

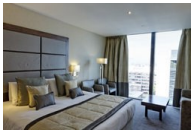


Itinerary

Exploring Britain & Ireland featuring the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Aug 6, 2021 - Aug 20, 2021

Pre Night: Leonardo Royal Hotel London Tower Bridge



The Grange Tower Bridge Hotel redefines luxury accommodation within the famous Tower Bridge district. The Grange Tower Bridge incorporates renewable solar and photovoltaic panels, and has an on-site borehole to reduce water consumption – making it an eco-friendly resort hotel.

Day 1: Overnight Flight



Discover the true cultural treasures of Britain and Ireland on a comprehensive journey through England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland.

Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins



Your journey opens in the regal city of London. A capital of culture and commerce, the city blends traditional with modern. Tonight, meet your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner.

Hotel

Leonardo Royal Hotel London Tower Bridge
London

Culinary

Dinner

Weather

High 70°
Low 54°

Day 3: London



Discover the pageantry of London as we join a local guide for a city tour. See Big Ben, Westminster, Whitehall, Hyde Park and Buckingham Palace. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore this iconic city or perhaps partake in an optional excursion to Windsor Castle.

Hotel

Leonardo Royal Hotel London Tower Bridge
London

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 70°
Low 54°

Day 4: London - Stonehenge - Bath - Cardiff, Wales



Travel to Stonehenge, the mysterious formation that dates back to the Stone Age. Explore various theories on how the colossal stones arrived at the location and their purpose. Continue to the elegant Georgian town of Bath to visit the Roman Bath Museum's 2,000-year-old elaborate spas. Enjoy some time to stroll through Bath's cobblestone streets and soak in its old-world atmosphere. Your day ends in the Welsh capital of Cardiff.

Hotel

Hilton Cardiff
Cardiff

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 68°
Low 54°
Rain 3"

Day 5: Cardiff - Ferry to Ireland - Waterford



Join a local expert on a leisurely-paced walking tour of Cardiff. Learn about the city's deep ties to the coal industry, its connection to ancient Rome and its famous Victorian shopping arcades. Take in the beautiful countryside of Wales en route to the coastal village of Fishguard. There we board the ferry for Ireland, crossing the Irish Sea. Upon arrival in Rosslare, travel to Waterford, your home for the evening. After dinner tonight top off the evening by making your very own Irish coffee!

Hotel

Granville Hotel
Waterford

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 67°
Low 53°
Rain 3"

Day 6: Waterford - Blarney - Killarney



This morning, it's your choice! Tour the House of Waterford Crystal factory featuring a fascinating visitor's center and a retail store housing the largest collection of Waterford Crystal in the world -OR- enjoy a leisurely-paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest city and discover its rich Viking, Norman and Cromwellian history. Later, travel to historic Blarney Castle. Make your way to the top of the castle, lie back and kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Legend has it that if you do, you will be blessed with the "gift of eloquence." This evening it's Diner's Choice...tonight's dinner is included and you'll choose the perfect spot from a 'menu' of Killarney's great restaurants.

Hotel

Scotts Hotel Killarney
Killarney

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 66°
Low 55°
Rain 3"

Day 7: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney



This morning explore Killarney National Park on a traditional jaunting car ride.* Then travel along the glorious Ring of Kerry where you'll find some of Ireland's most magical scenery. Pause for a moment at the Gap of Dunloe to browse for traditional Irish handcrafted goods. As we continue our journey, marvel at the vistas created by windswept cliffs, rugged mountains, lakes and picturesque villages.

Hotel

Scotts Hotel Killarney
Killarney

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 66°
Low 55°
Rain 3"

Day 8: Killarney - Rock of Cashel - Dublin



Today we venture through the "Golden Vale" en route to the awe-inspiring Rock of Cashel. Be amazed by its imposing facade and visit the spot where St. Patrick preached. Continue on to vibrant Dublin.

Hotel

Herbert Park Hotel
Dublin

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 65°
Low 53°
Rain 2"

Day 9: Dublin



Discover Dublin's past and present on a locally guided tour highlighting the Bank of Ireland, O'Connell Street, Grafton Street, Phoenix Park and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Later, experience for yourself the welcoming nature of the Irish as you set out to explore the "Fair City" on your own. Tonight, give traditional Irish cuisine a modern twist during a cooking class and dinner at one of Dublin's premier culinary institutions.

Hotel

Herbert Park Hotel
Dublin

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 65°
Low 53°
Rain 2"

Day 10: Dublin - Ferry to Wales - Cheshire



Ferry across the Irish Sea to Holyhead, Wales. As you traverse northern Wales, pass Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogoch, the town with the longest name in the world. Make a stop at majestic Caernarfon Castle, where Charles was crowned Prince of Wales. Then, continue through the Welsh countryside and discover some of the most magnificent scenery in all of Britain. Tonight, experience dinner at a traditional English carvery.

Hotel

Grosvenor Pulford Hotel & Spa
Chester

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 70°
Low 54°
Rain 1"

Day 11: Cheshire - Lake District - Gretna Green, Scotland - Edinburgh



Travel north into England's scenic Lake District. Here you'll feel the inspirational appeal of the region's quintessential English villages, Lake Windermere, Ambleside and Grasmere. Crossing into Scotland, stop in the town of Gretna Green where generations of runaway couples eloped. Continue to Edinburgh, Scotland's majestic capital city. This evening it's Diner's Choice...tonight's dinner is included and you'll choose the perfect spot from a "menu" of Edinburgh's great restaurants.

Hotel

Apex Grassmarket Hotel
Edinburgh

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 65°
Low 51°
Rain 2"

Day 12: Edinburgh



Today it's your choice! Come to know this regal city during a locally guided panoramic city coach tour -OR- for a different perspective, join a local expert and explore the city on foot. Both tours include a visit to Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels, and the Palace of Holyroodhouse,** the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary, Queen of Scots. Later this evening, take your seat at the spectacular, world-famous Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, one of Scotland's greatest events.

Hotel

Apex Grassmarket Hotel
Edinburgh

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 65°
Low 51°
Rain 2"

Day 13: Edinburgh - York, England



En route to England, visit Hadrian's Wall. Construction of this ancient structure began in A.D. 122 and since that time, it has served as the northern border of the Roman Empire. Continue to the historic city of York. Find yourself surrounded by the charms of history as you explore its quaint narrow streets. Walk on the famous "Shambles" and see the magnificent 13th-century Minster.

Hotel

Holiday Inn York City Centre
York

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 69°
Low 52°
Rain 2"

Day 14: York - Stratford-upon-Avon



Journey to charming Stratford-upon-Avon. Step back in time as we visit William Shakespeare's birthplace. Afterward, it's your choice! Tour Anne Hathaway's thatch-roofed cottage, the childhood home of the author's wife -OR- set out on a leisurely cruise along the Avon River. This evening we gather to say farewell to this captivating region over dinner.

Hotel

Mercure Warwickshire Walton Hall Hotel & Spa
Stratford-upon-Avon

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 72°
Low 52°
Rain 2"

Day 15: Stratford-upon-Avon - Tour Ends



Depart today with many fond memories of lovely Britain and Ireland.