

13 Days | Best of the UK & Ireland

London - Bath - Cardiff - Liverpool - Dublin - Galway - Belfast - Inverness -
Edinburgh - Yorkshire - Cambridge

From **\$5,299** pp Twin Share



Marvel at the Cliffs of Moher and the magnificent Giant's Causeway

Journey through the Scottish Highlands and visit the shores of Loch Ness

Explore iconic UK cities such as Bath, Liverpool, Edinburgh, York & more

Includes 12 nights of accommodation, tour guide, modern coach, a range of meals and much more!

Description



This meticulously crafted tour promises an immersive experience, unveiling the rich tapestry of history and culture that defines this region.

2025 and 2026 Departure Dates

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The adventure begins in the historic city of Bath, where ancient Roman baths intertwine with Georgian architecture, setting the stage for an exploration of timeless beauty. Traverse the cobbled streets of Edinburgh, a city steeped in medieval history and crowned by the iconic Edinburgh Castle. Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of Dublin, where the spirit of Ireland comes alive in its pubs, historic landmarks, and lively streets.

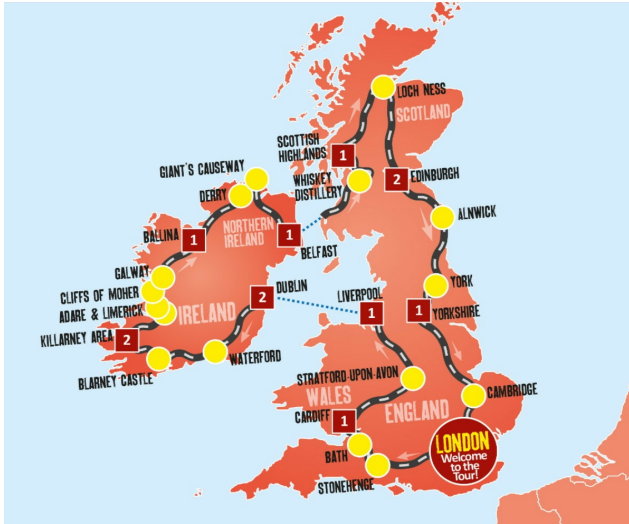
Continue your journey to Belfast, a city that bears witness to a complex history and is now a hub of creativity and resilience. Liverpool, birthplace of the legendary Beatles, invites you to delve into the cultural legacy of one of the world's most influential bands. York, with its medieval charm and towering cathedral, unveils layers of history as you stroll along its ancient walls.

Prepare to be mesmerized by the natural wonders that dot the landscape, from the awe-inspiring Cliffs of Moher to the rugged beauty of the Scottish Highlands. The majestic Giant's Causeway and the picturesque Ring of Kerry beckon with their scenic allure, inviting you to connect with the untamed beauty of the surroundings.

Cultural highlights abound on this immersive journey – pucker up to the Blarney Stone for a touch of Irish eloquence, trace the footsteps of William Shakespeare in his hometown, and cruise through the academic splendor of Cambridge. A mysterious aura awaits as you explore the legendary Loch Ness, adding an air of intrigue to your adventure.

As the days unfold, anticipate an abundance of castles, each with its own unique story to tell. Marvel at the grandeur of these architectural wonders and step back in time to witness the historical events that have shaped the landscape. The tour crescendos with an optional visit to the enigmatic Stonehenge, where ancient mysteries linger beneath the shadows of colossal stones.

Indulge in the magic of each moment, with days filled to the brim with cultural immersion, castle explorations, and encounters with historical marvels. This UK & Ireland tour promises not just a journey through geography but a voyage through time, offering a kaleidoscope of experiences that will linger in your memory long after the adventure concludes. Join us as we unravel the tales and unveil the splendors of this captivating region, where every cobblestone has a story, and every vista is a chapter waiting to be explored.



Itinerary

Day 1

London  **Stonehenge**  **Bath**  **Cardiff**

Welcome to your tour of the UK and Ireland! Departing from London, travel to the mysterious Stonehenge. Here, you have the option to explore the ancient archaeological wonder that has stood for thousands of years in the countryside of south-west England. Ponder the mysteries of this ancient site for yourself and learn about the history of the area. Next stop is the beautiful, historic city of Bath, where your tour leader will show you the main sights including the famous Roman baths. Heading into nearby Wales, arrive in the capital, Cardiff, and enjoy a driving tour around the city before heading to the hotel for the night.

Meals: Dinner

Day 2

Cardiff  **Stratford-Upon-Avon**  **Liverpool**

After a hearty breakfast, travel to Stratford-upon-Avon; the hometown of William Shakespeare. This market town has more than 800 years of history. Next up is Liverpool; this famous British port city has a rich history and culture. Football fans will be delighted to be in the home city of Liverpool and Everton football clubs, while music fans will be enthralled to be in the home of the Beatles. Spot the famous sites with our driving tour of the city, and explore the city yourself during your free time this evening. Why not head to Matthew Street, home to the world-famous 'Cavern Club', where the Beatles first made their mark on modern music?

