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Ireland & Scotland

HANDCRAFTED GUIDED & CUSTOM VACATIONS

Your Celtic Story Starts Here

Céad Mile

One Hundred Thousand Welcomes



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Fáilte



Ashford Castle



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In our Celtic world when we say *Céad Míle Fáilte*, every one of those one hundred thousand welcomes means something. To me, they mean you have come home, both spiritually and physically to this special place to feel that intense sense of belonging in the warmth of our people.

Our storytellers are here ready to ensure your experiences are constantly enriched by the connections to this place. It's a promise to take you personally, putting your sense of wonder and wellbeing at the heart of everything that my gifted team and I do.

There is something mystical at play here, it stirs deep within your soul and calls visitors to our shores. A chance to enjoy these ancient isles, discover new places or reacquaint yourself with familiar scenes, a beauty that is as raw as it is old.

With more than 35 years' experience creating deep friendships within our travel community, I've hand-selected the finest accommodations and best experiences for you to enjoy during your visit. No-one knows Ireland and Scotland quite like us.

I truly believe there comes a time when a trip to these magical lands - where tears are met with laughter, faeries with faith and dreams with hope simply cannot be put off another day.

Bi Curamách,

Catherine Reilly

CATHERINE REILLY

MANAGING DIRECTOR | BRENDAN VACATIONS

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Every Brendan story is unique, so we have a range of pre-planned Guided Vacations and sample trips from our independent travel styles for you to choose from, mix and match or customize with the aid of Catherine's Collection. Your Celtic story starts here.

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Why Travel With Brendan Vacations?

The Celtic Experts

We only do Ireland & Scotland. Our dedicated team of Celtic destination experts have over 50 years of experience in providing handcrafted, immersive vacations that combine people, places and culture, each planned, managed and personally delivered by passionate, fun-loving locals. As we like to say, we are 'anything in a kilt' - your personal connection to our Celtic homelands.



The incredible Dublin team, outside our iconic blue door in Merrion Square

Travel for Every Style & Every Occasion

We celebrate all types of travelers, from couples looking to honor an anniversary, a family looking to broaden their horizons and make new memories or a solo adventurer wanting to veer off the beaten path. We can accommodate these and everyone in between, at any time of year.

From fully guided vacations to customizable private chauffeur-driven, self-drive or rail trips, our range of travel styles means it's easy to find what works best for you.

Taking You Personally

Every traveler is different. Our expertise allows us to deliver rich experiences in every region you visit. You are greeted with the warmest of welcomes and cared for with a generosity of spirit that reflects the great tradition of the Celtic people.

Our team of Local Hosts and Specialists, Travel Directors, Private Chauffeurs and Experts behind the scenes all share a deep love for storytelling and passion for ensuring your vacation is unforgettable.

You'll find a variety of accommodations and experiences hand-selected by Catherine, recommended based on her intimate knowledge of the Celtic Isles. See how Catherine's Collection (p116-147) can fit your needs and desires.

This is us *Taking You Personally*.



Travel with Your Clan

Each family is unique and we have plenty of travel styles and adventures to match. Whether you opt for a Guided Vacation or a fully customizable journey, your family trip will include meaningful and insightful experiences for every generation. Bring your clan to meet ours and get ready for your vacation of a lifetime.



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*Family - a little bit of
crazy, a little bit of loud
and a whole lot of fun*



Red Deer Centre, Highland Safaris

Do What You Love, with the People You Love

Are you an active bunch? Try your hand at Gaelic Games in Dublin. Outdoorsy? Take in Ashford Castle's resident birds of prey on an unforgettable hawk walk. Animal lovers? Come face-to-face with majestic Red Deer in the Scottish Highlands. Whatever you opt for, we'll take care of the details so you can focus on making memories.



Hawk Walk, Ashford Castle



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Family, in all Shapes & Sizes

Often some of the closest family groups are the ones that are chosen or discovered through work, shared interests or friendships. No matter what form, age or size your group is, we'll connect you to locals and experiences to create lasting shared memories. When you travel with us, you become part of the Brendan family and everyone is very welcome.

Reconnect to Your Celtic Roots

Find your connection to the past with genealogy and ancestry consultations. There are roughly 120+ million people with Irish or Scottish heritage and for so many of our guests, building the bridge to their personal history is an immensely important journey. However deep you wish to explore your Celtic roots, we will take you personally every step of the way.

EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum

Celtic Curiosity

Want to touch the surface of your Celtic story or simply want to know more about the Irish people? Take a tour at EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum in Dublin. This award-winning fully interactive experience contextualizes the impact of the Irish people's emigration across the world.

In-Depth Research

Prefer to go beyond wandering through Irish history at EPIC? Let us coordinate a personal history tour with a one-hour private consultation at the Irish Family History Centre (just upstairs). Utilizing extensive databases of records and files, your hunt through history can be as deep as you wish, picking out the names, people and places that form the story that leads to you.

Highland Heritage

We can cap a self-guided tour of the hallowed Culloden Battlefields in the Scottish Highlands with a private genealogist consultation at the visitor center. Spend 40 minutes looking back through history to trace your story in Scotland with records dating to the 17th century. Alternatively, why not fashionably link your Scottish heritage by finding your clan tartan or tweed in Hawick, in the south of Scotland.

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A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots



Culloden Battlefields



The Power of a Name

WE SPOKE TO DAVID CLEARY, DIRECTOR OF SALES AT EPIC - THE IRISH EMIGRATION MUSEUM FOR A LOOK INTO THE WAYS YOU CAN UNCOVER YOUR CELTIC CONNECTIONS

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WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FAMILY GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY?

Family genealogy will find and help explain the records that will then support a family history. A family history may be one that is passed down through word of mouth or family heirlooms that help to enrich a family. Genealogy helps to support the storytelling and show how the records see it.

WHY IS IRISH ANCESTRY HARD TO TRACE?

