

Irish & Scottish Sampler

Starting at \$2249.00*

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**

8 Days

7 Nights

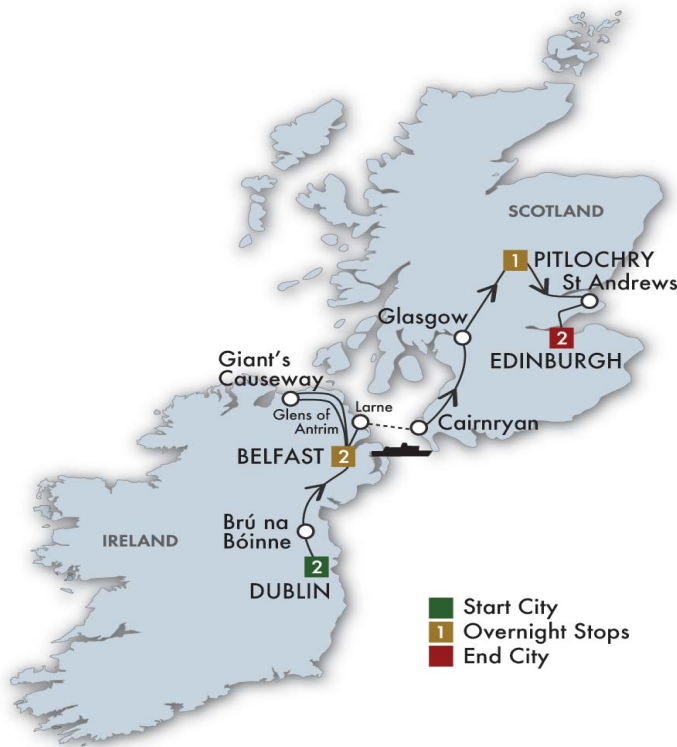
13 Meals

Trip Highlights:

- St Andrews
- Brú na Bóinne
- Dalkey Castle
- Scottish Highlands
- Nine Glens of Antrim
- Blair Athol Distillery
- Pollok House

Hotels:

- Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel
- Maldron Hotel Belfast City
- Atholl Palace Hotel
- Apex Grassmarket Hotel



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Trip Itinerary

Day 1 Dublin Arrival | Dalkey Heritage Town

Tour begins 2:00 PM at 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 castle hotel with your group before dinner. (D)

Day 3 Brú na Bóinne Visitors Centre | Belfast | Hillsborough Castle

Visit the Brú na Bóinne Visitors Centre to learn about the nearby passage tombs of Newgrange and Knowth, followed by a visit to one of these ancient tombs, constructed over 5,000 years ago. 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. Visit the stately Hillsborough Castle, the home of Queen Elizabeth when she visits Northern Ireland. (B, D)

Day 5 Ferry to Scotland | Pitlochry

Take a ferry ride to Scotland and head to the outskirts of Glasgow. Enjoy a visit to the Pollok House, a grand country house that gives a real flavor of life in the 1930s. Continue 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 7 Edinburgh Tour | Edinburgh Castle | Scottish Dinner & Entertainment

Head out on an Edinburgh tour to see the wide streets and elegant mansions of the 200-year-old Georgian New Town, built to expand the cramped conditions found in the old city. Walk along part of the Royal Mile, where medieval houses are clustered closely together. Tour the imposing Edinburgh Castle, where the Crown Jewels of Scotland are housed. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Scottish dinner followed by a lively show of bagpipes and Highland dancing. (B, D)

Day 2 Dublin Tour | Independent Exploration | Taylors Three Rock Pub

Take a panoramic tour of central Dublin to see rows of stately Georgian houses lining elegant squares. Pass Trinity College and then Leinster House, where both houses of the government convene. In the afternoon, take the Hop-On, Hop-Off tour for independent exploration of Dublin and admission to your choice of one of Dublin's top attractions: Guinness Storehouse, GPO Witness History, EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, or Teeling Distillery. In the evening, head to Taylors Three Rock for an Irish night with a traditional dinner and lively show. (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. (B, L)

Day 6 Whisky Tasting | St Andrews | Royal Military Tattoo

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. August 3 - 24 departures attend the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on the Castle Esplanade. (B)

Day 8 Tour Ends in Edinburgh

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



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