



# Taste of Scotland & Ireland

Starting at **\$2,545\***

## The perfect combo

See the most-beloved attractions of two countries at a lively pace. Feast in a medieval castle, cruise Loch Ness, take a jaunting car ride, watch sheepdogs on a farm.

## Trip details

Tour start  
**Glasgow**

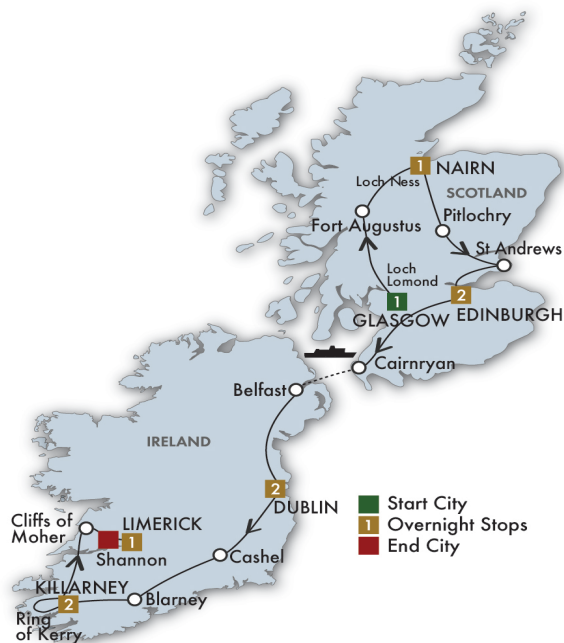
Tour end  
**Shannon**

**10** ☀️  
Days

**9** 🌙  
Nights

**16** 🍴  
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 \$770



#### Trip Highlights:

- Sheepdog Demonstration
- Loch Ness Cruise
- Blair Athol Distillery
- Cliffs of Moher
- Edinburgh Castle
- Titanic Belfast
- Blarney Castle

#### Hotels:

- DoubleTree by Hilton Glasgow Central
- Muthu Newton Hotel
- Dalmahoy Hotel and Country Club
- Hyatt Centric The Liberties
- Killarney Avenue Hotel
- Bunratty Castle Hotel

# 2023 Taste of Scotland & Ireland - 10 Days/9 Nights

## Trip Itinerary

### Day 1 Glasgow Highlights

Your tour departs at 2:00 PM from your Glasgow hotel. Set out on a panoramic tour of central Glasgow - a city that flourished in Victorian times due to the shipbuilding industry and international trade. Drive around George Square with its ornate City Chambers. Visit Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, a splendid, Spanish Baroque-style building housing one of Europe's finest art collections, including masterpieces by Rembrandt, Titian, and Dali. Enjoy a welcome drink with your group before dinner. (D)

### Day 2 Loch Lomond | Loch Ness Cruise

Travel alongside the famous Loch Lomond, renowned for its beauty. Drive across the haunting Rannoch Moor and through Glencoe, admiring the wild and spectacular scenery. Continue through Fort William and on to Fort Augustus. Embark on a short cruise on Loch Ness before heading to your hotel. (B, D)

### Day 3 Whisky Tasting | St Andrews

Visit Blair Athol Distillery, founded in 1798, to discover traditional whisky production and taste a sample. Travel to St Andrews, a town rich in medieval heritage and the home of golf; take a panoramic drive and have time to explore independently. Continue on to your elegant manor house hotel outside Edinburgh; three centuries old, it's set on 1,000 acres of beautiful parkland. Explore as you wish and dine independently this evening. (B)

### Day 4 Edinburgh Castle | City Tour | Scottish Evening\*

Explore the principal sights of central Edinburgh from the bustling Princes Street through the gracious, wide streets of the 200-year-old Georgian "New Town." Walk along part of the Royal Mile where compact medieval houses reach several stories tall. Visit Edinburgh Castle perched high above the city on volcanic rock, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels. The rest of the day is free. Experience a lively Scottish evening with dinner and traditional entertainment. The August 1 - 23 departures attend the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on the Castle Esplanade. (B, D\*)

### Day 5 Ferry to Ireland | Belfast

Depart Edinburgh and travel through Ayrshire and along the coast. Embark on a ferry ride to Belfast. Take a panoramic drive through Belfast, seeing the highlights of this fascinating city, where the Titanic was built in the once-bustling shipyards. Visit Titanic Belfast to explore the fascinating story of the doomed ship. Then travel to Dublin, where you will enjoy some free time for dinner on your own. (B)

### Day 6 Dublin Sightseeing | Christ Church Cathedral | Canal Dinner Cruise

Explore Dublin on a panoramic tour with a local guide, discovering its history and viewing its elegant Georgian buildings, Trinity College, the River Liffey, and more. Visit Christ Church Cathedral, the spiritual heart of the city for more than 1,000 years. This evening, dine on a former Guinness barge as you cruise the Grand Canal, listening to traditional Irish music. (B, D)

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**Day 7      Farmhouse Tea with Sheepdog Demonstration | Blarney Castle | Killarney**

Travel through the countryside to a traditional farm, where you'll savor tea and homemade scones and watch sheepdogs display their skills at herding sheep. Head to Blarney Castle and climb the winding stairs to kiss its famous stone, or enjoy the gardens. Move on to the lively lakeside town of Killarney, where you'll have dinner. (B, D)

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**Day 9      Cliffs of Moher | Medieval Castle Banquet**

Cross the Shannon Estuary by ferry on your way to visit the Cliffs of Moher. Take in the spectacular views from these awesome cliffs, soaring 700 feet above the Atlantic. Head on to Bunratty, where you'll have a little time to relax in your hotel or have a drink in the famed Dirty Nelly's Pub nearby. Your dinner will be a medieval-style feast in a castle, complete with serenading lords and ladies. (B, D)

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**Day 8      Jaunting Car Ride | Ring of Kerry | Skellig Experience**

Step back in time as a jaunting car drives you past Ross Castle on Lough Leane. Head to the scenic Gap of Dunloe to visit Moriarty's, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner. Embark on the Ring of Kerry drive - a winding route with breath-taking sights of mountains and coastal views. Cross the bridge to Valentia Island to visit the Skellig Experience, which explains the life of early Christian hermits on Skellig Michael, a rocky offshore island featured in the film "Star Wars VII." Enjoy a casual lunch before a pause at Moll's Gap for panoramic mountain views. Return to Killarney where the evening is free. (B, L)

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**Day 10      Tour Ends in Shannon**

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



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