences of the regions in the topmost corner of Ireland from food specialties, to history, politics, culture, music and lifestyle. A Small Group Experience specially designed for small private groups of 6 to 16 guests.

- 8 nights' accommodation in 4* & 5* hotels as detailed in the itinerary: 3 nights in Dublin, 1 night in Belfast, 1 night in Donegal, 1 night in Mayo, 2 nights in Galway
- 19 meals (8 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 7 dinners)
- Visit the Guinness Storehouse
- Whiskey tasting at the Celtic Whiskey Store
- Fine Irish meats and fish, local breads, yogurts, and other locally sourced ingredients
- The Giant's Causeway
- The Connemara Smokehouse & Visitor Centre
- Overnight in Dublin's iconic Shelbourne Hotel
- Services of an expert Irish Driver/Guide
- Full planning and support from an expert tour consultant to help you tailor your tour in any way to suit your group
- Private motor coach transport with air-conditioning
- Entrance fees for all visits and activities detailed in the itinerary
- 24-hour emergency contact service based in Ireland
- Hotel porterage
- All taxes
- Portfolio of travel documents

Ireland, A Gourmet Journey



Itinerary

DAY 1 Arrive in Dublin

Arrive Dublin where you are met by your driver/guide. Brooks Hotel is tucked away in a small side street in Dublin's city center. This convenient boutique hotel provides stunning culinary accommodation. Enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure. This evening, enjoy dinner in Francesca's Restaurant located in the hotel. OVERNIGHT: BROOKS HOTEL MEAL PLAN: D

DAY 2 Dublin

Today, visit the Guinness Storehouse, Dublin's no.1 tourist attraction and have lunch in Gilroy's Restaurant after your tour. Enjoy whiskey tasting at the Celtic Whiskey Store sampling Ireland's premier whiskies. This evening, dine in award winning Toscana Italian Restaurant, run by a husband and wife team who grow their own fresh produce for the menu. While in Dublin, your group may also like to visit Trinity College and the Book of Kells, Dublin Castle, or St. Patrick's Cathedral. OVERNIGHT: BROOKS HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 3 North to Belfast

After breakfast travel north towards Belfast, an iconic city noted for its historical importance and political contributions to world affairs. Your group may like to include stops at the prehistoric monument in Newgrange, or St. Patrick's Centre in Downpatrick. Onwards to Belfast. The Europa Hotel has made a serious commitment to using local suppliers for food. Fine Irish meats and fish, local breads, yogurts, and other locally sourced ingredients go across the board. This evening, enjoy dinner in the hotel. OVERNIGHT: EUROPA HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 4 Giant's Causeway & Donegal

Spend the morning sightseeing in Belfast. Lots of choices for your group, including the Titanic Experience, Game of Thrones Tour, and the Ulster Folk & Transport Museum. This afternoon, depart Belfast and journey to the Giants Causeway and take in the natural beauty of the northern coast. Afterwards, head northwest towards Donegal, stopping off in Castledawson at Ditty's Home Bakery and Coffee Shop to meet Master Baker, Robert Ditty and have lunch. Onward to County Donegal and Harvey's Point Hotel. Arrival here is always greeted with warm smiles from staff, efficient check-in and suggestion of tea or coffee in the delightful lounge. When you go to your room – you'll find everything you need for the most luxurious of stay. Enjoy dinner and overnight in tranquil surroundings. OVERNIGHT: HARVEY'S POINT HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, L, D

DAY 5 Sligo & Mayo

After breakfast, depart and enjoy the magnificent scenery as you travel through County Donegal and head south-west and stop for lunch at Hargadon's traditional Irish pub in Sligo Town. Afterwards, on to Mayo to beautiful Mount Falcon, a country house on its own estate, to enjoy dinner and overnight. OVERNIGHT: MOUNT FALCON MEAL PLAN: B, L, D

DAY 6 South towards Galway

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast this morning, and time to stroll the grounds of Mount Falcon. Later, depart and travel the short distance to Castlebar where you pause for lunch at Café Rua and visit to the Rua food shop and deli. Drive through the majestic scenery of Connemara, through Louisburgh, Lenane and Ashleigh Waterfalls. Check into Connemara Coast Hotel. Located right on the coast of Connemara, with breathtaking ocean views. Enjoy a stroll by the sea before or after dinner. OVERNIGHT: CONNEMARA COAST HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, L, D

DAY 7 Connemara & Galway

After breakfast at Connemara Coast Hotel, head to the Connemara Smokehouse & Visitor Centre and experience traditional fish smoking methods at this artisan production. This afternoon, enjoy some free time in Galway. Later, return to your hotel for overnight and dinner. OVERNIGHT: CONNEMARA COAST HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 8 East to Dublin

Today, travel across country and return to Dublin. On arrival, check in to the the Shelbourne Hotel, one of Dublin's great iconic buildings. Its corridors and rooms also house some our most successful artists, past and present. Those same corridors also echo with the memories full of history and glamour. The location is stunning, the staff are gracious and the food in the restaurants and bars is locally sourced, organic, where possible and cooked with love. As with all our prestigious Good Food Ireland Providers – The Shelbourne takes pride in Irish – hospitality, cuisine and welcome abound.

OVERNIGHT: SHELBOURNE HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 9 Depart Dublin

After breakfast, transfer to Dublin airport to your return flight home. MEAL PLAN: B



Venture through all of Ireland and experience this unique land on your 11-day journey. Your trip takes you through Ireland's breathtaking scenery and imitable city landscapes while you experience Ireland's cheerful, hospitable culture. From Dublin, travel around the coast stopping by Waterford, Killarney, Connemara, Letterkenny, Ballygally and Belfast.

- 10 nights' accommodation in 4* hotels as detailed in the itinerary: 2 nights in Dublin, 1 night in Cork, 2 nights in Killarney, 2 nights in Galway, 2 nights in Derry, 1 night in Belfast
- 16 meals (7 breakfasts and 6 dinners) including a welcome dinner in Dublin
- Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson Irish Whiskey
- Walking tour in Waterford
- The stunning Ring of Kerry
- The majestic Cliffs of Moher
- Tea & Scones in Rathbaun Farm
- Visit the Giant's Causeway
- Services of an expert Irish Driver/Guide
- Full planning and support from an expert tour consultant to help you tailor your tour in any way to suit your group
- Private motor coach transport with air-conditioning
- Entrance fees for all visits and activities detailed in the itinerary
- 24-hour emergency contact service based in Ireland
- Hotel porterage
- All taxes
- Portfolio of travel documents



Itinerary

DAY 1 Arrive in Dublin

Welcome to Dublin! At 2 p.m. a city tour includes a visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral and, at Trinity College, see the ornate 8th-century Book of Kells. Tonight relish a Welcome Dinner with wine. OVERNIGHT: THE DAVENPORT