In a nutshell, the lack of records available due to historical reasons. To give an example, only the 1901 and 1911 censuses are available and civil registration only started in 1864. However, information can be found, you just need to know where to look and that's where our genealogists come in! Let us answer the unanswerable and help find the unfindable. From parish records of births, marriages and deaths to pet records and court appearances, our team will make what is seemingly an impossible task a little easier.

HOW CAN GUESTS START RECONNECTING TO THEIR CELTIC ROOTS?

It all starts with a name, your name, your family's name. Our team of experts can help uncover details from your past that can deepen your understanding of your Irish family history. We have a number of packages allowing you to engage with your genealogy, from us carrying out advance research, to you just arriving in Dublin and sitting with us to uncover the story together. Gather all the information and documentation you can, speak to older family members and start creating a family archive that you can then share with us when you've decided to book your trip. The more research we can do in advance of you traveling to Ireland, the more details we can uncover, such as discovering family locations that we, along with Brendan's experts can then help you visit during your trip. At EPIC, you also get to sit in our Irish Family History Centre and meet with the genealogists who will detail your family history. No matter the genealogy option you choose, we'll help remember your family and their story.

WHAT CAN OUR GUESTS EXPERIENCE WHEN THEY COME TO EPIC?

EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum is a multi award-winning, family friendly attraction and an essential destination for everyone with an interest in Ireland's people, culture and history. Through 20 interactive galleries, we tell the story of the 10 million Irish people that emigrated from our island over a 1,500 year period. We explore the history of the island through wars, famine, recessions and we look how socio-economic and persecution would have played a part in people either wanting to or being forced to emigrate. We then detail the stories of the 70 million people around the world that claim Irish heritage and show their connections back to Ireland. While EPIC tells the tale of why Irishness is celebrated around the world for the Irish diaspora, our team at the Irish Family History Centre, help tell the individual story of your family through the genealogy records available. History remembers the victors, Genealogy remembers them all.



Friendship Celebration, Cliffs of Moher

Celebrate Your Special Occasion

The roads of Ireland and Scotland are marked with milestones, so why not commemorate your own celebrations and achievements by travel here, with us? Graduations, birthdays, proposals, anniversaries, honeymoons, babymoos and reunions, there's no shortage of reasons to celebrate in the Celtic Isles.



Group Celebration, Dromoland Castle

We'll Handle the Details

Our experts will help plan your special moments and activities so you can soak up the memories and have plenty of fun. Whatever the occasion you are celebrating, any time of year, let us handle the details.

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When something good happens, travel to celebrate.
If nothing happens, travel to make something happen

Save the Date

We're here to make Celtic magic happen every step of the way, no matter how you choose to celebrate on your trip. From romantic afternoon teas or fine dining in castles, family fun activities, relaxing spa days or the restful beauty of unforgettable natural settings, there are endless options to choose from to fill your days.



Romantic Celebration, Old Manse of Blair, Pitlochry

Indulge as You Sláinte, Sip & Savor

From eclectic and modern to traditional and hearty, walking food tours to Michelin-star sit downs, Ireland & Scotland are rich lands for foodies. With herds of Shepherd's Pies to try, seaweed's umami flavors to explore and plenty of pints to be pulled, prepare your palate and raise a glass for tasteful journeys through the full-bodied flavors of our homelands.

Sláinte

Pronounced 'Slon-cha', this old Gaelic phrase literally translates to 'your good health'. With all the opportunities to experience exceptional food and drink, this toast will come in handy.

Sip

You don't need to be an aficionado to enjoy Ireland and Scotland's vast selections of whiskies, gins, beers and wines. Looking for a tasting, a masterclass in cocktail-making or eager to try Guinness' 'black stuff' at the source? There are countless opportunities at distilleries like Pearse Lyons, Jameson Middleton or Bow Street, The Shed Distillery or Edinburgh's Johnnie Walker Princes Street or simply enjoy a pint at a traditional pub. For the sober curious, there are plenty of toast-worthy zero-alcohol options to choose from wherever you may go.



Grocers Sensorium, Johnnie Walker Princes Street

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May you always have love in your heart,
food in your belly and a glass full of spirits



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About five years ago I hosted a couple on my tour and we had the best *craic* (fun). The following year they came back with their siblings, the next year with their children and then the year after that they added their cousins. We would laugh about how the group kept getting bigger every year, until finally we reached over a hundred people when they decided to celebrate their daughter's wedding in Galway (which I was delighted to get an invite to). It's been so lovely to have that friendship blossom into a family and to think that it all started over a bite to eat just shows the power food has in making lasting connections.

SHEENA DIGNAM

LOCAL SPECIALIST | GALWAY FOOD TOURS

Galway Food Tour | ©TourismIreland



Tracey Jeffery

Savor

Enrich your food journey with experiences that allow you to discover the real diversity of Celtic fare and connect you with the people involved. Forage for ingredients in seaside Kinsale, learn how to make traditional baked goods in Tracey's Farmhouse Kitchen or enjoy the freshest of seafood feasts on an Isle of Rona cruise. Whatever your craving, or your dietary requirements, we've got it covered.

Embark Upon Grand Outdoor Adventures

Take your pick from our diverse range of outdoor experiences. Whether you opt for something leisurely-paced or fully active, you'll always find adventure. Jaunt through the beautiful, red deer-filled spaces of Killarney National Park, hiking with giants on the Causeway Coast or cycling scenic rail trails along one of Ireland's famous Greenways.

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*If we were meant to stay
in one place we'd have
roots instead of feet*

Beyond the Bridge Experience, Co. Antrim | ©TourismIreland

Off the Beaten Path

To be adventurous is to embrace the new. Our homelands are full of traditional and unique experiences ready for you to try out. How about a an off-road 4x4 safari in the Scottish Highlands? Or perhaps horseback riding through the woods in Dromoland is more your speed? Take a hawk for a walk, kayak in the Atlantic Ocean or take aim with some archery or axe throwing. Adventures of all sorts await.



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If you're after adventures of all kinds, be they active or otherwise, this is the place to come. There are so many things to do, not only in the Kingdom of Kerry and Killarney National Park, but in so many iconic locations. There's bucket loads of activities coast to coast with opportunities to connect with nature, see amazing open spaces and make some memories along the way.

