



**MAY 19 – JUNE 2, 2019**

## **UNITED KINGDOM & IRELAND**

Experience the United Kingdom and Ireland of a simpler time, through medieval castles and churches that have stood for centuries, of kings and queens, knights and ladies, and leprechauns!

We start in London, pass through England, Scotland, Wales and the Republic of Ireland, and finish in Dublin. After touring London, we visit Oxford and Stratford, on our way to the medieval city of York, and then onto the Scottish capital of Edinburgh. In Scotland we will travel through the Highlands onto Inverness. We visit Loch Ness, Ben Nevis mountain and travel along the shore of Loch Lomond ending in Glasgow.

Leaving Scotland, we re-enter England and drive through the Lake District, with stops at Lake Windermere and Liverpool before arriving in Chester.

After entering Wales with a trip to the amazing Caernarvon Castle where Prince Charles was invested as Prince of Wales in 1969, we will cross the Irish Sea by ferry and disembark in Dublin, Ireland. After spending several days in and around Dublin, our trip comes to a close and we return to Toronto.

**VERY ACTIVE TOUR**

**14 Days  
13 Nights**

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**Return Air Fare  
Luxury Motor Coach**

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**Breakfast Daily**

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**Sightseeing Tours  
English Speaking  
Guide**

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**All entrance fees,  
taxes, tipping &  
service charges  
included**

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**\$4,500 double  
\$6,000 single**

- **LONDON**
- **EDINBURGH**
- **WALES**
- **DUBLIN**
- **BATH, STONEHENGE**
- **LAKE DISTRICT**
- **KILLARNEY**
- **AND MUCH MORE!**

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## Itinerary

### **Monday, 20 May: ARRIVAL IN LONDON**

- Visit Windsor Castle, which is England's largest royal residence and is still occupied by the Queen. See the magnificent State Apartments, St. George's Chapel, one of the finest examples of perpendicular architecture and fan vaulted ceilings in Britain and Queen Mary's Dolls' House.
- Evening coach tour of London.

### **Tuesday, 21 May: LONDON**

- Coach Sightseeing Tour of London.
- We will see all the major sights - Buckingham Palace, St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, the River Thames, the Royal Parks, Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus, and The Horse Guards, the Changing of the Guard, Tower Bridge, the Tower of London and the Crown Jewels. Also visit the City, the original site of London, with the Bank of England and Guildhall. Excursions to Westminster Abbey.
- Thames cruise

### **Wednesday, 22 May: LONDON**

- A full day tour. Visit Tower of London, National Gallery and walking tour of Jewish London.

### **Thursday, 23 May: LONDON - YORK**

- First we will visit Oxford. Visit Christchurch College, founded by Henry VIII, where the college chapel doubles as the city's cathedral. Its Great Hall was modelled for the Harry Potter films. Walk with us through the narrow alleyways with their fifteenth century taverns, crowded with jostling students – especially once the exams are over.
- Next we will visit Shakespeare's birthplace where he grew up and played, Anne Hathaway's Cottage, the idyllic, thatched cottage where William courted his future wife, Holy Trinity Church where both are buried and the Royal Shakespeare Theatre

### **Friday, 24 May: YORK - EDINBURGH**

- First thing in the morning we will take a walk along the ancient York city walls offering beautiful views, see the fine Minster - the largest Gothic Cathedral in England - with exquisite stained glass windows and the "Shambles", a perfectly preserved street of medieval half-timbered houses. We will visit the Cathedral

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### **Saturday, 25 May: EDINBURGH**

- This morning, your Local Guide takes you on a sightseeing tour of this wonderful city, including a visit to Edinburgh Castle. See the Royal Mile, the elegant Holyrood House in the shadow of Arthur's Seat, and the new Scottish Parliament building. Admire the elegant Georgian architecture in the New Town. Lunch break in central Edinburgh.
- After Tour of Edinburgh we will visit The Castle and have a walk along Royal Mile.
- Scottish Evening Dinner, Show

### **Sunday, 26 May: EDINBURGH - INVERNESS**

- Today we are taking route to the Highlands. We plan to visit a Scotch distillery that produces Bell's whisky. Then we will explore Blair Castle, ancestral home to the Dukes of Athol.
- After a good break at the Blair Athol shopping centre we will continue our journey north to the last big Scottish city of Inverness.

### **Monday, 27 May: INVERNESS - GLASGOW**

- This morning we will first admire the beauty of Loch Ness, home of the fabled monster and will have a cruise on the lake. Then we will stop at the Commando Memorial near Fort William for breath-taking views of Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis. Journey along the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond, immortalised in the well-known Scottish song, to the lively city of Glasgow.

### **Tuesday, 28 May: GLASGOW - CHESTER**

- We will start today's program by visiting Moffat wool centre where we will have a chance to spend our last Scottish money. After that we will come back to England and will drive of our lives across most beautiful part of the country – The Lake District. We will stop for lunch and a walk along the shores of Lake Windermere, the largest natural lake in England.
- Visit Museum of Beatles in Liverpool.
- Then we will arrive shortly to the ancient city of Chester.

### **Wednesday, 29 May: CHESTER - DUBLIN**

- This morning we will see the ancient city walls, famous Tudor 'Rows' and fascinating Roman ruins in Chester on your orientation walk of the town. Enjoy a Unique Insight into the life of the local Town Crier – an esteemed position which dates back to medieval times.
- After entering Wales we will visit one of the most impressive castles in Wales, historic Caernarvon Castle, which gained worldwide fame as the setting for the investiture of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales. We will cross the Isle of Anglesey to reach ferry crossing to Ireland. After sea journey across St George straights of Irish Sea we will reach Dublin.

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### **Thursday, 30 May: DUBLIN**

- Depart hotel at 9am for panoramic tour of Dublin City to see all the highlights and hidden corners including O'Connell Street, Trinity College, the Cathedral District, the Guinness brewery, Dublin's famous Georgian squares, the Phoenix Park and much more.
- For those who are interested in shopping or window shopping there will be an opportunity to visit Dublin's premier shopping street, Grafton Street. We enjoy a conducted tour of the Old Jameson Whiskey Distillery. This may involve some tasting!

### **Friday, 31 May: DUBLIN**

- Depart hotel for a tour - Dublin Bay Coastal Tour. This drive takes you along the great sweep of Dublin Bay and past the yacht-filled harbor of Dun Laoghaire and to the James Joyce Tower at Sandycove.
- Later we will visit Dalkey Village with the quaint Dalkey Castle. After lunch we will drive to Wicklow Mountains & Glendalough.
- Wild Wicklow - the Garden of Ireland. This consists of a scenic drive through the spectacular mountains and valleys of the Wicklow National park. It will include visits to Ireland's most famous Monastic village at Glendalough and the beautiful Powerscourt Gardens.

### **Saturday, 1 June: DUBLIN**

- Depart hotel at 9 am. Today we head north into Royal County Meath and explore the Boyne Valley's rich heritage with its magnificent tombs older than the pyramids of Egypt.
- Later we will see Malahide Castle, occupied by the Talbot family for over 800 years. We will visit the beautiful villages of Malahide and Howth, Ireland's largest fishing village on the East coast.
- We will finish the day in style with traditional Irish music and entertainment at the well-known Arlington Hotel. Perhaps you will finally get a chance to sample some Guinness stout!

### **Sunday, 2 June: DUBLIN**

- **DEPARTURE** Transfer to Dublin airport

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