Itinerary

Exploring Scotland & Ireland featuring Northern Ireland
Mar 15, 2020 - Mar 27, 2020

Pre Night: Radisson Collection Hotel Royal Mile Edinburgh

Would you like to begin your vacation with an additional Hotel in Edinburgh?

Day 1: Overnight Flight

From rugged natural beauty to vibrant and historical cities, the diverse charms of Scotland and Ireland await.

Day 2: Edinburgh, Scotland - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Edinburgh, Scotland’s capital city. Tonight, experience how traditional Scottish ingredients are getting a modern twist during a welcome dinner at one of the city’s popular restaurants.

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Day 3: Edinburgh

Today it's your choice! Get acquainted with this regal city on a locally guided panoramic tour; explore both Old Town and New Town before visiting the Palace at Holyroodhouse,* the Queen’s official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary Queen of Scots -OR- for a different perspective, join a local expert for an in-depth walking tour of Edinburgh’s Old Town; meander the cobbled streets and narrow alleyways before descending into the city’s underground vaults to uncover a world unchanged since the 18th century.

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Day 4: Edinburgh - St. Andrews - Inverness

Travel to St. Andrews, the beautiful town in the Kingdom of Fife that gave the world the game of golf – to see the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse and the famous Old Course. Next, stop at Pitlochry, a vibrant Victorian town. Discover its old-world appeal as you explore this popular resort town on your own. Enjoy a privately guided tour at one of Scotland’s renowned whisky distilleries and taste for yourself why Highland malt whisky is considered the world’s finest.

- **Hotel**: Best Western Palace Hotel Inverness
- **Culinary**: Breakfast & Dinner
- **Weather**: High 47°
  Low 37°
  Rain 1°

Day 5: Inverness - Loch Ness - Ballachulish or Tyndrum

This morning take a scenic cruise on Loch Ness before disembarking at the base of famed Urquhart Castle. Explore the ruins of this historic stronghold where acts of chivalry and defiance exhibit more than 1,000 years of Scottish history. Continue south through Scotland’s stunning Great Glen before arriving at your hotel, located in a charming village in the Highlands.

- **Hotel**: Ballachulish Hotel
- **Culinary**: Breakfast & Dinner
- **Weather**: High 33°
  Low 27°

Day 6: Ballachulish or Tyndrum - Glasgow

Begin your day with a breathtaking drive in the heart of Scotland as you pass through Glencoe and Rannoch Moor.

- **Hotel**: Hotel Indigo Glasgow
- **Culinary**: Breakfast
- **Weather**: High 47°
  Low 36°
  Rain 1°

Day 7: Glasgow - Ferry Crossing - Belfast, Northern Ireland

This morning, travel along the scenic Ayrshire coast to your ferry. Cross the famed Irish Sea as we head for Northern Ireland’s capital city of Belfast. Later you are invited to a traditional Irish cèilí. This experience takes you back to the cobbledstoned streets and Irish fare of turn of the century Ulster. Enjoy a hot toddy or a glass of Guinness as you lose yourself in the rousing music. Then it’s time to dance!

- **Hotel**: Maldron Hotel Belfast City
- **Culinary**: Breakfast & Dinner
- **Weather**: High 49°
  Low 38°
  Rain 1°

Day 8: Belfast

Enjoy a privately guided tour of Belfast, Northern Ireland’s largest city. Learn about the struggles in this great city’s history as you pass through its distinctive neighborhoods. See “Samson” and “Goliath,” the massive cranes of the Belfast shipyard. Complete today’s tour with a visit to the award-winning Titanic Experience museum.

- **Hotel**: Maldron Hotel Belfast City
- **Culinary**: Breakfast
- **Weather**: High 49°
  Low 38°
  Rain 1°

Day 9: Belfast - Glens of Antrim - Giant's Causeway - Derry

Venture along the stunning Antrim Coastal Route, stopping at the Giant’s Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Formed by volcanic activity millions of years ago, the causeway resembles an old cobbled road leading mysteriously into the sea. Then, embark on one of the world’s most beautiful railway journeys along the Causeway Coast.** Soak up the incredible scenery before arriving in the walled city of Derry. Set out on a walking tour featuring the medieval city walls, St. Augustine’s Cathedral, and the Guildhall. This evening, perhaps you will discover why Derry is one of Ireland’s best kept secrets during an optional evening of storytelling and traditional music at one of the city’s best farm-to-table restaurants.

- **Hotel**: City Hotel Derry
- **Culinary**: Breakfast
- **Weather**: High 52°
  Low 36°
  Rain 3°
Day 10: Derry - County Donegal - Glenveagh National Park - Enniskillen

Today’s journey showcases the rugged beauty of County Donegal. Visit spectacular Glenveagh National Park, a natural wonderland with 40,000 acres of mountains, lakes and woodland. Enjoy a guided visit to stately Glenveagh Castle, set amidst the colorful splendor of one of the finest gardens in Ireland.

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Day 11: Enniskillen - Barberstown Castle, Republic of Ireland

After a leisurely morning, depart on a journey through the scenic countryside and cross into the Republic of Ireland. We end our day at Barberstown Castle, a regal 13th-century castle and country house hotel in the heart of Ireland’s Ancient East.

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Day 12: Barberstown Castle - Dublin - Barberstown Castle

A locally guided tour of Dublin highlights the world-renowned St. Patrick’s Cathedral, O’Connell Street, Grafton Street, Phoenix Park and the city’s magnificent rows of lovely Georgian town homes. Spend the rest of your day at leisure as you delve further into Dublin’s cultural treasures. This evening, toast the end of an incredible adventure during a farewell dinner at your castle hotel.

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Day 13: Barberstown Castle - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close.

Post Night: Barberstown Castle

Would you like to end your vacation with an additional Hotel in Dublin?