



# Scottish & Irish Gold

Starting at **C\$6,505\***

## Luxuriate in this grand tour

Explore some of the most historic cities and towns of Scotland and Ireland. Be enchanted by the Isle of Skye, St Andrews, Connemara, and the Ring of Kerry.

## Trip details

Tour start  
**Glasgow**

Tour end  
**Dublin**

**15** ☀  
Days

**14** 🌙  
Nights

**23** 🍴  
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\$1,700



## Trip Highlights:

- Sean's Bar in Athlone – CIE Tours Exclusive
- Glasgow
- Kylemore Abbey & Gardens
- House of Waterford Crystal
- Isle of Skye
- Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum
- Titanic Belfast
- Edinburgh Castle
- Inveraray Castle
- St. Andrews
- Cliffs of Moher
- Marine Bar in Dungarvan – CIE Tours Exclusive
- Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

## Hotels:

- Sandman Signature Glasgow Hotel
- Ballachulish Hotel
- Muthu Newton Hotel
- Atholl Palace Hotel
- Norton House Hotel & Spa
- Royal Marine Hotel
- The Galmont Hotel & Spa
- Great Southern Killarney Hotel
- Granville Hotel
- Clayton Hotel Burlington Road

# 2023 Scottish & Irish Gold - 15 Days/14 Nights

## Trip Itinerary

### Day 1 Glasgow Tour | Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum

Your tour departs at 2:00 PM from your hotel. Set out on a panoramic tour of the highlights of Glasgow, a city built on industry but now known for its stunning Victorian architecture, a creative cultural scene, and thriving restaurants and nightlife. Visit Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, housing one of Europe's finest art collections, including masterpieces by Rembrandt, Titian, and Dali. Enjoy a welcome drink with your group and then the evening is yours to explore and dine as you wish.

### Day 3 Isle of Skye | Loch Ness

Travel on the scenic "Road to the Isles", stopping for photos at the Glenfinnan Monument. Ferry to the Isle of Skye to visit the romantic ruins of Armadale Castle. Back on the mainland, travel along the shores of Loch Ness. End the day at your hotel in Nairn, a lovely manor house set on spacious grounds near the North Sea. (Saturday departures from July 29 to August 19 stay at the Marriot Inverness Airport Hotel). (B, D)

### Day 5 Blair Castle | Whisky Tasting

Visit Blair Castle, home of the Dukes and Earls of Atholl. Go behind the scenes at Blair Athol Distillery for a tour and sample of the finished product. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring hotel gardens and museum, or browsing around Pitlochry town. (B, D)

### Day 7 Edinburgh Castle | City Tour

Take a panoramic tour of Edinburgh, from its medieval townhouses along the Royal Mile to the 200-year-old "New Town" area. Tour the imposing Edinburgh Castle with its splendid views of the city. The rest of the day is free for independent exploring, shopping, and dining. July 30 - August 20 departures attend the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on the Castle Esplanade. (B)

### Day 9 Sean's Bar | Galway City Tour

Head to Athlone for a welcome drink at Sean's Bar, the oldest bar in Europe. Join a local guide for a walking tour through the beautiful harbor city of Galway; see its stone-clad buildings and medieval, winding lanes. Enjoy some free time to explore Galway on your own, then join your fellow travelers for dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

### Day 11 Sheepdogs | Cliffs | Traditional Irish Night

Travel south around Galway Bay, through the austere beauty of the Burren, to visit a sheep farm and see trained sheepdogs show off their herding skills. Visit the Cliffs of Moher, rising 700 feet above the Atlantic surf. Take a ferry across the River Shannon Estuary as you head to Killarney, where you'll enjoy a traditional Irish night featuring dinner and an entertaining show. (B, D)

### Day 2 Loch Lomond Cruise | Inveraray Castle

Embark on a cruise of Loch Lomond for views of highland peaks. Stroll through Inveraray before taking a guided tour of Inveraray Castle, featured in "Downton Abbey". Drive through Glencoe, considered one of Scotland's most spectacular and beautiful places, and then to your hotel in Ballachulish on the shores of Loch Leven. (B, D)

### Day 4 Culloden Battlefield | Sheepdog Trials

Visit the Culloden Battlefield Visitor Centre to learn about the historic battle and stroll around the moorland and the visitor center. Continue through majestic Highland scenery to a local farm for a demonstration of trained dogs herding sheep. Spend the evening in a gracious manor-style hotel near Pitlochry. (B, D)

### Day 6 Glamis Castle | St Andrews | Scottish Evening\*

Visit Glamis Castle, the legendary setting of "Macbeth". Head to St Andrews, the "Home of Golf". Enjoy a traditional Scottish evening with dinner and entertainment. July 30 - August 20 departures enjoy an evening free to dine independently. (B, D\*)

### Day 8 Ferry to Belfast | Titanic Belfast | Dublin

Say farewell to your Scottish guide and embark on a ferry ride to Belfast. Visit Titanic Belfast, a state-of-the-art attraction that will immerse you in the full story of the ill-fated ocean liner, built in the nearby ship yards in 1912. Head to your hotel in the seaside suburb of Dun Laoghaire near Dublin, where you will meet your Irish driver/guide, and enjoy a free evening in this charming harbor town. (B)

### Day 10 Connemara Catamaran Cruise | Kylemore Abbey

Explore scenic Connemara. Take a short catamaran cruise of Killary Harbour, a 9-mile fjord (seasonal). Head to Kylemore Abbey, set beside a tranquil lake, to see elegant rooms, the charming church and the Victorian walled gardens. Return to Galway, where your evening is free to explore the city's lively pubs and excellent restaurants. (B)

### Day 12 Jaunting Car | Ring of Kerry Highlights

Take a traditional horse-drawn jaunting car through Killarney National Park to scenic Ross Castle. See the highlights of Ireland's most popular scenic drive, the Ring of Kerry, and take a break in the colorful village of Kenmare. In the beautiful Gap of Dunloe, stop in to Moriarty's, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner. Return to Killarney for an evening on your own. (B)

**Day 13     Blarney Castle | Traditional Music Session**

Drive through the mountains on the way to Blarney Castle. Climb the winding staircase to kiss the famous stone, or just explore the tranquil gardens. Travel along the coast to the Marine Bar in Dungarvan, a CIE Tours Exclusive Venue, for some traditional music. Continue to Waterford, where you'll witness the creation of sparkling masterpieces as you visit the House of Waterford Crystal, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner. (B, D)

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**Day 15     Tour ends in Dublin**

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 14     Waterford Walk | Kilkenny**

Join a local guide for a walking tour of the narrow streets of Waterford, discovering its fascinating past. Head to Kilkenny for free time in its medieval city center. Tour the beautifully restored Kilkenny Castle to see glorious 17th-century tapestries, painted portraits, and sumptuous furnishings. Travel on to Dublin, where you'll dine with a glass of wine at The Donnybrook Gastropub. (B, D)

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