

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO DUBLIN

Relax at your hotel before joining your Travel Director for a warm and friendly dinner, an opportunity to get to know your fellow travelers.

Meals: Dinner

DAY 2 | IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY

An orientation with your Local Expert will take you past the Custom House and travel along the River Liffey. See the Guinness Storehouse, Christchurch Cathedral and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Enjoy entrance to the 9th century Book of Kells and a walk through the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College to gain insight into the establishment's impressive history.

Meals: Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Experience the Ancient Monastic Site of Glendalough - Enjoy a visit to one of the most important monastic sites in Europe, which dates back to the 6th century. Your Local Specialist will tell tales and show you around this sacred area, famous for its tranquil beauty amidst the rolling countryside of County Wicklow, the garden of Ireland.

Dublin Dinner and Cabaret - Enjoy an evening of fine food and fun as Ireland's history unfolds with comedy, song and dance. You'll be tapping your toes and joining in the show, all in the spirit of Irish humor. And you'll even be served an Irish coffee to round off your dinner.

DAY 3 | KILDARE AND CORK

Witness life behind the scenes of the National Stud Farm, where many legendary racehorses are bred. Then see the most beautiful Japanese gardens in Europe, where the gardens portray the symbolism of life and trace the journey of a soul, designed by master horticulturists, Tassa and Minoru Eida. Continue on to Cork, Ireland's second most populous city, built on the River Lee. Travel along Grand Parade to see Cork's City Hall and Opera House.

Meals: Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Cork Dinner - Lively and fun loving, Cork city is justly celebrated for fine local produce and great restaurants. Tonight, take the opportunity to dine out and enjoy the great atmosphere and vibrant heart of Ireland's 'rebel' city. Three-course dinner with drinks.

Evening of Irish Entertainment with Pub Supper - Tonight, we'll travel by coach to a local pub for an evening of Irish entertainment with local musicians/singers including a good hearty Pub Supper.

A Tour of Cork's Inner City - Ireland's second city - "Rebel Cork" is one of Ireland's Hidden Gems and dates back to the 7th century. This walking tour will encompass the development of the religious settlement of St. Finbarr, to Viking raiding & settlement, to the creation of the Norman city and Merchant Princes. View Shandon Steeple rich in history and folklore, walk the narrow laneways towards the city center. Cross the North Channel of the river Lee.

In the heart of the city surrounded by this braided river, hear the tales and history of this port city and of its place in the world. And enjoy hearing the lilt of the lovely Cork accent!

DAY 4 | BLARNEY CASTLE AND KILLARNEY

Visit the partially ruined 15th century Blarney Castle, home of the famous Stone of Eloquence - once kissed, never forgotten!

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Queenstown Story - Experience this intriguing port town, home to the world's second-largest natural harbor. We'll visit stunning St Colman's Cathedral and the Queenstown Story to hear about the town's past and discover how it became the single most important Irish port of emigration.

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Gaelic Roots - The origins of Irish culture spring to life over a tour de force of traditional Irish song, music and dance at this Gaelic Roots show. Using traditional instruments, Irish dance and time-honored folk songs, this energetic show will have you tapping your feet and singing along. You'll treasure experiencing the 2,000-year-old Gaelic culture over an evening out.

Celtic Steps - Enjoy a spectacular evening of Irish music, song and dance performed by champion dancers and musicians and showcasing the music of Kerry and beyond. Beginning with an Irish Classic, 'Siúil a Rún,' thought to have originated in the 1800's, the traditional Irish song tells a bittersweet tale of a woman lamenting her lover after his decision to embark on a military career. The performance then shifts to a series of fast and lively Irish reels with the introduction of the Celtic Steps Dance Troop followed by the waltz and energetic jig.

DAY 5 | RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE

Explore Killarney with Brendan Choice. Choose a memorable ride on a horse-drawn jaunting car with the local jarveys. Alternatively, join a gentle hike with a Local Expert along the lake shore and past the grounds of Ross Castle, admiring the incredible scenery of the National Park. While there aren't any mountains to climb, walkers should be t, have good walking shoes or boots, sunscreen and rain gear.

Tour the superb seascapes, towering cliffs and spectacular mountains of the Ring of Kerry. Journey past lush lakelands and through delightful villages like Sneem. Cross the peat bogs of the Black Valley to Moll's Gap and admire Queen Victoria's Ladies View. Upon returning in the mid-afternoon, the rest of the day is at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

An Irish Pub Experience - Enjoy an exclusive Irish 'session' in the oldest pub in town, perhaps even pull your own pint! A local musician joins us this afternoon for music, song and a glimpse into Ireland's past. Enjoy this unique experience whilst sipping on a Whiskey or local draft beer.

DAY 6 | THE CLIFFS OF MOHER

Begin the day with a short ferry ride across the Shannon estuary. Enjoy magnificent views of the Clare coast, as you journey to the Visitors' Center at the 700-foot Cliffs of Moher.

Continue on to your hotel, located at the heart of the Wild Atlantic Way.

Join your Travel Director in Galway to see the infamous Lynch Memorial and the Church of St. Nicholas, where Christopher Columbus reputedly prayed before his discovery of America. Also see the aged Spanish Arch and Eyre Square, dedicated to the late US President, John F. Kennedy.

Meals: Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Medieval City Walk With Pub Supper - Uncover more sights and insights of Galway joining your Local Expert for an informative stroll. Dine this in one of Galway's best-loved taverns serving up traditional Irish fare. Sip on a pint, getting up close and personal with West of Ireland traditional musicians.

