

# Day 1: Glasgow Highlights

Start our trip at Glasgow Airport with a group transfer to our hotel. At 2:30 pm tour Glasgow, a city that flourished in Victorian times. Drive around George Square with its ornate City Chambers and nearby Glasgow Cathedral. Visit the Riverside Museum of Travel & Transport where the stunning modern building is filled with interesting collections of vintage cars, trains, buses and bicycles. Join our tour director and travel companions for a welcome drink before dinner. (D) **Day** 

2: Loch Lomond & Loch Ness Cruise Travel alongside the famous Loch Lomond, renowned for its unsurpassed beauty. Travel through the deep valley of Glen Coe, notorious for the Campbell massacre of the Clan Macdonald in 1692. Continue through Fort William and stop at the Spean Bridge Woollen Mill, which offers a good selection of quality Scottish goods. At Fort Augustus embark on a short cruise on Loch Ness to keep an eye out for "Nessie." Continue to Nairn for a Scottish Highland evening. .(B,D)

Day 3: Culloden Battlefield & Ghost Tour Visit the Culloden Visitor Centre to learn about the Battle of Culloden where Bonnie Prince Charlie was defeated by

the British army in 1746. Drive to Blair Athol Distillery in Pitlochry to see how whisky is distilled and sample some. Continue south to Edinburgh and check in to your hotel, a few miles from the city and set in lovely grounds with a golf course. In the evening dine at the Heights Restaurant in Edinburgh. Then head off on a fun walking tour to discover the haunts of Edinburgh's eccentric characters in the narrow streets of the old city. (B,D)

Day 4: Edinburgh Castle & City Tour This morning an Edinburgh city guide will point out the principal sights of this capital city. Drive along the bustling Princes Street and through the gracious, wide streets of the 200-year-old Georgian New Town. Walk along part of the Royal Mile where compact medieval houses reach 11 floors tall. Visit Edinburgh Castle, which dominates the city and contains the Scottish Crown Jewels and the Stone of Scone. The balance of the day is free. Hmm... Play a round of golf at our Hotel? (B, D)

Day 5: Titanic Belfast & Dublin Depart Edinburgh early this morning and drive south through Ayrshire and along the coast. At Cairnryan cross the Irish sea by ferry to Larne. Drive to Belfast for a panoramic city tour followed by a visit to Titanic Belfast to learn about this famous liner through state-of-the-art displays. Drive south to Dublin and check in to our deluxe hotel, located in spacious grounds for Dinner. (B, D)

Day 6: Dublin & Canal Dinner Cruise Tour central Dublin with a local guide to see public buildings, lovely parks and rows of Georgian houses with brightly-painted doorways. Walk through the campus of Trinity College to view the Book of Kells, an illuminated manuscript of the gospels dating from the 8th century. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure or take an independent open-top bus tour and visit either Guinness or Jameson. In the evening enjoy a canal dinner cruise with traditional Irish music aboard a former Guinness barge through central Dublin. (B,D)

Day 7: Blarney Castle & Killarney Travel through the midlands of Ireland, stopping for photos at the stately Rock of Cashel. Continue south to visit Blarney Castle and kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence." Also visit the Blarney Woollen Mills where you can find quality Irish-made goods. Drive into the mountainous countryside of County Kerry to Killarney, picturesquely set beside lakes and mountains. Check in to our hotel and relax before dinner. Afterwards you may like to explore some of Killarney's famous "singing pubs." (B,D)

Day 8: Ring of Kerry & Skellig Experience Take a jaunting car ride to view Killarney at a leisurely pace. Then embark on the Ring of Kerry drive — a winding route with breathtaking sights of mountains and coastal views. Cross to Valencia Island by bridge to visit the Skellig Experience which describes the austere lives of early Christian monks on the nearby islands. Drive through Waterville and stop in Sneem to admire brightly-painted houses. Pause at Moll's Gap for stunning views before returning to Killarney in time to relax before dinner. (B,D)

Day 9: Cliffs of Moher & Bunratty Castle Take a ferry ride across the River Shannon to reach the Cliffs of Moher, a spectacular wall of limestone that reaches 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. Check in to Bunratty Castle Hotel, close to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. If you wish, you may visit the Folk Park, have a drink in the 200-year-old Durty Nelly's Pub or shop at the Bunratty Mills. In the evening head to Bunratty Castle for a memorable medieval-style feast where the lords and ladies will serenade us with song and harp music, evocative of the Middle Ages. (B,D)

**Day 10 : Dublin Extension via Galway** This morning drive to Rathbaun Farm to see traditional farming methods and cute farmyard animals roaming freely. Sample some home-baked scones with tea or coffee and take a panoramic tour around Galway. Drive to Dublin and check into a different hotel and you are free for independent activities . (B, D)

**Day 11 : Tour Ends at Dublin Airport** Use our taxi transfer to reach Dublin Airport in time to check in for our flight home. (B)

### **Trip Highlights**

• Dinner & Walking Tour in Edinburgh

- Dublin Canal Cruise Dinner & Live Music
- Bunratty Castle Medieval Banquet
- Culloden Battlefield
- Cliffs of Moher
- Jaunting Car Ride