Meals: Breakfast

Day 3

Liverpool  **Dublin**

Catch the ferry across the Irish Sea to Dublin today! Before reaching the ferry, make a stop at the village with the longest name in Europe; Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwl'llantysiliogogoch. Then it's onto Dublin. Upon arrival, take a driving tour of the city, and spot a few of the city's more famous highlights. Afterwards, enjoy some free time in this 1,000-year-old city; discover more about the city's Viking past, its medieval castles and its cathedrals. Explore its many museums that illustrate some of the city's more turbulent episodes. Dublin is big enough to keep you entertained but small enough to get across town in no time at all!

Meals: Breakfast

Day 4

Dublin: Free Day

Enjoy a free day in the city of Dublin! The Whiskey & Guinness optional excursion includes a visit to the iconic Guinness Storehouse to see how this famous dark beer is made. Take a trip back in time as you discover the most famous people and events in Irish history during the “Ireland’s Identity” optional excursion. Or, explore the city yourself. Visit the National Museums of Ireland, walk along the South Wall, and visit the city’s most famous park; St Stephen’s Green. Be sure to try out the many pubs and eateries. Tonight, there’s also the option to enjoy a taste of traditional Irish music! Look forward to an evening of fine Irish food, music and dance. Definitely not to be missed!

Meals: Breakfast

Day 5

Dublin Waterford Blarney Castle Killarney

Leaving Dublin behind, travel onwards to Waterford; the oldest city in Ireland! Founded by Vikings in 914 AD, Waterford has a fascinating history and rich maritime tradition, and is also famous for its cut crystal glass. Next up, it’s time to travel to the famous Blarney Castle for an included visit, where you can kiss the Blarney Stone and hopefully gain the ‘gift of the gab.’ Built nearly 600 years ago by one of Ireland’s most famous chieftains, Blarney Castle is one of Ireland’s most famous attractions. As we depart Blarney, we leave County Cork behind us, enter County Kerry, and make our way towards our hotel for this evening. Enjoy an included dinner tonight.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6

Ring of Kerry: Free Day

Enjoy a free day in the Kerry region. There are incredible trails to hike, as well as amazing golf courses and beautiful churches to visit. The best way to see it all is on the Ring of Kerry day trip! Join the optional excursion that travels along the famous circular tourist route in country Kerry. It is home to the most breathtaking coastal views and emerald-green pastures. Enjoy visits to charming villages such as Kerry Bog Village, and explore the shops and cafés in the area. Sit back and enjoy the scenery of Killarney National Park during a jaunting (carriage) ride. Then, end the day with some free time in Killarney town. Experience this iconic route to the fullest on this excursion!

Meals: Breakfast

Day 7

Adare  Limerick  Cliffs of Moher  Galway

Today is another day for epic Irish scenery! Making our way up the 'Wild Atlantic Way', the first stop is Adare; often called Ireland's prettiest village. Next, it's time to travel on through the county of Limerick to the iconic Cliffs of Moher. These incredible cliffs rise over 200 metres from the frothing ocean below, and the views on a clear day are absolutely breathtaking. Next stop, Galway! This is a bright, bohemian city renowned for its oysters, live music venues, cafés, weekend parties and contemporary vibe. Explore the city for yourself during your free time, and experience all the charms that Galway has to offer before we travel north to the hotel for the night.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 8

Derry/Londonderry  Giant's Causeway  Belfast

Leaving Galway behind, journey onwards to Northern Ireland, stopping first in Derry/Londonderry. Northern Ireland's second-largest city has a lot to offer from culture to art and historic city walls. Next stop is Northern Ireland's top tourist attraction; the Giant's Causeway. The final stop on the Irish leg of our adventure is Belfast; the capital of Northern Ireland. Join a local guide for a combined driving and walking tour, showcasing some of the city's most famous attractions, and sharing insight on the city's past. Enjoy an included dinner with the group tonight.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 9

Belfast  Whisky Distillery  Scottish Highlands

Enjoy free time in Belfast this morning with the chance to learn all about the Titanic, and its ill-fated voyage, on the optional Titanic Belfast Experience. Next up is Scotland! Hop on board and sail across the Sea of Moyle to the land of whisky, haggis and tartan! Arrive in Scotland, and once back on dry land, drive to the Scottish town of Ayr for a photo stop. Next, head to Glasgow to enjoy an authentic Scottish whisky tasting and tour of The Clydeside Distillery located on the River Clyde. Afterwards, it's time to head to tonight's accommodation, which is in the picturesque Highlands! Enjoy an included dinner with the group this evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 10