MEAL PLAN: D

DAY 2 Journey south to Cork

Travel to the monastic ruins at Glendalough, settled in the 6th century. Continue to Waterford. Visit the House of Waterford Crystal, a Local Specialty, for a visual journey of over 225 years of glassmaking. Then meet master storyteller Jack Burtchaell for a stroll around the city, and hear about a gallery of rogues and rascals. Finally, on to Cork. OVERNIGHT: RIVER LEE HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 3 Whiskey, Blarney & Killarney

Stop at the Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson Irish whiskey, a Local Specialty, for a tour and tasting. Next is Blarney Castle with its magical stone that gives the gift of eloquence for a kiss. On to lively Killarney. OVERNIGHT: KILLARNEY PLAZA MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 4 Ring of Kerry

Travel the road that winds around the beautiful Iveragh Peninsula, better known as the Ring of Kerry. Then you are free to enjoy Killarney on your own. OVERNIGHT: KILLARNEY PLAZA MEAL PLAN: B

Irish Experience

DAY 5 Cliffs of Moher & Galway

Stop off at the quaint village of Adare with its thatched roof cottages, beautiful gardens and ivy-clad medieval churches. Then on to the Cliffs of Moher, rising 700 feet above the Atlantic waves. Enjoy afternoon tea at Rathbaun Farm. Join the family and hear about the traditions of Irish farming. Savor scones with fresh cream and homemade jam with a cup of tea. Continue to your seaside hotel in Connemara.

OVERNIGHT: CONNEMARA COAST HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 6 Connemara

After breakfast, depart on a full-day excursion in Connemara. Whitewashed cottages are scattered over a land of rocky mountains, sparkling brooks and rivers. Stop to visit the beautiful Kylemore Abbey, a castellated neo-Gothic mansion, occupied since 1920 by the Irish Benedictine community of Nuns. Return to Galway where the remainder of your day and evening are free.

OVERNIGHT: CONNEMARA COAST HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 7 Yeats Country & Derry

Visit the magnificent Victorian mansion, Clonalis House. Next, stop to see W.B. Yeats' grave. Then continue to Derry where your evening is free. OVERNIGHT: EVERGLADES HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 8 Giant's Causeway

Visit the unique Giant's Causeway and hear the legend of the giant Finn MacCool. There is also time to take a walking tour of Derry's city walls with a local guide. OVERNIGHT: EVERGLADES HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 9 Belfast & The Titanic

Travel to Belfast and join a Local Guide for a living history tour. Stop to visit the newly opened Titanic Belfast. It is located in the heart of the city, on the slipways where RMS Titanic was built. You truly re-live the entire Titanic story from her birth in Belfast to the fateful maiden voyage and her eventual discovery on the seabed. OVERNIGHT: EUROPA HOTEL

MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 10 South to Dublin

Stop at the Heritage Centre at Bru-na-Boinne and visit the neolithic tombs at Knowth, a UNESCO World Heritage site. On to Dublin, where your evening is free. OVERNIGHT: DAVENPORT HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 11 Depart Dublin

Take an included transfer to the airport where your vacation ends. MEAL PLAN: B





Journey to see some of the best Game of Thrones film locations in Northern Ireland. Experience the wild & rugged landscapes of the North Coast, many of which are peaceful and not crowded with tourists. Key film locations include Cushendun Sea Caves, Ballintoy Harbor, Downhill Beach, and The Dark Hedges. Visit the Winterfell Castle movie set at Castle Ward, a beautiful 1000 acre sprawling demesne. Your journey also includes a visits to the Titanic Belfast, and the Boyne Valley Visitor Centre to learn about the 5,000-year-old burial tombs of Newgrange and Knowth.

- 5 nights' accommodation in 4* hotels as detailed in the itinerary (or similar): 3 nights in Belfast, 2 nights in Dublin
- 9 meals (6 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 2 dinners), including dinner and traditional entertainment in Dublin's Taylors Three Rock Pub
- Game of Thrones Experience: Winterfell Castle movie set at Castle Ward
- Game of Thrones Movie locations tour with expert step-on guide
- Newgrange or Knowth (Subject to availability at time of booking)
- Hill of Tara
- Services of a professional Irish Driver Guide
- Full planning and support from an expert tour consultant to help you tailor your tour in any way to suit your group
- Private luxury motor coach transport with air-conditioning
- Entrance fees for all visits and activities detailed in the itinerary
- 24-hour emergency contact service based in Ireland
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- All taxes and fees

Game of Thrones Adventure



Itinerary

DAY 1 Arrive in Dublin - Belfast Welcome to Ireland! After collecting your bags, you will meet with your driver in the arrival's hall at Dublin Airport. Shortly afterwards, you will depart and make your way towards the Man O War Pub for breakfast. Afterwards, depart and make your way towards Belfast. Visit the Titanic Belfast to learn about this famous ill-fated liner through state-of-the-art displays. Later, check in to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure in Belfast. This evening enjoy dinner in your hotel. OVERNIGHT: EUROPA HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 2 Game of Thrones Film Locations This morning after breakfast, meet with your experienced Game of Thrones guide and depart of a full day excursion to see some of the best Game of Thrones film locations in Northern Ireland. Experience the wild & rugged landscapes of the North Coast as your driver guide takes you to the various 'best spots', many of which are peaceful and not crowded with tourists. With the wind in your hair and as you breathe in the purest Irish Sea air, stand atop Fair Head Sea Cliff and savor the breathtaking views from Dragonstone Castle. This is where Jon Snow first met Daenerys 'Mother of Dragons' - remember that scene in season 7 where Jon reached out to touch Khalessi's dragon. Next you are off along narrow twisting country lane ways

to Murlough Bay passing through early cottage settlements known locally as Clachans and where deer & sheep roam wild. Murlough Bay is steeped in history and surrounded by spectacular landscapes; it is the place that time truly did forget. Film location for Slavers Bay & Renlys Camp. Other key film locations include Cushendun Sea Caves where Melisandre gave birth to the Shadow Baby. Ballintoy Harbor, also known as the Iron Islands, where they filmed the memorable scene where Theon renewed his faith to the 'Drowned God'. Downhill Beach & view of Mussenden Temple, where Melisandre burns the seven gods' effigies - the 'Lord of Light'. The Dark Hedges, also known as the 'Kings Road', the Dark Hedges are mystical interlocking beach trees, through which Arya Stark escaped from Kings Landing. Return to Belfast where your evening is free. OVERNIGHT: EUROPA HOTEL MEAL PLAN' B

