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-  Cruise
-  Train
-  Over night
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## Day 1 | Journey to Stonehenge and on to Plymouth



Journey west where you'll ponder the myths of the ancient mystical megaliths at Stonehenge which remain largely unsolved to this day. Continuing through Devon, arrive in the historic naval port of Plymouth, your home for the next two nights.

**Meals:** Dinner

**Hotel:** Copthorne

## Day 2 | Discover the Cornish Peninsula



Embark on an orientation tour and see the Royal Citadel and Mayflower Steps. Explore the Cornish peninsula and visit the seaside villages of Looe and Polperro.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Copthorne

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

***Plymouth Harbour Cruise*** - Relax on a boat trip around the harbour of one of England's most famous seaports. As the commentary unfolds, we'll see the Mayflower steps monument, where the Pilgrim Fathers set sail for America. We'll enjoy panoramic vistas of Plymouth Hoe before entering the Royal Navy Dockyard, where we'll see modern vessels of the Royal Navy.

Adult: 24.00 GBP

***Plymouth Harbour Extended Cruise*** - An hour-long extended private cruise across Plymouth Harbour will give us a comprehensive tour of the history from the Mayflower Steps all the way to the engineering marvel of IK Brunel's bridge. You'll also enjoy complimentary tea or coffee.

Adult: 26.00 GBP

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

***Dartmoor Excursion And Dinner*** - A scenic drive across the mysterious moors takes us to the capital of the area, Princetown. Here we'll see the infamous Dartmoor prison, before driving to a lovely old Inn for a drink and supper. Later, a Local Specialist will regale us with stories and legends about the area.

Adult: 71.00 GBP

***Devonshire Village And Dinner*** - We'll drive to a beautiful village in Devon, where you'll see cob walled houses with thatched roofs and the parish church, which dates back over 700 years. You'll also savour a tasty pub dinner and meet the locals, in a 700-year-old village pub.

Adult: 51.00 GBP

### Day 3 | Soak up Bath and off to Cardiff



Arriving in Bath, we admire the city's stylish Georgian façades and visit the ancient Roman Baths from which it derives its name. We continue to the vibrant Welsh capital, Cardiff, where we'll have a free evening to enjoy this modern city's proud heritage.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Park Inn by Radisson Cardiff City Centre/Radisson Blu Hotel Cardiff

#### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

***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: 66.00 GBP

***Welsh Evening*** - Enjoy an evening of Welsh music, culture and humour. The venue for the evening is a stunningly-renovated deconsecrated church. After a warm reception, we'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.

Adult: 86.00 GBP

### Day 4 | Cross the Irish Sea to Waterford



This morning, see Cardiff's iconic sights – the Principality Stadium, Millennium Centre and Victorian fantasy castle before crossing the Irish Sea to Waterford, most famous for the delicate crystal that graces elegant homes the world over. This evening, dine in your hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Fitzwilton

#### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Cardiff Castle Tour*** - On a private tour, you'll explore this unique castle and hear tales about the eclectic refurbishments. Done in the 1800s by architect William Burgess, his influences included Islamic art, Hans Christian Andersen'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: 27.00 GBP

## Day 5 | Onwards to Blarney and Killarney



First stop today is at the House of Waterford Crystal where you will Dive Into Culture, watching a demonstration with a master crafter. In pursuit of the 'gift of the gab', journey to Blarney Castle where you'll have the chance to kiss the Blarney Stone, before arriving later in picturesque Killarney.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Killarney

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Explore Waterford's History*** - 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".

Adult: 23.00 EUR

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

***Gaelic Roots*** - The origins of Irish culture spring to life over a tour de force of traditional Irish song, music and dance at this Gaelic Roots show. Using traditional instruments, Irish dance and time-honoured folk songs, this energetic show will have you tapping your feet and singing along. You'll treasure experiencing the 2,000-year-old Gaelic culture over an evening out.

Adult: 38.00 EUR

***Celtic Steps*** - Enjoy a spectacular evening of Irish music, song and dance performed by champion dancers and musicians and showcasing the music of Kerry and beyond. Beginning with an Irish Classic, 'Siúil a Rún,' thought to have originated in the 1800's, the traditional Irish song tells a bittersweet tale of a woman lamenting her lover after his decision to embark on a military career. The performance then shifts to a series of fast and lively Irish reels with the introduction of the Celtic Steps Dance Troop followed by the waltz and energetic jig.

Adult: 45.00 EUR



## Day 6 | A Day on the Ring of Kerry



Ireland's enduring natural beauty accompanies your leisurely drive circling the enchanting Ring of Kerry. Pass the fishing village of Waterville, Moll's Gap and the Black Valley – renowned for being the last place in Ireland without power and telephone networks.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Killarney

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Jaunting Car Ride*** - Experience the best of the Irish countryside on a traditional pony and trap ride through the beautiful Bourn-Vincent National Park. Formerly known as the Muckross Estate, this area became Ireland's first National Park in 1932. In 1981, the park was designated by UNESCO as a Biosphere Reserve, part of a network of natural areas which have conservation, research, education and training as primary objectives. During your journey, your Local Guide shares insightful anecdotes about the area and Ireland.

Adult: 29.00 EUR

## Day 7 | Off to Limerick, the Majestic Cliffs of Moher and Galway



Stop in Limerick and view St. Mary's Cathedral, the Treaty Stone and King John's Castle. Next up is an unforgettable experience at the Cliffs of Moher where rugged cliffs plunge into the Atlantic, creating a beautifully dramatic coastline which has inspired artists, musicians and poets for centuries. You'll visit the Visitor Centre, a wonderfully engaging experience which brings one of Ireland's most treasured natural phenomena to life in an interactive way that will leave you with stories to tell for years to come. Enjoy the IMAX-type multimedia which gives visitors a bird's eye view of the cliffs or dive virtually beneath the surface of the Atlantic and into the underwater caves at the foot of the cliffs that would have otherwise gone unseen. Your next overnight stop in Galway is a real treat for culture buffs. Ireland's capital of music, song and dance and it's the perfect place to dig deep into Ireland's vibrant traditional arts scene first-hand.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Connacht

## Day 8 | Venture into County Donegal



This morning see the great stone Galway Cathedral and stroll through Eyre Square, a tribute to former US president John F. Kennedy, who visited Galway in 1963. Enjoy an orientation of Sligo on your way to Donegal to see its 15<sup>th</sup>-century castle and explore the town your way before dining at your hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Central

## Day 9 | Explore Derry/Londonderry, the Giant's Causeway and Belfast



Cross the Irish border into Northern Ireland, joining a Local Specialist in Derry/Londonderry to stroll along its 17<sup>th</sup>-century city walls. See the street murals of the Bogside before continuing to the mythical stepping stones of the Giant's Causeway. Your visit to the haunt of Finn McCool will help to conserve this iconic natural landmark. The final stop today is in Belfast, where you'll enjoy an orientation, followed by free time to explore the capital city's sights.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** AC by Marriott Belfast/Stormont Hotel

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

***Enjoy Dinner and Drinks in Belfast*** - Join us for an evening of drinks, good food and true Irish hospitality at one of our favourite local restaurants. One drink included.

Adult: 56.00 GBP

***Belfast Walk with Fish and Chips*** - What better way to soak up the atmosphere of this lively city than to join a Local Specialist for a stroll through its hidden side streets? We'll have an included drink in a historic pub and continue to a local restaurant for a quintessentially traditional meal; fish and chips.

Adult: 52.00 GBP

## Day 10 | On the road to Dublin



Spend the morning with a Local Specialist 'Cabbie' on a journey through the recent history of Belfast in their taxi. Heading south to Dublin later, see St. Patrick's Cathedral and other iconic sights in the company of a Local Specialist. Tonight, consider an Optional Experience to enjoy the rousing sounds and warm hospitality of a traditional Irish Cabaret performance.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** The Address/Hampton Dublin City Center

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Dublin Dinner and Cabaret*** - Enjoy an evening of fine food and fun as Ireland's history unfolds with comedy, song and dance. You'll be 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: 93.00 EUR



## Day 11 | See the Sights of Dublin



Today you'll gain entry to the Guinness Storehouse. Here you'll Dive Into Culture and embark on a self-guided tour finishing at the Gravity Bar where you can sip on a pint of the black stuff while overlooking Dublin. The rest of the day is yours to explore the Irish capital. Amble along Grafton Street with its colourful performers, head to Temple Bar or stroll through St. Stephen's Green.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** The Address/Hampton Dublin City Center

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***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 Guide 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: 35.00 EUR

***Dinner in Dublin City*** - Famous for its heritage buildings and authentic local culture, Dublin is a charm-filled city for travellers to explore – and what better way to immerse yourself in the atmosphere of the Irish capital than with an evening in one of the most locally loved restaurant-pubs? You'll enjoy dinner and experience the charming hospitality for which this part of the world is known.

