



The Scots Irish Tour

Starting at \$3,645*

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

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Days

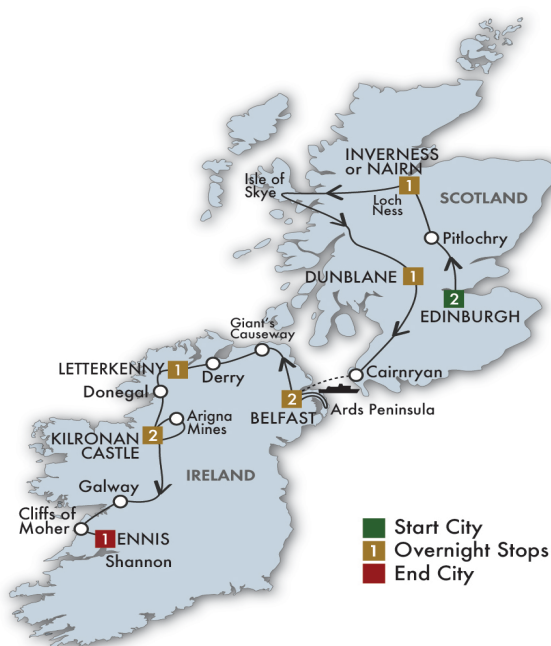
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Nights

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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 \$855



Trip Highlights:

- Edinburgh Castle
- Cliffs of Moher
- Isle of Skye
- Glenveagh Castle
- Giant's Causeway
- Crosskeys Inn Irish Night - CIE Tours Exclusive
- Stirling Castle
- Titanic Belfast
- Arigna Mining Experience
- Medieval Castle Banquet

Hotels:

- Dalmahoy Hotel and Country Club
- Columba Hotel
- Muthu Newton Hotel
- DoubleTree by Hilton Dunblane Hydro
- Europa Hotel
- Station House Hotel - Letterkenny
- Kilonan Castle
- Temple Gate Hotel

2024 Scots Irish Tour - 11 Days/10 Nights

Trip Itinerary

Day 1 **Edinburgh | Scotch Whisky Experience***

Your tour departs from your hotel at 2:00 PM. Head out to The Scotch Whisky Experience on the famed Royal Mile. Learn about the art and aromas of whisky production, taste a dram of single malt or blended whisky, and view the world's largest collection of Scotch whisky. For dinner you'll hear colorful tales of Scottish history and culture while tasting a range of flavorful whiskies paired with local dishes. (August 4 - 20 departures will visit the Scotch Whisky Experience but will dine independently.) (D*)

Day 3 **Chocolate Tasting | Blair Castle & Highlands**

Travel through the scenic countryside of Perthshire to visit Iain Burnett Highland Chocolatier for a tasting of award-winning chocolates with an expert chocolatier. All the chocolates are made on-site with sustainable ingredients, including local heather honey and berries, and fresh cream from local herds of Scottish Friesians. In Pitlochry, spend free time exploring and have lunch independently. Next, visit Blair Castle; this citadel, with its romantic turrets and towers, dates back to the 13th century. Continue through majestic Highland scenery to your hotel in Nairn (Tuesday and some Sunday departures) or Inverness (remaining Sunday departures). (B, D)

Day 5 **Stirling Castle | Ferry to Belfast**

Tour Stirling Castle, perched on volcanic rock above the town, and explore the richness of this 16th-century palace that was once home to Mary Queen of Scots. Drive on through southwestern Scotland to Cairnryan and board the ferry to Belfast, where you'll dine in your hotel this evening. (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 | Lough Key Forest**

Visit the Arigna Mining Experience to discover local history and life as a coal miner in the Arigna Valley. Visit Lough Key Forest Park to explore how humans have shaped the landscape on this old estate over thousands of years. Walk through tunnels used by servants in the 19th century, see the sunken garden, and then walk along with the Tree Canopy Bridge for panoramic views of nature and the shimmering lake. Return to the charming village of Ballyfarnon and relax in your castle hotel before dinner. (B, D)

Day 11 **Tour ends in Shannon**

11-day tour ends in Shannon. (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. >

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. (The August 4 - 20 departures attend the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on the Castle Esplanade.) (B)

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

Travel alongside Loch Ness, passing the picturesque Eilean Donan Castle. Cross to the Isle of Skye by bridge and visit Armadale Castle, returning by ferry. Take the "Road to the Isles" past lochs, lush woodlands, and heather-covered moors of the majestic Highlands, stopping for photos around scenic Glencoe. Continue through The Trossachs to your hotel in Dunblane. (B, D)

Day 6 **Ards Peninsula, Titanic Belfast | Crosskeys Inn**

Discover the Ulster-Scots history and heritage of the scenic Ards Peninsula on a drive with a local guide. This area was where Scottish colonizers landed in the 1600s; some of their descendants would move to America and become known as the "Scots-Irish". Then visit Titanic Belfast to delve into the history of the doomed ocean liner. Spend time exploring Belfast as you wish in the afternoon. Visit Crosskeys Inn for dinner and entertainment in a CIE Tours Exclusive. (B, D)

Day 8 **Glenveagh National Park | Donegal | 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. Continue to Donegal town for a visit to CIE Tours preferred shopping partner Triona Design and free time to explore. Next, watch skilled craftspeople create delicate ceramic pieces at Belleek Pottery. Travel to luxurious Kilronan Castle with time to relax before dinner in the castle's fine restaurant. (B, D)

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

In Galway, a local guide will take you on a walking tour through the narrow streets to see the medieval city walls and Lynch's Castle. Travel through the Burren and see its limestone hills, often blooming with a vast array of wildflowers. Visit the Cliffs of Moher, soaring high above the Atlantic. This evening, enjoy a medieval-style banquet at a castle. (B, D)



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