DAY 3 Winterfell

After breakfast, depart from Belfast to experience the real Westeros with a visit to the Winterfell Castle movie set at Castle Ward a beautiful 1000 acre sprawling demesne used for filming the epic adaption of George RR Martins Game of Thrones novels. Your tour guide will show you around Winterfell Castle & Demesne sharing fascinating stories about how the film sets where created onsite and some insider gossip about what the cast got up to behind-the-scenes. Your guide will also show you exclusive behind-the-scenes video clips, notebooks and photographs from the actual filming days. Afterwards enjoy lunch in a local hotel called The Cuan, where the cast would stay when filming in Winterfell. In the Cuan you will find the first of ten Doors made from the fallen beech trees from The Dark Hedges, which were uprooted by Storm Gertrude in January 2016. Each door has been intricately designed and carved to represent a different episode from Game of Thrones, Season 6. The Cuan was very honored to be handpicked by Tourism Ireland and HBO to receive the first Door of Thrones. Later, return to Belfast where your evening is free. OVERNIGHT: EUROPA HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 4 Belfast to Dublin

After breakfast, depart from Belfast and make your way towards Dublin. Pause to visit the Boyne Valley Visitor Centre to learn about the 5,000-year-old burial tombs of Newgrange and Knowth. Tour one of them to see how primitive people managed to align huge boulders precisely with the movements of the sun. Afterwards, visit The Hill of Tara, located near the River Boyne. The Hill of Tara is an archaeological complex that contains a number of ancient monuments, and, according to tradition, was the seat of Ard Rí na hÉireann, or the High King of Ireland. Recent scholarship claims that despite the rich narratives derived from mythologies, Tara was not so much a true seat of kingship, but a sacral site associated with kingship rituals. Afterwards, continue on to Dublin. This evening, depart for a special evening of good food and traditional entertainment in Dublin's Taylors Three Rock Pub. OVERNIGHT: ASHLING HOTEL MEAL PLAN B. D.

DAY 5 Depart Dublin

This morning after breakfast, transfer to Dublin Airport. MEAL PLAN: B



Treasures of Northern Ireland

10-day tour

Explore some of Northern Ireland's top attractions and scenic locations. Visit St. Patrick's final resting place in Downpatrick, explore Crumlin Road Gaol and gain insight into Belfast's criminal history. In Belfast, relive the story of the Titanic, and embark on a fun and food filled guided walking tour. Walk across Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge and stop to visit the amazing Giant's Causeway. Visit Derry and Donegal, and Europe's highest Cliffs - Slieve League. Discover the Lakeland area of Enniskillen, and finish with some time at leisure in Dublin.

- 9 nights' accommodation in 4* & 5* hotels as detailed in the itinerary (or similar): 1 night in Newcastle, 2 nights in Belfast, 2 nights in Derry, 1 night in Donegal, 1 night in Lough Erne, and 2 nights in Dublin
- 15 meals (10 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 4 dinners) including Belfast Food Trail
- Boyne Valley Visitor Centre, with visit to Newgrange, or Knowth
- St. Patrick's Centre, Downpatrick, & Down Cathedral
- Crumlin Road Gaol
- Titanic Museum Belfast
- Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge
- Giant's Causeway
- Old Bushmills Distillery
- Walking tour of Derry City Walls, & Tower Museum
- Slieve League Cliffs
- Belleek Pottery
- Ulster American Folk Park, Omagh
- Enniskillen Castle
- Private motor coach transport with air-conditioning
- 24-hour emergency contact service based in Ireland
- Hotel porterage
- Portfolio of travel documents

Treasures of Northern Ireland

Itinerary

DAY 1 Arrive in Dublin

Welcome to Ireland! After collecting your bags, you will meet with your driver in the arrival's hall at Dublin Airport. Shortly afterwards, you will depart and start your journey north towards Newcastle. Pause in Balbriggan where you will enjoy breakfast in the Man O'War Pub. Afterwards, visit the Boyne Valley Visitor Centre to learn about the 5,000-year-old burial tombs of Newgrange and Knowth. Tour one of them to see how primitive people managed to align huge boulders precisely with the movements of the sun. Afterwards, travel past the gentle slopes of the Mourne Mountains to your hotel located on the coast of County Down. This evening enjoy diner in your hotel.

OVERNIGHT: SLIEVE DONARD RESORT MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 2 Downpatrick and Belfast

Make your way towards Downpatrick to visit the Saint Patrick Centre, the only permanent exhibition in the World about Ireland's Patron Saint. The exhibition opens with an exploration of Patrick's Roman background and the world to which he would come – that of Celtic Ireland. Afterwards, visit Down Cathedral where St Patrick is said to be buried. Onward top Belfast where you explore the Crumlin Road Gaol and gain insight into Belfast's criminal history. Check in to your hotel where your evening in free. OVERNIGHT: EUROPA HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 3 Titanic & Belfast Food Trail

This morning, head to visit the Titanic Belfast. You truly re-live the entire Titanic story from her birth in Belfast to the fateful maiden voyage and her eventual discovery on the seabed. Afterwards, depart on a fun and food filled guided walk to some top food and drink spots around Belfast City Centre. Start in the historic St George's Market, meeting producers, then visit traditional bars, world-class shops and finish in a top restaurant in the lively Cathedral Quarter. Later, return to your hotel for overnight.

OVERNIGHT: EUROPA HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, L

DAY 4 Rope Bridge, Giants and Whiskey After breakfast, enjoy the spectacular scenery as you make your way along the Antrim Coast to Ballycastle and Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge. The stunning rope bridge spans a gaping chasm between the coast and a small island used by fishermen - not for the faint hearted! Onward to the Giant's Causeway and take in the natural beauty of the northern coast. Walk around admiring the hexagonal rock columns and gaze out at the crashing waves along the dramatic coastline. Then head to Bushmills to visit the Old Bushmills Distillery, Ireland's oldest working distillery. The Bushmills Brand Experience encompasses guided tours around a working distillery with all the associated sights and smells, tutored whiskey tastings, a specialist whiskey shop and a well-stocked gift shop with exclusive Bushmills merchandise. At the end of your tour you will be offered a whiskey or a soft drink in our 1608 Bar. Afterwards, make your way to Derry for dinner and overnight. OVERNIGHT: EVERGLADES HOTEL MEAL PLAN B. D.

