

## SCOTLAND & IRELAND 08 NIGHTS & 09 DAYS

### Tour Description

Scotland, most northerly of the four parts of the United Kingdom, occupying about one-third of the island of Great Britain. The name Scotland derives from the Latin Scotia, land of the Scots, a Celtic people from Ireland who settled on the west coast of Great Britain about the 5th century. The Republic of Ireland occupies most of the island of Ireland, off the coast of England and Wales. Its capital, Dublin, is the birthplace of writers like Oscar Wilde, and home of Guinness beer.

Glasgow is a port city on the River Clyde in Scotland's western Lowlands. It's famed for its Victorian and art nouveau architecture, a rich legacy of the city's 18th–20th-century prosperity due to trade and shipbuilding. Today it's a national cultural hub, home to institutions including the Scottish Opera, Scottish Ballet and National Theatre of Scotland, as well as acclaimed museums and a thriving music scene.

Inverness is a city on Scotland's northeast coast, where the River Ness meets the Moray Firth. It's the largest city and the cultural capital of the Scottish Highlands. Its Old Town features 19th-century Inverness Cathedral, the mostly 18th-century Old High Church and an indoor Victorian Market selling food, clothing and crafts. The contemporary Inverness Museum and Art Gallery traces local and Highland history.

Edinburgh is Scotland's compact, hilly capital. It has a medieval Old Town and elegant Georgian New Town with gardens and neoclassical buildings. Looming over the city is Edinburgh Castle, home to Scotland's crown jewels and the Stone of Destiny, used in the coronation of Scottish rulers. Arthur's Seat is an imposing peak in Holyrood Park with sweeping views, and Calton Hill is topped with monuments and memorials.

Loch Lomond is a lake in southern Scotland. It's part of the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park. The surrounding highlands area is home to red deer and oak woodlands. On the eastern shore, footpaths and cycle trails criss-cross craggy Ben Lomond mountain and the smaller Conic Hill. Across the loch, Luss Heritage Path winds through rolling countryside and ancient Luss village, with its stone cottages.

Dublin, capital of the Republic of Ireland, is on Ireland's east coast at the mouth of the River Liffey. Its historic buildings include Dublin Castle, dating to the 13th century, and imposing St Patrick's Cathedral, founded in 1191. City parks include landscaped St Stephen's Green and huge Phoenix Park, containing Dublin Zoo. The National Museum of Ireland explores Irish heritage and culture.

### Highlights of the tour

- Guided city tour of Glasgow
- Entrance to Ben Nevis Gondola Ride
- Orientation tour of Inverness
- Guided city tour of Edinburgh
- Entrance to Edinburgh Castle
- Entrance to Whisky Distillery
- Orientation tour of Loch Lomond
- Visit to Stirling Castle
- Cruise on Loch Lomond
- Guided city tour of Dublin
- Visit to Cliffs of Moher
- Accommodations: Glasgow 2 nights, Inverness 1 night, Edinburgh 2 nights, Dublin 3 nights,
- Meals: Continental breakfast daily. Lunch and dinner as noted in itinerary
- Ground transportation via airconditioned luxury coach

- English speaking assistants and guides
- Admission tickets as outlined in itinerary

### **Day 1: Arrive at Glasgow & Orientation tour of Glasgow**

Welcome to SCOTLAND! Glasgow Airport. Upon arrival meet with your travel professional And Relax in Coach as we head for an Orientation tour of Glasgow.

- Glasgow which is a port city on the River Clyde in Scotland's western Lowlands. It's famed for its Victorian and art nouveau architecture, a rich legacy of the city's 18th–20th-century prosperity due to trade and shipbuilding. Today it's a national cultural hub, home to institutions including the Scottish Opera, Scottish Ballet and National Theatre of Scotland, as well as acclaimed museums and a thriving music scene. Later check In to Hotel and relax in comforts of hotel.
- Overnight at Glasgow (Meal Plan – Dinner)

### **Day 2: Guided city tour of Glasgow & Excursion of Nevis Cable Car.**

Breakfast at Hotel, and start an exciting day which included City Tour of Glasgow as well as excursion to Scottish Highland.

- Proceed for Tour of Glasgow City. Glasgow is an excellent stopover for museums, art galleries, and beautiful parks. There is something for all ages in this exciting Scottish City. Some of the highlights are George Square, Glasgow Cathedral, St. Andrews Square, The Tall Ship, Glasgow University, Kelvin Park etc. Later proceed to Scottish Highland Tour enroute stop for Lunch at Indian restaurant, Scottish Highland has Mystery, myth, legend and history, set amongst some of the most breathtaking scenery.
- From Glasgow we travel north to visit the Nevis Range Mountain Gondola is the only one of its kind in Britain and reaches the heights of 650m. It was built on the north face of Aonach Mòr, the 8th highest mountain in Britain, originally as a way to transport skiers to the slopes. The Mountain Gondola has become an amazing visitor attraction, allowing visitors to enjoy the scenic ride and absorb the stunning views and clear mountain air.
- Overnight at Glasgow (Meal Plan – Breakfast/Lunch/ Dinner)

