

The Scots Irish Tour

Starting at **$2,539***

Travel back in time with us

This fast-paced Scotland and Ireland tour focuses on their rich history, with plenty of castle tours and museums to help bring the past to life. It's the perfect trip for those interested in exploring Scottish and Irish heritage.

Trip details

Tour start
Edinburgh

Tour end
Shannon

11	10	19
Days	Nights	Meals

* Prices listed are per-person, double-occupancy. If you would prefer a single room, there is a single-room supplement of $790.



Trip Highlights:
- Glenveagh National Park & Castle
- Isle of Skye
- Robert Burns Birthplace Museum
- Arigna Mining Experience
- Crosskeys Inn
- Cliffs of Moher
- Royal Yacht Britannia

Hotels:
- Dalmahoy Hotel and Country Club
- Columba Hotel
- Muthu Newton Hotel
- Isles of Glencoe Hotel
- Europa Hotel
- Station House Hotel - Letterkenny
- Kilronan Castle
- Temple Gate Hotel

2020 Scots Irish Tour - 11 Days/10 Nights

Trip Itinerary

Day 1 Edinburgh | Royal Yacht Britannia

Tour begins 2:00 PM at your Edinburgh hotel. Tour the Royal Yacht Britannia, the former floating home of the Queen on many of her travels. Enjoy a welcome drink with your group before dining independently. (August 9 to 25 departures will enjoy the Scottish evening this evening – see Day 2.)

Day 2 Edinburgh Castle | Edinburgh Tour

See the highlights of central Edinburgh including the bustling Princes Street and the 200-year-old Georgian "New Town." Walk along part of the Royal Mile and visit Edinburgh Castle to see the Scottish Crown Jewels and the Stone of Scone. The remainder of the day is free to relax or explore. Enjoy a Scottish evening with dining and a lively show with bagpipes, kilts and Highland dancing. The August 9-25 departures attend the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on the Castle Esplanade, and will enjoy the Scottish evening on Day 1. (B, D)

Day 3 Blair Athol Distillery | Pitlochry | Blair Castle | Highlands

Enjoy a tour of Blair Athol Distillery to see whisky production and sample a dram. In Pitlochry, spend some free time exploring and have lunch independently. Head through the scenic countryside of Perthshire to visit Blair Castle. Continue through majestic Highland scenery to Inverness (Sunday departures) or Nairn (Tuesday departures). (B, D)

Day 4 Isle of Skye | Armadale Castle

Travel alongside Loch Ness and through the Highlands, pausing for photos at the picturesque Eilean Donan Castle. Cross to the Isle of Skye by bridge and visit Armadale Castle. Return to the mainland by ferry* and take the "Road to the Isles" through some majestic Highland scenery, stopping for photos at the Glenfinnan Monument. (B, D) * Ferries are subject to timetable changes and the itinerary may be amended accordingly.

Day 5 Glencoe | Rabbie Burns | Ferry to Belfast

Enjoy views of the magnificent Highlands as you travel through Glencoe and along the shore of Loch Lomond. Stop in Alloway to visit the poet Robert Burns Birthplace Museum. Embark on a short ferry ride to Belfast. (B, D)

Day 6 Titanic Belfast | Crosskeys Inn

At Titanic Belfast, delve into the history of the famous liner. Walk with a local guide to see the imposing City Hall in Donegall Square and Victorian buildings, including the Opera House and the Crown Liquor Saloon. Your afternoon is free to explore. In the evening, visit Crosskeys Inn for dinner and entertainment. (B, D)

Day 7 Giant's Causeway | Derry's Walls

Enjoy the scenic route of the Nine Glens of Antrim, known for views of mountains, valleys, and coastline. Discover the Giant's Causeway, enormous hexagonal columns, and pause for photos at the Dunluce Castle ruins. Head to Derry for a walking tour with a local guide to see the 17th-century city walls and the Diamond, the main central square. (B, D)

Day 8 Glenveagh National Park | Belleek Pottery | Kilronan Castle

Visit Glenveagh National Park where Captain Adair built Glenveagh Castle in 1870. Enjoy a guided tour and stroll the extensive gardens. Spend free time in Donegal and have lunch independently, then head to Belleek Pottery to watch skilled craftspeople create delicate, highly decorative pieces. Travel to the luxurious Kilronan Castle with time to relax before dinner in the castle's fine restaurant. (B, D)

Day 9 Arigna Mining | Carrick-on-Shannon

Visit the Arigna Mining Centre to experience what life was like for a coal miner in the Arigna Valley. Then enjoy some free time in the historic town of Carrick-on-Shannon, situated on the River Shannon. Return to the charming town of Ballyfarnon and relax in your castle hotel before dinner. (B, D)

Day 10 Galway Walking Tour | Cliffs of Moher | Medieval Castle Banquet

Head to Galway and join a local guide for a gentle walking tour. See the narrow streets, the medieval city walls, and Lynch's Castle. Travel through the Burren, an area of limestone hills that supports a wide range of flora. Visit the Cliffs of Moher, soaring high above the Atlantic. In the evening, head out to a castle for a medieval-style banquet. (B, D)

Day 11 Tour Ends In Shannon.

Your tour ends after breakfast. (B) B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner