



BRITAIN AND IRELAND DELIGHT

 8 Days
  2 Countries
  15 Cities

CASTLES, CHURCHES AND OLD-FASHIONED TOWNS ARE COVERED DURING THIS IN-DEPTH JOURNEY.

The best of Britain and Ireland are served up on this 8-day adventure crisscrossing five different countries. See landscapes that have inspired poetry, medieval monuments to God and stony fortresses that housed royals, soldiers and important artefacts. You'll wind your way through the Yorkshire Dales, wander down Edinburgh's Royal Mile and discover a bit of the craic in Dublin, before fine crystal, Celtic tales and a fairy-tale castle or two complete your journey.

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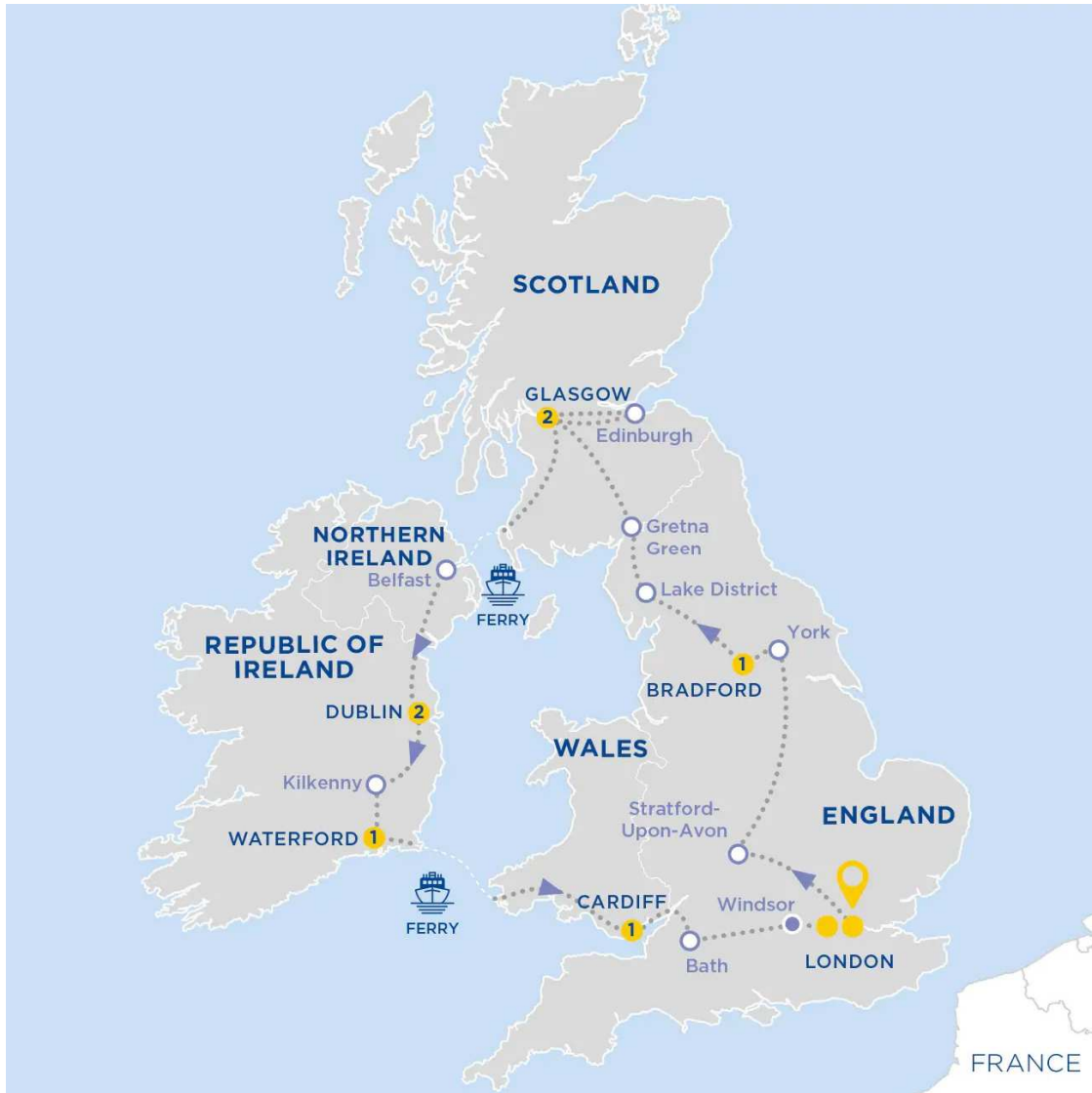
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Trip code BIDE



