



# Taste of Ireland & Scotland

## October 13-24, 2024

*Most beloved attractions of two countries!*

**ChmieBell TOURS**



### Sunday, October 13 | Onward flight to Glasgow

Anticipation mounts as we meet at the MSP airport (or others as arranged) and board our flight and head to Scotland.

### Monday, October 14 | Arrive in Glasgow

Our shuttle picks us up from the airport and brings us to our first overnight. Time to relax and enjoy an evening to unwind on your own.

### Tuesday, October 15 | Glasgow Highlights

Your tour begins at 2:00pm at 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 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)

### Wednesday, October 16 | 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 Nairn. (B,D)

### Thursday, October 17 | Whiskey 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,D)

### Friday, October 18 | 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 for you to explore on your own. Experience a lively Scottish evening with dinner and traditional entertainment. (B, D\*)

### Saturday, October 19 | 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)

**Sunday, October 20 | 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)

**Monday, October 21 | 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)

**Tuesday, October 22 | 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. 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 for you to enjoy. (B,L)

**Wednesday, October 23 | 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 before heading to your hotel. Your dinner will be a medieval style feast in a castle, complete with serenading lords and ladies. (B,D)

**Thursday, October 24 | Galway | Clonmacnoise | Dublin**

Head to lively Galway for a walking tour around the city center with a local guide. Drive to Dublin, stopping to visit the picturesque monastic ruins of Clonmacnoise, founded in 544 AD by Saint Ciaran. Your evening is free to explore Dublin's restaurants and pubs. (B)

**Friday, October 25 | Tour Ends in Dublin**

Your tour ends after breakfast today and we head to the airport for our flight home with incredible stories and memories to share with family and friends. (B)

**Your Package Includes:**

- Round-trip Airfare from Mpls/St. Paul *(All other states/cities call for pricing!)*
- Air Taxes, Fees/Surcharges
- Transportation (Buses, Shuttles & Ferries)
- All Entrance Fees to Attractions
- Scottish & Irish Entertainment\*
- Highlights Listed
- Hotel Accommodations
- 17 Meals

**Trip Highlights:**

- Sheepdog Demonstration
- Loch Ness Cruise
- 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
- Maldred Hotel Pearse Street

**Limited Space!  
REGISTER  
EARLY**

**Price  
Per Person  
TBD**

**\$600 Deposit  
Per Person Required  
to reserve your spot!  
Final payment due  
8/1/24**



Personally Hosted  
Together By:

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