Loch Ness Edinburgh

Journey into the Highlands, and further explore this famous region of Scotland. Stop for a photo in the stunningly beautiful Glen Coe. Enjoy a stop at the famous Loch Ness, reputedly the home of the Loch Ness monster! Join an optional cruise on the Loch, and see the ruins of Urquhart Castle. Leaving the Highlands, drive to Scotland's beautiful capital city, Edinburgh. Once in the city, enjoy a walking tour of the Scottish capital followed by dinner. Apart from being home to Holyrood House, the Royal Mile and Edinburgh Castle, this is the city where JK Rowling famously penned the first Harry Potter novel. Fans of the series might find the city strangely familiar! Enjoy an included dinner tonight.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 11

Edinburgh: Free Day

Today is yours to spend as you like – revisit some of the highlights from yesterday's walking tour, or discover the city for yourself. Delve into the history, culture and interesting spots of the city on a Conquer the Capital optional excursion with your tour leader. This includes time to explore Edinburgh Castle and a visit to Falkirk. If the weather allows, hike up to Arthur's Seat for panoramic views of the city below. Tonight, we offer a traditional Scottish dinner and show, complete with a chance to taste a famous (or infamous!) traditional Scottish food; haggis!

Meals: Breakfast

Day 12

Alnwick Castle York

Say goodbye to Scotland, and cross the border into England. Enjoy the opportunity to visit famous Alnwick Castle, the home of the Duke of Northumberland. This castle has also featured in many famous films and TV shows, including two Harry Potter films, Downton Abbey, and many more! Next, we travel into Yorkshire, and to the county capital; York. Home to the largest Gothic cathedral in northern Europe (York Minster), York is a charming city of winding cobbled streets and medieval architecture. Enjoy an orientation tour of the city with your tour leader, and see its most famous sights, before heading to tonight's accommodation in Yorkshire. Enjoy one last dinner with the group tonight!

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 13

Cambridge London

It's the last day of your UK & Ireland tour, and it finishes off with a real treat! Travel to the historic university town of Cambridge. Along with the exquisite architecture, quirky traditions and deep history, there are a significant number of bright sparks who have passed through the city's famous university including Charles Darwin and David Attenborough. Enjoy a traditional punting trip along the River Cam. Afterwards, it's time to return to London where the tour concludes. Make sure you have exchanged contact details with your new-found travel friends to keep in touch, and share your amazing tour memories with us online using the hashtags #ExpatExplore and #TravelMadePossible.

Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- 12 nights' accommodation in twin rooms with private en-suite facilities
- Meals: 12 breakfasts, 6 dinners
- Modern air-conditioned coach with reclining seats and toilet onboard
- Any public transport used as part of the tour (excludes free days)
- Services of your Expat Explore tour leader, who will be on hand with advice and tips to ensure that you get the most from your trip
- All taxes and fees included
- Free tour souvenir – a memorable gift of your once in a lifetime trip

A range of amazing experiences, including:

- See the historic sights of Bath
- Visit Conwy; a Welsh castle town
- Enjoy a driving tour of Cardiff
- Visit Stratford-Upon-Avon; birthplace of Shakespeare
- Enjoy a photo stop at the village with Europe's longest name
- Embark on a driving tour of Dublin
- Visit Blarney Castle and kiss the Blarney Stone
- Visit Adare; Ireland's prettiest village
- Visit Limerick; see the treaty Stone & King John's Castle
- Marvel at the views at the Cliffs of Moher
- Visit Derry; Northern Ireland's second-largest city
- Explore the magnificent Giant's Causeway
- Enjoy a locally guided tour of Belfast
- Taste Scottish whisky at a whisky distillery in Glasgow
- Explore the shores of Loch Ness
- Experience Edinburgh on a tour of the city
- Enjoy a photo stop at Hadrian's Wall
- Explore the historic city of York
- Enjoy a punting trip along the River Cam & more!

Optional Excursions and Activities:

- Whiskey & Guinness Experience: "This excursion must be booked at least 10 days prior to the start of the tour"

Exclusions

- Travel insurance (highly recommended)
- Flights
- Visas
- Meals & sightseeing not specified
- Optional tours
- Tipping & gratuities (optional)
- Items of a personal nature, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc
- Any items or services not listed in the above inclusions



Important Info and Terms & Conditions

Child Policy: No children under 10 years of age are allowed on this tour. Contact us if you are after a family-friendly trip!

Single Supplement: Travelling solo? This package welcomes solo travellers at no extra charge through twin share accommodation. If you don't want to share a room, please speak to us about solo supplements.

Fitness Levels: These tours require a moderate level of fitness and are not ideal for people travelling with wheelchairs or severe mobility issues.

Travel Insurance: We recommend Covermore travel insurance. To quote and book, please click [HERE](#).

Visas: Please note from 08 Jan 2025 you will need an ETA to enter the UK prior to arriving

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