YOUR HOLIDAY



-  Start Location
-  End Location
-  Over night
-  Visited Location
-  Cruise
-  Ferry
-  Plane
-  Train
-  High Speed Train

THE ITINERARY

DAY 1

London – Stratford-upon-Avon – York – Bradford (1 Night)

Your whirlwind journey through Great Britain and Ireland launches in London. As the boroughs of the Old Smoke give way to the beautiful shires north of its skyscrapers, you'll enjoy a scenic drive through lush green landscapes bound for Shakespeare country. Visit Stratford-upon-Avon where you'll come face to face with the legacy of England's beloved bard before heading to York. Your Travel Director will take you for an orientation walk through its medieval streets to the sacred York Minster, where every piece of stained glass and limestone block was placed for the glory of God. Continue to your hotel in Bradford where tonight you'll dine in a local restaurant.


 **Hotel** - Jurys Inn/Holiday Inn Garforth

 **Included Meals** - Dinner

DAY 2

Bradford – Lake District – Gretna Green – Glasgow (2 Nights)

You're in for a serene start to your morning as you wind your way through the limestone hills and valleys of the Yorkshire Dales. Rustic stone villages, sheep-filled pastures, castles and abbeys line your route to England's celebrated Lake District. At Lake Windermere, an Optional Experience could take you back to the days of Beatrix Potter and William Wordsworth who proclaimed the area "the loveliest spot that man hath found". Board an optional cruise on a private boat, skimming the northern coastline, deserted islands and Wray Castle. Then cross the Scottish border and stop in Gretna Green where eloping couples would tie the knot over the anvil. Continue to Glasgow later today. Your afternoon orientation of this former industrial hub turned vibrant modern metropolis will include views of the cathedral, the Clyde River and George Square where many of Scotland's most famous sons are immortalised in stone.

 **Hotel** - Ibis City Centre

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

DAY 3

Edinburgh Excursion

A day spent exploring Scotland's exquisite capital will leave you in no doubt as to why it captured the hearts of Charles Dickens, Charlotte Bronte and even Queen Victoria. Your Local Specialist will reveal all the highlights of Auld Reekie. View the Royal Mile, the Palace of Holyroodhouse in the shadow of Arthur's Seat and Edinburgh Castle which watches over the city from Castle Rock. Exchange the medieval façades of Old Town for grand Georgian-lined boulevards across the Leith. You'll have some time to explore Edinburgh your way or consider joining one of two special Optional Experiences, boarding the Royal Yacht Britannia for a brush with royalty or exploring what lies behind the impenetrable walls of Edinburgh Castle. This evening surrender to the skirl of bagpipes during an optional dinner in Stirling with views of its Castle and the Wallace Memorial by night.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

DAY 4

Glasgow – Belfast – Dublin (2 Nights)

Your visit to Scotland culminates in a scenic drive along the Ayrshire coast, the rugged landscapes where Robert Burns, Scotland's National Poet, was born and raised. Pass Ailsa Craig, the figurative stepping stone from Scotland to Ireland before boarding your short ferry crossing to Northern Ireland. You won't dally in its trendy capital, but there's time to see the City Hall, Queen's University and the dock where the ill-fated Titanic was built. Head south to Dublin, your home for the next two nights. There's no better way to embrace the energy of the city than joining an optional dinner at one of its most popular restaurant-pubs. Rub shoulders with the locals as you dive into dinner and a solid dose of Irish craic.

 **Hotel** - Citywest/Maldron Tallaght

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

DAY 5

Dublin Sightseeing and Free Time

You're in for a 'grand' time in the Irish capital this morning as your Local Specialist shares all the highlights. See Trinity College, Dublin Castle and St. Patrick's Cathedral, founded in the 12th century. Its 43-metre spire makes this the country's tallest church. See the stately Georgian Squares then spend the rest of the day on your own. Head down to Grafton Street or Temple Bar for a pint of the Black Stuff or stroll along the Liffey through the heart of Dublin. This evening, an optional dinner and cabaret evening will have your toes tapping and taste buds craving another round of Irish coffee.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

DAY 6

Dublin – Kilkenny – Waterford (1 Night)

You won't need to don your Sunday best to visit stylish County Kildare, although the heart of Ireland's horseracing community with its elegant estates will have you wishing you could linger a little longer. Continue through the splendid countryside bound for Kilkenny where you'll see its beautiful 12th-century castle, an enduring symbol of Norman occupation. Later you'll arrive in Waterford where a visit to the House of Waterford Crystal will reveal a wonderland of delicate crystal, from stemware to fine china. You're in for a riveting history lesson when you join an Optional Experience in a Waterford pub with a Local Specialist. Visit one of the area's oldest pubs for a pint, likely not served in Waterford crystal class, but just as memorable. Dinner tonight is at your hotel.

