

20 Day Glory of Britain & Ireland Tour

London - York - Edinburgh - Glasgow - Liverpool - Dublin - Galway - Limerick -
Cork - Cardiff - Bath - Glastonbury - Stonehenge - Cliffs of Moher - Belfast -
Isle of Skye

From **\$6,499** Typically \$7,199 pp twin share



19 Nights of premium, hand-selected accommodation

Expert Travel Director and professional coach driver

Breakfast daily, plus a range of other included meals

Experience the beauty of Scotland, wander through Wales, walk in the footsteps of history in England and enjoy the stunning landscapes (and a pint o' Guinness!) in Ireland.

Description



Explore everything the beautiful British Isles has to offer on this all-encompassing itinerary. There's so much more to the UK and Ireland than just the iconic sights! On this journey, you'll experience ancient history at Stonehenge, trace the footsteps of giants and feel the salty spray of the Cliffs of Moher, wander the walls of medieval castles and enjoy a toe-tapping, heart-stirring Gaelic song along the way.

Taking in England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, you will experience ancient history, explore stunning, heritage-listed towns, enjoy decadent dining (don't forget to try those fish and chips though!), see stunning natural landscapes and so much more.

Don't miss out - limited spots available! Lock yours in today with just a small deposit.



Itinerary

Day 1

London to Stonehenge and on to Plymouth

Journey west where you'll ponder the myths of the ancient mystical monoliths at Stonehenge which remain largely unsolved to this day. Continuing through Devon, arrive in the historic naval port of Plymouth, your home for the next two nights.

Your hotel will be dependent on your departure date.

Accommodation: Copthorne Hotel Plymouth/Mercure Rougemont

Meals: Welcome Reception

Day 2

Plymouth, Looe, Polperro and returning to Plymouth

Discover the Cornish Peninsula

Embark on an orientation tour and see the Royal Citadel and Mayflower Steps. Explore the Cornish peninsula and visit the seaside villages of Looe and Polperro.

Your hotel will be dependent on your departure date.

Accommodation: Copthorne Hotel Plymouth/Mercure Rougemont

Meals: Breakfast

Day 3

Plymouth, Bath and Cardiff

Soak up Bath and off to Cardiff

Arriving in Bath, we admire the city's stylish Georgian façades and visit the ancient Roman Baths from which it derives its name. We continue to the vibrant Welsh capital, Cardiff, where we'll have a free evening to enjoy this modern city's proud heritage.

Your hotel will be dependent on your departure date.

Accommodation: Park Inn by Radisson Cardiff City Centre/Holiday Inn Cardiff City Centre

Meals: Breakfast

Day 4

Cardiff to Waterford

Cross the Irish Sea to Waterford

This morning, we explore Cardiff's iconic sights – the Principality Stadium, Millennium Centre and Victorian fantasy castle before crossing the Irish Sea to Waterford, most famous for the delicate crystal that graces elegant homes the world over. This evening we dine in our hotel.

Accommodation: The Fitzwilton Hotel Waterford

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 5

Waterford, Blarney and Killarney

Onwards to Blarney and Killarney

Our first stop today is at the House of Waterford Crystal where we Dive Into Culture, watching a demonstration with master craftsmen. In pursuit of the 'gift of the gab', we journey to Blarney Castle where you'll have the chance to kiss the Blarney Stone, before arriving later in picturesque Killarney.

Accommodation: Hotel Killarney

Meals: Breakfast

Day 6

Killarney, Ring of Kerry and returning to Killarney

A Day on the Ring of Kerry

Ireland's enduring natural beauty accompanies our leisurely drive circling the enchanting Ring of Kerry. We pass the fishing village of Waterville, Moll's Gap and the Black Valley – renowned for being the last place in Ireland without power and telephone networks.

Your hotel will be dependent on your departure date.

Accommodation: Hotel Killarney/Innisfallen Hotel Killarney

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

Day 7

Killarney, Limerick, Cliffs of Moher and Galway

Off to Limerick, the Majestic Cliffs of Moher and Galway.

Stop in Limerick and view St. Mary's Cathedral, the Treaty Stone and King John's Castle.