Adult: 68.00 EUR

## Day 12 | Ferry across to Historic Chester and Liverpool



Cross the Irish Sea to Wales and continue to the ancient town of Chester, where your orientation tour will take you past its Roman walls and famous half-timbered Tudor Rows. Later, head to the haunt of the 'Fab Four', edgy Liverpool, where you'll spend the night.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Leonardo Liverpool

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Famous Sights and the Fab Four*** - Come along with our Local Guidet for a guided tour of Liverpool. From its glorious maritime past to its famous cultural present, you'll discover the two magnificently different cathedrals, see Mathew Street, birthplace of The Beatles, and enjoy the Mersey beat.

Adult: 26.00 GBP

## Day 13 | Continue to the Beautiful Lake District



Head north to the idyllic Lake District, which has inspired poets and writers for centuries, and admire the spectacular surrounds of Lake Windermere.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** North Lakes/Castle Green

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

***Scenic Cruise on Lake Windermere*** - Enjoy a scenic boat cruise on England's most beautiful and largest lake, taking in the beautiful houses, gardens and Wray Castle. You'll see boats and birdlife as you explore the area loved by Beatrix Potter and William Wordsworth.

Adult: 29.00 GBP

***Steam Train Ride and Windermere Cruise*** - There is no better way to appreciate the scenic beauty of the English Lake District than a relaxing cruise and steam train ride. First take to the limpid waters of Windermere for a spectacular voyage, offering magnificent views of rugged mountains, secluded bays and wooded islands. At the southern end of the lake, your cruise connects with a steam locomotive for a nostalgic ride along the banks of the beautiful River Leven to Haverthwaite Station.\*

Adult: 34.00 GBP

*\*Occasionally this experience will operate in reverse.*



## Day 14 | Journey North to Glasgow



The runaway wedding capital, Gretna Green is your first stop today, where you'll tread in the footsteps of eloping couples who would take their vows over the Marriage Anvil. Next, visit the Falkirk Wheel where you'll Dive into Culture learning about the legacy of Scotland's canals and experience the world's only rotating boat lift. Continue to Glasgow for an orientation tour including views of the Cathedral and magnificent George Square.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Hotel Novotel Glasgow Centre / Hilton Garden Inn Glasgow City Centre

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

***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, drinks, and undoubtedly interesting conversation.  
Adult: 64.00 GBP

***A Stirling Evening*** - A piper will greet you at the gates of Stirling Castle, where Scotland's history comes alive. Hear tales of William Wallace, Robert the Bruce and the battles that shaped this nation. With the sound of bagpipes filling the air, you'll be guided down to a local restaurant in Stirling. Indulge in a hearty meal crafted from traditional Scottish recipes, all while soaking in an evening of storytelling and tradition.

Adult: 63.00 GBP

## Day 15 | Over the Sea to Skye



Journey past the site of the tragic 1692 massacre at Glencoe, known as the 'Glen of the Weeping' and see Britain's highest mountain – Ben Nevis. View the 13<sup>th</sup>-century Eilean Donan Castle, where three lochs meet, before visiting the Isle of Skye.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** The Dunollie Hotel Broadford/The Kings Arms Hotel Kyleakin

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Loch Lomond Boat Trip*** - Discover the wild beauty of the 'Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond'. As we cruise across the loch, the skipper will share stories of the area and point out Rob Roy's cave as you relax and savour the stunning scenery.

