

NEW FOR '09!

# TASTE OF SCOTLAND & N.I.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE COACH TOUR 2009

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Scottish Cabaret & Dinner in Edinburgh
- Traditional Music Session & Dinner in Dublin
- Edinburgh Castle
- Loch Ness Panoramic Cruise
- Walk Derry's Medieval Walls
- Slieve League Sea Cliffs — Europe's Highest
- Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre
- Donegal Tweed Hand weaving

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1: Glasgow Highlights

Land in Glasgow Airport where you'll meet your CIE Tours driver/guide or representative. Take a group transfer to your hotel, departing at 8:00 am, 10:00 am or 12:00 noon. If you arrive later than noon, you must transfer to the hotel at your own expense. At 3:00 pm set out on a city tour to discover the main attractions of Glasgow, a city that flourished in Victorian times due to the shipbuilding industry on the River Clyde. Drive around George Square with its ornate City Chambers and nearby Glasgow Cathedral. Visit the Museum of Transport to view collections of cars, buses and bicycles, many invented in Scotland. Back at your hotel, join your fellow travellers for a welcome drink before dinner is served. (D)

#### Day 2: Loch Lomond & Loch Ness Cruise

Depart Glasgow and drive alongside the famous Loch Lomond, renowned in song and also for unsurpassed beauty of the lake and mountains.

Travel across the haunting Rannoch Moor and through Glencoe, notorious for the Campbell massacre of the Clan Macdonald in 1692. Continue through Fort William and stop at Spean Bridge Woollen Mills, which offers a good selection of quality Scottish goods. At Fort

scenic views and perhaps spot the famous monster. Motor alongside the loch and through Inverness. Continue to Nairn where your hotel was a favourite summer residence of Charlie Chaplin. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Blair Castle & Distillery

Head through the steep Grampian Mountains to visit 13<sup>th</sup> century Blair Castle, home of the Earls and Dukes of Atholl. This stately mansion contains a variety of portraits, china and armour to show the life of Scottish nobility. Nearby visit Blair Athol Distillery to learn about the creation of whisky and enjoy a sample. Continue south to Edinburgh, in time to check into your hotel. In the evening attend a Scottish cabaret where you dine on local specialties, including haggis, and enjoy traditional bagpipe music and storytelling. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Edinburgh City Tour & Castle

This morning an Edinburgh city guide will point out the principal sights of this interesting capital city. Drive along the bustling Princes Street and through the gracious, wide streets of the 200-year-old Georgian New Town. See the compact medieval section along the Royal Mile where some houses reach 11 stories tall. Visit Edinburgh Castle, which dominates the city centre and contains the Scottish Crown Jewels and the Stone of Scone. The balance of the day is free for further sightseeing, shopping and dining. On August 04 and 18 departures enjoy the Military Tattoo at Edinburgh Castle. (B)

#### Day 5: Larne Ferry & Belfast

This morning depart Edinburgh after breakfast and drive south through part of the Southern Uplands and along the coastline. At Cairnryan take a ferry ride across the narrow channel between Scotland and Ireland to arrive in Larne. Drive the short distance to Belfast and see the highlights of Belfast with a local guide,



including Victorian buildings, the Harland and Wolff Shipyards, where the Titanic was built and areas around the Shankill and Falls Road. Check in to your centrally-located hotel and relax before dining in the hotel. (B, D)

### Day 6: Giant's Causeway & Derry Walk

Drive north along the "Nine Glens of Antrim," a scenic drive with views of mountains, valleys and coastline. Stop at the Giant's Causeway, hexagonal columns formed by volcanic activity over 60 million years ago. The enormous rocks have spawned legends about the mythical giant, Finn McCool. Continue to Derry and join a local guide for a short walking tour around the ancient city centre, surrounded by the medieval city walls. (B, D)

