

# Taste of Britain & Ireland

Starting at **\$4,795**\*

# Savor the very best of England, Scotland, and Ireland

Get a great introduction to three countries on this lively trip to England, Ireland, and Scotland. Enjoy a generous helping of the essential must-dos, with a hint of the unexpected.



If you would prefer a single room, there is a single-room supplement

of \$1,645



# Trip Highlights:

- Windsor Castle
- Roman Baths
- · Cliffs of Moher
- Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum
- Blarney Castle
- The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo
- Titanic Belfast
- · Tower of London
- · Scotch Whiskey Experience

#### Hotels:

- DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel London Victoria
- · Bailbrook House Hotel
- Delta Hotels by Marriott Liverpool City Centre
- · Macdonald Houstoun House Hotel
- · AC Hotel by Marriott Belfast
- The Croke Park Hotel · Gleneagle Hotel
- Salthill Hotel
- · Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel

# 2026 Taste of Britain & Ireland - 14 Days/13 **Nights**

# **Trip Itinerary**

#### Day 1 London Tour & Tower of London

Your tour departs from your hotel at 2:00 PM on a panoramic tour of central London to see famous landmarks including Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, Big Ben, and the Houses of Parliament. Visit the historic Tower of London to view the Crown Jewels. Enjoy a welcome drink with your group before dining independently.

#### Windsor Castle & Bath Day 3

Take a panoramic tour of Windsor before visiting Windsor Castle, the largest inhabited castle in the world and one of the King's official residences. See the grandeur of the State Apartments, ceremonial rooms still used by the Royal Family today. Spend free time in Windsor before traveling to the beautiful city of Bath. Founded by the Romans and rich in elegant Georgian architecture, the city is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Tour the Roman Baths to discover why these hot springs have been popular since ancient times. (B, D)

#### Day 5 **Lake District & Windermere Cruise**

Travel through the Lake District, a region that has inspired numerous painters and writers, including William Wordsworth and Beatrix Potter. Cruise along Lake Windermere to admire the stunning scenery of wooded isles and neighboring mountains. Spend free time in a traditional Lakeland village. Pass through Gretna Green, just over the Scottish border, on your way to your hotel outside Edinburgh, where you'll enjoy a free evening. (B)

#### Day 2 **Independent Sightseeing in London**

Discover London's iconic attractions at your own speed, as you please, with your choice of routes on a Hop-On, Hop-Off bus tour. Your evening is free to continue exploring and dining independently. (B)

#### Day 4 Stratford-upon-Avon & Liverpool

Drive through the Cotswolds, a quintessentially English region with gently rolling hills, colorful gardens, and honey-colored stone buildings; stop for a visit in one of its charming towns or villages. Visit Stratford-upon-Avon for some free time to stroll the streets where Shakespeare once walked. Travel on to Liverpool for time to enjoy this vibrant city independently. You might visit the Royal Albert Docks to see the waterfront and its many museums or visit the Cavern Club to see where the Beatles got their start. Dine as you wish. (B)

#### Edinburgh Castle, City Tour & Scotch Whisky Experience Day 6

\* Explore central Edinburgh on a panoramic tour; discover the Royal Mile, with its closely clustered medieval houses, and the 200-year-old New Town, with its elegant Georgian homes. Tour Edinburgh Castle to see the Crown Jewels of Scotland. Enjoy an evening of storytelling and whisky tasting at the Scotch Whisky Experience. (Departures from August 7 - 21 will instead experience The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, with free time for dinner on your own prior to the event). (B, D\*)

# Day 7 Glasgow City Tour & Ferry to Belfast

Travel to Glasgow for a city tour and then some time to explore this thriving cultural hub. Then, travel through scenic countryside for a short ferry ride to Ireland and arrive at your Belfast hotel. (B, D)

# Day 9 Independent Sightseeing in Dublin

Tour Dublin independently on the Hop-On, Hop-Off bus tour. Use your voucher to visit your choice of one of Dublin's top attractions: Guinness Storehouse, Teeling Distillery, EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, Jameson Distillery Bow St. Experience, or the GPO Museum. You are free to dine as you wish this evening. (B)

# Day 11 Sheepdog Demonstration, Dingle & Kate Kearney's Cottage

Find a souvenir in the scenic Gap of Dunloeat Moriarty's, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner. Proceed on to the spectacular beauty and charm of the Dingle Peninsula, famed as the setting for "Ryan's Daughter" and "Far and Away." Visit a sheep farm for a demonstration by highly skilled sheepdogs, then explore Dingle town. Later, go to Kate Kearney's Cottage for an Irish night featuring dinner and traditional entertainment. (B, D)

# Day 13 Dalkey & Fitzpatrick Castle Stay

Take a guided walking tour of the historic heart of Galway. Head east to Dublin for a stroll around Dalkey, an exclusive seaside suburb that's home to such luminaries as singers Bono and Enya and the late writer Maeve Binchy. Enjoy a farewell dinner at your elegant castle hotel. (B, D)

# Day 8 Titanic Belfast & The Glyde Inn

Visit Titanic Belfast for a fascinating look at the building of the doomed ocean liner, which was crafted right in the city's dockyards. Next, take a panoramic tour of this historic city. Visit the Glyde Inn for an early dinner with entertainment, before continuing on to Dublin. (B, D)

# Day 10 Blarney Castle & Killarney

Visit Blarney Castle and kiss the famous stone. Then travel on to Macroom and into the mountainous scenery toward Killarney. After dinner at your hotel, you might want to check out one of Killarney's many pubs offering traditional music. (B, D)

# Day 12 Flying Boat Museum, Cliffs of Moher & Galway

Visit Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum, which recalls the early days of air travel. Take a ferry across the River Shannon to the Cliffs of Moher. Admire the limestone landscape of the Burren as you travel to vibrant Galway, where you'll take a panoramic tour of the city center before dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

# Day 14 Tour Ends in Dublin

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



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