MAURICE WHELAN

LOCAL SPECIALIST | IRELAND WALK HIKE BIKE

A man in a grey vest, white shirt, blue tie, and a blue and purple plaid kilt is smiling and dancing with a woman. The woman has long blonde hair and is wearing a red top and a dark skirt. In the background, other people are dancing, including a woman in a pink and white plaid skirt. The setting is indoors with warm lighting and string lights hanging from the ceiling.

Immerse Yourself in Culture & Tradition

Our Celtic homelands are a rich tapestry of heritage, myths and legends. Meet amazing and warm people who are the beating heart of what makes a Celtic welcome so unique. Experience traditional music and dancing, the glories of storytelling and step into the former Great Halls of kings long past.

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Cultural Curiosity

When you're here, you have the opportunity to engage with our culture at every level. Warm welcomes are combined with Gaelic variations, vibrant festivals mingle with heritage arts and traditions, and along the way, there are castles and testaments to the ages, stretching into the memories you'll be making in the present.



St. Patrick's Day Festival, Cork | ©TourismIreland



Master Glassblower, House of Waterford Crystal | ©TourismIreland

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A nation's culture
resides in the hearts
and soul of its people
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Our country has one of the best histories in the world and you feel it as you walk around. It's happening and changing all the time and when we see it come alive through the eyes of our guests, it truly becomes a joy for us, as much as it is for them.

PAT LIDDY

LOCAL SPECIALIST & HISTORIAN | DUBLIN

The Gift of the Gab

The key to pulling the perfect pint of Guinness is to let it settle for exactly 119.5 seconds before topping it off. So, if you've ever wondered why the Celtic people are so skilled in the art of conversation, it's in part because they often find themselves with two minutes to fill.



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Test Your Swing in a Golfer's Paradise

From hallowed Scottish links to vibrant Irish greens, we handcraft amazing golf vacations with your transportation, accommodations, tee-times and off-the-course activities taken care of. All you have to remember is to pack two pairs of pants, in case you get a hole in one.



Stay & Play at the Amazing Adare Manor



'19th Hole' at Royal Portrush | ©TourismIreland

The '19th Hole'

It doesn't matter if you've been on the green or on the road, at the end of the day it's always a good time for another round (or two) at the '19th Hole.' Beyond the elegant settings of the course-adjacent lounges you'll visit, our Celtic Isles are brimming with excellent choices to raise your glass and say *Sláinte*.

Your Gateway to Iconic Fairways

While we hope your score is under par, our access to world-class courses most certainly is not. Hit the links along the Antrim Coast at Royal Portrush, test your swing at Royal County Dublin or play a round at the 'home of golf' itself, St Andrews. Alternatively, 'stay and play' and combine an unforgettable stay at leading properties with stunning golfing opportunities. Challenge your skills at idyllic Dromoland Castle or the championship course at Adare Manor, then retreat indoors for some luxurious relaxation.



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Whether you're an accomplished or recreational golfer and want to work on your swing or if you've never picked up a club before, a session with a PGA professional is a great way to experience golf. We're here to provide tips and facilitate your golfing wishes no matter if you're on your own, with a group or a family.

CRAIG GRIEVE

PGA PROFESSIONAL | SCHLOSS ROXBURGHE

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The people who gave us golf and called it a game are the same people who gave us bagpipes and called it music



Excellence On & Off the Course

If you'd rather take a swing at relaxation and refreshment for a change of pace, we're here to arrange your sumptuous tasting experiences and perfect off-the-green adventurous activities, such as a relaxing woodland trek on horseback (no sand traps to be seen).

Exclusive, Elevated Luxury Travel

Dynamic natural wonders, opulent castles, historical manors and deep storied heritage, the Celtic Isles are luxurious destinations in every sense. To us, luxury goes beyond thread counts and Michelin stars, it is comfort and quality that exceeds the expected. We connect you with parts of our culture specifically curated to your interests, offering private and secure access to the people, places and experiences that deliver authentic, exceptional Celtic journeys.



The Connaught Room, Ashford Castle



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 Don't tell me the
 sky's the limit
 when there are
 footprints on
 the moon



Exceptional Experiences

Go behind-the-scenes on an exclusive tour of Dublin's astonishing St Patrick's Cathedral. Dine with direct descendants of the last high king of Ireland at Clonalis House. Obtain your own private whiskey at the Midleton Very Rare Whiskey Cask Circle. Immerse in an exclusive equine excursion among world-famous racing royalty at Coolmore in Co. Tipperary or collaborate with designers from fashion houses such as Vivienne Westwood, Ralph Lauren and Burberry to design your very own tartan Kilt at Lochcarron. Whatever your interests are, our access to unique experiences throughout the Celtic Isles means if you dream it, we can design it.

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Private Chauffeur

Combining their navigation with your relaxation, our Private Chauffeur Vacations are fully customizable and include exclusive access to experiences and activities, as well as stays at incredible accommodations. With your professional chauffeur as your personal guide, you can enjoy your ride at your own pace, while in the comfort of a luxurious, Wi-Fi-enabled private car. This is the ideal way to travel in independent luxury, check everything off your must-see list and make friends along the way.



The Perfect Companion

Our Private Chauffeurs are skilled storytellers and savvy locals, making them the ideal partner for your journey. Joining our team requires warmth, impeccable service, attentive listening and local knowledge. Each chauffeur not only knows the best way to bring you to your destination, they also have stellar restaurant recommendations, local stories and prime suggestions for spontaneous adventures.

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You're traveling with the experts. We've been doing this for over a quarter of a century and everything we do with Brendan is very personal. We're very personal about how we love our homelands, how we show our homelands and what we can do to give you the finest experience possible.

