16-Day Ireland, Scotland & London September 22 - October 7, 2024 with Melanie Mitchell



DAY 1, SUN, SEP 22

DEPART USA

Depart from the USA on our transatlantic flight to Dublin. (meals aloft)

DAY 2, MON, SEP 23 **ARRIVE DUBLIN/KILKENNY** Situated on a bay on the east coast, at the mouth of the River Liffey, and bordered on the south by the Dublin Mountains, Dublin is a historical and contemporary centre for education, the arts, administration and industry. Upon arrival at Dublin airport, we will be met by a local guide and transfer to Dublin city centre for a guided tour to view some of the main sites of this historic city. Following our touring, we depart for Kilkenny where we check into the Kilkenny Hotel (or similar) where we have time to refresh before our welcome dinner.

(B aloft, D)

DAY 3, TUE, SEP 24 KILKENNY/CASHEL/BLARNEY

Following breakfast this morning, we depart for Kilkenny Castle. Built in 1260 to control a fording-point of the River Nore, it would have been an important part of the town's defenses. In 1967, the castle was sold for £50 to the Castle Restoration Committee. We continue to the Rock of Cashel which, according to local legends, originated in the Devil's Bit, a mountain 20 miles north of Cashel and landed in Cashel when St. Patrick banished Satan from a cave. Few remnents of the original structures survive, with the majority of the buildings dating from the 12th and 13th centuries. Next we visit the famed Blarney Castle - a medieval stronghold which houses the "Stone of Eloquence", better known as the Blarney Stone. Tourists visiting the castle may hang upside-down over a sheer drop to kiss the stone, which is said to give the gift of eloquence. We transfer to Killarney and check into the Killarney Heights Hotel (or similar) with the remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

DAY 4, WED, SEP 25

RING OF KERRY

Today we drive the beautiful Ring of Kerry. This scenic drive around the Iveragh Peninsula in southwest Ireland's County Kerry is a 179km-long, circular route. Along the way, we take in rugged and verdant coastal landscapes and rural seaside villages. We will see rolling green hills, sparkling lakes, sheep and cows grazing in patchwork fields, and pristine golden beaches giving way to jaw-dropping cliffs. Following our sightseeing, we return to Killarney with the remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

DAY 5, THU, SEP 26 **CLIFFS OF MOHER/** CAHERCONNEL/POULNAHONE/GALWAY

Following breakfast this morning, we check out of our hotel and begin our day at the Cliffs of Moher. These sea cliffs tower over the rugged West Clare Coast and are one of Ireland's most popular visitor experiences. We continue to the Caherconnel Ring Fort - an exceptionally well-preserved medieval fort located in the Burren. From here we continue to the Poulnabrone dolmen. This large dolmen - a type of singlechamber portal tomb - situated on one of the most desolate and highest points of the Burren, dates to the early Neolithic period. We continue to Galway and check into the Salt Hill Hotel (or similar) wit the remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

DAY 6, FRI, SEP 27

KYLEMORE/WESTPORT/ ROCKFLEET/SLIGO

We begin today at Kylemore Abbey, a Benedictine Monastery located on Connemara Lake that was founded in 1920 on the grounds of Kylemore Castle. Founded for Benedictine nuns who fled Belgium in World War I, today the abbey continues its mission as a Benedictine Monastery. While visiting, be sure to buy some of the delicious chocolate made by the nuns in the abbey's kitchen. We continue to the Georgian country house known as Westport House and view its beautiful interiors, art, and antiques, before departing for Rockfleet Castle. This tower house, built in the mid-fifteenth century, is famously associated with Grace O'Malley - the pirate queen and chieftain of the Clan O'Malley. We transfer to Sligo and check into the Clayton Hotel Sligo (or similar) with the remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

DAY 7, SAT, SEP 28

SLIGO/CARROWMORE/ **BELLEEK/DERRY**

After breakfast today we begin with a short walk to view the grave of William Butler Yeats - one of Ireland's most celebrated poets. From here we transfer to Carrowmore to visit the site's megalithic cemetery. Built during the Neolithic period, there are thirty surviving tombs - making Carrowmore one of the largest clusters of megalithic tombs in Ireland. We continue to Belleek and visit Belleek Pottery. This porcelain company began trading in 1884. From here we transfer to Derry and check into the Maldron Hotel Derry (or similar) with the remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

DAY 8, SUN, SEP 29 DERRY/BUSHMILLS/BELFAST We start today visiting the city walls of Derry. This 17th-century enclosure has 7 gates and 24 restored cannons. The Derry Walls have the longest complete circuit of ramparts of any of the remaining 30 walled towns in Ireland. We visit the Freedom of Derry Museum - a museum which tells the people's story of government oppression, struggle for civil rights, descent into conflict, Free Derry & Bloody Sunday. We continue to Bushmills and see the Giant's Causeway. This World Heritage UNESCO site contains an area of about 40,000 interlocking basalt columns, and is the result of an ancient volcanic fissure eruption. Most of the columns are hexagonal, although some have four, five, seven, or eight sides. Following our visit, we continue to Belfast and check into the Holiday Inn Belfast (or similar) for overnight. (B)

