

18 DAY GRAND TOUR OF BRITAIN & IRELAND

DESTINATIONS

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LONDON

DUBLIN

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	London
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Check into your hotel. In the afternoon, there is time to rest or to start exploring the lively British capital. Uniformed hosts are available to help you make the most of your stay.

DAY 2

Destination	London
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

What's your pleasure? Today is devoted to exploring on your own or enjoying our exciting program of optional activities. You may choose to join a Local Guide for an optional morning sightseeing tour of the city's famous landmarks: the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Whitehall's mounted horseguards and the Prime Minister's Downing Street residence, Piccadilly Circus, and Buckingham Palace.

Later, maybe visit Windsor Castle or the Tower of London with its spectacular Crown Jewels. Tonight, we recommend our optional Taste of London excursion with dinner, followed by a guided illumination cruise on the Thames River.

DAY 3

Destination	London 🚗 Stonehenge 🚗 Widcombe 🚗 Plymouth
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Meet your Tour Director and travelling companions to depart at 8 am for the West Country. Cross the chalky terrain of Wiltshire and visit STONEHENGE, one of England's most intriguing mysteries.

Explore the visitor centre with its imaginative exhibitions, then admire the magnificence of the monument from up close. In the heart of Dartmoor National Park, ghostly setting for Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Hound of the Baskervilles, visit quaint Widcombe-in-the-Moor. Later, in Plymouth, hear about Sir Francis Drake and see the Mayflower Steps, where the Pilgrim Fathers embarked in 1620.

DAY 4

Destination	Plymouth 🚗 Glastonbury 🚗 Bath 🚗 Cardiff
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Via Glastonbury and its legends of King Arthur to the elegant city of Bath, famed for its amazing Roman relics and Georgian buildings. Cross the spectacular Severn Bridge into Wales and head for the capital, Cardiff. Here, an orientation drive introduces you to all the major attractions: Cardiff Castle, Cathays Park, Millennium Stadium, and the stately civic buildings. Tonight, why not join an evening of Welsh entertainment and dining?

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DAY 5

Destination	Cardiff 🚗 Tenby 🚗 Tramore
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Enjoy vistas of rich dairy farmland this morning on the way to the pretty seaside resort of Tenby. Then, on to Pembroke, departure point for the FERRY across St. George's Channel to Ireland. Arrive at Rosslare in just under four hours.

DAY 6

Destination	Tramore 🚗 Blarney 🚗 Killarney
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today, discover why Ireland is called the "Emerald isle." Drive along the southern coast, passing Cork, the country's second-largest city. Stop in Blarney, famous for its Stone of Eloquence, with time to see the castle, and shop for Irish crafts and handmade crystal. Continue to the popular resort of Killarney. Tonight, enjoy the optional outing to Tralee for dinner and a performance at Siamsa Tire, Ireland's National Folk Theatre

DAY 7

Destination	Killarney 🚗 Ring of Kerry 🚗 Killarney
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

At Killorglin, join the road known as the RING OF KERRY for a 100-mile coastal panoramic drive featuring sparkling seascapes, mountains dotted with brightly coloured farmhouses, winding lanes bordered with subtropical vegetation, and spectacular views of the Lakes of Killarney from Ladies View. Back in Killarney, a special optional adventure: take a horse-drawn jaunting car along the national park lakeshore for pictures of Ross Castle

DAY 8

Destination	Killarney 🚗 Dingle Peninsula 🚗 Adare 🚗 Limerick
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Breathtaking scenery this morning on the Dingle Peninsula, where the 32-mile Sleat Head drive affords magnificent vistas of the Atlantic Ocean. See the Blasket islands, and hear about the way of life and unique literary achievements of its inhabitants prior to their evacuation in 1953. Then, travel via Adare, a village known for its prize-winning thatched cottages, to Limerick. Tonight, consider joining an optional medieval banquet at a historic castle

DAY 9

Destination	Limerick 🚗 Cliffs of Moher 🚗 Galway 🚗 Dublin
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Take a scenic route this morning via the CLIFFS OF MOHER and The Burren on the way to the port city of Galway, a popular seaside destination and a buzzing cosmopolitan centre with colourful shops and a busy cafe and bar culture.

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Continue across the mighty Shannon before arriving in Dublin. The optional dinner suggestion is a fun Irish cabaret evening with dinner, dance, and songs.