DAY 5 Derry

This morning, join a local guide for a walking tour around the defensive walls that encircle the old city. Afterwards, visit the award winning Tower Museum located within the city's historic walls at Union Hall Place. Permanent exhibitions at the museum include The Story of Derry exhibition and the Armada Shipwreck – La Trinidad Valencera exhibition. Enjoy the remainder of your afternoon and evening at leisure in Derry. OVERNIGHT: EVERGLADES HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 6 Donegal

Enjoy breakfast in your hotel. Afterwards, depart and enjoy panoramic sightseeing around Donegal. Visit one of Ireland's best kept secrets and a signature point on the Wild Atlantic Way. Experience the local culture, heritage and people of Donegal against the backdrop of our spectacular and rugged coastline. Pause to visit Triona Design in Ardara for a demonstration of spinning and knitting. Continue south west along this magnificent coastal driving route and pause to visit Ireland's highest Sea Cliffs, Sliabh Liag (Slieve League). Although less famous than the Cliffs of Moher in County Clare, Slieve League's cliffs reach almost three times higher. Afterwards, continue to Donegal town for dinner and overnight. OVERNIGHT: HARVEY'S POINT HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 7 Belleek, Folk Park and Enniskillen

Today, your first stop today will be in the the picturesque village of Belleek, home to the world-famous Belleek Fine Parian China. View the techniques of the craftsmen at work in Northern Ireland's oldest attraction. Continue on to Omagh where you pause to visit the Ulster American Folk Park. Immerse yourself in the story of the brave emigrants who made the journey across the Atlantic to America hundreds of years ago. Wander through the thatched cottages and log cabins and meet costumed characters who will show you traditional crafts and tell you a few stories. Board a full-scale emigrant ship to experience the conditions faced by many as they set sail for a new life in America. Afterwards, make your way to Enniskillen and the beautiful 5-Star Lough Erne Resort. Enjoy dinner and overnight.

OVERNIGHT: LOUGH ERNE RESORT MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 8 Depart for Dublin

After breakfast, enjoy some free time before departing on your journey towards Dublin. Pause to visit Enniskillen Castle. Located beside the River Erne, Enniskillen Castle was built around 600 years ago by the ruling Gaelic Maguires. The historic attraction provides a key to Irish history from Medieval Stronghold to Plantation Castle to later Military Barracks. Afterwards, depart and make your way to Dublin for overnight. This evening you are free to explore the many fine pubs and restaurants in Dublin. OVERNIGHT: DAVENPORT HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 9 Dublin at leisure

Enjoy a full day at leisure in Dublin. OVERNIGHT: DAVENPORT HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 10 Depart Dublin

After breakfast, transfer to Dublin airport to your return flight home. MEAL PLAN: B



8-day tour

This Outlander themed journey combines many of the most important locations featured in the TV series with the majestic scenery of the Scottish Highlands. Journey from Edinburgh's historic Royal Mile, to the picturesque town of Falkland, to the Clava Cairns that are reminiscent of Claire's magical portal to 1743. Explore historic attractions such as Falkland Palace, Scone Palace, and medieval Doune Castle. Cruise Loch Ness and visit Urquhart Castle before venturing to the Isle of Skye. Wrap up your journey with a visit to a Highland distillery!

- 7 nights' accommodation in 3* and 4* hotels as detailed in the itinerary (or similar): 2 nights Edinburgh, 1 night Pitlochry, 1 night Inverness, 1 night Isle of Skye, 1 night Fort William are, and 1 night Glasgow
- 12 meals (7 breakfasts and 5 dinners)
- Services of a professional Scottish Tour Manager throughout
- Edinburgh Castle, and the Palace of Holyrood House
- Falkland Palace
- Scone Palace
- Visit Culloden Battlefield
- Clava Cairn
- Cawdor Castle
- Jacobite Cruise on Loch Ness, and Urquhart Castle
- Eilean Donan Castle
- Armadale Castle Gardens
- Ferry crossing from Armadale to Mallaig
- Doune Castle
- Visit Glengoyne Distillery
- Private luxury motor coach transport with air-conditioning
- 24-hour emergency contact service while in Scotland
- Hotel porterage
- Portfolio of documents

Outlander & The Scottish Highlands

Itinerary

DAY 1 Arrive in Edinburgh

Arrive at Edinburgh airport, and start your Scottish adventure! Enjoy an introduction to Edinburgh while transferring to your Edinburgh Hotel. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. This evening, enjoy dinner in your hotel.

OVERNIGHT: MERCURE HAYMARKET MEAL PLAN: D

DAY 2 Edinburgh

Enjoy breakfast in your hotel. Today, start off with a city tour of Edinburgh where you will appreciate the contrast between the 18th century Georgian "New Town" with its wide, tree lined streets and elegant squares and the medieval "Old Town". You will visit Edinburgh Castle which dominates the city from its 400 foot rock where you will see the Scottish crown jewels and the Stone of Destiny, now back in Scotland where it belongs. You can also visit the private apartments of Mary Stuart and St Margaret's Chapel, the oldest building in the city which dates back to the 11th century. Later, visit the Palace of Holyrood House, most often called Holyrood Palace. Like its majestic companion, it's riddled with some of Scotland's most potent history. The Abbey in the grounds was founded in 1128, and the palace itself is baroque. These days Holyrood Palace is the Scottish residence of Queen Elizabeth II, but it's probably best known for its association with another royal figure, Mary Queen of Scots. Later, return to your hotel and enjoy your afternoon at leisure. OVERNIGHT: MERCURE HAYMARKET

OVERNIGHT: MERCURE HAYMARKET MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 3 Falkland and Scone

After breakfast, depart Edinburgh and set off towards the impressive Scottish Highlands. Over the coming days, explore some of the filming locations for the popular Starz fantasy series – Outlander. Head to the picturesque town of Falkland, where one of Outlander's first scenes was filmed, which substitutes gamely for 1940s Inverness. You will visit Falkland Palace, the country residence of the Stewart kings and queens. Afterwards, on to visit Scone Palace, the home of the Earl of Mansfield. The Moot Hill at Scone was the site of the famous Coronation Stone of Scone, brought there in the 9th century by Kenneth MacAlpine, King of Scots. In 1296, the Stone was seized by the English and taken to Westminster Abbey. In 1997 the Stone was returned to Scotland and is now in Edinburgh Castle. Onwards to Pitlochry for dinner and overnight.

OVERNIGHT: ATHOLL PALACE MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 4 Scottish Highlands

Enjoy breakfast. Today, we travel north towards Inverness. Your first stop is in Nairn where you visit Cawdor Castle. The caste dates from the late 14th century, with the ancient medieval tower built around the legendary holly tree. Afterwards, pause to visit The Clava Cairns, the exceptional remains of an ancient cemetery, the inspiration for the mysterious Craigh na Dun in Outlander. See the "Split Stone", through which Claire Randall might have tumbled into 1743. Onwards to visit Culloden Battlefield, one of Scotland's most significant battle sites. It was here, on the Culloden Moor that Bonnie Prince Charlie and an army of 5000 Jacobite Highlanders faced off against the Duke of Cumberland and his 9000 Hanoverian Government troops on April 16 1746. It was one of Britain's most important battles and the last to be fought on British soil. Later, continue to Inverness for dinner and overnight. OVERNIGHT: KINGSMILLS HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 5 Loch Ness and on to the Isle of Skye Enjoy breakfast. This morning, we depart and travel to Clansman Harbor where we board a Jacobite Cruise to Urquhart Castle. Loch Ness is a striking 38.5 km long loch in the Great Glen (Southwest of Inverness) and forms part of the Caledonian Canal, which links Inverness with Fort William. Up to 213 m deep, the loch contains the largest volume of freshwater of any lake in the British Isles. Famous worldwide for its mysterious inhabitant, the Loch Ness Monster. On the loch banks, you will visit the ruins of Urguhart Castle, one of the largest castles in Scotland which fell into decay after 1689 and was blown up in 1692 to prevent it being occupied by Jacobites. Most of the existing remains date from the 16th century. Eilean Donan Castle stands on an islet connected by a

causeway in Loch Duich. This picturesque and inhabited castle dates back to 1214 and has been the setting for many adverts and movies, such as Highlander. In 1719, it was garrisoned by Jacobites troops and was blown up by the English. Now completely restored it displays fine furniture and paintings. This evening, enjoy dinner and overnight in the Isle of Skye area. OVERNIGHT: DUNOLLIE HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B. D