 **Hotel** - Treacys/Viking

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7

Waterford – Cardiff (1 Night)

Say your goodbyes to the Emerald Isle, crossing St. George's Channel to Wales. Small in size but significant in stature, Wales is the fifth country on this journey across the United Kingdom and Ireland. Its vibrant capital is your final destination today. Here you'll view the Millennium Centre, the National Assembly and the historic Castle at its heart. Climb the 900-year-old Norman keep and perhaps walk on the battlements during an optional private tour of Cardiff Castle this afternoon. Your choice of Optional Experiences this evening could see you venture into the Welsh countryside for dinner at a 14th-century inn or enjoy an evening of Welsh music, culture and humour at the Millennium Centre, an iconic building in Cardiff Bay.

 **Hotel** - Copthorne

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

DAY 8

Cardiff – Bath – Windsor – London

Today may be our final day together, but it's packed with things to see. Cross the Severn Estuary into England and venture to Bath with its elegant Georgian architecture. The city's healing waters saw it emerge as a wellness centre as far back as Roman times and you could choose to visit what remains of its Roman Baths before heading to Windsor to view the world's oldest and largest inhabited castle. There's time for a quiet stroll along the banks of the river and shop for Royal souvenirs before arriving in London later where your epic holiday comes to an end.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

All optional experiences for this trip

Book with your travel director when you travel

AVAILABLE ON DAY 2

Glasgow City Evening

You'll enjoy a chance to experience a night out in the city of Glasgow. Your Travel Director will take you for an evening of good food, a drink, and undoubtedly interesting conversation.

Adult Price: £37.00*

AVAILABLE ON DAY 2

Private Cruise On Lake Windermere

Enjoy an exclusive cruise on a private boat on England's most beautiful and largest lake, taking in the northern coastline, beautiful houses, gardens and Wray Castle. You'll see deserted islands, boats and birdlife as you explore the area loved by Beatrix Potter and William Wordsworth.

Adult Price: £18.00*

AVAILABLE ON DAY 2

Windermere Cruise And Steam Train Ride

A chance to view the glorious scenery of the Lake District as we cruise across England's largest lake. Then step back in time as we board the steam train for a short journey from Lakeside to Haverthwaite.

Adult Price: £21.00*

AVAILABLE ON DAY 3

Royal Yacht Britannia

You'll explore this magnificent ship, which has played host to some of the most famous people in the world. Now berthed in Leith, you'll be welcomed on board to discover the heart and soul of this most special of royal residences – the former honeymoon sanctuary for four royal couples.

Adult Price: £23.00*

AVAILABLE ON DAY 3

Edinburgh Castle Experience

Dominating the skyline of the city, Edinburgh Castle has been on Castle Rock in one form or another since the 12th century. The site was a royal residence until 1633 and was then used for mostly military purposes. Famous for being the most besieged place in Great Britain and one of the most attacked in the world, historians have identified 26 sieges in its 1100-year-old history. We'll also see the Scottish regalia, known as the Honours of Scotland and the National War Museum of Scotland.

Adult Price: £25.00*

AVAILABLE ON DAY 3

A Stirling Evening

See Stirling Castle and the Wallace Memorial by night. A truly local experience, you'll be piped in to your evening meal in the historic Scottish city and enjoy an evening of Scottish delights.

Adult Price: £44.00*

AVAILABLE ON DAY 4

Dinner in Dublin City

Come to one of Dublin's most locally-loved restaurant-pubs. You'll enjoy dinner and charming hospitality that this part of the world is renowned for.

Adult Price: €49.00*

AVAILABLE ON DAY 5

Dublin Dinner and Cabaret

Enjoy an evening of fine food and non-stop fun as Ireland's history unfolds in a cabaret of comedy, song and dance. The cast will have you tapping your toes and joining in the show, all in the spirit of Irish humour. And you'll even be served an Irish coffee to round off your dinner.

