

Taste of Britain & Ireland

Starting at **\$3,845***

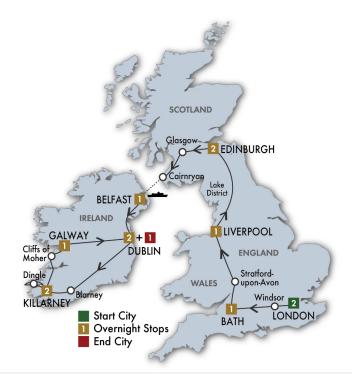
Savor the very best of England, Scotland and Ireland

Get a great introduction to three great 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.

Trip details



* 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 \$1,190



Trip Highlights:

Windsor Castle

- Roman Baths
- Cliffs of Moher
- Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum
- Blarney Castle
- Shakespeare's Birthplace
- Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo
- Titanic Belfast
- Tower of London
- Scotch Whisky Experience

Hotels:

- DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel London Victoria
- Bailbrook House Hotel Hilton Liverpool City Centre
- Macdonald Houstoun House Hotel
- AC Hotel by Marriott BelfastThe Croke Park Hotel
- The Brehon Hotel
- The Galmont Hotel & Spa
- Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel

2023 Taste of Britain & Ireland - 14 Days/13 Nights

Trip Itinerary

Day 1 London Tour | Tower of London

Your tour departs at 2:00 PM from your London hotel. Take 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.

Day 3 Windsor Castle | Bath

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 State Apartments and St George's Chapel, the site of Prince Harry's wedding to Meghan Markle. Spend some free time there before traveling on 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. Embark on a cruise along Lake Windermere to admire the stunning scenery of wooded isles and neighboring mountains. Spend some 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)

Dav 2 Independent Sightseeing in London

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

Day 4 Cotswolds Drive | Shakespeare's Birthplace | Liverpool

Take in the Cotswolds, a quintessentially English region with gently rolling hills, colorful gardens, and honey-colored stone buildings. Stop in one of its many charming old market towns or traditional villages. Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon to see an exhibition about his life and work, before walking through the house where he was born. Travel on to Liverpool and spend the evening exploring its rich pop-music history with dinner on your own. (B)

Day 6 Edinburgh Castle | City Tour | Scotch Whisky Experience*

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 and the Stone of Destiny. Enjoy an evening of storytelling and whisky tasting at the Scotch Whisky Experience. (Departures from August 4 - 18 will instead experience the world-famous Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.) . (B, D*)

Day 7 Glasgow City Tour | Ferry to Belfast

Travel to Glasgow for a city tour, then take some free time to explore. Proceed to the harbor at Cairnryan for a short ferry ride to Ireland, and then to 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: the Guinness Storehouse, Teeling Distillery, EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, or The GPO Museum. You are free to dine as you wish this evening. (B)

Day 11 Sheepdog Demonstration | Dingle Peninsula | Irish Night

Head to the scenic Gap of Dunloe for an Irish Coffee at Moriarty's, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner. Visit a traditional farm for a demonstration by highly skilled sheepdogs. Proceed on to the spectacular beauty and charm of the Dingle Peninsula, famed as the setting for "Ryan's Daughter" and "Far and Away". Take some free time to 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

Head east to Dublin for a stroll around Dalkey, an exclusive seaside suburb that's home 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

Take some time this morning to explore central Belfast on your own. Then learn all about Belfast's shipbuilding history and the ill-fated RMS Titanic at Titanic Belfast where you can experience the history of this ocean liner through interactive displays. In the evening, stop at The Glyde Inn for a drink and dinner with entertainment. (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

Visit Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum, which recalls the early days of air travel. Foynes is the home of Irish coffee, so you'll learn how to make one and enjoy a sample. Take a ferry across the River Shannon, and drive to visit 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 program 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.>



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