### **Day 3: Orientation tour of Inverness, Explore Inverness Castle**

- Breakfast at the hotel and check out from Glasgow.
- Proceed to Inverness. Inverness is a city on Scotland's northeast coast, where the River Ness meets the Moray Firth. It's the largest city and the cultural capital of the Scottish Highlands. Arrive Inverness.
- Later check in hotel, freshen up and relax for some time.
- Evening proceed to orientation tour of Inverness. Explore Inverness Castle, Tolbooth, Inverness Town House, Inverness Museum, the Gaelic Church, Flora MacDonald Statue, The Victorian Market, River Ness Islands, Holm Mills Woollen Mill, The Caledonian Canal and Eden Court.
- Overnight at Inverness (Meal Plan – Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

#### **Day 4: Guided city tour of Edinburgh. Visit to Whisky Distillery.**

- Breakfast at Hotel, check out from Inverness proceed to Edinburgh.
- City Tour of Edinburgh, Capital of Scotland since the 15th Century, Edinburgh stands on seven hills creating the dramatic skyline of this lively cosmopolitan city. Marvel at the impenetrable Castle Rock and hear about the attempts to capture Edinburgh Castle, see the Royal Mile which joins Edinburgh Castle to the Palace of Holyrood House and discover the fascinating history of this amazing city! Highlights of the tour are Waverley Bridge, Frederick Street, South Charlotte Street, Lothian Road, Grassmarket, Johnston Terrace, Lawnmarket, Chambers Street, John Knox House, Our Dynamic Earth, Queen Mary's Bath House, Old Royal High School, St Andrew Square. Lunch break,
- After lunch proceed to Whisky Distillery visit, this unique interactive visitor attraction in Edinburgh, allows you to experience the sights, sounds and smells of whisky, and the opportunity to discover how scotch whisky is made.
- Overnight at Edinburgh (Meal plan- Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

#### **Day 5: Cruise on Lake Loch Lomond. Visit to Stirling Castle.**

- Enjoy your breakfast today, before you head to Spend a day exploring the land and legends of Scots heroes William Wallace and Rob Roy and experience the natural beauty of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs, in Scotland's first National Park.
- A memorable visit to Stirling Castle, explore the pretty villages of Callander&Luss
- Next we head over to a spectacular cruise across Loch Lomond.
- Overnight at Edinburgh (Meal plan- Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

#### **Day 6: Take a Flight to Dublin**

- Today you will have a breakfast and relax in Hotel till Check Out.
- Pick up your packed Lunch and get transfer to Edinburgh Airport for onward flight to Dublin, Ireland (Flight not included in cost).
- Welcome to Ireland! Upon arrival in Dublin meet and greet with driver and proceed check In to hotel.
- Explore beautiful surroundings of Dublin and comforts of hotel.
- Overnight at Dublin (Meal plan- Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

#### **Day 7: Guided city tour of Dublin**

- Breakfast at the Hotel.
- Today we Start the day for **Dublin City Tour**, Dublin, capital of the Republic of Ireland, is on Ireland's east coast at the mouth of the River Liffey. Its historic buildings include Dublin Castle, dating to the 13th century, and imposing St Patrick's Cathedral, founded in 1191. City parks include landscaped St Stephen's Green and huge Phoenix Park, containing Dublin Zoo. The National Museum of Ireland explores Irish heritage and culture. During the city tour you will visit Trinity College - St Stephen's Green - Suffolk Street - Guinness Storehouse - Old Jameson Distillery - Glasnevin Cemetery - Croke Park.
- Overnight at Dublin (Meal plan- Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner).

#### **Day 8: Trip to Cliff of Moher, Explore Co Clare**

- Enjoy breakfast at Hotel
- Towards the Amazing **Cliffs of Moher** day trip which is not to be missed when holidaying in Ireland. The key to the heart of the Wild Atlantic Way, the Cliffs of Moher stretch for about 8 kilometres (5 miles) and stand 214 metres above the Atlantic. This magnificent Cliffs of Moher day tour leaving from Dublin leads you to this iconic landmark with breathtaking views of the coast.

- We will continue to explore Co. Clare taking in the Burren. After a refreshing stroll listening to the crashing waves and searching for the seated woman in the south, Wild Orchards bloom in this national park with a foundation of karst and limestone. These are just two of the stops on this day tour, which offers a glimpse into the Irish soul. Journey from Dublin to Cliffs of Moher and back all in one day.
- Overnight at Dublin (Meal plan- Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner).

**Day 09: It's time to fly back home.**

- Today we proceed to Airport for flight back Home. We trust your holiday was safe, fun filled and memorable. We request you to kindly send your valuable feedback or suggestions if any.
- Meal Plan: Breakfast/Box Breakfast.

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