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 Start Location

 Visited Location

 Plane

 End Location

 Cruise

 Train

 Over night

 Ferry

## Day 1 | Welcome to London



The cosmopolitan capital of London rolls out its red carpet with all the pomp and pageantry you're unlikely to encounter anywhere else in the world. Spend the day ambling along its grand boulevards and past iconic sights as you familiarize yourself with the city's bustling atmosphere.

**Hotel:** Park Plaza County Hall

## Day 2 | Discover the Sights of London



Join a Local Specialist today to explore the city's favorite landmarks. See Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace, before spending the rest of the day at leisure to delve into the city's history, culture, art and architecture.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Park Plaza County Hall

## Day 3 | Stonehenge and Bath and on to Cardiff



Ponder the mysteries of the ancient megaliths of Stonehenge, before driving west to Bath to visit the Roman Baths. Cross the Severn Estuary to Cardiff, then view the Wales Millennium Center and the National Assembly at Cardiff Bay. Later, enjoy warm hospitality and traditional Welsh meal and drinks at a rousing dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Leonardo Cardiff

## Day 4 | Onwards to Waterford



This morning, view the Principality Stadium during your orientation of Cardiff. Enjoy some leisure time in this modern capital. Perhaps visit the Victorian Gothic fantasy of Cardiff Castle at the heart of the city. Cross the Irish Sea by ferry to the 'Emerald Isle' and travel to historic Waterford, where you'll dine in your hotel tonight.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Marina/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 | Admire Blarney Castle and Journey to Killarney



Dive into Culture and watch the master crafters of the renowned House of Waterford Crystal. Then, kiss the Blarney Stone to acquire the 'gift of the gab', before traveling to the picturesque town of 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 three Optional Experiences depending on availability:

**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

**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-honored 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

**Irish Ceilidh Evening** - The Irish Ceilidh epitomises how music and dance were enjoyed in rural Ireland, especially on festive occasions. The craic - welcoming, jolly, fun and informal - is accompanied with plenty of food and drink. There's no more enjoyable way to understand Irish culture.

Adult: 84.00 EUR

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



Today, experience the enduring beauty of Ireland's most scenic coastal drive around the Iveragh Peninsula – the emerald green hills, centuries-old stone villages and vivid blue seascapes provide an exquisite backdrop for your leisurely drive around what has become known as the Ring of Kerry. See Daniel O'Connell's Cahirsiveen, the fishing village of Waterville, the Black Valley and Moll's Gap with its panoramic views. Later, meet the O'Sullivan family at Molly Gallivan's 200-year-old cottage, share a memorable Be My Guest experience.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Killarney

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Jaunting Car Ride** - Experience the best of the Irish countryside on a traditional horse and cart 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 | Journey to Cultural Dublin



Celtic art and history take center stage this morning as you visit the Rock of Cashel in County Tipperary, the seat of Irish kings for centuries. Perched atop a limestone outcrop in the Golden Vale, the historic ruins house one of the most remarkable collections of Celtic art and medieval architecture in Europe. Arrive this afternoon in Dublin, where you'll Dive into Culture to discover the fascinating 250-year-old story of Guinness at its original home, the Guinness Storehouse. Then, top it off with a tasting in the Gravity Bar while enjoying the panoramic views of Dublin. This evening, consider joining an Optional Experience to enjoy the rousing sounds of an Irish cabaret.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Hampton by Hilton 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 humor. And you'll even be served an Irish coffee to round off your dinner.