DAY 6 Isle of Skye and Armadale Castle Enjoy breakfast. Today, depart on a full-day sightseeing journey around Isle of Skye. Early this afternoon, visit Armadale Castle and discover the history of the Highlands and Islands through the story of Clan Donald, its most powerful clan. Part of the Castle has been restored and the striking ruined remains sensitively re-designed, to create an attractive landscape within the gardens. A short ferry ride from Armadale to the mainland brings you to Mallaig. Travel onwards to the Fort William area for dinner and overnight. OVERNIGHT: BALLACHULIS HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B.D

DAY 7 Doune Castle, Whisky, Glasgow After breakfast, depart for Glasgow. Your first stop today will be in to visit Doune Castle. Both Robert the Bruce and William "Braveheart" Wallace made a name for themselves here - and plays a starring role in Outlander. This rugged fortress stands in for the fictional Castle Leoch, home to Colum MacKenzie and his clan in the episodes set in the eighteenth century. Afterwards, continue to Glengoyne Distillery, Scotland's most southerly Highland distillery. Nestling in the Campsie Hills, it draws water from a waterfall. The distillery produces Scotland's only unpeated whisky. The tour includes a tasting. Afterwards, head to Glasgow. This evening you are free to explore Glasgow. OVERNIGHT: HALLMARK HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 8 Depart Glasgow

After breakfast, transfer to the airport, where your Scotland Adventure concludes. MEAL PLAN: B



With craggy mountains, idyllic glens and mighty castles, Scotland conjures up images of legend, romance and adventure. From Edinburgh's lengthy royal heritage to the majestic scenery of the Scottish Highlands, let your imagination take over in this captivating and fantastical land. Your expert local guides regale you with stories from Scotland's dramatic past whilst introducing you to the wonderful traditions still held today.

- 8 nights' accommodation in 3* and 4* hotels as detailed in the itinerary (or similar): 1 night in Glasgow, 1 night in Ballachulish, 2 nights in Inverness, 2 nights in Pitlochry, and 2 nights in Edinburgh
- 13 meals (8 breakfasts and 5 dinners)
- Services of a professional Scottish Tour Manager throughout
- Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum
- Cruise on Loch Lomond
- Inveraray Castle
- Armadale Castle
- Jacobite Cruise on Loch Ness, and Urquhart Castle
- Culloden Battlefield
- Working Sheepdogs Demonstration
- Blair Castle
- Blair Athol Distillery
- Glamis Castle
- Panoramic St. Andrews
- Full-day sightseeing tour of Edinburgh, and Edinburgh Castle
- Private luxury motor coach transport with air-conditioning
 - 24-hour emergency contact service while in Scotland
- Hotel porterage
- Portfolio of documents

Scotland Adventure

Itinerary

DAY 1 Arrive in Edinburgh

After you make your way through customs, meet with your Scottish guide in the arrivals area. Shortly afterwards, begin your journey to Glasgow. Enjoy a tour of central Glasgow's highlights including red sandstone Victorian buildings, delightful parks, Glasgow Cathedral and the River Clyde, once famous for shipbuilding. Visit extensive and varied art collections in Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. Later, make your way to your hotel. This evening enjoy dinner in your hotel. OVERNIGHT: JURYS INN

MEAL PLAN: D

DAY 2 Loch Lomond and Inveraray Castle

After breakfast, depart from Glasgow. Embark on a short cruise of Loch Lomond to appreciate the beauty of this famous loch and admire panoramic views of the Highlands. Continue on to Inveraray and enjoy some free time to browse around the town before taking a guide tour of Inveraray Castle which you may recognize from the Downton Abbey series. Afterwards, make your way to Ballachulish for dinner and overnight. OVERNIGHT: BALLACHULISH HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 3 Isle of Skye and on to Inverness This morning, depart and make your way through Glen Coe, often considered one of Scotland's most spectacular and beautiful places. Continue through the misty lochs and sweeping glens of the Scottish Highlands between Fort William in the West Highlands and Mallaig on Scotland's west coast. The route passes Ben Nevis, Scotland's highest mountain. Arrive in Mallaig where a short ferry ride brings you to Armadale on the Isle of Skye. Enjoy some of the sights on the Isle of Skye before making your way across the Skye Bridge to the mainland and on to Inverness for overnight.

OVERNIGHT: KINGSMILLS HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 4 Loch Ness and Urquhart Casrle

This morning, we travel to Clansman Harbor where we board a Jacobite Cruise to Urquhart Castle. Loch Ness is a striking 38.5 km long loch in the Great Glen (Southwest of Inverness) and forms part of the Caledonian

Canal, which links Inverness with Fort William. Up to 213 m deep, the loch contains the largest volume of freshwater of any lake in the British Isles. Famous worldwide for its mysterious inhabitant, the Loch Ness Monster, it is also ideal for cruising and sailing. On the loch banks, you will visit the ruins of Urquhart Castle, one of the largest castles in Scotland which fell into decay after 1689 and was blown up in 1692 to prevent it being occupied by Jacobites. Most of the existing remains date from the 16th century. Afterwards, enjoy some free time in the Loch Ness area before returning to Inverness for overnight.

OVERNIGHT: KINGSMILLS HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 5 Culloden Battlefield and Pitlochry A short distance from Inverness is the Culloden Battlefield Visitor Centre where the British Government forces defeated the army of Prince Charles Edward Stuart, popularly named Bonnie Prince Charlie. Walk around the moorland and the Visitor Centre which explains how events led to the conflict ending the clan system in Scotland. Continue through majestic Highland scenery and the high peaks of the Grampian Mountains to Pitlochry. Enjoy dinner in your hotel.

