



CIE TOURS

# TASTE OF SCOTLAND & IRELAND



St Andrews

See the most-beloved attractions of both countries at a lively pace – a great tour for first-timers to Scotland & Ireland.

## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Blair Athol Distillery
- Blarney Castle
- Cliffs of Moher
- Dublin Canal Cruise with Dinner
- Edinburgh Castle
- Loch Ness Cruise
- Medieval Castle Banquet
- Scottish Evening\*
- Sheepdog Demonstration
- Skellig Experience
- Titanic Belfast



## HOTELS

- DoubleTree by Hilton Glasgow Central, Glasgow (1)
- Muthu Newton Hotel, Nairn (1)
- Dalmahoy Hotel & Country Club, near Edinburgh (2)
- Hyatt Centric The Liberties, Dublin (2)
- Killarney Avenue Hotel, Killarney (2)
- Limerick Strand Hotel, Limerick (1)
- Maldron Hotel Pearse Street, Dublin (1)

## MEALS

10 hot breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L) and 6 dinners (D)

\*Meal counts vary on Tattoo departures, as the Scottish Evening is replaced with the Tattoo and an independent dinner.

Presenting a special group departure to Scotland & Ireland

11 DAYS | 10 NIGHTS | 17 MEALS

Price is per person, based on double occupancy | \$250 Per Person Deposit Required

## YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:

- Sightseeing by luxury coach with a professional tour director
- All on-tour transportation including shuttles and ferries
- Welcome get-together drink with your group
- Free Wi-Fi on coaches so you can stay connected along the way
- Deluxe documents wallet and backpack to keep you organized
- All local taxes, hotel service charges & handling of one suitcase per person

Optional Travel Protection Insurance is available and payment is due at time of deposit. Depart North America for Edinburgh overnight the day before the tour start date.

Air departure tax, fuel & surcharges if applicable, are subject to change until entire group is confirmed and ticketed.

To book or for more information, contact:

# TAKE A TASTE OF SCOTLAND & IRELAND

## 11-Day Itinerary

### Day 1: Glasgow Highlights

Your tour departs from your hotel at 2:00 PM on a panoramic tour of this city that flourished as a center of shipbuilding and trade in Victorian times and is now a thriving hub of culture. 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 famous Loch Lomond, renowned for its beauty. Drive across haunting Rannoch Moor and through Glencoe, admiring the wild and spectacular scenery. Continue through Fort William on to Fort Augustus. Embark on a cruise on Loch Ness before heading to Inverness. (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 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 July 29 – August 20 departures will instead dine independently and experience the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on the Castle Esplanade. (B, D\*)

### Day 5: Ferry to Ireland & Titanic 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 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)

### 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. Departures from March 28 to October 10 will then attend the Gaelic Roots Irish Dance & Music Show. (Sunday departures during those dates will attend on Day 8.) (B, D)

### 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 – a winding route with breathtaking 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 lunch before a pause at Moll's Gap for panoramic mountain views. Return to Killarney where the evening is free. (B, L)

### Day 9: Cliffs of Moher & Medieval Castle Banquet

Cross the Shannon River 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 your hotel, and then in the evening, you'll visit a genuine castle for a medieval-style feast, complete with serenading lords and ladies. (B, D)

### Day 10: Galway, Clonmacnoise & Dublin

10-day tour ends in Shannon after breakfast. 11-day tour visits Galway for a walking tour around the city center with a local guide. Visit

the picturesque monastic ruins of Clonmacnoise, founded in 544 AD by Saint Ciaran. Back in Dublin, your evening is free to explore. (B)

### Day 11: Tour Ends in Dublin

11-day tour ends after breakfast today. (B)

### AUTHENTIC LOCAL EXPERIENCES

July 29 – August 20 departures will have reserved seats for the spectacular

**Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.** All other departures will experience an exclusive **Scottish Evening** with dinner and traditional entertainment.

Experience farm life as you sample freshly baked scones with tea and watch a **sheepdog demonstration**.

Discover the rich history and local lore of **Edinburgh, Galway and Dublin** with local guides.