Adult: 93.00 EUR

## Day 8 | Dublin Your Way



This morning, join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour to see Trinity College, St. Patrick's Cathedral and the stately Georgian Squares. The rest of the day is yours to soak up the cozy atmosphere of the Irish capital. Ramble through the buzzing streets of Temple Bar or visit Grafton Street, famous for its colorful street performers.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Hampton by Hilton 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 travelers 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 9 | The Sights of Chester and Liverpool



Board the ferry to Wales. Admire the spectacular landscape of Snowdonia National Park as you travel to the ancient city of Chester, with its characteristic Tudor Rows and medieval walls. Arrive later in Liverpool, the haunt of the 'Fab Four', joining your companions for a tasty dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Leonardo Liverpool / Leonardo Manchester Piccadilly

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Famous Sights and the Fab Four** - Come along with our Local Guide for a tour of Liverpool. From its glorious maritime past to its vibrant cultural present, you'll discover the city's two strikingly different cathedrals, walk along Mathew Street—the birthplace of The Beatles—and enjoy the Mersey beat.

Adult: 26.00 GBP

## Day 10 | Through the Lake District to Edinburgh



The beautiful landscape, which for centuries inspired the Romantic poets, provides a mesmerizing backdrop for your scenic drive from the lush green hills of Lancashire to the Lake District. Skirt the shores of England's largest lake, Windermere, as you travel through countryside made famous by poet William Wordsworth. Cross the Scottish border and visit the runaway wedding capital that is Gretna Green. This evening, you arrive in beguiling Edinburgh, where you'll spend the next two nights.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Apex City

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

Adult: 34.00 GBP

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**Johnnie Walker's 'Journey of Flavor' 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 — with mocktails available 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 11 | Discover Remarkable Edinburgh



Join a Local Specialist this morning for a memorable sightseeing tour of Scotland's captivating capital, including a visit to Edinburgh Castle, perched high above the city on Castle Rock. See Auld Reekie's Royal Mile and the elegant Palace of Holyroodhouse in the shadow of Arthur's Seat, and admire the Georgian facades in Edinburgh's New Town.

Tickets to The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo are included on departures that align with performance dates.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Apex City

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Rosslyn Chapel** - You'll drive out of Edinburgh to the tiny village of Rosslyn, where you'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, more recently, *The Da Vinci Code*.

Adult: 30.00 GBP

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

**Ceilidh Evening and Dinner at Ghillie Dhu** - Experience the best of Scottish tradition at Ghillie Dhu, where you'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. Don't miss the iconic Piping in the Haggis ceremony—a true highlight of the Scottish experience.

\*This experience is subject to seasonal availability and is offered only during the summer months, from April to October.

Adult: 88.00 GBP

**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

## Day 12 | Venture to York



Journey south to the medieval market town of Alnwick, with its impressive castle and Tenantry Column, upon which the Percy Lion sits and surveys the town. Marvel at the magnificent scenery as you cross Northumberland and the River Tyne at Newcastle en route to York, where you'll walk through the charming Shambles, see the medieval walls and York Minster, one of the greatest cathedrals in the world.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Novotel Centre

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Ghost Walk and Dinner** - The 2000-year-old Roman city of York abounds with tales of murder and mystery, some of which you'll discover as you take a stroll with the local ghost hunter. You'll finish with a drink and delicious meal in a local restaurant.

Adult: 53.00 GBP

## Day 13 | On to Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon



Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and Visitor Center in Stratford-upon-Avon to see where the 'Avon Bard' was born and raised. View Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage. This evening, join your fellow travelers for dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Walton Hall Hotel & Spa by Sunday/Stratford Manor

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Shakespeare's Schoolhouse Experience** - Visit Stratford's medieval guildhall and attend a lesson at Shakespeare's schoolhouse, in the very room where he sat as a pupil in the 1570s, before enjoying scones with cream and a glass of bubbly.

Adult: 41.00 GBP

## Day 14 | Journey through the Cotswolds to Oxford and London



Journey to the Cotswolds this morning and visit the little churchyard at Bladon, where Sir Winston Churchill is buried. Arriving in Oxford, the oldest university city in the British Isles, you'll enjoy an orientation tour of the city to view the Radcliffe Camera and the Bodleian Library. Return to London this afternoon.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Park Plaza County Hall

## Day 15 | Goodbye London



For now, it's time to say farewell to your travel companions at the end of a memorable holiday as you prepare to return home with treasured memories.

**Meals:** Breakfast

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