OVERNIGHT: ATHOLL PALACE HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 6 Blair Castle, Whisky and Sheepdogs Visit Blair Castle, home of the Dukes and Earls of Atholl. Delve into the history of Mary, Queen of Scots, Bonnie Prince Charlie and how Queen Victoria's famous stay led to the creation of Europe's only private army, the Atholl Highlanders. Go behind the scenes at Blair Athol Distillery for a whisky making tour and a sample of the finished product. Afterwards, visit a local farm for a demonstration of trained dogs herding sheep. Return to Pitlochry where you enjoy dinner in your hotel. OVERNIGHT: ATHOLL PALACE HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 7 Glamis Castle and St. Andrews

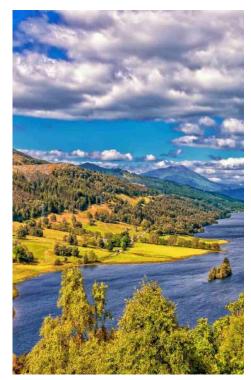
Travel through lush countryside to visit Glamis Castle, the legendary setting of "Macbeth" and childhood home of the late Queen Mother. This is a majestic building filled with priceless artifacts and furnishings. Head to St Andrews, the "Home of Golf", to see the famous Royal and Ancient Clubhouse and the Old Course. Onwards to Edinburgh where you will have some free time before dinner. Your guide will have recommendations for optional visits. Perhaps you might consider an optional excursion to the Edinburgh Vaults. This evening, enjoy dinner in a local restaurant. OVERNIGHT: GROSVENOR HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, D

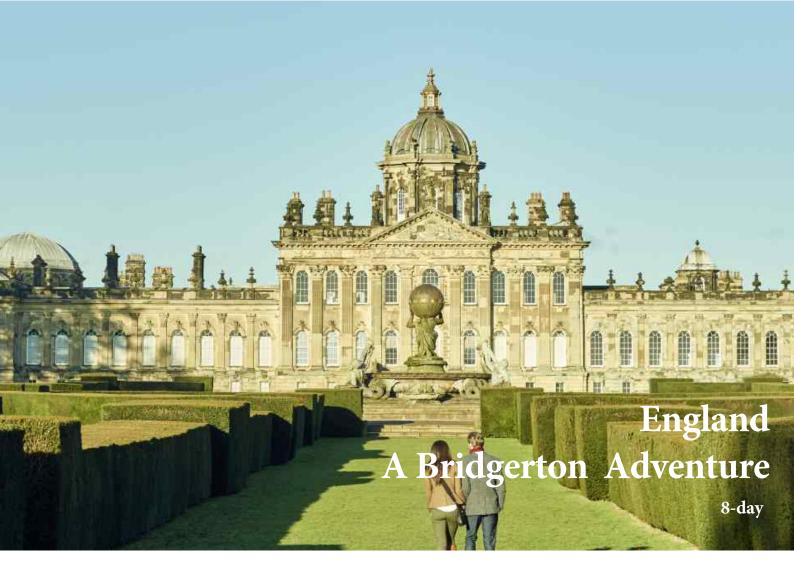
DAY 8 Edinburgh

Explore Edinburgh to compare and contrast the wide streets and elegant mansions of the Georgian 200-year-old "New Town" with the narrow lanes and medieval townhouses along the Royal Mile, the oldest part of the city. Head up to Edinburgh Castle, where you will see the 'Honours of Scotland', or the Scottish Crown Jewels, and obtain stunning views of the city. The rest of the day is free for independent exploring, shopping and dining. OVERNIGHT: GROSVENOR HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 9 Depart Edinburgh

After breakfast, transfer to the airport, where your Scotland Adventure concludes. MEAL PLAN: B





Journey to England and step in to the Netfix period drama, Bridgerton. Visit some of Britain's last surviving country homes and classical gardens used as film locations in the smash hit series. Some of Bridgerton's most important settings include the Ranger's House in Greenwich Park in southeast London, Wilton House located close to Salisbury, the streets of Bath, Castle Howard, Syon House, and Hatfield House.

- 7 nights' accommodation in 4* hotels as detailed in the itinerary: 3 nights in London, 2 nights in Bath, 2 nights in York
- 10 meals (8 breakfasts, 3 dinners)
- Travel by private, luxury, air-conditioned coach
- Services of a professional Tour Manager
- London sightseeing tour
- Walking tour of Greenwich and visit Ranger's House
- Visit Syon House and Park, OR Painshill Park
- Visit Wilton House near Salisbury
- Bridgerton walking tour in Bath
- Visit Holburne Museum
- Visit Stowe Park in Buckinghamshire
- Visit Castle Howard
- Visit Hatfield House
- Portfolio of travel documents
- 24-hour local customer service while traveling in England

England - A Bridgerton Adventure

Itinerary

DAY 1 Arrive in London

Arrive into London, and transfer from the airport to your hotel. In the afternoon, your guide will take you on a sightseeing tour of this vibrant capital city. This evening enjoy dinner in your hotel. Overnight in London. MEAL PLAN: D

DAY 2 Bridgerton Residence

This morning after breakfast, take a cruise on the River Thames from central London to Greenwich. Once in Greenwich, your guide will take you on a walking tour of this area of London (often used as film locations) to admire the beautiful architecture and to learn about its history. At the edge of Greenwich Park, you will visit Ranger's House. This world-class museum and art gallery was used as the Bridgerton family's wisteria-clad mansion in the TV series. After your visit and photos of the exterior, your coach will return you to central London where you will have some free time to explore. Overnight in London.

MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 3 Parks & Castles

After breakfast, depart from London and drive to Bath. Along the route, stop to visit Svon House and Park. The Print Room in the house featured in the TV series as Simon's father's study, and the State Dining Room was used for Queen Charlotte's meeting with her husband over dinner. Alternatively, you may stop at Painshill Park, just outside of London. The upper-class families in Bridgerton spend a lot of time in parks and gardens, and Painshill Park is one of the most elegant, as it stands in for Primrose Hill in the series. The 18th-century landscaped garden takes you on a journey of photogenic views and beautiful garden follies. In the afternoon, stop at Wilton House near Salisbury, to explore the house and the grounds. Wilton House is featured heavily in the first season of Bridgerton, with many of its gardens and staterooms popping up in every episode. The Queen's throne room, where the debutantes present themselves to Her Majesty, is just one example. The House was also used as the facade for the Duke of Hastings' residence, as well as the dining

room of Clyvedon Castle. Once you have explored the opulent house and beautiful gardens, drive the short distance to Bath, to check in to your overnight accommodation. Overnight in Bath. MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 4 Promenading in Bath

Despite the show being set in London, the city of Bath served as a key location for most of the street scenes, which isn't surprising as it's home to some of the best Regency architecture in Britain. Today you have a full day to explore the city. Start the day with a Bridgerton walking tour, to promenade through Bath's beautiful and historic streets, taking in many of Bridgerton's film locations. For example, Pickled Greens, a cute cafe which was the location of the Modiste dress shop, where everyone bought their made-tomeasure ballgowns. After your walking tour, visit the Holburne Museum – this exquisite pillared building stars as Lady Danbury's estate - or No1 Royal Crescent, a museum which features as the exterior and some of the interiors of the Featherington's residence. Overnight in Bath. MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 5 Cotswolds & Buckinghamshire