DAY 7 | GLORIOUS GALWAY TO SLIGO BAY

Tour the wild Connemara region, a scenic wonderland of rivers, lakes and silent hills. Drive along the scenic shores of Sligo Bay.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8 | WALK IN THE GIANT'S STEPS

Cross into Northern Ireland to visit Londonderry. What better way to experience sightseeing than with one of Northern Ireland's best storytellers, Ronan, as he walks with you inside the city walls, still topped with cannons. Walk down Shipquay Street, with its elegant Georgian houses, to the Gothic Guildhall. Journey to the iconic Giant's Causeway for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This geological masterpiece was created by the cooling of lava which burst through the earth's crust millions of years ago. Learn how the National Trust is enabling farming and biodiversity to work together, supporting both wildlife and quality food production. Next, take a spectacular drive along the Antrim Coast to your hotel, overlooking the sea at the head of Ballygally Bay.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 9 | HIGH TEA AT ARDGOWAN ESTATE

Cross the Irish Sea by ferry and journey to Ardgowan. Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart welcomes you to his family castle, set on a 10,000-acre coastal estate. Explore the history of the area and learn the Shaw Stewart family's conservation efforts to protect the land on this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, followed by delightful traditional Scottish tea and scones. Continue to Glasgow where your Travel Director will show you the city's grand public buildings, including George Square and St. Mungo's Cathedral.

Meals: Breakfast, Afternoon Tea

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Glasgow Dinner - In recent years, Glasgow has developed a fearsome culinary reputation. With its elegant and chic atmosphere, tonight's dining experience will feature one of the venues at the forefront of Glasgow's foodie scene. Enjoy an evening of Scottish fayre and experience the city's atmosphere at night.

Guided Visit and Dinner at The Mackintosh at the Willow - Step inside the stunning surroundings of Mackintosh at the Willow after-hours and relax with a glass of prosecco. Explore the history of the tearoom and Glasgow in a private visit to our onsite interactive exhibition. Let our specialist guide tells you more about the building and immerse yourself in the magic of Mackintosh. Our guide will be on hand to answer any questions. Take a seat in the historic surroundings of the Original Willow Tea Rooms building and enjoy a delicious 3 course menu curated with the best Scottish produce and hand selected wine.

DAY 10 | GLENCOE AND LOCH NESS

A scenic drive takes you along the Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond. Absorb the dramatic landscape of Glencoe, still echoing with the cries of massacred clansmen. Pause at the Commando Memorial for a view of Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis before reaching the Great Glen. Continue on to Loch Ness and embark on a cruise to soak up the scenery, historic monuments and intriguing tales of Nessie in the heart of Scotland's great glen.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 11 | A HIGHLANDS EXPERIENCE

In the morning, see the sights of Inverness, before traveling to the Culloden Moor Visitor Center, where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army was finally defeated. Then have a 'wee dram' during a visit to a local distillery, hear stories of the whisky smugglers as you delve into the fascinating world of the single malt.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

An Evening with Nessie - Join us at the only pub on the shores of Loch Ness, overlooking Dores beach. Enjoy a drink whilst listening to the tales of our expert Steve, a man who has devoted over thirty years of his life to hunting for the elusive Loch Ness Monster. A unique evening, following the journey of the ultimate "Nessie Hunter"!

DAY 12 | ST. ANDREWS AND EDINBURGH

A scenic drive takes you through the Grampian Mountains past the Duke of Atholl's Blair Castle. Drive down and cross the Tay to visit St. Andrews. As you arrive, pass the Old Course, the home of golf since its invention in the 15th century. Enjoy free time to explore. Why not wander to St. Andrews University where the love story of Kate Middleton and Prince William began? Alternately, stroll to West Sands Beach where the famous 'Chariots of Fire' scene was filmed. Continue across the majestic Forth Road Bridge to the Scottish capital, Edinburgh. In the evening, select departures attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

Meals: Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Pitlochry, Visit of Blair Castle - Set in its own grounds against a backdrop of glorious scenery, we'll discover the ancient home of the Dukes of Atholl, home to Europe's last remaining private army. Unique amongst Scottish castles, Blair has hosted royalty from Mary, Queen of Scots, to Queen Victoria.

Ceilidh Evening and Dinner at Ghillie Dhu - Experience the best of Scottish tradition at Ghillie Dhu, where we'll be welcomed by a Scottish piper and enjoy a welcome drink before settling in for a delicious three-course meal and live Ceilidh music. And you can't miss the iconic Piping in the Haggis ceremony, a true highlight of the Scottish experience.

*This experience will only be offered during the summer months April - October.

DAY 13 | SCOTLAND'S CAPITAL OF CULTURE

In the morning, join a Local Expert to see the highlights of the city. Drive along Princes Street to the ornate Scott Memorial, then see the 18th century New Town with its neoclassical Georgian facades. In the Old Town see the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of the King. Venture up the Royal Mile to visit Edinburgh Castle, home of Mons Meg and Scotland's Crown Jewels, the Honours of Scotland. In the afternoon, you are at leisure to continue exploring as you wish, or perhaps go shopping. Join your friends in the heart of Edinburgh at a Celebration Dinner of modern Scottish cuisine served with wine.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

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Royal Edinburgh - We'll enjoy views of the Queen's Park and take in a spectacular panorama of Scotland's Capital before arriving at Holyrood Palace - the King's official home in Scotland. Our Local Expert will bring its ancient stories to life before a leisurely visit through the official rooms of the palace.

Edinburgh - The Untold Story - Walk Edinburgh's heart with your Local Expert, to hear about the ultimate loyal dog, grave robbers, executions and other untold stories. Stroll through the Wynds and Closes of the real Edinburgh and enjoy a drink in one of this city's most famous pubs.

DAY 14 | FAREWELL EDINBURGH

Your journey comes to an end after breakfast with transfers arriving to Edinburgh airport.

Meals: Breakfast