

BRITISH & IRISH GRANDEUR

ENGLISH LANGUAGE COACH TOUR 2009

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Scottish Cabaret Dinner Show
- Taylor's Three Rock Evening with Traditional Music
- Walking Tours around Historic York & Chester
- Tower of London
- Edinburgh Castle
- Waterford Crystal
- Blend of Country & City Hotels

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Day 1: London at Leisure

Welcome to London! After immigration and baggage claim, take an independent coach transfer to your hotel, located near Regent's Park. Coaches operate frequently. For the balance of the day you are free to rest, use the health facilities in your hotel or explore London a little. The British Museum, shops of Oxford and New Bond Streets, Hyde Park and Piccadilly are all within easy reach. In the evening meet your guide and fellow travellers over a welcome drink to discuss your vacation before dining independently.

Day 2: Tower of London & City Sights

This morning tour central London to see famous landmarks including Piccadilly Circus, Nelson's Column and lions of Trafalgar Square, Big Ben towering over the Houses of Parliament and Hyde Park. Visit the Tower of London to see the magnificent Crown Jewels, guarded by the Beefeaters in distinctive Tudor uniforms. Spend the afternoon and evening on your own to sightsee, shop, dine or see a West End show. (CB)

Day 3: Cambridge & York

Drive north into the countryside to visit the university town of Cambridge. Stop to see some of the famous colleges, including King's College and the Mathematical Bridge over the River Cam. Head north to York for a walking tour so that you may appreciate narrow streets and medieval houses. The stately York Minster, with towers and stained glass, is the highlight of the walk. Continue your journey through Yorkshire to your delightful country manor house hotel in Guisborough. (CB, D)

Day 4: Borders Country & Abbotsford House

Head north through the Northumberland National Park and cross from England to Scotland at Carter Bar. Stop for a while to look around Jedburgh, a charming town with romantic abbey ruins, before driving to Melrose. Visit Abbotsford House, Sir Walter Scott's home, where he wrote most of his novels. The house has an impressive collection of historic relics and a library with over 9,000 rare volumes. Drive to Edinburgh for an introduction to Scottish culture and food at a traditional cabaret. (B, D)

Day 5: Edinburgh City Tour

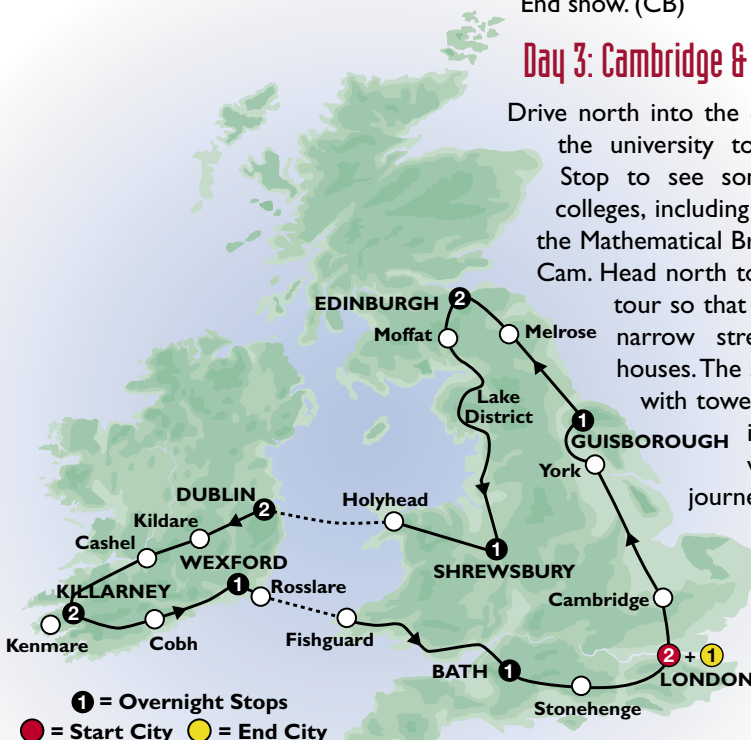
Discover Scotland's capital on a tour around the city centre. See Princes Street, the main shopping thoroughfare which divides the elegant Georgian "New Town" from the compact medieval city. Tour Edinburgh Castle to see the Crown Jewels of Scotland and the Stone of Destiny. The afternoon is free for independent sightseeing or shopping. On departures on August 09 and 23, experience the colourful Edinburgh Military Tattoo. (B)

Day 6: Lake District & Chester

Journey through the Southern Uplands and stop at Moffat Woollen Mills with its wide array of Scottish goods. Continue south through the hills and valleys of the Lake District and stop to explore the delightful town of Grasmere. Continue to Chester where a walking tour will include "The Rows," medieval arcaded shops, as well as discovering the original medieval walls, Roman ruins and Chester Cathedral. Drive to your hotel, a 300-year-old manor house set in extensive grounds in Shropshire, a few miles outside Shrewsbury. (B, D)