After breakfast, depart Bath and journey through the picturesque Cotswolds. Stop to explore a village in an area known for its thatched cottages and green rolling hills. Continue north and stop to visit another exquisite park that features in the series – Stowe Park in Buckinghamshire. The parkland was used to depict Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens in the show, with its Temple of Venus providing the backdrop to the outdoor Vauxhall Ball. Continue your drive north to York, and check into your next overnight hotel. Overnight and dinner in York. MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 6 York & Castle Howard

Enjoy a free morning in York to explore this historic city. Don't miss the Shambles or York Minster. In the afternoon, drive the short distance to Castle Howard. After Simon and Daphne's wedding, the couple move into the fictional Clyvedon Castle. However, the facade, entrance hall and grounds of the estate were actually filmed at Castle Howard, in the heart of Yorkshire. This Baroque stately home took over 100 years to complete. The surrounding park lands are just as grand as the castle, with temples, lakes, fountains and plenty of woodland walks to discover. Take a tour of the Castle and its treasure trove of inspiring architecture, fanciful stories and tranquil gardens, before returning to York for overnight. MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 7 Hatfield House

Depart York after breakfast and journey south. In the afternoon, visit Hatfield House in Hertfordshire which was another filming location for the Featherington's residence. There's a park, restaurant, Stable Yard shops and you can take a tour of the mansion, including the Chinese bedroom, an opulent chamber with silk wallpaper and canopied bed that was once reserved exclusively for the King of England. Onward to London where you check into your hotel for dinner and overnight.

MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 8 Depart London

After breakfast, transfer to the airport, where your Bridgerton adventure concludes. MEAL PLAN: B





A Magical Mystery Tour & More!

8-day tour

Starting in London, you will view Beatles musical landmarks such as Abbey Road, 7 Cavendish Avenue and Park Lane Hard Rock Café. In Liverpool, follow in their footsteps and find out where it all started. See sights such as the Peace Monument, and the legendary Cavern Club, and Strawberry Field. Enjoy an "after hours" private visit to the Beatles Story, the world's largest permanent Beatles exhibit where you'll embark on a magical history tour of the Fab Four. Visit historical sites such as Westminster Abbey. Tower of Lindon, Stonehenge, Bath, and Oxford.

- 7 nights' accommodation in 4* hotels as detailed in the itinerary (or similar): 3 nights London, 1 night Bath, 1 night Stratford-upon-Avon, 2 nights Liverpool
- 12 meals (7 breakfasts, 1 Food Tour, and 4 dinners)
- Services of a professional Tour Manager throughout
- London City Tour including Westminster Abbey
- Tower of London
- Champagne Trip on London Eye
- Windsor Castle
- Stonehenge
- Roman Bath Museum, Bath
- Oxford walking tour, including Christ Church College
- Oxford Botanical Gardens
- Half-day guided Beatles themed walking tour in Liverpool
- Special Private guided visit to The Beatles Experience
- Half-day panoramic Beatles themed sightseeing tour in Liverpool including admission to Strawberry Field
- Ferry Cruise on the River Mersey
- The British Music Experience
- Private luxury motor coach transport with air-conditioning
- 24-hour emergency contact service while in England
- Hotel porterage
- Portfolio of documents

The Beatles - A Magical Mystery Tour & More!

Itinerary

DAY 1 Arrive in London

Arrival in London, meet with your Tour Director and shortly afterwards depart and make your way towards London. Enjoy a brief panoramic sightseeing tour before starting your trip on a Secret Food walking tour that takes you past lots of historic parts of London including quirky pubs, Borough Market and The Shard. You will discover lots of local knowledge whilst enjoying lots of gorgeous food all in the London Bridge area. Afterwards, transfer to your hotel. This afternoon, your guide will give you an orientation tour of the local area to familiarize you with the hotel and its location in London. The remainder of your afternoon is free to relax or explore at your own pace. This evening enjoy dinner in your hotel

OVERNIGHT: STRAND PALACE HOTEL MEAL PLAN: L, D

DAY 2 The Beatles, London and History

Enjoy breakfast before departing on a full-day of sightseeing in London. Your guided tour will include views of some of the Beatles musical landmarks such as Abbey Road, 7 Cavendish Avenue and Park Lane Hard Rock Café to see Lennon's original handwritten lyrics to "imagine". Other London landmarks will include Elizabeth Tower (Big Ben), Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, and The Shard. Afterwards, visit Westminster Abbey. A UNESCO World Heritage site, with a legacy dating back more than 1,000 years, Westminster Abbey is among London's most historic landmarks. The Gothic church is best known for hosting Royal events such as the Queen's coronation, Princess Diana's funeral, and Prince William and Kate Middleton's wedding. Continue for a flight aboard the iconic London Eye. Enjoy a glass of chilled Pommery Brut Royal Champagnet as you admire landmarks such as Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, and Big Ben. Later, return to your hotel for overnight OVERNIGHT: STRAND PALACE HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 3 Windsor Castle and Tower of London Enjoy breakfast. Depart from London and make your way towards Windsor Castle, the largest inhabited castle in the world, and the Queen's favorite residence. Subject to opening restrictions, you may see the State Apartments, St. George's Chapel, and Queen Mary's Doll's House. Afterwards, return to London and visit the Tower of London, where the Beefeaters guard the dazzling Crown Jewels, and where you will gain excellent views of Tower Bridge from the Medieval Palace. Your evening is free. OVERNIGHT: STRAND PALACE HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 4 Stonehenge and Bath

After breakfast, depart from London and make your way towards Bath. Your first stop will be to visit Stonehenge, arguably the most famous prehistoric site in Europe, it inspires wonder at the effort it must have taken to drag the enormous stones over the land and erect them in circles. Onward to the beautiful Georgian city of Bath, often regarded as one of the loveliest cities in all of England. From its beginnings as a Roman camp in the first century AD, Bath developed through troubled centuries to emerge in the 1700's as a fashionable "spa" resort. Some of England's best-preserved Georgian architecture is housed here, together with fascinating relics of earlier eras. You will tour the Roman Baths that were discovered in an excellent state of preservation. Later, Check in to your Bath hotel for dinner and overnight. OVERNIGHT: FRANCIS HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 5 Bath, Oxford and the Cotswolds

After breakfast, depart and make your way towards Oxford, home to England's oldest university, where you may take a walk through the impressive buildings that are still home to the university's main ceremonial and educational functions. Visit Christ Church Cathedral, the smallest cathedral in England and the seat of the Bishop of Oxford. It is unique in serving not only as a cathedral but as the chapel of Christ Church College. Later, visit Oxford Botanic Gardens, the oldest botanic garden in Great Britain and one of the oldest scientific gardens in the world. Afterwards, on to Stratford-upon-Avon for dinner and overnight. OVERNIGHT: WHITE SWAN HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 6 Liverpool - Beatles Experience

Enjoy breakfast before departing and making your way through the Cotswolds and on to Liverpool. On arrival, enjoy a Beatles themed walking tour of Liverpool where you discover the truly remarkable story of the boys who were to become the world's best-known musicians. See sights such as the Peace Monument, and the legendary Cavern Club where it all began. Later, head to your hotel, the Hard Days Night Hotel located at the heart of Liverpool's 'Beatles Quarter', and the world's only Beatles inspired hotel, combining the highest quality facilities in a truly unique environment. This evening enjoy an "after hours" private visit to the Beatles Story exclusively arranged by Journeys Connect. A Beatles expert guide will discuss the band and its lasting impact on the history of music. Full of fun memorabilia, rare photographs and interactive exhibits, the Beatles Story is fun for all ages! Afterwards, enjoy dinner in a local restaurant.