PAT KEOGH

PRIVATE CHAUFFEUR | IRELAND



Donagh Keogh, Private Chauffeur, Ireland



Dromoland Castle

WE MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

An aerial photograph of a dramatic coastal landscape in Ireland. A dark asphalt road with white dashed lines winds along the edge of a steep, rugged cliff. The cliff face is a mix of green grass, brown shrubs, and exposed rock. Below the cliff, the road meets a rocky shoreline where waves are breaking. The ocean is a deep blue. In the background, more cliffs rise under a clear sky. The overall scene is one of natural beauty and adventure.

Drive Yourself

Our drive yourself vacations let you experience the ultimate in freedom and adventure. We offer two fully-customizable options depending on your needs. Our value-driven Self-Drive trips and our Lux Self-Drive experiences. Whichever option you choose, hop in the driver's seat, roll down the windows and hit the road to see the sights on your own time.

Every Route is the Scenic Route

The Celtic Isles are enriched with many scenic drives, from the Causeway Coastal Route in Northern Ireland to Scotland's Borders Historic Route, but perhaps there are none more spectacular than Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way. Signposted from Kinsale in Co. Cork all the way up to the Inishowen Peninsula in Co. Donegal, it is one of the longest and most dynamic coastal drives in the world. Weave your way around The Ring of Kerry, marvel at rugged Connemara, see the sky fall into the ocean at Slieve League and maybe catch the Northern Lights off Malin Head. Whether you see part, or all of the 1600 mile route, incredible experiences can be found at every turn.



Causeway Coastal Route



Killarney

TRAVEL STYLE

Lux Self-Drive

Privacy and luxury meet freedom and independence on our Lux Self-Drive trips. You'll enjoy a custom itinerary with exclusive experiences, high-class accommodations and the ability to drive yourself in style in a premium car. Not only can we organize activities ranging from private tastings to connoisseur tours, we can introduce you to locals every step of the way. The best part? You have complete independence to travel at your own pace.



Driving the Copper Coast, Co. Waterford

TRAVEL STYLE

Self-Drive

If you want total independence but still need support from the experts, look no further than Self-Drive. We'll help you map out your itinerary, pre-book accommodations that suit your style and arrange activities and experiences along the way. If you're craving laughter and connection, we introduce you to locals who can show you around and share their cultures. When you're ready to hit the road, your rental car will be ready for you.

Locally Hosted Rail

Locally Hosted Rail experiences connect an independent travel style with local support. We'll help you select your must-see cities, favorite accommodations and incredible experiences, and when you arrive at your destination, an expert Local Host will greet you with a treasure trove of ideas on what to do, where to eat, drink, shop and what not-to-miss.



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I get the opportunity to bring my city alive to our guests, whether it be telling them about the history of the city, taking them to see the beautiful buildings or showing them how warm the people of the city actually are.

DEE MORGAN

LOCAL HOST | BELFAST



Relax on the Tracks

Train travel is easy with us. Stations are simple to navigate and on board you'll find comfort and great views from your pre-booked seat. No connection? No problem. If there's no train available to your next destination, we'll set you up with a Private Chauffeur so you can get where you need to go hassle-free.



Irish Rail



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I love getting to meet different people and hear their stories as well as share my own. But more than that, I get to introduce them to my home town. It's very important to me, I'm very proud of it. It's 'officially' the best town to live in Ireland, so it's great to be able to take people around and show off the places and locals that make it so special.

STEPHEN CLARKE

LOCAL HOST | WESTPORT



Sightseeing from a window seat



TRAVEL STYLE

Guided

A Guided Vacation takes away the stress of planning and ignites the wonder of travel. We manage all your accommodations, transportation and activities and your Travel Director will be on hand throughout your trip armed with fascinating insights to the destinations you visit. This is carefree travel that connects you with Celtic culture at every turn.

Highlights & Must-Sees

With iconic sightseeing and tours (often with VIP access) to places like Edinburgh Castle and Trinity College, you can see more of the most exciting destinations the Celtic Isles have to offer.

Dive Into Culture

Connect with local customs and traditions through exclusive activities built to enrich your experience of our homelands and the lives of our people.

Stays with Stories

Get access to the finest homes away from home. Stay in historic castles and manors, learn the stories, history and facts from the owners and staff.



Tales of Rob Roy, Ledard Farm

Connect with Locals

From best-kept-secret restaurants to the 'original local experience' - our personal Be My Guest experiences, locals in every corner of the Celtic isles await you with warm welcomes into their homes and communities, ready to share their passions, stories and good food.

Family Fun

From testing your aim at archery or watching skilled sheepdogs in action. Families of every age will create lasting shared memories.



Travel Directors: Expert Guidance

WE SPOKE TO BARBARA LONG, ONE OF OUR INCREDIBLE TRAVEL DIRECTORS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT SHE BRINGS TO GUIDED VACATIONS

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WHAT IS A TRAVEL DIRECTOR?

A Travel Director wears many hats... Among other things we are planners, greeters, leaders, entertainers, teachers, historians, geologists, archaeologists, speakers, listeners and comedians... well, maybe sometimes!

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT BEING A TRAVEL DIRECTOR?

The joy in being a Travel Director is proudly showing off our corner of the world to our guests. Our role is to interpret the places we visit and the landscapes in between. We love to share the who, why, where and when behind every place we go and add a local twist for good measure. Our little island has so much to tell, and boy do we love to tell it all!

WHY SHOULD GUESTS 'GO GUIDED'?

There are so many benefits in choosing a guided Brendan Vacation. Each day brings something special. From seeing iconic highlights to meeting local characters ready to share their stories, every day is unique. Often, we can seek out that little something extra to enhance our guests' travel experience. Visiting temporary exhibitions or local events, taking a little more time at a destination or taking a detour to taste popular local food. These little details are the things that make the guided experience second-to-none.

A photograph of four people walking along a coastal path. In the foreground, a man in a green jacket and grey beanie is laughing and gesturing with his hand. Behind him, a woman with white hair and glasses is also laughing. To her right, a man with a beard and a blue cap is smiling. In the background, another man is visible. They are walking on a paved path next to a stone wall, with a rocky coastline and a body of water in the distance.

