






Best of UK & Ireland

Tour Overview

 Start Point London	 End Point London	 Meals 12 Breakfasts 6 Dinners	 Transport Air-conditioned coach	 Tour Type Fully-guided tour
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Itinerary

Day 1: London - Stonehenge - Bath - Cardiff

 Dinner  Mercure Cardiff North Hotel

Welcome to your tour of the UK and Ireland! Travel from London to the mysterious Stonehenge. Enjoy the option to explore this ancient archaeological wonder that has stood for thousands of years. Next stop is the beautiful, historic city of Bath. Discover the famous Roman baths before heading to Wales. Finally, arrive in the capital, Cardiff, for a driving tour.

Included:



GBIR - Uncover Roman history in Bath

GBIR - Experience Cardiff on a driving tour

Optionals:

Stonehenge

Day 2: Cardiff - Stratford-upon-Avon - Liverpool

 Breakfast  ibis Liverpool Centre Albert Dock

After breakfast, travel to Stratford-upon-Avon; Shakespeare's hometown. Delve deeper on an optional excursion to Shakespeare's childhood home before afternoon tea at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre! Next up is Liverpool, home of Liverpool football club and The Beatles! Spot famous sights with a driving tour of the city. The evening is free to explore or join The Beatles Story optional excursion.

Included:

GBIR - Explore Stratford-Upon-Avon



GBIR - See Liverpool on a driving tour

Optionals:

Shakespeare's Birthplace & Afternoon Tea Experience

The Beatles Story & Museum

Day 3: Liverpool - Dublin

 Breakfast  Clayton Hotel Leopardstown



See more of Liverpool's top sights on a driving tour this morning before catching the ferry across the Irish Sea to Dublin! Before reaching the ferry, make stops in Conwy to see the gorgeous castle and the village with the longest name in Europe; Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlantysiliogogoch. Then, it's onto Dublin. Enjoy free time in this 1,000-year-old city this evening.

Included:

GBIR - Visit Conwy

GBIR - See Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlantysiliogogoch

Day 4: Dublin: Free Day

 Breakfast  Clayton Hotel Leopardstown

Enjoy a free day in Dublin or join optional excursions! Discover Ireland's history on the Ireland's Identity tour, visit the Guinness Storehouse on the Whiskey & Guinness Experience, or delight in an evening of Irish food, music and dance. Book the Full Irish Experience to enjoy all three. Pre-booking is essential due to popularity - contact us to secure your seat!

Optionals:

Ireland's Identity

Whiskey & Guinness Experience

Irish Music Evening

Full Irish Experience

Day 5: **Dublin - Waterford - Blarney Castle - Killarney**

 **Breakfast, Dinner**  **The Parkavon Hotel Killarney**

Leaving Dublin, travel to Waterford - Ireland's oldest city! Next, travel to the famous Blarney Castle. Kiss the Blarney Stone and hopefully gain the 'gift of the gab'! Built nearly 600 years ago, Blarney Castle is one of Ireland's most famous attractions. Finally, enter County Kerry and travel towards the hotel for this evening. Enjoy an included dinner tonight.

Included:

GBIR - Explore Waterford

GBIR - Visit Blarney Castle

Day 6: **Killarney: Free Day**

 **Breakfast**  **The Parkavon Hotel Killarney**

Enjoy a free day in Killarney or join the Ring of Kerry day trip which travels along Country Kerry's famous circular route. It is home to the most breathtaking coastal views and emerald-green pastures. Visit the Kerry Bog Village and enjoy the scenery of Killarney National Park during a jaunting (carriage) ride. Experience Killarney to the fullest on this excursion!

Optionals:

Ring of Kerry Day Trip

Day 7: **Killarney - Cliffs of Moher - Galway - County Sligo**

 **Breakfast**  **Imperial Hotel**

Travel the Wild Atlantic Way, stopping in Adare, known as "Ireland's prettiest village". Continue through Limerick to the awe-inspiring Cliffs of Moher for spectacular views. Then, visit Galway, a lively city famed for oysters, live music, and nightlife. Explore freely or join the Tales of Galway optional before heading north to County Sligo for an overnight stay.

Included:

GBIR - Stop off in Adare



GBIR - Visit Limerick

GBIR - Marvel at the Cliffs of Moher

Optionals:

Tales of Galway

Day 8: **County Sligo - Derry - Giant's Causeway - Belfast**

 **Breakfast, Dinner**  **Maldron Hotel Belfast International Airport**

Journey to Northern Ireland, stopping in Derry to experience its culture, art and historic city walls. Next stop is Giant's Causeway - a breathtaking network of interlocking columns created by ancient volcanic activity. End in Belfast, the capital. A local guide will lead a driving and walking tour of key attractions while sharing the city's history. Enjoy dinner with the group. Please note: The Titanic Belfast Experience will either take place on this day or the next, depending on the time of year.

Included:

GBIR - Visit Derry

GBIR - Marvel at the Giant's Causeway

GBIR - Embark on a locally-guided tour of Belfast

Day 9: **Belfast - Highlands**

 **Breakfast, Dinner**  **Hotel Arrochar**

Enjoy free time in Belfast this morning or join the Titanic Belfast Experience. Next up is Scotland! Sail across the Sea of Moyle to the land of whiskey, haggis and tartan! Once back on dry land, head to the picturesque Scottish Highlands and enjoy a whiskey distillery tour and tasting en route followed by an included dinner.

Included:

GBIR - Visit a Scottish Whiskey distillery

Optionals:

Titanic Belfast Experience

Day 10: Highlands - Glencoe - Loch Ness - Edinburgh

 Breakfast, Dinner  Novotel Edinburgh Park

Journey into the Highlands and further explore this mesmerising region. Stop at the stunningly beautiful Glencoe before visiting the famous Loch Ness, home of the Loch Ness monster! Join an optional cruise on the Loch and try to spot Nessie! Later, arrive in Scotland's beautiful capital city, Edinburgh, and enjoy an included dinner with the group.

Included:

GBIR - Visit Glencoe

GBIR - Explore Loch Ness

Optionals:

Loch Ness Cruise

Day 11: Edinburgh: Free Day

 Breakfast  Novotel Edinburgh Park

Today is yours to spend as you like. Delve deep into the city on the Conquer the Capital optional excursion which includes a visit to Edinburgh Castle. Or, visit the stunning city of Stirling with an optional half-day sightseeing tour. Tonight, choose to enjoy the optional Scottish dinner and storytelling experience, this is your chance to taste traditional Scottish cuisine!

Optionals:

Sights of Stirling

Conquer the Capital Edinburgh

Heart of Scotland: Dinner, Show & Storytelling

Day 12: Edinburgh - Alnwick - York

 Breakfast, Dinner  ibis York Centre

Head back to England this morning and choose to visit Alnwick Castle which featured in many famous films and TV shows, including Harry Potter and Downton Abbey! Next, travel to York. Home to the largest Gothic cathedral in northern Europe (York Minster), York enchants with winding cobbled streets and medieval architecture. Enjoy a farewell dinner with the group tonight!

Included:

GBIR - Explore the historic city of York

Optionals:

Alnwick Castle Only

Alnwick Garden Only

Alnwick Castle & Gardens

Day 13: York - Cambridge - London

 Breakfast

It's the last day of your UK & Ireland tour, and it finishes off with a real treat! Travel to the historic university town of Cambridge. Enjoy a traditional punting trip along the River Cam. Afterwards, return to London where the tour concludes. Make sure to exchange contact details with your new-found travel friends to keep in touch.

Included:

GBIR - Enjoy a punting trip in Cambridge

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