



# The Scots Irish Tour

Starting at \$2,985\*

## 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** ☀

Days

**10** 🌙

Nights

**19** 🍴

Meals

\* Prices listed are in US dollars, and are per-person, double-occupancy. If you would prefer a single room, there is a single-room supplement of \$755



## Trip Highlights:

- Edinburgh Castle
- Cliffs of Moher
- Isle of Skye
- Glenveagh Castle
- Robert Burns Birthplace Museum
- Royal Yacht Britannia

## Hotels:

- Dalmahoy Hotel and Country Club
- Columba Hotel
- Muthu Newton Hotel
- Ballachulish Hotel
- Isles of Glencoe Hotel
- Europa Hotel
- Station House Hotel - Letterkenny
- Kilonan Castle
- Temple Gate Hotel

# 2021 Scots Irish Tour - 11 Days/10 Nights

## Trip Itinerary

### Day 1 Edinburgh | Royal Yacht Britannia

Your tour begins at 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 and dinner with your group (D)

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

Head through the scenic countryside of Perthshire to visit Blair Athol Distillery, where you will see how whiskey is produced and sample a dram. In Pitlochry, spend some free time exploring this interesting Victorian town. Next, visit Blair Castle; this citadel with its romantic turrets and towers, dates back to the 13th century. Continue through the majestic Highland scenery to Inverness (Sunday departures) or Nairn (Tuesday departures). (B, D)

### Day 5 Glencoe | Robert Burns Birthplace | 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 7 Nine Glens of Antrim | Giant's Causeway | Derry Walking Tour

Enjoy ocean and mountain scenery as you travel the Nine Glens of Antrim. Discover the Giant's Causeway, enormous hexagonal columns rising out of the sea, and pause for photos at the Dunluce Castle ruins. Head to Derry for a walking tour with a local guide to see how this city, with its painful history, has been transformed into a thriving cultural hub. Proceed on to your hotel in Letterkenny. (B, D)

### Day 9 Arigna Mining | Carrick on Shannon | Kilonan Castle

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 11 Tour Ends in Shannon

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

### Day 2 Edinburgh Panoramic Tour | Edinburgh Castle | Independent Sightseeing

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. The remainder of the day is free to relax or explore. Dine independently this evening. (B)

### Day 4 Loch Ness | Isle of Skye | Armadale Castle

Travel alongside Loch Ness and through the Highlands, passing 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. At your hotel, enjoy dinner and an evening of Scottish entertainment, with traditional music and dancing. (B, D)

### Day 6 Titanic Belfast | Belfast Walking Tour | 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 in a CIE Tours Exclusive (B, D)

### Day 8 Glenveagh National Park | Donegal | Belleek Pottery | Kilonan Castle

Visit Glenveagh National Park where Captain Adair built Glenveagh Castle in 1870. Enjoy a guided tour and stroll the extensive gardens. Head to Donegal town, and visit CIE Tours preferred shopping partner Triona Design before enjoying time to explore this town independently. Head to Belleek Pottery to watch skilled craftspeople create delicate, highly decorative pieces. Travel on to luxurious Kilonan Castle with time to relax before dinner in the castle's fine restaurant. (B, D)

### Day 10 Galway Walking Tour | Cliffs of Moher | Durty Nelly's

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. View the Cliffs of Moher, soaring high above the Atlantic. In the evening, dine at Durty Nelly's, one of Ireland's landmark pubs. Beloved by locals and visitors alike, it's been welcoming guests for 400 years. (B, D)



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