

# NORTHERN IRELAND AND SCOTLAND SMALL GROUP CHAUFFEUR DRIVE TOUR

MARCH 31 – APRIL 11, 2019

Price per person based on 2 to a room \$2695.00  
Single supplement \$650.00

## **Mar 31: Flights from Newark, JFK to Shannon. Transportation to airport included.**

MEALS D

## **Apr 1: Arrive Shannon Airport early morning.**

Transfer to our hotel in Westport via Connemara Coast. Stop for lunch enroute.

Overnight – Westport - Hotel Westport Leisure and Conference Center MEALS B L

## **Apr 2: Westport House & Achill Island Tour**

Take a tour around the stately Westport House, which overlooks the ocean and contains a wealth of interesting portraits, furniture, silver, and porcelain. Travel around Clew Bay, which is reputed to have 365 islands, to access Achill Island by bridge. Follow the Atlantic Drive to capture wonderful views of steeply sloped mountains plunging into the shimmering Atlantic Ocean. Near Slievemore see the Deserted Village and stop in Keel for a casual lunch. Return to Westport where the evening is free for independent exploration and dining.

Overnight – Westport – Hotel Westport Leisure and Conference Center MEALS B

## **Apr 3: Donegal & Belleek Pottery**

Travel through rugged countryside with magnificent scenery to Donegal town where you will have some leisure time to explore independently. Visit Belleek Pottery, founded in the 19th century to bring employment to the area. See how craftspeople shape and decorate raw material to create the worldfamous fine china. At a local farm, watch as a farmer works with skilled dogs to herd sheep. In Westport, a local guide will escort you on a gentle walk through this historic and planned town center before dinner.

Overnight Donegal – Central Hotel Donegal MEALS B D

## **Apr 4: Inishowen Peninsula & Derry's Walls**

Travel around the Inishowen Peninsula, a 100-mile scenic route. Drive alongside Lough Foyle, to Banba's Crown on Malin Head, the most northerly point of the Irish mainland, to admire stunning seascapes. Enjoy tea and scones with your fellow travelers at the Seaview Tavern before continuing towards Buncrana for a stop at the Amazing Grace viewing point, where John Newton was inspired to write the well-known hymn in 1772. Upon returning to Derry, join a local guide for a short walk around Derry's medieval city walls that completely encircle the old city center. Learn about the development of the settlement throughout the centuries.

Overnight – Derry – Maldron Hotel Derry MEALS B D

## **Apr 5: Turf Cutting & Giant's Causeway**

Drive north along the Nine Glens of Antrim, one of Ireland's popular scenic routes to discover lovely views of mountains, valleys, and coastline. This area is where many scenes from the "Game of Thrones" series were filmed. Visit The Causeway Coast Discovery Centre for tea with scones and a turf-cutting demonstration. Stop for photos at the sprawling ruins of Dunluce Castle. Visit the natural wonder that is Giant's Causeway, hexagonal columns formed by volcanic activity over 60 million years ago. Continue to Derry

Overnight – Derry – Maldron Hotel Derry MEALS B

## **Apr 6: Belfast and Titanic**

Admire the gentle slopes of the Mourne Mountains and peaceful coastline as you travel north to Down Cathedral. Tour the ancient cathedral and view the historical burial place of St Patrick, Ireland's patron saint, marked by a huge boulder. Drive to Belfast to join a local guide for a tour of central Belfast to see prominent buildings, political murals and the docks where the RMS Titanic was built in 1912. Visit the magnificent Titanic Belfast, a state-of-the-art attraction that will immerse you in the story of this iconic liner.

Overnight – Belfast – Jurys Inn Belfast MEALS B

## **Apr 7: Belfast to Cairnryan – Glasgow**

This morning we will take a 2 ½ hour ferry to Scotland. Upon arrival a tour of central Glasgow -- a city that flourished in Victorian times due to the shipbuilding industry and international trade. Drive around George Square with its ornate City Chambers, and visit Provand's Lordship, Glasgow's oldest house.  
Overnight – Glasgow – Grand Central Hotel Glasgow MEALS B

**Apr 8: Loch Lomond & Loch Ness Cruise**

This morning travel alongside the famous Loch Lomond, renowned for its unsurpassed beauty. Drive across the haunting Rannoch Moor and through Glencoe, admiring the wild and spectacular scenery. Continue through Fort William and stop at a woollen mill to shop for quality Scottish goods. Embark on a short cruise on Loch Ness before heading to Nairn.

Overnight – Inverness – Best Western inverness Hotel and Spa MEALS B D

**Apr 9 : Whiskey Tasting & St Andrews**

Visit Blair Athol Distillery to see how whiskey is distilled and enjoy a sample. Travel to St Andrews, best known as the "Home of Golf." Take a panoramic drive around and spend some time exploring independently. Continue to Edinburgh to your gracious manor house hotel, set on 1,000 acres with two golf courses. Enjoy a Scottish evening with traditional cuisine with a lively show of songs, stories, and dancing.

Overnight – Edinburgh – The Principal Edinburgh Charlotte Square MEALS B D

**Apr 10: Edinburgh Castle & City Tour**

Explore the principal sights of central Edinburgh from 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 perched high above the city on volcanic rock. The castle contains the Scottish Crown Jewels and the Stone of Scone. The balance of the day is free.

Overnight – Edinburgh – The Principal Edinburgh Charlotte Square MEALS B

**Apr 11: Flight home.** MEALS L

*INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TRIP:*

*TRANSPORTATION AND AIRFARE*

*10 NIGHTS DELUXE ACCOMMODATIONS*

*10 BREAKFASTS – 2 LUNCHESES -5 DINNERS*

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