Adult: 23.00 GBP

## Day 16 | The Sights of Loch Ness and Culloden in the Scottish Highlands



Travel through the scenic Scottish Highlands via Glen Shiel and along the banks of Loch Ness, home to the mythical monster affectionately known as 'Nessie'. View the site of the bloody Battle of Culloden, where Bonnie Prince Charlie and his army of Jacobites were defeated in 1746.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Highlander

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Isle of Skye Drive*** - An opportunity to travel around the Isle of Skye with your Local Specialist. You'll hear about the way of life on this remote inner Hebridean Island and discover its dramatic scenery and rock formations.  
Adult: 24.00 GBP

***Highland Farm Experience*** - Visit a real Highland sheep farm and meet Neil the Shepherd and his border collies. He'll show you how he uses different whistles to command each dog to carry out different tasks. You'll also have the opportunity to try your hand at feeding the lambs and discover his training techniques. Weather permitting.  
Adult: 25.00 GBP



## Day 17 | Onwards to Edinburgh



Continue south and stop in Pitlochry before travelling to the historic town of St. Andrews, home to the oldest golf course in the world. Cross the Firth of Forth to the enchanting Scottish capital, Edinburgh, your home for the next two nights.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Holiday Inn Edinburgh / Novotel Edinburgh Centre Hotel

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Visit of Blair Castle** - Set in its own grounds against a backdrop of glorious scenery, we'll discover the ancient home of the Dukes of Atholl, home to Europe's last remaining private army. Unique amongst Scottish castles, Blair has hosted royalty from Mary, Queen of Scots, to Queen Victoria.

Adult: 31.00 GBP

**Edinburgh by Night and Dinner** - We'll drive into the old city of Edinburgh to see the city at night with photo opportunities of the Castle and the Grassmarket, famous for historic executions and when possible visit one of the most haunted graveyards and see the grave of Greyfriars Bobby, the famous Skye Terrier. Then, we'll make our way to a local restaurant for a delicious dinner and drink.

Adult: 59.00 GBP

**Johnnie Walker's 'Journey of Flavour' Tour & Dinner on the Royal Mile** - Jump into a 90-minute adventure with Johnnie Walker Experts guiding the way. This tour's packed with live performances, dazzling light displays, and tasty whiskey cocktails (mocktails, too!). Find out what flavors tickle your fancy, then wrap it up with a cozy meal on the Royal Mile.

*Children over the age of 8 are welcome if accompanied by an adult 18 years+ at all times. Non-alcoholic options will be provided. Children under 8 are not permitted due to health and safety reasons.*

Adult: 81.00 GBP

## Day 18 | Explore Edinburgh Castle



Join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour; see the Royal Mile, Palace of Holyroodhouse and new Scottish Parliament building. Enjoy some free time before an included visit to Edinburgh Castle, overlooking the town from Castle Rock. Tickets to The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo are included on departures that align with performance dates.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Holiday Inn Edinburgh / Novotel Edinburgh Centre Hotel

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Rosslyn Chapel** - We'll drive out of Edinburgh to the tiny village of Rosslyn, where we'll hear the inside story of the famous Rosslyn Chapel from a Local Warden. One of Scotland's most unusual 15th-century buildings, Rosslyn is famed for its associations with the Knights Templar, the Masonic movement, and now 'The Da Vinci Code'.

Adult: 30.00 GBP

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

**Dinner and Drive to Historic Torphichen** - Head to the historic village of Torphichen where you'll meet Kenny, the owner of the local pub and a true character. Kick off the evening with a toast and the skirl of bagpipes before sitting down to a three-course dinner with drinks, followed by haggis, poetry, singing and stories in good company.

Adult: 73.00 GBP

**Ceilidh Evening and Dinner at Ghillie Dhu** - Experience the best of Scottish tradition at Ghillie Dhu, where we'll be welcomed by a Scottish piper and enjoy a welcome drink before settling in for a delicious three-course meal and live Ceilidh music. And you can't miss the iconic Piping in the Haggis ceremony, a true highlight of the Scottish experience.\*

Adult: 88.00 GBP

*\*This experience is subject to seasonal availability and will only be offered during the summer months April - October.*

## Day 19 | Uncover York's Treasures



Visit the medieval market town of Alnwick before stopping in York where you'll embark on an orientation walk along the picturesque Shambles and to York Minster, one of the greatest cathedrals in the world. This evening, Connect With Locals over dinner at a Be My Guest experience, a grand private home of a Yorkshire family enjoying traditional flavours and hospitality.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Novotel Centre



## Day 20 | Journey to Stratford-upon-Avon and on to London



Travel to Stratford-upon-Avon to view Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage and visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and Visitor Centre before returning to London.

**Meals:** Breakfast