Next up is an unforgettable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the Cliffs of Moher where rugged cliffs plunge into the Atlantic, creating a beautifully dramatic coastline which has inspired artists, musicians and poets for centuries. You'll visit the Visitor Centre, a wonderfully engaging experience which brings one of Ireland's most treasured natural phenomena to life in an interactive way that will leave you with stories to tell for years to come. Enjoy the IMAX-type multimedia which gives visitors a bird's eye view of the cliffs or dive virtually beneath the surface of the Atlantic and into the underwater caves at the foot of the cliffs that would have otherwise gone unseen.

Your next overnight stop in Galway is a real treat for culture buffs. Overnight in Ireland's capital of music, song and dance and it's the perfect place to dig deep into Ireland's vibrant traditional arts scene first-hand.

Accommodation: The Connacht Hotel Galway

Meals: Breakfast

Day 8

Galway, Sligo and County Donegal

Venture into County Donegal

This morning see the great stone Galway Cathedral and stroll through Eyre Square, a tribute to former US president John F. Kennedy, who visited Galway in 1963. Enjoy an orientation of Sligo on your way to Donegal to see its 15th-century castle and explore the city your way before dining at your hotel.

Your hotel will be dependent on your departure date.

Accommodation: Central Hotel Conference and Leisure Centre Donegal/The Abbey Hotel

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

Day 9

County Donegal, Londonderry, Giant's Causeway and Belfast

Explore Londonderry, the Giant's Causeway and Belfast

We cross the Irish border into Northern Ireland, joining a Local Specialist in Londonderry to stroll along its 17th-century city walls. See the street murals of the Bogside before continuing to the mythical stepping stones of the Giant's Causeway for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Our visit to the haunt of Finn McCool will help to conserve this iconic natural landmark.

Our final stop today is in Belfast, where we'll enjoy an orientation, followed by free time to explore the capital city's sights.

Your hotel will be dependent on your departure date.

Accommodation: Radisson Blu Hotel Belfast/Stormont Hotel Belfast

Meals: Breakfast

Day 10

Belfast to Dublin

On the road to Dublin

We spend the morning with a Local Specialist 'Cabbie' who will take us on a journey through the recent history of Belfast in their taxi. Heading south to Dublin later, we see St. Patrick's Cathedral and other iconic sights in the company of a Local Specialist. Tonight, consider an Optional Experience to enjoy the rousing sounds and warm hospitality of a traditional Irish Cabaret performance.

Your hotel will be dependent on your departure date.

Accommodation: Mespil Hotel Dublin/Clayton Hotel Cardiff Lane

Meals: Breakfast

Day 11

Dublin

See the Sights of Dublin

Beat the crowds and gain entry to the Guinness Storehouse before general admission. Here you'll Dive Into Culture and embark on a tour and tasting technique demonstration. The rest of the day is yours to explore the Irish capital. Amble along Grafton Street with its colourful performers, head to Temple Bar or stroll through Phoenix Park, Dublin's playground.

Your hotel will be dependent on your departure date.

Accommodation: Mespil Hotel Dublin/Clayton Hotel Cardiff Lane

Meals: Breakfast

Day 12

Dublin, Chester and Liverpool

Ferry across to Historic Chester and Liverpool

Cross the Irish Sea to Wales and continue to the ancient town of Chester, where your orientation tour will take you past its Roman walls and famous half-timbered Tudor Rows. Later, we head to the haunt of the 'Fab Four', edgy Liverpool, where we'll spend the night.

Accommodation: Jurys Inn

Meals: Breakfast

Day 13

Liverpool to the Lake District

Continue to the Beautiful Lake District

Head north to the idyllic Lake District, which has inspired poets and writers for centuries, and admire the spectacular surrounds of Lake Windermere.

Your hotel will be dependent on your departure date.

Accommodation: North Lakes Hotel and Spa Penrith/Castle Green Hotel Kendal

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

Day 14

Lake District, Gretna Green and Glasgow

Journey North to Glasgow

The runaway wedding capital, Gretna Green is our first stop today, where we'll tread in the footsteps of eloping couples who would take their vows over the Marriage Anvil.

Continue to Glasgow for an orientation tour including views of the Cathedral and magnificent George Square, lined with statues of Great Britain's most celebrated sons. Visit Falkirk Wheel where you'll Dive into Culture learning about the legacy of Scotland's canals and experience the world's only rotating boat lift.

