

Transport your troop back in time and experience the old-world wonders of England and Ireland. "Kiss the Blarney Stone" in Cork, marvel at the Gothic spires of St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, and explore the bustling streets of London. From 16th-century Shakespearean works to the modern-day Harry Potter saga, it's no wonder this corner of the world is rich in literary tradition.

# **EVERYTHING YOU GET:**



**Full-time Tour Director** 



Sightseeing: 3 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides (4 with extension); 1 sightseeing tour led by your Tour Director; 1 walking tour with extension



Entrances: Bog Museum; Wild Atlantic Way; Blarney Castle; Book of Kells; St. Patrick's Cathedral; Welsh Castle; Shakespeare's birthplace; Anne Hathaway's cottage; Windsor Castle; St.George's Chapel; Queen Mary's Dolls' House; Tower of London; With extension: Louvre; Notre Dame Cathedral





All of the details are covered: Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motorcoach; Eurostar high-speed train; 8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (10 with extension); European breakfast and dinner daily







#### DAY 1: FLY OVERNIGHT TO IRELAND

# **DAY 2: SHANNON / KILLARNEY**

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Shannon
- Travel to Killarney

#### **DAY 3: KILLARNEY**

- Take an excursion to the Ring of Kerry and discover Wild Atlantic Way, a 2,500 km long trail stretching from County Donegal Inishowen Peninsula to County Cork's Celtic Sea coast. Explore the awe-inspiring headlands, hiking trails and seascapes of this great pathway while adventuring further into Irish culture. On your visit, make your way along lush rolling hills and take in magnificent views of the Atlantic Ocean and the placid Lakes of Killarney. You'll also pass by the misty peaks of Macgillycuddy's Reeks. In Glenbeigh, visit the Bog Village. Wander through a re-creation of an Irish village from the early 1800s as costumed guides demonstrate the way of life that prevailed in 19th-century rural Ireland.
- Visit the Bog Museum
- Experience a sheep-dog demonstration (mid-April to October)

# **DAY 4: KILLARNEY I DUBLIN**

- Visit Blarney Castle
- See Cashel Rock
- Travel to Dublin, Ireland's capital city scenically situated between Dun Laoghaire (pronounced "dun leery") and Howth Head's rocky peaks. Literary history greets you at every turn, from Trinity College, where playwright Samuel Beckett and satirist Jonathan Swift studied, to the Long Room of the Old Library, where you'll see the Book of Kells. Irish monks created this calligraphic manuscript over 1,000 years ago. Admire St. Patrick's Cathedral, whose presence honors the patron saint of Ireland, and when you ride through Dublin's elegant Georgian squares, be sure to ask your guide about the colorful doors.

### **DAY 5: DUBLIN**

- Take an expertly guided tour of Dublin: Georgian squares;
  O'Connell Street; St. Stephen's Green; Phoenix Park
- See the Book of Kells at Trinity College
- Visit St. Patrick's Cathedral

# **DAY 6: HOLYHEAD I COVENTRY**

- Travel by ferry to Holyhead
- Visit a Welsh castle
- Continue on to Coventry

#### **DAY 7: STRATFORD I LONDON**

- Take a tour of Stratford
- Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace
- Visit the gardens at Anne Hathaway's Cottage
- Travel to London, a city of 8 million people that has become one of the world's great melting pots while maintaining a distinct character that's all its own. From the London Bridge to the Houses of Parliament, Great Britain's royal tradition and rich history greet you at every turn. Admire architectural marvels like the Baroque domes and spires of St. Paul's Cathedral, the 17th-century church designed by Sir Christopher Wren. Check out the lively five-way intersection at Piccadilly Circus as well as Hyde Park's urban greenery. You may even get a chance to witness the ceremonial Changing of the Guard. And don't forget to snap a picture of Big Ben from the banks of the River Thames.
- Free time in London
- Optional: Enjoy the London Eye and a Thames Cruise

#### **DAY 8: LONDON**

- Take an expertly guided tour of London
- Take an expertly guided tour of Windsor: Windsor Castle;
  St.George's Chapel; Queen Mary's Dolls' House
- Visit the Girl Guide's Pax Lodge in Hampstead and enjoy a traditional fish and chips dinner

# **DAY 9: LONDON**

- Visit the Tower of London
- Enjoy a free afternoon in London

#### **DAY 10: DEPART FOR HOME**

# **EXTENSION DAYS**

# **DAY 10: PARIS**

- Travel by Eurostar train to Paris
- Take an expertly guided tour of Paris

# DAY 11: PARIS

- Take a walking tour of Paris: Latin Quarter
- Visit the Louvre
- Visit Notre Dame Cathedral

# **DAY 12: DEPART FOR HOME**

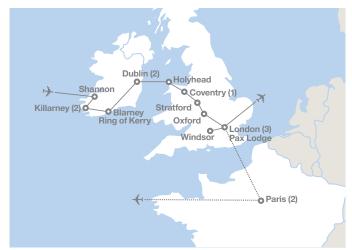
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