At the Giant's Causeway, join *seanchaí* (Irish storyteller) Mark Rodgers to hear tales of a striking region that's been connected to his family and community for generations. Get an illuminating insight into the legends and history of a people and culture that grew from its rocky shorelines.

WE MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

OVER A DECADE OF POSITIVE IMPACT

We know you have a lot of options when it comes to your travels. When you take a trip with Brendan Vacations, not only are you choosing a trusted travel provider that takes care of every detail, you're also contributing to tangible, positive and lasting impacts on the people you connect with, the planet you walk on and the wildlife and nature you encounter.

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We all share a passion for our culture and the environment we're lucky to live in and love sharing it with our guests, but as we do, we're mindful to have as little impact on 'the hill' as possible. Through the blue-sky summers (yes, we do have them!) and the cold winters, we ensure our trails are maintained and that the native wildlife continues to thrive. As the old saying goes 'take nothing but photographs and leave nothing but footprints'.

ROBBIE WINTON

OPERATIONS TEAM LEADER | HIGHLAND SAFARIS



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Join owners Carol & Frank Devlin at their family-run Dunfin Farm to experience peat cutting, sheep shearing, sheep herding and other traditional practices, helping to conserve nature, culture and farm life heritage.



Support the local community of Kinsale by sampling the regional specialties from restaurants, grocers and artisans on a food tour and better understand the flavors and culture, history and personality of the town.

Smoking salmon that is fit for a royal plate is part culture, part community and part love. On a VIP Tour of The Burren Smokehouse find out why it's been a pillar of support for local food producers, shared cultural heritage and community since 1989.



Our carefully selected and culturally vivid **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experiences connect you with who we are, what we are protecting and where we've come from, while ensuring your travels have a tangible positive impact. Look out for this logo throughout the brochure.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE



Ireland's Cities, Landscapes & Castles

7 DAYS | DUBLIN TO SHANNON

Ireland's ancient heritage, breathtaking landscapes and colorful city life are at the forefront in this immersive journey of striking contrasts. Discover the vibrancy of Dublin, the ancient history of the Boyne Valley and modern ingenuity at the Skellig Six18 distillery, then cap it all off with a stay at stunning Dromoland Castle.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO DUBLIN, GEORGIAN SQUARES & A PRICELESS BOOK

Welcome to Dublin, the starting point for your grand adventure through Ireland! Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel by your Private Chauffeur. This afternoon, your voyage of discovery begins when you join a **Local Specialist** who will proudly share the riches of Ireland's capital city on your own private walking tour. See Dublin's Georgian squares with their brightly colored doors and walk the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College to see the ornate 8th-century Book of Kells.

DAY 2 | IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST

Delve into Ireland's ancient east on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience exploring the historic Boyne Valley canal. Board a traditional *currach* (wooden boat) and marvel at the beauty spots and historical landmarks along the Boyne River and become immersed in tales of ancient legends such as that of the Celtic queen and goddess *Boann*. Begin your journey from Oldbridge House, where the Battle of the Boyne changed Ireland's fate over 300 years ago. Explore the Hill of Tara, the jewel in the crown of the Boyne Valley landscape - a site that has been in use for more than 5,000 years as a place of burial and assembly for the legendary High Kings of Ireland. **(B)**

DAY 3 | JOURNEY TO WATERFORD

This morning, visit Glendalough, the 'Valley of the Two Lakes,' famous for its early monastic ruins and scenic setting. Be sure to find St. Kevin's cross - legend holds that those who can wrap their arms around it will receive their wish, perhaps the luck of the Irish will be on your side? On to Waterford with colorful terrace houses, cafés and bars overlooking the quayside. Watch the master craftsmen of the House of Waterford Crystal as they create delicate works of art on your tour with a **Local Specialist**. Enjoy a night in the intimate Cliff House Hotel with dinner in their Michelin star restaurant for a quaint and cozy evening. **(B,D)**

DAY 4 | CLIFF WALK, MAGICAL GARDENS & ARRIVE IN KILLARNEY

Start your day with a stunning walk along the Ardmore cliff followed by a visit to Blarney Castle, home to the magical stone that gives the gift of eloquence in exchange for an upside-down kiss. Stroll through the castle's grounds and gardens, arboretums and waterways on your private adventure with one of the estate's Gardeners. If you dare, enter the Poison Garden - just don't touch the plants! Afterwards, continue to the charming town of Killarney. **(B)**



Falconry, Dromoland Castle



HISTORIC BOYNE CANAL EXPERIENCE

Settle into your comfortable seat in a handmade, traditional *currach* boat for a fascinating historic Boyne Canal Experience. Join a Local Specialist who embodies the spirit of the traditional Irish *seanchai* (storyteller) as they weave through the history, myths, folklore and modern filming anecdotes of this beautiful stretch of water into one seamless, magical story.

INCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDES: 6 Nights Accommodation, 6 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners, Private Airport Transfers, Private Vehicle & Chauffeur, Sightseeing as mentioned.

EXPERIENCE: The Ring of Kerry, Falconry and Fine-Dining at Dromoland Castle.

JOIN LOCAL SPECIALISTS FOR: A Private Walking Tour of Dublin, a Boyne Canal Experience, a Tour of the House of Waterford Crystal and a Private Adventure with a Gardener at Blarney Castle.

VISIT: Trinity College & the Book of Kells, Glendalough, Blarney Castle, Skellig Six18 Distillery and the Cliffs of Moher.