Day 7: North Wales & Dublin

This morning see some of the charming Welsh countryside as you drive through



farmlands and picturesque villages and along the coast road. Cross to Anglesey Island by bridge and onto the tiny island of Holyhead. Take a short ferry crossing to Dublin and transfer to your hotel, an elegant Victorian mansion overlooking Dublin Bay and Dun Laoghaire Harbour. The evening is at leisure to explore nearby pubs or restaurants. (B)

Day 8: Dublin Castle & Merry Ploughboy Pub

Take a morning tour around central Dublin. Tour Dublin Castle's elegantly furnished State Apartments to learn about historic events that have taken place there. The afternoon is free for further sightseeing on your own. Enjoy dinner at Taylor's Three Rock Pub followed by an upbeat show with Irish music and dance. (B, D)

Day 9: National Stud & Killarney

Depart Dublin and visit the National Stud and Japanese Gardens in Kildare. Learn about Ireland's exciting horse breeding industry at the National Stud and walk through the gardens. Enjoy views of farms and pause for photos at the impressive Rock of Cashel. Continue to the famous town of Killarney and check into your lovely centrally-located hotel. (B, D)

Day 10: Muckross House & Kenmare

Tour 19th century Muckross House, a furnished mansion where the guide tells you about the lifestyles of influential owners and eminent visitors. Take a walk around the charming gardens on the shores of Muckross Lake. Drive to the delightful town of Kenmare where traditional buildings are gaily painted and enhanced with flowers. Travel through Moll's Gap, a wonderful vantage point on the Ring of Kerry and stop at Ladies' View before returning to Killarney. (B, D)

Day 11: "Titanic" Walk & Waterford Crystal

Travel to Cobh, the port town which was the last scheduled stopping place for the "Titanic." Take a brief walk with a local guide to see places associated with that fateful journey. Drive along the south coast to visit the Waterford Crystal Factory. See the vast display of trophies and tableware in the showrooms. Continue to Wexford for dinner and overnight stay. (B, D)

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:

- ❖ Group transfers on arrival and independent transfer on departure
- ❖ Sightseeing by luxury coach throughout
- ❖ Round trip ferry transportation between Wales & Ireland
- ❖ Services of a professional tour director
- ❖ Local guides in London, Edinburgh & Dublin
- ❖ Deluxe and superior first class hotels with private bath/shower for 13 nights
- ❖ 10 full breakfasts (B) and 3 continental breakfasts in London (CB)
- ❖ 8 dinners (D) including
 - Scottish cabaret and dinner in Edinburgh
 - Dinner and traditional Irish entertainment at Taylor's Three Rock Pub
 - 6 table d'hote dinners
- ❖ Welcome get-together drink
- ❖ Walking tours of York and Chester
- ❖ Reserved seats for Edinburgh Military Tattoo on August 09 and 23 departures
- ❖ "Titanic" walking tour of Cobh

- ❖ Visits and admissions to Tower of London, York Minster, Abbotsford House, Edinburgh Castle, Moffat Woollen Mills, Chester Cathedral, Dublin Castle, National Stud & Japanese Gardens, Muckross House & Gardens, Waterford Crystal Factory, Roman Baths & Pump Room and Stonehenge
- ❖ All local taxes, hotel service charges & portage for one suitcase per person

YOUR HOTELS:

Stay at the following (or similar):

- ❖ Jury's Clifton Ford Hotel, London (2 nights)
- ❖ Gisborough Hall Hotel, Guisborough (1 night)
- ❖ Holyrood Hotel, Edinburgh (2 nights)
- ❖ St. David's Hotel, Ewloe, near Chester (1 night)
- ❖ Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire (2 nights)
- ❖ Killarney Plaza Hotel, Killarney (2 nights)
- ❖ Faithlegg House Hotel & Golf Club, Waterford (1 night)
- ❖ Hilton Hotel, Bath (1 night)
- ❖ Jury's Clifton Ford Hotel, London (1 night)

Day 12: Ferry to Wales & Bath

Depart Wexford for a short drive to Rosslare to catch the ferry to South Wales. Drive across the River Severn Bridge into England to Bristol. Check into your hotel, located in the heart of the city and relax in the leisure centre before dinner. (B, D)

Day 13: Roman Baths & Stonehenge

This morning explore Bath, popular for its natural hot springs. Visit the wonderful Roman Baths and Pump Room, and drive around the stately mansions of the Royal Crescent and Queen's Square. Drive to Salisbury Plain to view the prehistoric circle of vast monoliths at Stonehenge. Continue into London and check into the hotel once again. (B)

Day 14: Depart for Home

As today is departure day, travel to Heathrow Airport by group coach transfer. Allow plenty of time for check in formalities. (CB)

DEPARTURE DATES & SELLING PRICE FOR 2009 SEASON

April	Sun 19	2051
May	Sun 03	2141
	Sun 17	2141
June	Sun 31	2141
	Sun 14	2141
July	Sun 28	2141
	Sun 12	2141
August	Sun 26	2141
	Sun 09	2271
September	Sun 23	2271
	Sun 06	2141
October	Sun 20	2141
	Sun 04	2086

Single Room Supplement €646.00.
All Rates in €