



## Itinerary

### Exploring Scotland & Ireland

May 3, 2021 - May 14, 2021

#### Pre Night: Radisson Collection Hotel Royal Mile Edinburgh



Begin your journey with 3 nights in London – the capital of England and the United Kingdom. Use your included Oyster card to navigate the city with a local expert – hopping on the Tube and zooming to the city's most beloved attractions. Visit Kensington Palace, once the home of Queen Victoria and Princess Diana. Take advantage of your included Tower of London pass. You'll have ample time at leisure to make your stay in London exactly what you want it to be. Depart from London to Edinburgh via high speed train to begin your tour. Your other option is to book a pre night at the Radisson?

#### Day 1: Edinburgh, Scotland - Tour Begins



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

##### Hotel

Radisson Collection Hotel Royal Mile  
Edinburgh  
Edinburgh

##### Culinary

Breakfast

##### Weather

High 14°  
Low 6°  
Rain 2"

#### Day 2: Edinburgh



This morning, 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. The remainder of your day is at leisure.

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Edinburgh  
Edinburgh

##### Culinary

Breakfast

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#### Day 3: Edinburgh - St. Andrews - Pitlochry - Inverness



Travel to St. Andrews, the beautiful town in the Kingdom of Fife that gave the world the game of golf – see the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse and the famous Old Course. Next, stop at Pitlochry, a vibrant Victorian town to discover its old-world appeal before continuing on to Inverness, the capital of the Scottish Highlands.

**Hotel**  
Best Western Palace Hotel Inverness  
Inverness

**Culinary**  
Breakfast & Dinner

**Weather**  
High 13°  
Low 7°  
Rain 1"

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## Day 4: Inverness - Loch Ness - Ballachulish



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. 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. Continue south through Scotland's stunning Great Glen before arriving at your hotel, situated in the charming Highlands.

**Hotel**  
Ballachulish

**Culinary**  
Breakfast & Dinner

**Weather**  
High 5°  
Low 1°

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## Day 5: Ballachulish - Luss - Glasgow



Begin your day with a breathtaking drive through the heart of Scotland as you pass through Glencoe and Rannoch Moor. Continue south alongside the western shore of Loch Lomond, stopping in the picturesque village town of Luss. This afternoon, arrive in the Victorian metropolis of Glasgow, Scotland's largest city.

**Hotel**  
Hotel Indigo Glasgow  
Glasgow

**Culinary**  
Breakfast

**Weather**  
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## Day 6: Glasgow - Belfast, Northern Ireland



This morning, travel along the scenic Ayrshire coast to your ferry. Cross the famed Irish Sea as you head for Northern Ireland's capital city of Belfast. Later, you are invited to a traditional Irish céilí. This experience takes you back to the cobblestoned 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**  
Ac Hotel By Marriott Belfast  
Belfast

**Culinary**  
Breakfast & Dinner

**Weather**  
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## Day 7: 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**  
Ac Hotel By Marriott Belfast  
Belfast

**Culinary**  
Breakfast

**Weather**  
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## Day 8: Belfast - Glens of Antrim - Giant's Causeway - Derry



Venture along the stunning Antrim Coastal Route, stopping at the Giant's Causeway (UNESCO). Formed by volcanic activity millions of years ago, the causeway resembles an old cobbled road leading mystically 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. 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  
Derry

**Culinary**  
Breakfast

**Weather**  
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## Day 9: Derry - County Donegal - Glenveagh National Park - Derry



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 colourful splendour of one of the finest gardens in Ireland. Tonight, it's Diner's Choice choose the perfect spot from a "menu" of Derry's great restaurants.

**Hotel**

City Hotel Derry  
Derry

**Culinary**

Breakfast & Dinner

**Weather**

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## Day 10: Derry - Armagh - Cider Farm Visit, Ireland - Barberstown Castle



Depart on a journey through the scenic countryside of Northern Ireland, stopping in Armagh to view the twin cathedrals dedicated to Ireland's Patron Saint. The two St. Patrick's Cathedrals, one Catholic and one Protestant, symbolize the two souls of Ireland. Then, visit a family-run cider farm. Meet the family and explore the orchards before sampling their award-winning Irish ciders. Continue on to the Republic of Ireland. Your day concludes at Barberstown Castle, a regal 13th-century castle and country house hotel in the heart of Ireland's Ancient East.

**Hotel**

Barberstown Castle  
Straffan

**Culinary**

Breakfast

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## Day 11: 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.

**Hotel**

Barberstown Castle  
Straffan

**Culinary**

Breakfast & Dinner

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## Day 12: Barberstown Castle - Tour Ends



Your tour comes to a close.

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## Post Night: Barberstown Castle

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