STAY:

DAY 1-2 | DUBLIN



The Merrion Hotel
☆☆☆☆☆

DAY 3 | ARDMORE



Cliff House Hotel
☆☆☆☆☆

DAY 4-5 | KILLARNEY



Aghadoe Heights Hotel
☆☆☆☆☆

DAY 6 | NEWMARKET-ON-FERGUS



Dromoland Castle
☆☆☆☆☆

DAY 5 | RING OF KERRY, LAND & SEASCAPES

Admire the breathtaking scenery, rugged landscapes and crashing seas along the famous Ring of Kerry and delight in traditional Irish life as you stop in quaint villages along the way. You'll be mesmerized by this unspoiled land that has inspired artists and poets for centuries. Take in the beautiful views of the Skellig Coastline, before stepping inside the home of Skellig Six18. Learn about the botanical ingredients that grow in the natural woodlands, hedgerows and along the shoreline that are foraged and carefully chosen to create their artisan pot-distilled gin. Learn about traditional Irish Whiskey production methods and hear about the distillery's ambitious plans to build a state-of-the-art-whiskey distillery plant. See the bespoke copper gin still and savor the taste of the Atlantic Coast with a gin tasting experience. Afterwards, return to Killarney where the rest of your day is free. **(B)**

DAY 6 | HIGH CLIFFS & STUNNING DROMOLAND CASTLE

Experience the Cliffs of Moher, a natural masterpiece set against the crashing waves of the Atlantic Ocean and part of The Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Burren Geopark. Afterwards, its on to bask in the royal glow of Dromoland Castle, one of the most luxurious castle hotels in Ireland. Participate in the ancient art of Falconry as you stroll through this stunning estate. This evening, enjoy fine dining at Dromoland Castle's flagship restaurant, the Earl of Thomond - celebrated in culinary circles for its panache, elegance, innovation and attention to detail that highlights Irish produce. **(B,D)**

DAY 7 | DEPART SHANNON

Enjoy a leisurely Dromoland breakfast and some time on the estate before being transferred to Shannon Airport where your vacation ends. *Slán go fóill* - goodbye until we meet again. **(B)**

Ireland Family Adventure

8 DAYS | DUBLIN TO DUBLIN

Make meaningful, uplifting and lifelong memories as you connect with your loved ones and locals alike on a trip that captures the imagination of all the family. Indulge in unique afternoon tea and take a walk with magnificent birds of prey during your stay at the magical Ashford Castle.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO DUBLIN IN TIME FOR TEA

Welcome to Dublin. Join a Vintage Tea Tour for a truly unique experience. Afternoon tea is a cherished ritual dating back to the 1840s but this is afternoon tea the Irish way. Board a vintage bus in the historic Temple Bar area and take in the sights of the city while enjoying a range of delicious delicacies against the soundtrack of 1950s Jazz and stories from your host.

DAY 2 | JOURNEY TO KILKENNY

Leaving Dublin, visit Airfield Estate, a haven for families and peace-seekers with something for everyone. Explore the gardens, orchard, hen and calf houses, the vintage car garage, fairy fort, farmyard and milking parlour. After, enjoy a wonderful interactive Heritage Experience, taking in artefacts and stories about the estate's founders, Letitia and Naomi Overend. Afterwards, Journey on to historic Kilkenny. (B)

DAY 3 | KILKENNY CATS, BLARNEY & KILLARNEY

Join a Local Specialist and discover the magic of this Medieval city. Why are Kilkenny people called cats? All will be revealed. Next, journey to Blarney Castle and kiss the famous Blarney Stone to receive the 'gift of gab' before exploring the mystical grounds, gardens and Rock Close. End your day in Killarney, renowned for its lively pubs and open, cheerful atmosphere that's full of what the Irish call *craic*! (B)

DAY 4 | RING OF KERRY & TRADITIONAL FARMS

Wind around the beautiful Iveragh Peninsula, better known as The Ring of Kerry. Take in views of mountains, valleys, lakes and sea as you travel through this unspoiled land that has inspired artists and poets for centuries. Along the way, your chauffeur will take you through some of the little towns to dive even deeper into this magical destination. Visit Muckross Farm for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Enjoy three working farms, a small farm with an animal petting area, a carpenter's workshop and blacksmith's forge. (B)



Meeting the resident Wolfhounds, Ashford Castle



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MUCKROSS TRADITIONAL FARMS

Step back in time to the 1930s at the Muckross Traditional Farms. Meet working carpenters, thatchers, blacksmiths, shepherds and sheepdogs and learn about their role in sustaining traditional farming methods and cultures.

INCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDES: 7 Nights Accommodation, 7 Breakfasts, Private Airport Transfers, Private Vehicle & Chauffeur, Sightseeing as mentioned.

EXPERIENCE: A Vintage Tea Tour in Dublin, The Grounds and Heritage Experience at Airfield Estate, The Ring of Kerry, a Cruise along the Cliffs of Moher, Irish Wolfhounds and Falconry at Ashford Castle.

JOIN LOCAL SPECIALISTS FOR: A Kilkenny City Walking Tour.

VISIT: EPIC – The Irish Emigration Museum, Blarney Castle and Muckross Farm.

STAY:**DAY 1 & 7 | DUBLIN**

Brooks Hotel
☆☆☆

DAY 3-4 | KILLARNEY

Great Southern Hotel
☆☆☆

DAY 2 | KILKENNY

Lyrath Estate
☆☆☆

DAY 5-6 | CONG, CO. MAYO

Ashford Castle
☆☆☆☆☆

DAY 5 | CRUISE A FAMOUS CRAGGY CLIFF FACE & ARRIVE AT ASHFORD CASTLE

Heading north, stop at the spectacular Cliffs of Moher. See this natural phenomenon from a different perspective, gazing up at the sheer, craggy cliff face rising 700 feet above you as you cruise along the 5 mile shoreline. Back on dry land, continue to the majestic Ashford Castle – a place full of stories waiting to be told. Set alongside the glistening waters of Lough Corrib, Ashford dates back to 1228 and became the home of the Guinness family in the mid 1800's. **(B)**

DAY 6 | ASHFORD CASTLE

After a luxuriant breakfast, wander the grounds as you wish or perhaps indulge in the ancient art of falconry and discover the fascinating story behind this tradition while being enthralled by the resident birds of prey. If its culinary indulgence you'd prefer, reserve your place for Afternoon Tea or dine in the Dungeon. Now that you've joined the ranks of guests that have included Princes and Presidents, it's your turn to live like royalty as leisurely or as active as you please. **(B)**