# All This Included

- Airport transfers at start and end of tour
- Sightseeing by luxury coach
- Professional tour director
- 10 nights in hotels listed
- Full breakfast daily (B) except on day 1
- 10 dinners (D) including: Scottish Highland Evening, Heights Restaurant in Edinburgh, Dublin Canal Cruise dinner and live music, Bunratty Castle Medieval Banquet, 6 table d'hote dinners
- Welcome get-together drink
- Tours of Glasgow, Edinburgh, Belfast and Dublin
- Loch Ness scenic cruise
- Whisky tasting & tour of Blair Athol Distillery
- Edinburgh ghost walking tour
- Ferries from Scotland to Ireland and across the River Shannon
- Tea and scones at Rathbaun Farm
- Dublin open-top bus tour with a visit and drink at Guinness Storehouse or Old Jameson Distillery
- Visits and admissions to Riverside Museum of Transport & Travel, Spean Bridge Woollen Mill, Culloden Battlefield Visitor Centre, Edinburgh Castle, Titanic Belfast, Book of Kells at Trinity College, Blarney Castle, Blarney Woollen Mills, Skellig Experience, and Cliffs of Moher
- Deluxe carry-on backpack, ticket wallet, luggage tags & strap
- All local taxes, hotel service charges & porterage for one suitcase per person

# Accommodations on this Tour

Glasgow: Glasgow Thistle Hotel

Nairn: Newton Hotel Inverness: Columba Hotel

Edinburgh: Marriott Dalmahoy Hotel

Dublin: Royal Marine Hotel Killarney: Killarney Avenue Hotel Bunratty: Bunratty Castle Hotel

Dublin: Maldron Hotel Cardiff Lane Dublin

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### YOUR INDIVIDUAL KIT SUGGESTIONS

PASSPORT- keep it with you at all times or in your room safe.... have second copy of passport numbers stashed.....

You will always need passport to exchange monies at Bank or Hotel Desk...\$ American Dollars can not be used in any of our travels. Exchange your Dollars to local currency. Debit or Credit Cards are accepted in most venues. (Check to make sure home bank or credit union allows their cards to be used outside of America). My wife purchased a passport pouch from LL Bean that she wears under her jacket or other outerwear. You might be able to find one at

Walmart. Note: Travelers Checks are not the way to go anymore!

CAUTION: Do not leave anything behind in you rooms....You will never get it back!

For charging I pad, cell phone, camera, charger or any other device you will need a UK/British adapter... about \$2.20 on Amazon. Here's the link:

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http://www.amazon.com/CVID-UK-Plug-Universal-Plug-Adapter/dp/B000G1EWZ2/ref=sr_1_1?
ie=UTF8&qid=1393095911&sr=8-1&keywords=electrical+adaptors+for+britain
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All Meals are included: Full Scottish and Irish Breakfasts and all evening Dinners. Occasional small lunches if you want (Tea and Toast maybe) are not included as we travel by Motor coach....

BAGGAGE SIZES: One only -Checked- Bag Boston through to Glasgow, Scotland: MAX WEIGHT! 50lbs, MAX size inches= height+ width + length. 60 inches, about a 25 inch roller bag.

One only-Take on- Bag Boston through to Glasgow, Scotland: MAX WEIGHT! 14lbs, MAX size inches= height+ width+ length 16 inches X 10 inches X 7 inches.

# **CURRENCIES**:

In Scotland and Northern Ireland - BPS £ pounds Sterling 1£ Sterling= \$ 1.66 US.

The currency of the UK is the <u>pound sterling</u> (symbol: £; ISO code: **GBP**), subdivided into 100 pence (singular: penny). Coins of 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p, £1 and £2 and banknotes of £5, £10, £20, and £50 value are frequently used. Major Credit Cards are widely accepted in hotels, restaurants and shops.



The varius British Coins: 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p, £1, £2.

In Republic of Ireland - EURO €: 1€ = \$ 1.37 US.

One Euro ( $\in$ ) has 100 Cent (c) and coins are available in denominations of 1 c, 2 c, 5 c (all copper), 10 c, 20 c, 50 c (all golden),  $\in$  1 and  $\in$  2 (silver with gold). While the design of the side bearing the numerals is standardized throughout the Eurozone the reverse is of local design, Irish Euros bearing a harp. Non-Irish Euro coins are legal tender.

### TRAVEL KIT

Mini umbrella comfortable shoes several trousers 2 turtlenecks 2 layered jackets pair gloves scarf eyeglasses

### Additional items:

handkerchiefs, cotton swabs, toothbrush, toothpaste, eye drops, 2 washcloths, flip flops, nail clippers, copy of personal prescriptions, pills, Advil deodorant, shades, socks, something black for evening dinners, camera, charger, SD cards, UK adapter, headphones, paperback read, iPad, iPhone, with cords for each, several tops, Bermuda shorts, antiseptic travel wipes, bandages, small note book, pencil, hand cream, razor, teabags, shaving cream, perfume, tiny sewing kit, extra plastic zip bags, comb, hair gel, hat, puff, money belt if you like (Eagle Creek is a plastic web belt), You won't have to take it off at security... (Think mini sizes) (Pack... leave one third home).