DAY 10

Destination	Dublin
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

A day in the "Fair City" starts with an orientation drive through Eire's capital, including statue-lined O'Connell Street, elegant Georgian squares, and St. Patrick's Cathedral. The afternoon is at leisure. Later, why not join an optional dinner at the Guinness Storehouse?

DAY 11

Destination	Dublin 🚢 Chester 🚢 Liverpool
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Take the FERRY across the Irish Sea to Holyhead on the Welsh isle of Anglesey with its tongue-twisting names. Follow the North Wales coast to Chester, the ancient county town on the Dee River. See the Roman remains, black and white half-timbered buildings, and the two-tiered arcades called the "Rows." Overnight in Liverpool, of Beatles fame and once the departure port of the great transatlantic liners.

DAY 12

Destination	Liverpool 🚢 Lake District 🚢 Gretna Green 🚢 Glasgow
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Drive into the tranquil Lake District, often considered to be the finest of England's national parks and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then, visit Gretna Green, where the blacksmith used to wed runaway couples. Travel through the history-steeped Lowland Hills to Glasgow, Scotland's largest city

DAY 13

Destination	Glasgow 🚢 Fort William 🚢 Inverness 🚢 Culloden Moor 🚢 Grantown 🚢 On 🚢 Spey
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Skirt the "Bonnie Banks" of Loch Lomond and head through wild Rannoch Moor into the Highlands. Pass through Glen Coe, where the MacDonald Clan was massacred in 1692, to Fort William beneath Ben Nevis.

Then, the Great Glen for vistas of the Caledonian Canal, Loch Lochy, and Loch Oich. Follow the banks of Loch Ness, home of the timid and timeless Nessie. Continue via Inverness, the Highland capital and, on the way to tonight's destination, stop at the battlefield of Culloden Moor with its memories of Bonnie Prince Charlie

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DAY 14

Destination	Granttown 🚗 On 🚗 Spey 🚗 Pitlochry 🚗 St Andrews 🚗 Edinburgh
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Drive through more spectacular Highland scenery for a stop in the pretty Victorian mountain resort of Pitlochry. Then, travel via Perth and Dundee before crossing the Tay Bridge to St. Andrews, whose Royal and Ancient Golf Club, founded in 1754, has given us the rules of golfing. Continue through Fife and over the mighty Forth Road Bridge to spend the next two nights in Edinburgh. A suggestion for this evening: enjoy a traditional Scottish night out, with Highland dancers, bagpipers, and, of course, the Ceremony of the Haggis.

DAY 15

Destination	Edinburgh
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

A full day to enjoy the Scottish capital. Morning sightseeing with a Local Guide introduces you to the 200-year-old "New Town," home famous scientists, inventors, and novelists. In the "Old Town," visit EDINBURGH CASTLE to admire Scotland's Crown Jewels. Later, join an optional tour of the former Royal Yacht Britannia. Tour five decks and see how the Royal Family and crew of 240 lived and worked on board. Dinner rounds off this optional evening. For departure numbers 0725 through 0815, tickets are included for tonight's performance of the world-renowned MILITARY TATTOO

DAY 16

Destination	Edinburgh 🚗 Jedburgh 🚗 York 🚗 Leeds
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

At Jedburgh, see the abbey ruins before heading towards the Cheviot Hills and the English border. Travel through wild Northumberland National Park and, on the way, see a section of Hadrian's Wall, the Roman coast-to-coast defense against marauding northern tribes. In York, England's most complete medieval city, stand in awe in front of the great structure of York Minster, then follow your Tour Director through a maze of quaint streets, including the narrow Shambles. Overnight is in Leeds.

DAY 17

Destination	Leeds 🚗 Stratford -Upon-Avon 🚗 London
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

In Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon, take photos of Anne Hathaway's Cottage and explore the town at your own pace. After returning to London around 4 pm, how about celebrating the success of your tour with an optional night out on the town?

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DAY 18

Destination	London
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Accommodation	N/A

Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning.

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Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Accommodation
Meals as per the itinerary
Sightseeing as per the itinerary
Experienced Driver Guide
Comprehensive commentary
Travel in an air-conditioned coach

Fine Print

EXCLUSIONS

Airfares
Personal Expenses
Travel Insurance
Optional activities
Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accommodation
The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra AUD \$1325 subject to availability.

Triple Share

Not available.

Children

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a AUD \$250 deposit per person.

Pay a 2nd instalment of AUD \$702per person within 28 days.

You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password) Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests

Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)

Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!

OPTIONAL TOURS

None