Accommodation: Hilton Garden Inn Glasgow City Centre

Meals: Breakfast

Day 15

Glasgow, Glencoe and Isle of Skye

Over the Sea to Skye

Journey past the site of the tragic 1692 massacre at Glencoe, known as the 'Glen of the Weeping' and see Britain's highest mountain – Ben Nevis. We'll view the 13th-century Eilean Donan Castle, where three lochs meet, before visiting the Isle of Skye.

Your hotel will be dependent on your departure date.

Accommodation: The Dunollie Hotel Broadford/The Kings Arms Hotel Kyleakin

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

Day 16

Isle of Skye, Culloden and Scottish Highlands

The Sights of Loch Ness and Culloden in the Scottish Highlands

Travel through the scenic Scottish Highlands via Glen Shiel and along the banks of Loch Ness, home to the mythical monster affectionately known as 'Nessie'. View the site of the bloody Battle of Culloden, where Bonnie Prince Charlie and his army of Jacobites were defeated in 1746.

Accommodation: The Highlander Hotel

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

Day 17

Scottish Highlands, Pitlochry, St. Andrews and Edinburgh

Onwards to Edinburgh

We continue south and stop in Pitlochry before travelling to the historic town of St. Andrews, home to the oldest golf course in the world. We cross the Firth of Forth to the enchanting Scottish capital, Edinburgh, our home for the next two nights. Tickets to see the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates.

Accommodation: Holiday Inn

Meals: Breakfast

Day 18

Edinburgh

Explore Edinburgh Castle

Join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour including a visit to Edinburgh Castle, overlooking the town from Castle Rock. See the Royal Mile, Palace of Holyroodhouse and new Scottish Parliament building.

Accommodation: Holiday Inn

Meals: Breakfast

Day 19

Edinburgh, Alnwick and York

Uncover York's Treasures

Visit the medieval market town of Alnwick before stopping in York where we'll embark on an orientation walk along the picturesque Shambles and to York Minster, one of the greatest cathedrals in the world. This evening Connect With Locals over dinner at a Be My Guest experience, a grand private home of a Yorkshire family enjoying traditional flavours and hospitality.

Accommodation: Novotel Centre

Meals: Breakfast and Be My Guest experience

Day 20

York, Stratford-upon-Avon and London

Journey to Stratford-upon-Avon and on to London

Travel to Stratford-upon-Avon to view Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage and visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and Visitor Centre before returning to London and completing your journey.

Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- An expert Travel Director and professional Driver
- Cherry-picked hotels, all tried and trusted
- All portorage and restaurant gratuities
- All hotel tips, charges and local taxes
- Breakfast daily and up to half of your evening meals
- Must-see sightseeing and surprise extras
- Audio headsets for flexible sightseeing
- Luxury air-conditioned coach with Wi-Fi in most countries or alternative transportation
- Return ferry across the Irish Sea between Wales and Ireland
- Optional Experiences and free time
- Explore Londonderry, Belfast, Dublin and Edinburgh with a Local Specialist
- Discover Plymouth, Bath, Cardiff, Limerick, Galway, Sligo, Chester, Glasgow and York
- Visit the ancient stone circle at Stonehenge, the Roman Baths in Bath, Waterford Crystal Showroom, Blarney Castle, the magnificent Cliffs of Moher, the Giant's Causeway, Guinness Storehouse, Falkirk Wheel, Isle of Skye, Edinburgh Castle, Alnwick and Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon
- Scenic Drive on a Cornish Excursion, experience the Ring of Kerry
- Tickets for the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates

Exclusions

- Travel insurance (highly recommended)
- Flights
- Meals & sightseeing not specified
- Optional tours
- Tipping & gratuities (optional)
- Items of a personal nature, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc
- Any items or services not listed in the above inclusions

Important info

Single supplement: Travelling solo? Contact us for a quote.

Child Policy: No children under 10 years of age are allowed on this tour. Contact us if you are after a family-friendly trip!

2024 Departures: These departures are not yet guaranteed and pricing is subject to change. For an up-to-date quote, contact us on 1300 893 404.

Travel Insurance: We recommend Covermore travel insurance. To quote and book, please click [HERE](#).