DAY 9, MON, SEP 30

After checking out of our hotel, we have a panoramic city tour of Belfast. This capital city of Northern Ireland is second to Dublin as the largest city on the island of Ireland. We continue to the Titanic Museum before heading to the Belfast Airport for our flight to Edinburgh. Upon arrival, we are met by our assistant and transfer to the Leonardo Royal Hotel (or similar) with the remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

DAY 10, TUE, OCT 1

Today we tour Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland, the city of John Knox, Sir Walter Scott, William Wallace and Robert Louis Stevenson, among many others. This lovely city is built

BELFAST/EDINBURGH

EDINBURGH

on hills and is home to legendary Holyrood Palace where Mary, Queen of Scots lived. The area is dominated by lofty Edinburgh Castle sitting high on Castle Rock, which has been occupied by humans since at least the Iron Age. We visit the castle which has played a prominent role in Scottish history, and see the main sights of the city. The remainder of the day is at leisure with dinner on your own this evening. (B)

DAY 11, WED, OCT 2 ST. ANDREWS/PITLOCHRY/ INVERNESS

This morning after breakfast we transfer to St. Andrews, a seaside town on Scotland's east coast known for its many golf courses. We drive past the golf courses and stop to see the old castle and cathedral before continuing to Pitlochry where we will visit Blair Atholl Castle. The castle's grounds are included in the national listing of significant gardens in Scotland. Following our time here, we transfer to Inverness and check into the **River Ness Hotel** (or similar) with the remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

DAY 12, THU, OCT 3 CAWDOR/DRUMNADROCHIT/ GLENFINNAN/FORT WILLIAM

We start our touring today at Cawdor Castle, best known for its literary connection to William Shakespeare's tragedy *Macbeth*. We then transfer to Drumnadrochit for a short cruise on the Loch Ness before continuing to Glenfinnan. Here we see the Glenfinnan Viaduct - a picturesque railway viaduct in the West Scottish Highlands that appears in the *Harry Potter* movies. We also see the monument to Bonnie Prince Charlie before continuing to Fort William. There we check into **The Garrison Hotel** (or similar), with dinner included at the hotel tonight. (B,D)

DAY 13, FRI, OCT 4 GLENCOE/RANNOCH MOOR/ TARBET/GLASGOW

After breakfast we transfer to Glencoe. This village lies in the steep Glencoe Valley in the Scottish Highlands. The area is known for waterfalls and trails, while the village has 18th-century thatched cottages. We continue to Glasgow and have a panoramic city tour to see the main sites. We then check into the **Sandman Signature Hotel** (or similar) with dinner on our own tonight. (B)

DAY 14, SAT, OCT 5

GLASGOW/LONDON

Following breakfast this morning, we transfer to the rail station and board our train to London. Upon arrival, we transfer into the heart of the city for our panoramic city tour, seeing the main sites of this historical capital. We then transfer to our hotel, the **Mama Shelter London-Shoreditch** (or similar), for check-in and overnight. (B)

DAY 15, SUN, OCT 6

LONDON

Today we have a full day at leisure in London. Visit the British Museum, ride the London Eye, or perhaps shop in popular areas such as Oxford Street or Westfield. A farewell dinner is included tonight. (B,D)

DAY 16, SUN, OCT 7 LONDON/USA

After breakfast we transfer to the airport for our return flight to the USA, arriving back to Louisville later today. (B, meals aloft)

All sites listed in the itinerary will be covered but the sequence and days may be altered to adjust to religious holidays, special closings of sites, air schedules, etc. **Hotels listed are subject to confirmation.** This tour is not recommended for those who have mobility limitations since it includes significant amounts of rigorous walking on uneven terrain. If a passenger is unable to get on and off the bus and walk without the assistance of another individual, the passenger must bring someone with them to assist them. Please note that the Americans With Disabilities Act is not applicable outside the USA and facilities in other countries may be sharply limited.

TOUR CONDITIONS

PRICE OF 16-DAY TOUR FROM LOUISVILLE: \$6,999 per person (double occupancy)

NOT INCLUDED IN BASIC TOUR PRICE: Supplement in air fare for departure from cities other than Louisville; meals not listed as being included; single room supplement (\$1600); excess baggage and forwarding of baggage; passports; personal items such as laundry or tips for personal favors; Travel Protection Plan; any costs resulting from absence or deviation from the itinerary and any items not shown herein as being included.

