

# Irish & Scottish Sampler

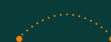
Starting at **C\$3,470\***

## Get a taste of two spectacular countries

This short-and-sweet combination Ireland and Scotland tour visits all the top highlights, mixing in historic cities with iconic sights.

## Trip details

Tour start  
**Dublin**



Tour end  
**Edinburgh**

**9**   
Days

**8**   
Nights

**13**   
Meals

\* Prices listed are in Canadian dollars, and are per-person, double-occupancy. If you would prefer a single room, there is a single-room supplement of C\$895



#### Trip Highlights:

- Blair Athol Distillery
- Nine Glens of Antrim
- St Andrews
- Edinburgh Castle
- Dalkey Castle
- Giant's Causeway
- Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo
- Crosskeys Inn - CIE Tours Exclusive

#### Hotels:

- Herbert Park Hotel
- Maldron Hotel Belfast City
- Atholl Palace Hotel
- Apex Grassmarket Hotel

# 2023 Irish & Scottish Sampler - 9 Days/8 Nights

## Trip Itinerary

### Day 1 Dublin Arrival | Dalkey Castle | Dalkey Village

Your tour departs at 2:00 PM from your Dublin hotel. Visit Dalkey Castle, built in 1390, where 500 years of history are brought to life with costumed actors in a fun and interactive tour. Your leisurely stroll in this heritage town will follow in the footsteps of international best-selling writer Maeve Binchy to the Memorial Garden in her honor and past the favorite pub of U2's Bono, a local resident. Enjoy a welcome drink at your hotel with your group before some free time for dining independently.

### Day 2 Dublin City Tour | Taylors Three Rock Pub

Take a panoramic tour of Dublin, seeing the stateliness of its Georgian buildings and the lively buzz of its shop-lined streets. Visit Dublin's spiritual heart: the 1,000-year-old Christ Church Cathedral. See its magnificent interior, filled with treasures reflecting Ireland's history. Enjoy an afternoon of independent exploring in Dublin before heading out for an Irish night at Taylors Three Rock, where you'll be entertained by a lively show over dinner. (B, D)

### Day 3 Listoke Distillery | Hillsborough Castle | Belfast City Tour

Visit Listoke Distillery for a tour of this gin producer and a drink. Visit the stately Hillsborough Castle, the home of the King when he visits Northern Ireland. Embark on a panoramic tour of Belfast to see Victorian buildings, the imposing City Hall in Donegall Square, and the shipyards where RMS Titanic was built. (B, D)

### Day 4 Nine Glens of Antrim | Giant's Causeway | Crosskeys Inn

Travel along part of the Nine Glens of Antrim, a scenic region with lovely views of mountains, valleys, and coastline. Discover the Giant's Causeway, a natural wonder formed over 60 million years ago by cooling lava that has given rise to many legends. Enjoy lunch with your group in Ireland's oldest thatched roof pub, the Crosskeys Inn - a CIE Tours Exclusive. (B, L)

### Day 5 Crumlin Road Gaol | Ferry to Scotland | Pitlochry

Discover 150 years of history at Crumlin Road Gaol, a Victorian-era prison, and hear stories of some of the 25,000 people who served time there. Next, board the ferry to Scotland, and then continue your journey northwards into the magnificent scenery of the Scottish Highlands to your historic hotel in Pitlochry. The hotel still retains many original features, with unique guest rooms and spacious grounds. (B, D)

### Day 6 Whisky Tasting | St Andrews

Tour Blair Athol Distillery to see how whisky is distilled and sample a wee dram. Continue to St Andrews on the east coast. This town is renowned as the "Home of Golf" and for its university, Scotland's oldest. Take a short walking tour and spend some time exploring on your own. July 31 - August 14 departures attend the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on the Castle Esplanade. (B)

**Day 7      Edinburgh Tour, Edinburgh Castle | Independent  
Sightseeing | Scottish Evening**

Take a panoramic tour of Edinburgh. See the wide streets and elegant mansions of the 200-year-old Georgian New Town, and walk along the Royal Mile, with its closely clustered medieval houses. Tour the imposing Edinburgh Castle, where the Crown Jewels of Scotland are housed. Spend some free time exploring independently, before enjoying a traditional Scottish dinner with lively entertainment. July 31 - August 14 departures enjoy a free evening. (B, D)

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**Day 9      Tour Ends in Edinburgh**

Your tour ends after breakfast. (B) B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner \*Meal counts vary on Tattoo departures, as the Scottish Evening is replaced with the Tattoo and an independent dinner. >

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**Day 8      Independent Hop On Hop Off Bus Tour**

You are free to explore Edinburgh independently on a Hop-On, Hop-Off bus tour. (B)

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