



Britain and Ireland Experience

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Experience the Britain and Ireland of a simpler time, through medieval castles and churches that have stood for centuries. Admire Ireland's breathtaking Dingle Peninsula and roam the charming streets of Oxford.

Day 1 LONDON- WINDSOR- BATH- CARDIFF

This morning meet your Travel Director and travelling companions as you set off on your holiday. Visit Windsor and view the impressive castle. See elegant Georgian architecture in the spa town of Bath. Cross the vast Severn Estuary to Cardiff, capital of Wales, where you dine tonight.

Meal(s)- Dinner

Hotel- Copthorne

Day 2 CARDIFF- PEMBROKE- WATERFORD

Admire Cardiff Castle then journey through beautiful countryside via Carmarthen. See Pembroke Castle which is the birthplace of Henry VII, founder of the Tudor Dynasty. Board your ferry from Pembroke to Rosslare, Ireland. Journey west to Waterford and dine tonight at your hotel.

Meal(s)- Full Breakfast & Dinner

Hotel- Treacys

Visit the Waterford Crystal Showroom. Continue along the splendid southern coast through the picturesque fishing port of Youghal. Explore Blarney Castle – kiss the stone and acquire the 'gift of the gab'. Cross over the Cork and the Kerry Mountains, then travel via Killarney to your hotel in Tralee.

Meal(s)- Full Breakfast

Dinner- Hotel Earl of Desmond Hotel

Day 3 WATERFORD- BLARNEY- TRALEE

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picturesque fishing port of Youghal. Explore Blarney Castle – kiss the stone and acquire the 'gift of the gab'. Cross over the Cork and the Kerry Mountains, then travel via Killarney to your hotel in Tralee.

Meal(s)- Full Breakfast & Dinner

Hotel- Earl of Desmond Hotel

Day 4 TRALEE- DINGLE PENINSULA- LIMERICK- SHANNON NEAR LIMERICK

This morning enjoy a scenic drive along the Dingle Peninsula. See the unspoilt and colourful villages and fishing harbours of Ireland's most westerly point. Travel north to County Limerick through Adare, the prettiest village in Ireland. Arrive in Limerick where you view St. Mary's Cathedral and King John's Castle.

Meal(s)- Full Breakfast

Hotel- Oak Wood Arms Hotel

Day 5 SHANNON (NEAR LIMERICK)- GALWAY DUBLIN (2NIGHTS)

This morning there is time to visit Bunratty Castle and folk park, where 19th century life is vividly recreated. Drive through beautiful County Clare to Galway. View the cathedral before heading across lush countryside to Dublin, Ireland's capital. Tonight why not join your travelling companions for an Irish Cabaret?

Meal(s)- Full Breakfast

Hotel- Clayton Leopardstown

Day 6 DUBLIN SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Your Local Specialist takes you on a sightseeing tour of Dublin with views of Trinity College, St. Patrick's Cathedral and historic Phoenix Park. Spend the rest of your day as you choose.

Meal(s)- Full Breakfast

Day 7 DUBLIN-CHESTER- LIVERPOOL

Cross the Irish Sea with magnificent views of Dublin Bay and arrive at Holyhead on the Welsh Island of Anglesey. Cameras at the ready as you view the

station with one of the longest names in the world, Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch. Enjoy the scenery of the north coast of Wales on the way to Chester, where you have time to walk along the medieval walls and appreciate the famous 'Chester Rows'. Arrive later in Liverpool, home of the Beatles.

Meal(s)- Full Breakfast

Hotel- Ibis Centre Albert Dock

Day 8 LIVERPOOL- LAKE DISTRICT- EDINBURGH (PEEBLES) (2NIGHTS)

Stop to view William Wordsworth's grave in the pretty Lake District village of Grasmere. Continue across the Scottish border and stop at Gretna Green, where eloping couples could marry against their parents' wishes. Your day ends at your hotel near Edinburgh.

Meal(s)-Full Breakfast

Hotel-Peebles Hydro

Day 9 EDINBURGH SIGHTSEEING AND FREETIME

This morning's sightseeing tour with your Local Specialist includes views of the Georgian New Town, Palace of Holyrood house, the Royal Mile and Edinburgh Castle. Spend free time exploring on your own or join your Travel Director on an Optional Experience to the Royal Yacht Britannia in nearby Leith. Tonight why not attend a lively Scottish banquet with traditional haggis and bagpipes?

Meal(s)- Full Breakfast

Day 10 EDINBURGH (PEEBLES) – YORK- LEEDS

This morning travel south through the Scottish Borderlands and stop to view the ruins of Jedburgh Abbey. Enjoy the views across the Cheviot Hills at Carter Bar and continue into Northumberland National Park where you view Hadrian's Wall at Heddon. Cross the River Tyne at Newcastle and stop at York for an orientation tour including the Gothic minster and the narrow cobbled street known as the Shambles. Then continue to your hotel in Leeds. Dine tonight at your hotel.

Meal(s)- Full Breakfast & Dinner.

Hotel- Clayton

Day 11 LEEDS- STRATFORD- UPON- AVON- WARWICK

This morning visit Stratford-upon-Avon where you have time to see the sights and shop for souvenirs and see Anne Hathaways' cottage. In your free time why not visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and Visitor Centre for an in-depth look at the great man's life? Dine tonight at a local restaurant.

Meal(s)- Full Breakfast & Dinner

Hotel- Holiday Inn Express

Day 12 WARWICK- OXFORD- LONDON

Enjoy a scenic drive through the glorious Cotswolds to the little churchyard at Bladon, where Sir Winston Churchill is buried. See the sights of Oxford, the oldest university city in England, before continuing to London where you can say farewell to your Travel Director and travelling companions at the end of your memorable holiday.

Meal(s)- Full Breakfast

Travel Highlights

- Return ferry across the Irish Sea from Wales to Ireland
- Luxury air-conditioned coach
- Hand-picked 3 and 4 star accommodations
- All hotel service charges and tips, baggage handling fees and local taxes
- Variety of Optional Experiences
- An expert Travel Director and separate driver
- Pick-up and drop-off if you stay at the Trafalgar recommended London hotel booked through Trafalgar or from the London Reception Centre
- London airport transfers are available to purchase. Conditions apply.
- The services of a Trafalgar Local Host if you stay at Trafalgar's recommended London hotel.
- Audio Headsets Provided throughout your holiday to enhance your included sightseeing experiences