### Day 7: Glenveagh Castle & Belleek

Travel into County Donegal to Glenveagh National Park and tour Glenveagh Castle, built in 1870 by Captain Adair. Learn about the history of the mansion, owners and guests as you view the many rooms. Then walk through some of the gardens filled with exotic plants. Continue your journey south past Donegal town and on to the Belleek Pottery Factory for a guided tour. Watch skilled craftspeople create intricate basket-weave designs in delicate china. Drive to Ballyshannon and check in to your hotel. After dinner head to the nearby Thatch Pub for some live traditional music. (B, D)

### Day 8: Slieve League Cliffs & Donegal

Drive to the fishing port of Killybegs and on to Teelin to view Slieve League sea cliffs, which reach 1,972 feet, making them the highest in Europe. The cliffs drop straight down to the wild Atlantic waves and the views are marvellous. Continue through the majestic Glengesh Pass to Ardara. Visit Triona Design to see demonstrations of spinning, weaving and knitting as well as sample home-made scones with tea. Stop in Donegal town for free time before returning to your nearby hotel. (B, D)

### Day 9: Enniskillen Castle & Battle of the Boyne

Drive along the shoreline of Lower Lough Erne and enjoy scenic views of the lake. Stop to visit Enniskillen Castle, built almost 600 years ago by Gaelic Maguire chieftains. Several buildings are devoted to the story of the castle and the county and contain

#### DEPARTURE DATES & SELLING PRICE FOR 2009 SEASON

April	Tue 21	1231
May	Tue 05	1367
	Tue 19	1367
June	Tue 02	1385
	Tue 16	1385
	Tue 30	1385
July	Tue 14	1385
	Tue 04	1466
August	Tue 18	1466
	Tue 01	1372
	Tue 15	1372
September	Tue 29	1372
	Tue 13	1299
October	Tue 27	1299

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award-winning displays on Fermanagh's history, wildlife and landscape. Drive across Ireland's midlands and just outside Drogheda visit the Battle of the Boyne Centre. Learn about the 1690 conflict between King William III and his father-in-law, King James II for dominance over the British throne and religious power in Ireland. Travel to Dublin's Temple Bar area to your hotel. In the evening drive to a popular Dublin venue for a great dinner and a lively show of traditional Irish songs and intricate step-dancing. (B, D)

### Day 10 — Thu: Depart for Home

Complimentary group transfers are provided to Dublin Airport to arrive at 6:00 am, 9:00 am or 12:00 noon. (B)

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:

- ❖ Group transfers on arrival and departure
- ❖ Ferry from Scotland to Ireland
- ❖ Sightseeing by luxury coach throughout
- ❖ Services of professional driver/guides
- ❖ Superior & first class hotels with private bath/shower for 9 nights
- ❖ Full Scottish & Irish breakfast daily (B)
- ❖ 8 dinners (D) including
  - Scottish cabaret with dinner in Edinburgh
  - Dinner and traditional Irish entertainment in Dublin
  - 6 table d'hote dinners
- ❖ Welcome get-together drink
- ❖ Scenic cruise on Loch Ness
- ❖ Whisky tasting and tour of Blair Athol Distillery
- ❖ Reserved seats for Edinburgh Military Tattoo on August 04 and 18 departures
- ❖ Tours of Edinburgh and Belfast with local guides
- ❖ Walking tour of Derry with a local guide
- ❖ Minibus excursion to Slieve League Sea Cliffs
- ❖ Hand weaving demonstration with tea & scones at Triona Design
- ❖ Visits and admissions to Museum of Transport, Spean Bridge Woollen Mills, Blair Castle, Edinburgh Castle, Giant's Causeway, Glenveagh Castle, Belleek Pottery Factory, Enniskillen Castle and Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre
- ❖ All local taxes, hotel service charges & portorage for one suitcase per person

#### YOUR HOTELS:

- Stay at the following (or similar):
- ❖ Jurys Inn, Glasgow (1 night)
  - ❖ The Newton Hotel, Nairn (1 night)
  - ❖ Jurys Inn, Edinburgh (2 nights)
  - ❖ Europa Hotel, Belfast (1 night)
  - ❖ Everglades Hotel, Derry (1 night)
  - ❖ Dorrian's Hotel, Ballyshannon (2 nights)
  - ❖ Temple Bar Hotel, Dublin (1 night)