DAY 7 | FAREWELL TO ASHFORD, BACK TO DUBLIN & EPIC

Before leaving Ashford's magnificent estate, make time to say hello to the castle's famous wolfhounds. Travel back to Dublin and visit EPIC – The Irish Emigration Museum for a unique blend of learning, engagement and fun for all the family. **(B)**

DAY 8 | DEPART DUBLIN

It's time to say *slán abhaile* to these magical lands and head for home with your cherished memories. **(B)**

Tastes & Thrills of Ireland

10 DAYS | DUBLIN TO DUBLIN

Connoisseur experiences, distillery secrets, local harvests, city-centric food tours and iconic outdoor adventures dot the landscape of this trip. Journey through mountains, greenways and archipelagos and enliven your palate with everything from foraged seaweed to Michelin Star dining. Incredible locations, delicious foods and friendly locals are the perfect recipe to create an unforgettable trip and a lasting connection to Ireland.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO DUBLIN

Welcome to Ireland! Dublin is the starting place for your grand adventure. Visit Trinity College and see the famous Book of Kells, a hand-illuminated manuscript of the Gospels. Afterwards, visit the Guinness Storehouse to enjoy a Guinness Connoisseur Experience delving deeper into the origins and tastes of Guinness - *Sláinte!*

DAY 2 | POWERSCOURT ESTATE

Venture out to Dublin's doorstep and visit one of the world's great gardens at Powerscourt. A pioneer in sustainability, nature-centered initiatives, experiences and communications, this is a place where nature thrives and is protected for the enjoyment of everyone. Stunning in every season, there are many hidden treasures to uncover here, from the ornate Italian gardens to the formal walks of Rose and Kitchen Gardens. Afterwards, head over to the Powerscourt Distillery & Visitor Centre for a brief introduction to the history of Irish whiskey. Learn, taste and savor their award-winning Fercullen Whiskey in the relaxing lounge. (B,D)

DAY 3 | WATERFORD'S GREENWAY & MAHON FALLS

A MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience of outdoor adventure begins on the banks of the river Suir on the Waterford Greenway. Join your hosts for the day, Phil and Elaine for a hot drink and scone before heading to the Comeragh Mountains. Take a leisurely walk to Mahon Falls where views of sheep, mountains, rocky hillsides and rolling waters converge in one timeless kaleidoscope of vista and color. Afterwards, enjoy traditional hearty Irish fare at Kierseys pub, then end your journey by cycling the most panoramic part of the Waterford Greenway, taking in the magical Durrow tunnel. Relax this evening in the splendor of Castlemartyr and reward your activities by dining in the Michelin star restaurant, Terre. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 | CORK CITY, MAGICAL GARDENS AND ON TO KILLARNEY

Cork is a vibrant, inviting city full of local charm, delicious artisan food, history and culture. Gain a deeper insight into the city and its proud people on a Cork City Ramble with a Local Specialist. Afterwards, visit Blarney Castle, kiss the famous Blarney Stone and wander through the beautiful gardens on a private adventure with the estate's Gardener. Continue on to the charming town of Killarney and enjoy culinary excellence and the finest locally-sourced seasonal produce while dining at Herbert Restaurant, Cahernane. (B,D)



Durrow Tunnel, Waterford Greenway | ©TourismIreland



GREENWAY TO THE FALLS

Join locals on a mindful journey through Co. Waterford, hearing stories of the region and community and learning about 'leave no trace' principles and ways to avoid damaging the landscape.

SEAWEED DISCOVERY WORKSHOP

Join seaweed advocate and educator John, for a guided foraging walk to learn about the versatility of seaweed and hear how he works to protect the fragile ecosystem of the wild Atlantic coast.

BURREN FARM EXPERIENCE WITH PICNIC LUNCH

Join a 5th-generation farmer to learn how sustainability and conservation are at the forefront of their approach to farming in one of Europe's most distinctive UNESCO designated landscapes.

GALWAY FOOD TOUR

Explore Galway's thriving food scene with a charismatic Local Specialist. Meet artisan producers and sample local sustainable produce from the city's diverse range of culinary curiosities.

SECRETS OF CONNEMARA

Immerse yourself in true Gaelic culture on a day's exploration of Connemara Archipelago. Take a craft workshop, learn about the traditions and culture around seaweed, enjoy a local seafood lunch and take coastal walk to a deserted private island.

INCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDES: 9 Nights Accommodation, 9 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 3 Dinners, Private Airport Transfers, Private Vehicle & Chauffeur, Sightseeing as mentioned.

JOIN LOCAL SPECIALISTS FOR: A Guinness Connoisseur Experience, a Whiskey Experience at Powerscourt Distillery, a walk through the Comeragh Mountains and Cycling part of the Waterford Greenway, a Private Adventure with a Gardener at Blarney Castle, Seaweed Foraging on The Ring of Kerry, a Culinary Walking Tour of Galway, a Picnic on a Burren Farm and a Seafood Lunch on the Aran Islands.

VISIT: Trinity College & the Book of Kells, Powerscourt Distillery, the Cliffs of Moher and Clonmacnoise.

STAY:

DAY 1 & 9 | DUBLIN



The Davenport
☆☆☆☆

DAY 4-5 | KILLARNEY



Cahernane House Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 2 | WATERFORD



Faithlegg House Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 6-8 | GALWAY



The Hardiman
☆☆☆☆

DAY 3 | CO. CORK



Castlemartyr
☆☆☆☆

DAY 5 | RING OF KERRY & SEAWEED FORAGING

Travel the road that winds around the beautiful Iveragh Peninsula, better known as The Ring of Kerry. Stop in Caherdaniel Village for a seaweed-themed **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, learn how to forage, find and sustainably harvest these superfoods, then feast on a range of tasty sea veggies – certainly worth a try. **(B)**