OVERNIGHT: HARD DAYS NIGHT HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 7 Beatles, Mersey, & British Music After breakfast, depart on a half-day Beatles themed panoramic sightseeing tour. You will see where John, Paul, George and Ringo grew up, met and formed the band that took the world by storm. The tour will drive to the childhood homes of The Beatles, their birthplaces and to the places that inspired some of their most wellknown songs including Penny Lane and Strawberry Fields. Pause to visit Strawberry Field for an interactive experience that tells interweaving stories of the house, The Salvation Army, John Lennon's childhood, and the writing and recording of 'Strawberry Fields Forever'. Later, board a ferry for a 50-minute cruise on the river Mersey. Listen to colorful audio commentary about Liverpool's riverside history. After your cruise, visit the British Music Experience which tells the story of British Music through costumes, instruments, performance and memorabilia. Later, return to your hotel where your evening is free. OVERNIGHT: HARD DAYS NIGHT HOTEL

DAY 8 Depart Liverpool for Manchester After breakfast, transfer to the Manchester airport, where your Beatles Adventure concludes. MEAL PLAN: B

The above suggested itinerary can be customized to suit; more or less meals, different cities and/or sightseeing based on your group clients' interests. You name it, our expert group specialist professionals will put it together for you. Please call 1-855-220-6450

MEAL PLAN: B



A picture postcard of the English countryside is surely not complete without the quintessential country garden. With so many magnificent and diverse gardens to choose from, this tour leads you from London into the Cotswolds to see some of our personal favourites including the gardens of the Prince of Wales and a wonderful opportunity to visit the worldfamous Chelsea Flower Show. Admire the inspirational bursts of glorious colour, fragrance and truly innovative designs, sure to delight any keen horticulturalist, as you are invited to enjoy each gardener's passion and work.

- 7 nights' accommodation in 4* hotels as detailed in the itinerary (or similar): 4 nights in London and 3 nights in the Cotswolds
- 10 meals (7 breakfasts and 3 dinners)
- The Royal Horticultural Society's world-famous Chelsea Flower Show (the Chelsea Flower Show takes place during May. On other dates visits will be made to Great Dixter, former home of garden writer, Christopher Lloyd, and Sissinghurst Castle, home in the 1930s to poet and writer, Vita Sackville-West)
- Guided tour of the gardens at Highgrove
- A visit to the world-renowned Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew
- Afternoon tea and a garden tour at Barnsley House in the Cotswolds
- A visit to the headquarters of the Royal Horticultural Society
- Expert guiding by local horticultural specialists for all sightseeing detailed in the itinerary
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Itinerary

DAY 1 Arrive in London Meet your fellow travellers at your hotel this evening for a welcome dinner. OVERNIGHT: MILLENNIUM GLOUCESTER MEAL PLAN: D

DAY 2 Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, Syon House and the Isabella Plantation

Visit the world-renowned Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew with your guide. Marvel at the wealth of exotic plants displayed in the famous glasshouses and explore Kew Palace, formerly a residence of George III.

Continue to Syon House this afternoon, the last surviving ducal residence complete with its country estate in Greater London. See the magnificent State and Private Apartments and the extensive 40 acres of gardens, landscaped by 'Capability' Brown in the 18th century. Later drive to nearby Richmond Park. This peaceful park was enclosed by the King in 1637 and is now a haven for herds of deer. Also find the Isabella Plantation; a beautiful ornamental woodland garden designed to be of interest all vear round.

OVERNIGHT: MILLENNIUM GLOUCESTER MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 3 Hampton Court Palace

Begin today at Hampton Court Palace, the fabulous Tudor palace built by Cardinal Wolsey, but confiscated by Henry VIII. A Privy Garden was laid out for King William & Queen Mary in 1702 and this recently restored garden is one of the many joys of this site. Return to London to spend the afternoon independently.

OVERNIGHT: MILLENNIUM GLOUCESTER MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 4 A day at the Chelsea Flower Show After an early breakfast, depart to enjoy a full day at the Royal Horticultural Society's worldfamous Chelsea Flower Show. Stroll past the magnificent blooms and admire the impressive specimens and innovative horticultural designs on display. Depart at around 4.00pm to allow plenty of time to relax and enjoy the evening. OVERNIGHT: MILLENNIUM GLOUCESTER MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 5 Wisley and on to the Cotswolds

This morning we visit the RHS Garden, Wisley – the headquarters of the Royal Horticultural Society and a haven for gardeners everywhere. Continue west to the Cotswolds and some of the most quintessential English countryside, dotted with attractive small towns and villages. Stop to enjoy afternoon tea at Barnsley House and afterwards tour the gardens. Later continue to the historic spa town of Cheltenham where your hotel is located on the exclusive Promenade.

OVERNIGHT: MERCURE QUEEN'S HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 6 Beautiful gardens of the Cotswolds Begin your day with a private guided visit to Kiftsgate Court Gardens followed by a visit to the famous Arts and Crafts garden at Hidcote, created in 1905 by American horticulturalist Major Lawrence Johnston. Here, yew, holly and beech hedges are used to define a series of garden 'rooms' which exude character as a result of their inspired planting. Continue to Chipping Campden, frequently considered one of the most attractive towns in England with its charming High Street, Jacobean Market Hall and impressive Church of St James. The day concludes with a visit to one of the delightful private gardens which have been opened as part of the National Gardens Scheme charitable organization.

OVERNIGHT: MERCURE QUEEN'S HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B

DAY 7 Highgrove & Bath

Our first visit of the day is to the gardens at Highgrove, the country residence of Their Highnesses, The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall. Enjoy a guided tour, weaving through the enchanting gardens managed on organic and sustainable principles. Later, continue to the beautiful city of Bath. Admire the graceful Georgian buildings and Royal Crescent and visit the Roman Baths as well as the Pump Room and the abbey. This evening enjoy a memorable farewell dinner at the hotel.

OVERNIGHT: MERCURE QUEEN'S HOTEL MEAL PLAN: B, D

DAY 8 Depart London

Your tour ends at your hotel this morning. MEAL PLAN: B









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