TOUR DOCUMENTS AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: The name on your air ticket must exactly match your name as it appears on your passport. Please forward a copy of the photo/informational page of your passport when enrolling on the tour. If applying for a new or renewed passport, send the copy as soon as you receive your new passport. Your passport must be valid at least 6 months beyond the return date of your trip. US citizens do not need a visa for travel to Ireland, Scotland, or England. If traveling on a passport from a country that requires a visa to enter these countries, obtaining the visa and paying any additional fees are your responsibility.

DEPOSIT/PAYMENT: Payment can be made by cash or check/echeck. A deposit of \$500 per person is required by May 29 in order to confirm tour membership. Additionally:

- a second payment of \$3,500 is due by June 20
- remaining balance is due by July 15

Enrollment in and payment of deposit constitutes your acceptance of the Tour Conditions described herein.

DEVIATION ITINERARY: While we anticipate that the majority of the group will want to participate in the full 16-day program, it is possible to omit the Scotland/England portion and return home from Ireland on Day 9. Should you opt for the shorter version of the trip, the cost reduction applied to your tour price would be approximately \$2,000 per person. Any other adjustment in standardized air or land itinerary will carry a \$100 fee (for each change) in addition to any additional expense required. This fee is applicable for research projected and/or accepted. To ensure efficient handling of these requests, Ghee's Travel LLC will require that a tour deposit be received before a deviation request can be processed. If deviating from the group tour program, there will be no refund for any service not used, except as noted above. Deviation requests must be submitted in writing to gheestravel@gmail.com. Deviation requests received within 100 days of departure may incur additional change fees from the airline and/or land provider.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: IATA Economy class, applicable on Delta Airlines or other IATA carrier. **Supplement will apply for departure from cities other than Louisville.** Current U.S. securities, customs and departure tax, fuel surcharge and foreign departure taxes are included in the tour rate and are subject to change prior to departure.



SEAT REQUESTS AND AIR UPGRADES: Airlines differ in their handling of seat assignments for groups. In most cases, seats are not assigned until about 3 weeks prior to departure, and occasionally seat assignments are not available until airport check-in on the day of departure. Tour price does not include any fees that may be required by the airline to secure a reserved seat assignment. Please note that specific air seat requests will be forwarded to the airline on your behalf but are subject to final approval/confirmation by the airline. Seat requests must be submitted in writing to <u>gheestravel@gmail.</u> com. Group tickets are not upgradeable. If you wish to upgrade, your air ticket must be issued separately, which requires full payment of the ticket cost at the time the ticket is issued. Once issued, the ticket is non-refundable and any fees resulting from changes or cancellation are at the traveler's own expense.

HOTELS: Tour price based on two persons in a room in twinbedded accomodations with private bath in four-star/first-class, and three-star/tourist-class hotels as listed (or similar). Porterage of one bag per person included at hotels where available. Ghee's Travel LLC will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. In this case, the payment of single supplement will be required. When available, single rooms are often smaller than double rooms. Single supplement, \$1600.

MEALS & SIGHTSEEING: Meals included as listed in itinerary (B = breakfast; D = dinner). English-speaking, government-licensed tour manager throughout, plus local guides and transfer assistance where required. Sightseeing and entrance fees to places visited as described in the itinerary are included in the tour. Gratuities to your tour manager, guides, drivers, etc. in the amount of \$240 are included in the tour rate.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE: Due to space limitations on buses used, we have included porterage for only one check-on bag (combination width, length and height not to exceed 62 inches and maximum weight of 50 pounds) in tour cost. You may also take one carry-on that will fit under your airline seat or in the overhead compartment.

DELAYS, CANCELLATION AND REFUND: Ghee's Travel LLC is not responsible for changes and delays in airline schedules and cannot reimburse passengers for expenses resulting from delays, re-issuance of air tickets, etc. In event of cancellation, there will be a fee of \$200 per person to cover administrative costs. In addition, the following scale of charges will apply to each traveler when notice of cancellation is given in writing after the booking is confirmed: Up to 126 days prior to departure, \$200.

125-96 days prior to departure, \$500.

95-66 days prior to departure, \$1500.

65-0 days prior to departure, 100% cancellation penalty.

On or after the date of departure there can be no refund for any service not used.

All cancellation notifications must be made in writing to Ghee's Travel LLC. Please allow 4 weeks for cancellation refund processing.

After ticketing of international and domestic air, a cancellation penalty of 100% of air fare is in effect. Group tickets are normally issued approximately 45 days prior to departure, but in the event that your ticket is issued earlier, the above schedule of cancellation penalties and refund amounts will be adjusted accordingly.

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Subject to Governmental, IATA, ARC and airlines regulation requirements in effect at the date of and during the tour. Tour price based on group minimum of 14 passengers participating in the full 16-day program, current airfare and cost of land arrangements as of April 25, 2024 (1 British Pound = \$1.25 USD and 1 Euro = \$1.07 USD) and is subject to any changes that may be imposed prior to departure.

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