

# 11-DAY TOUR!

# TASTE OF SCOTLAND & IRELAND

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Scottish Cabaret & Dinner  
in Edinburgh

Dublin's Merry Ploughboy  
Pub Evening

Bunratty Castle Medieval Banquet

Blair Athol Distillery Tour

Edinburgh Castle

Loch Ness Panoramic Cruise

Kiss the Blarney Stone

Ring of Kerry Tour

Cliffs of Moher

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE COACH TOUR 2009

### 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. (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 Augustus embark on a short cruise on Loch Ness to admire enchanting 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 09, 16 and 23 departures enjoy the Military Tattoo at Edinburgh Castle. (B)

#### Day 5: Larne Ferry & Drive to Dublin

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, just outside Belfast. Drive south to Dublin and check into your hotel where the evening is at leisure for independent dining. (B)



## Day 6: Viking Dublin & Merry Ploughboy Pub

This morning join your fellow travellers and a local guide for a tour of central Dublin in the company of a local guide. Pass Trinity College, where the Book of Kells is housed; Dail Eireann, where the government meets; and rows of Georgian houses with gaily-collared doorways. Stop at Dublin Castle for a guided tour through the elegant State Apartments, which are filled with elaborate Waterford Crystal chandeliers and furnishings. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure and in the evening drive to the Merry Ploughboy Pub for a great dinner of Irish specialties, which is followed by a lively show of traditional Irish songs and intricate step-dancing. (B, D)

## Day 7: Blarney Castle & Killarney

Depart Dublin and travel through the centre of Ireland, stopping to view the stately church ruins atop the Rock of Cashel. Continue your drive south to visit Blarney Castle and kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence." Also visit the Blarney Woollen Mills where you can find quality Irish-made goods. Drive into County Kerry where the scenery becomes more mountainous to Killarney, picturesquely set beside lakes and mountains. Check into your downtown hotel and relax before dinner. Afterwards you may like to head to a "singing pub." (B, D)

## Day 8: Ring of Kerry & Muckross Gardens

Today embark on the Ring of Kerry drive – a winding route with breathtaking sights of mountains and coastal views. Stop near the Gap of Dunloe to see "Essence of Kerry," an audio-visual presentation. As you travel, there will be plenty of stops for photos. Drive through Cahirciveen and Waterville and stop to walk around Sneem, where brightly-painted houses are grouped around the central green. Pause at Moll's Gap for stunning views and stop for a guided walk around Muckross Gardens on the shores of Muckross Lake before returning to Killarney in time to relax before dinner. (B, D)

## Day 9: Cliffs of Moher & Bunratty Castle

Drive to Tarbert for a ferry ride across the River Shannon Estuary. Continue to the Cliffs of Moher, a spectacular wall of limestone that reaches 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. Drive to Bunratty to check

into Bunratty Castle Hotel, located very close to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. If you wish, you may visit the Folk Park, have a drink in the 200-year-old Durty Nelly's Pub or shop at the Bunratty Mills. In the evening head to Bunratty Castle for a memorable medieval-style feast. During and after the meal the lords and ladies will serenade you with song and harp music, evocative of the middle Ages. (B, D)

## Day 10: National Stud & Dublin

Drive through the outskirts of Limerick and through the midland region of Ireland to Kildare. Here visit the Irish National Stud and Japanese Gardens. You can learn about horse breeding and see some of the valuable animals before touring the lovely Japanese Gardens, considered the best in Europe. Drive to the north side of Dublin city and you are free this evening for independent activities and dining. (B)

## Day 11: Depart from Dublin Airport

As your hotel is convenient to Dublin Airport, a hotel shuttle service will transfer you to the airport terminal. After check-in, you'll have time to shop at the duty-free Shops before boarding your flight for the journey home. (B)

### DEPARTURE DATES & SELLING PRICE FOR 2009 SEASON

April	Sun 05	1297
	Sun 12	1297
	Sun 19	1297
	Sun 26	1297
	Sun 03	1522
May	Sun 10	1522
	Sun 17	1522
	Sun 24	1522
	Sun 31	1522
	June	Sun 07
Sun 14		1535
Sun 21		1535
Sun 28		1535
July		Sun 05
	Sun 12	1543
	Sun 19	1543
	Sun 26	1543
	August	Sun 02
Sun 09		1621
Sun 16		1621
Sun 23		1621
Sun 30		1621
September	Sun 06	1527
	Sun 13	1527
	Sun 20	1527
	Sun 27	1527
	October	Sun 04
Sun 11		1457
Sun 18		1457
Sun 25		1457
November		Sun 01
	Sun 08	1272
	Sun 15	1272

Single Room Supplement €423.00.  
All Rates in €

### 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 10 nights
- ❖ Full Scottish & Irish breakfast daily (B)
- ❖ 7 dinners (D) including
  - Scottish cabaret with dinner in Edinburgh
  - Dinner and traditional Irish entertainment at the Merry Ploughboy Pub
  - Medieval banquet and entertainment in Bunratty Castle
  - 4 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 09, 16 and 23 departures
- ❖ Tours of Edinburgh and Dublin with local guides
- ❖ Ferry ride across the River Shannon
- ❖ Visits and admissions to Museum of Transport, Spean Bridge Woollen Mills, Blair Castle, Edinburgh Castle, Dublin Castle, Blarney Castle, Blarney Woollen Mills, Essence of Kerry AV Show, Muckross Gardens, Cliffs of Moher and Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens
- ❖ All local taxes, hotel service charges & portorage for one suitcase per person

### YOUR HOTELS:

- ❖ Jurys Inn, Glasgow (1 night)
- ❖ The Newton Hotel, Nairn (1 night)
- ❖ Jurys Inn, Edinburgh (2 nights)
- ❖ Stillorgan Park Hotel, Dublin (2 nights)
- ❖ Killarney Towers Hotel, Killarney (2 nights)
- ❖ Bunratty Castle Hotel, Bunratty (1 night)
- ❖ Bewley's Airport Hotel, Dublin (1 night)