Adult Price: €72.00*

AVAILABLE ON DAY 5

Experience the Ancient Monastic Site of Glendalough

Enjoy a visit to one of the most important monastic sites in Europe, which dates back to the 6th century. Your Local Specialist will tell tales and show you around this sacred area, famous for its tranquil beauty amidst the rolling countryside of County Wicklow, the garden of Ireland.

Adult Price: €25.00*

AVAILABLE ON DAY 6

Irish Folk Fun

During this evening of entertainment, you'll get the chance to experience Irish hospitality in the best folk tradition. Enjoy a drink while locals sing and play music for you.

Adult Price: €27.00*

AVAILABLE ON DAY 6

Explore Waterford's History and Local Pub

Join us in Waterford, where the history dates back as far as the Vikings. Your Local Specialist will bring the historic area to life through stories and anecdotes; one guest even described the trip as the "best history lesson ever". Afterwards, we stop off for a drink in one of the area's oldest pubs for a pint or drink of your choice.

Adult Price: €24.00*

AVAILABLE ON DAY 7

Cardiff Castle Tour

You'll explore this unique castle on a private tour and hear tales about the eclectic refurbishments. Done in the 1800s by architect William Burgess, his influences included Islamic art, Hans Christian Anderson's fairy tales and even Aesop's fables. You'll also walk on the battlements and climb the 900-year-old Norman keep for superb views over Cardiff.

Adult Price: £21.00*

AVAILABLE ON DAY 7

Traditional Welsh Evening And Dinner

Join us for a traditional Welsh country dinner. We'll take you to a 14th century thatched inn called The Blue Anchor. While you're eating and enjoying your drink, you'll be entertained with a performance from a Welsh harpist.

Adult Price: £41.00*

AVAILABLE ON DAY 7

Welsh Evening At Millennium Centre

Enjoy an evening of Welsh music, culture and humour. The venue for the evening is the Welsh Millennium Centre, an iconic building in the fashionable Cardiff Bay area. After a warm reception, you'll enjoy a first-class meal of seasonal Welsh specialities, sourced and produced locally. Quality wine or soft drinks are included and the meal will be accompanied by our enchanting Welsh harpist. You'll then be entertained by the finest local singers presenting the beautiful music of Wales. On occasion, when the Centre is not available, Fonmon Castle will be offered as an alternative.

Adult Price: £55.00*

All Optional Experiences

The Optionals and pricing listed here are a guideline only and subject to change.

ABOUT THIS TRIP

What's included



7 NIGHTS

Accommodation



9 MEALS

7 Breakfasts, 2
Three-course
dinner



ON-TRIP TRANSPORT

All transport
shown

Sightseeing highlights



BATH

Visit the Georgian spa town



BELFAST

See Belfast City Hall and
Queen's University



CARDIFF

See the Principality Stadium
and view Cardiff Castle



DUBLIN

Sightseeing with your Local
Specialist to see St. Patrick's
Cathedral, Dublin Castle,
Christchurch Cathedral, the
glorious Georgian Squares
and Trinity College



EDINBURGH

Sightseeing with your Local
Specialist includes the
famous Princes Street, the
Royal Mile and views of the
new Parliament Building as
well as the Castle



GLASGOW

View Glasgow Cathedral and
George Square on your
orientation tour



KILKENNY

View Kilkenny Castle and
gardens



STRATFORD-UPON- AVON

Visit the town of
Shakespeare's birth



WATERFORD

Visit the Waterford Crystal
Showroom



WINDSOR

View the Royal Castle

**YORK**

View York Minster and stroll along the Shambles. See the city walls

On every trip

Unique or exclusive to Cost saver, here's a sample of what's included in your trip.

- ✓ Audio Headsets provided throughout your holiday to enhance your included sightseeing experiences
- ✓ The services of a Local Host if you stay at Cost saver's recommended London hotel
- ✓ Cherry-picked hotels, all tried and trusted
- ✓ City orientation tours
- ✓ All hotel service charges and tips, baggage handling fees and local taxes
- ✓ Pick-up and drop-off if you stay at the Cost saver recommended London hotel booked through Cost saver or from the London Reception Centre
- ✓ Luxury air-conditioned coach
- ✓ Ferry across the Irish Sea from Scotland to Northern Ireland and Ireland to South Wales
- ✓ Variety of Optional Experiences
- ✓ An expert Travel Director and professional Driver
- ✓ London airport transfers are available to purchase. Conditions apply. See airport transfer page.

