

9-DAY TOUR!

BRITISH HERITAGE & DUBLIN

ENGLISH LANGUAGE COACH TOUR 2006

ITINERARY

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

London Theatre Evening

Scottish Cabaret Dinner Show

Jury's Irish Cabaret

Tower of London

York & Chester Walking Tours

Edinburgh & Dublin Castles

No hidden extras!

All visits and meals included
as per itinerary

Day 1: London at Leisure

Welcome to London! After immigration and baggage claim, take an independent coach transfer to your hotel. For the balance of the day you are free to rest after your journey or explore London a little on your own. There's no shortage of attractions within easy reach of your hotel - the Victoria & Albert Museum, Hyde Park, Kensington High Street pubs and shops. In the evening enjoy a **welcome drink** with your guide and fellow travellers as you discuss your itinerary for the tour.

Day 2: London & Theatre Evening

This morning travel along well-known streets in central London to see some of the capital's famous landmarks including Piccadilly Circus, Nelson's Column and lions of Trafalgar Square, Big Ben towering over the Houses of Parliament and the

open parkland of Hyde Park.

Visit the **Tower of London** to view the magnificent **Crown Jewels**, guarded by the Beefeaters in distinctive **Tudor uniforms**. Also see the **White Tower**,

completed in 1097, together with many other fortresses. Learn about the many people, including royalty, who were imprisoned here. Spend the afternoon on your own so that you may choose whatever interests you. In the evening join your group and head to a **popular show** in the West End. Dinner is not included tonight.

Day 3: Oxford

Head west into the countryside to Oxford, the "City of Spires." Stop to look at the varied styles of architecture of some of the 36 colleges, founded over the past eight centuries. Walk through the narrow streets, some of which have hardly changed for hundreds of years. In the afternoon drive north to York for your overnight stay.

Day 4: York & Abbotsford House

Take a **walking tour** through the medieval centre of York where narrow streets and ancient houses contain centuries of history. See some of the medieval city wall and tour the imposing **York Minster** to see its towers and the interior with brightly coloured stained glass and many memorials. As you drive north, pass a fragment of Hadrian's Wall, built by the Romans to guard their northernmost border. Journey through the gentle Scottish Borders scenery to visit **Abbotsford House**, Sir Walter Scott's home, where he wrote most of his novels. Drive to Edinburgh to check into your hotel. In the evening a **Scottish cabaret** will provide a fun introduction to Scotland's food, music and humour.

Day 5: Edinburgh Highlights

Discover Scotland's capital on a tour around the city centre. See Princes Street, the main shopping thoroughfare which divides the elegant town houses of the 200-year-old Georgian "New Town" from the compact medieval city, where houses



are crowded together. At the other end of the Royal Mile, visit **Edinburgh Castle** to see the Crown Jewels of Scotland and the Stone of Destiny. Also enjoy splendid views of central Edinburgh. The afternoon is free for independent sightseeing or shopping. On specific departures in August, experience the **Military Tattoo** at Edinburgh Castle. Dinner is not included tonight.

Day 6: Lake District & Chester

Journey through the Southern Uplands, a region of excellent pastureland where sheep thrive. Stop at **Moffat Woollen Mills** with its wide array of Scottish goods before crossing the border into England once more. Drive 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** is the only way to appreciate the decorations on old houses and walk along the medieval walls. See "The Rows," picturesque arcaded shops in black and white half-timbered style. Also see fragments of Roman occupation and many memorials in historic **Chester Cathedral**. Drive a few miles to your hotel where you will have some time to relax before dinner.

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. You will catch sight of majestic peaks in Snowdonia National Park where the highest mountains in Wales are assembled. Cross to Anglesey Island by bridge and onto the tiny island of Holyhead. From that point take a **short ferry crossing to Dublin** and transfer to your hotel in the city centre. The evening is at leisure so that you can explore some of the famous restaurants or pubs – your guide will assist you in making a choice.

Day 8: Dublin Castle & Jury's Cabaret

Take a morning tour around central Dublin, renowned for its rows of graceful Georgian townhouses with their colourful doors. Also see many government and historic buildings such as Trinity College, where the Book of Kells is housed; the Bank of Ireland, built to house the Parliament and Leinster House, where both houses of the government convene.

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:

- ❖ Ferry transportation from Wales to Ireland
- ❖ Sightseeing by luxury coach throughout
- ❖ Airport transfers at start and end of tour
- ❖ Services of a professional tour director
- ❖ Local guides in London, Edinburgh & Dublin
- ❖ Superior first class hotels with private bath/shower for 8 nights
- ❖ 6 full breakfasts and 2 continental breakfasts in London
- ❖ 4 dinners including
 - Scottish cabaret and dinner in Edinburgh
 - Jury's Irish Cabaret and dinner in Dublin
 - 2 table d'hote dinners
- ❖ Welcome get-together drink
- ❖ Theatre performance in London's West End
- ❖ Walking tours of York and Chester
- ❖ Reserved seats for Edinburgh Military Tattoo on certain departures in August.
- ❖ Visits and admissions to Tower of London, York Minster, Abbotsford House, Edinburgh Castle, Moffat Woollen Mills, Chester Cathedral and Dublin Castle
- ❖ All local taxes, hotel service charges & portage for one suitcase per person

YOUR HOTELS:

- Stay at the following (or similar):
- ❖ Vanderbilt Hotel, London (2 nights)
 - ❖ Gisborough Hall, York (1 night)
 - ❖ Holyrood or Roxburghe Hotel, Edinburgh (2 nights)
 - ❖ Carden Park Hotel, Chester (1 night)
 - ❖ Hilton Hotel, Dublin (2 nights)

Tour **Dublin Castle's** elegantly furnished State Apartments, filled with history and now used for government functions. The afternoon is free for browsing or further sightseeing on your own. In the evening head to **Jury's Irish Cabaret** where dinner is followed by a lively program of storytelling, song and dance.

Day 9: Depart for Home

Transfer the short distance to Dublin Airport in good time to check in for your flight and do some last minute shopping.

DEPARTURE DATES & SELLING PRICE FOR 2006 SEASON

April	Sun 16	€1170.00
	Sun 23	€1170.00
April	Sun 30	€1260.00
	May	Sun 7
May	Sun 14	€1260.00
	Sun 21	€1260.00
	May	Sun 28
June	Sun 4	€1260.00
	Sun 11	€1260.00
	Sun 18	€1260.00
	Sun 25	€1260.00
July	Sun 2	€1260.00
	Sun 9	€1260.00
	Sun 16	€1260.00
	Sun 23	€1260.00
July	Sun 30	€1350.00
	August	Sun 6
August	Sun 13	€1350.00
	Sun 20	€1350.00
	Sun 27	€1350.00
	September	Sun 3
September	Sun 10	€1240.00
	Sun 17	€1240.00
	Sun 24	€1240.00
	October	Sun 1
Sun 8		€1170.00
Sun 15		€1170.00

Single Room Supplement €410.00.
All Rates in €

