

# Scottish & Irish Sampler

Starting at **C\$3,195**\*

### **Bridging the Isles**

Savor history and whisky in Edinburgh, then journey over to discover the wonders of Giant's Causeway, delve into history in Belfast, and enjoy traditional entertainment in Dublin.

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#### **Trip Highlights:**

- Edinburgh Castle
- · Port of Leith Distillery
- Culzean Castle
- Giant's Causeway
- Crosskeys Inn (CIE Tours Exclusive)
- Titanic Belfast
- Hillsborough Castle
- Irish Night in Dublin
- EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum

#### Hotels:

- The Murrayfield Hotel
- AC Hotel by Marriott Belfast
- Herbert Park Hotel

# 2024 Scottish & Irish Sampler - 7 Days/6 Nights

# Trip Itinerary

#### Day 1 Edinburgh Tour

Your tour departs from your Edinburgh hotel at 2:30 PM. Have a welcome drink with your group and then set out on a panoramic tour of Edinburgh. Discover the medieval townhouses along the Royal Mile in the heart of the Old Town and the Georgian mansions of the 200-year-old New Town. Your evening is free to return to the hotel or to explore and dine as you wish.

#### Day 3 Culzean Castle | Ferry to Belfast

Travel to Culzean Castle, a grand, centuries-old castle that includes an apartment given to General Eisenhower as a gesture of thanks for America's support in World War II. Tour the beautifully furnished castle and have lunch there before departing for Cairnryan for the ferry to Belfast. Enjoy dinner at your hotel in Belfast this evening. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5 Titanic Belfast | Hillsborough Castle | Taylors Three Rock

Visit Titanic Belfast to explore the story of the doomed ocean liner, built in the local shipyards in 1912. Tour the stately Hillsborough Castle, the home of the King when he visits Northern Ireland. Travel on to Dublin for an Irish night at Taylors Three Rock, where you'll be entertained by a lively show over dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 7 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.>

#### Day 2 Port of Leith Distillery | Edinburgh Castle

Visit the Port of Leith Distillery, a new distillery in Scotland's historic center of trade in wines and spirits. Discover how this modern distillery approaches sustainability in ingredients and production methods. Next, explore Edinburgh Castle, once a royal fortress and today home to the Scottish Crown Jewels. The rest of your day is free to stroll the city and dine as you wish. (August 4 and 11 departures attend the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on the Castle Esplanade.) (B)

#### 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. Savor lunch with your group in Ireland's oldest thatched roof pub, the Crosskeys Inn – a CIE Tours Exclusive. (B, L)

#### Day 6 Dublin City Tour | EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum

See Dublin's grand Georgian buildings and squares, the River Liffey and historic O'Connell Street on a panoramic tour. Visit EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, an award-winning, high-tech museum that chronicles the journeys made by Irish emigrants around the globe, and details the stories of the new lives made by the Irish abroad. Your afternoon and evening are free to explore as you wish. (B)



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