DEPARTURE DATES

MARCH 2020

Saturday 28th March - Saturday 4th April	\$1,195.00
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APRIL 2020

Saturday 4th April - Saturday 11th April	\$1,225.00
Saturday 11th April - Saturday 18th April	\$1,225.00
Saturday 18th April - Saturday 25th April	\$1,225.00
Saturday 25th April - Saturday 2nd May	\$1,225.00

MAY 2020

Saturday 2nd May - Saturday 9th May	\$1,250.00
Saturday 9th May - Saturday 16th May	\$1,295.00
Saturday 16th May - Saturday 23rd May	\$1,295.00
Monday 18th May - Monday 25th May	\$1,295.00
Saturday 23rd May - Saturday 30th May	\$1,295.00
Monday 25th May - Monday 1st June	\$1,295.00
Saturday 30th May - Saturday 6th June	\$1,295.00

JUNE 2020

Monday 1st June - Monday 8th June	\$1,295.00
Saturday 6th June - Saturday 13th June	\$1,275.00

Monday 8th June - Monday 15th June	\$1,275.00
Saturday 13th June - Saturday 20th June	SOLD OUT
Monday 15th June - Monday 22nd June	\$1,295.00
Saturday 20th June - Saturday 27th June	\$1,295.00
Saturday 27th June - Saturday 4th July	\$1,295.00

JULY 2020

Saturday 4th July - Saturday 11th July	\$1,295.00
Monday 6th July - Monday 13th July	\$1,295.00
Saturday 11th July - Saturday 18th July	\$1,295.00
Monday 13th July - Monday 20th July	\$1,295.00
Saturday 18th July - Saturday 25th July	\$1,295.00
Saturday 25th July - Saturday 1st August	\$1,295.00

AUGUST 2020

Monday 3rd August - Monday 10th August	\$1,295.00
Saturday 8th August - Saturday 15th August	\$1,295.00
Saturday 15th August - Saturday 22nd August	\$1,295.00
Saturday 22nd August - Saturday 29th August	\$1,295.00
Monday 24th August - Monday 31st August	\$1,295.00
Saturday 29th August - Saturday 5th September	\$1,295.00

Monday 31st August - Monday 7th September

\$1,325.00

SEPTEMBER 2020

Saturday 5th September - Saturday 12th September

\$1,325.00

Monday 7th September - Monday 14th September

\$1,325.00

Saturday 12th September - Saturday 19th September

\$1,325.00

Monday 14th September - Monday 21st September

\$1,325.00

Saturday 19th September - Saturday 26th September

\$1,325.00

Monday 21st September - Monday 28th September

\$1,325.00

Saturday 26th September - Saturday 3rd October

\$1,325.00

OCTOBER 2020

Saturday 3rd October - Saturday 10th October

\$1,295.00

Saturday 10th October - Saturday 17th October

\$1,295.00

Saturday 24th October - Saturday 31st October

\$1,150.00

Saturday 31st October - Saturday 7th November

\$1,150.00

NOVEMBER 2020

Saturday 7th November - Saturday 14th November

\$1,150.00

Saturday 14th November - Saturday 21st November

\$1,150.00

Saturday 28th November - Saturday 5th December

\$1,150.00

DECEMBER 2020

Saturday 5th December - Saturday 12th December	\$1,095.00
Saturday 12th December - Saturday 19th December	\$1,150.00
Friday 18th December - Friday 25th December	\$1,150.00
Saturday 19th December - Saturday 26th December	\$1,150.00
Saturday 26th December - Saturday 2nd January	\$1,150.00

JANUARY 2021

Saturday 2nd January - Saturday 9th January	\$1,150.00
Saturday 16th January - Saturday 23rd January	\$1,225.00
Saturday 23rd January - Saturday 30th January	\$1,095.00
Saturday 30th January - Saturday 6th February	\$1,095.00

FEBRUARY 2021

Saturday 13th February - Saturday 20th February	\$1,095.00
Saturday 27th February - Saturday 6th March	\$1,150.00

MARCH 2021

Saturday 6th March - Saturday 13th March	\$1,150.00
Saturday 13th March - Saturday 20th March	\$1,150.00
Saturday 20th March - Saturday 27th March	\$1,150.00
Saturday 27th March - Saturday 3rd April	\$1,150.00

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