DAY 6 | CLIFFS OF MOHER, THE BURREN AND ON TO GALWAY

Visit the Cliffs of Moher. Rising up to 700 feet above the pounding Atlantic, these breathtaking cliffs are undoubtedly one of the most stunning views in Ireland. Next, its on to the limestone paradise known as The Burren for another **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Meet locals, Bronagh and Cathal, 5th-generation farmers who work passionately in this unique area of conservation. Get to know the family, explore the farm and enjoy a rustic picnic. Later, head to Galway, known for its amazing café and bar scene where traditional Irish music performances often spill out on to the streets. **(B,L)**

DAY 7 | GALWAY'S TASTY TREATS

Enjoy another **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience on a fabulous culinary walking tour of Galway with a **Local Specialist**. Meet artisan producers and sample everything from cheese to strawberry tarts. **(B)**

DAY 8 | SECRETS OF CONNEMARA

Enjoy a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience exploring the Connemara Archipelago, a series of islands linked by bridges and narrow causeways and home to several *Gaeltacht* (Gaelic Speaking) villages. Stop at the Seaweed Centre in Lettermullen and learn about the traditions and culture around this natural resource. Afterwards, partake in a traditional craft workshop, enjoy a traditional seafood lunch, then take a coastal walk to the deserted private island of Crappagh. Marvel at commanding views of the Atlantic Ocean and Aran Islands while listening to the stories told by your local guide. **(B,L)**

DAY 9 | RETURN TO DUBLIN

After a leisurely breakfast, venture into the Hidden Heartlands to visit the ancient Clonmacnoise Monastic Site that dates back to 545AD. After, stop in Athlone for a pint at Sean's Bar, the oldest pub in Ireland before returning to Dublin, where the rest of your day is at leisure. **(B)**

DAY 10 | DEPART DUBLIN

You are transferred to the airport for your return flight home. *Slán go fóill* – goodbye until we meet again. **(B)**

Romancing Ireland

13 DAYS | DUBLIN TO DUBLIN

Be enchanted by the Emerald Isle. Connect in quaint villages and be mesmerized by the allure of our homelands as you journey to places where diverse history meets modern magic. Bring the ones you love the most, embrace where you are and who you're with, bond with the locals and share together the beauty of Ireland.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO DUBLIN, COBBLE STONES & EPIC MUSEUM

Welcome to Dublin! This afternoon, meet a **Local Specialist** for a private walking tour to experience all the highlights and uncover hidden gems of this ancient, yet modern city. Enjoy a visit to Trinity College and see the Book of Kells – not your average paperback. Later visit EPIC – The Irish Emigration Museum and journey through centuries of rich history and perhaps discover some hidden gems about your own ancestry.

DAY 2 | JOURNEY TO CASHEL

Stop in Ballykildavan for a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Meet the family that have been farming here for 13 generations and learn how they turned to brewing and are using their award-winning barley to sustain their family business for future generations. Later, relax at the decadent and stylish Cashes Palace, dining in The Bishop's Buttery, located in the atmospheric cellar of the main house. Soak up the history of this special and intimate dining space while savoring the freshest of ingredients sourced from the aptly named 'Golden Vale' pastures which surround you. **(B,D)**

DAY 3 | JOURNEY TO KILLARNEY

The Jameson Experience Midleton brings the stories of Jameson's rich heritage and ongoing innovations to life. Tour the distillery and learn about the field-to-glass process behind the famous Jameson taste. Afterwards, enjoy a premium tasting experience with a local whiskey expert. Continue to Killarney. Sip and savor some local treats in one of the pubs, cafés and restaurants or stroll along the lakes right on your doorstep. **(B)**

DAY 4 | RING OF KERRY, QUAIN VILLAGES & NATIONAL PARK

Admire the breathtaking scenery along the famous Ring of Kerry. Fall in love with all this charming coastal setting has to offer as you view quaint villages, high cliffs and lush greenery. Exploring Killarney's National Park on a walk with your **Local Specialist** is to become open to the unexpected and to relish the extraordinary in the ordinary – magical like Ireland itself. **(B)**

DAY 5 | ON TO ENNIS & THE CLIFFS OF MOHER

Experience the Cliffs of Moher. Rising 700 feet above the pounding Atlantic. Next, its on to the 'rocky place', Ireland's limestone paradise known as The Burren. Meet a charming **Local Specialist** who will help you drink in the environment and its amazing ecosystem full of cliffs, caves and archaeological sites. Afterwards, continue to the characterful, historical town of Ennis. **(B)**

DAY 6 | CITY OF TRIBES & MAGNIFICENT ASHFORD CASTLE

Travel to Galway, known as the 'city of the tribes'. A fun city that's full of character, the locals here will for sure tell you it's one of the brightest and most intriguing jewels in our emerald crown. Walk its cobblestone streets, see its colorful shop façades and join in the music and laughter – you may even be tempted to dance in the streets! Continue to Cong and prepare for a royal adventure when you enter the grand stone gates of the remarkable 800 year-old Ashford Castle. **(B)**



Temple Bar, Dublin



BALLYKILCAVAN HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

Meet the owner of Ballykilcavan Farm & Brewery and learn how he set up the brewery and experience the passion behind his sustainable journey and the story behind the beer you taste.

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY

Join a local expert to explore the sights, sounds, kinetic energy and legends of the Giant's Causeway and learn how your visit helps conserve this iconic natural landmark.

BEYOND THE BRIDGE

Cross the famous Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge and hear stories of families who lived and worked on the Antrim coastline and get an insight into the conservation work being done in the area.

TRADITIONAL BREAD-MAKING WITH TRACEY JEFFERY

Grab an apron and join Tracey Jeffery to bake traditional breads made from locally-sourced ingredients. The best part? You get to take home the recipes to impress your friends with.

INCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDES: 12 Nights Accommodation, 12 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner, Private Airport Transfers, Private Vehicle & Chauffeur, Sightseeing as mentioned.

JOIN LOCAL SPECIALISTS FOR: A Private Walking Tour of Dublin, Premium Whiskey Experiences at Ballykilcavan and Jameson Distillery Midleton, a Walk in Killarney's National Park, an Exploration of The Burren, a Walk across the walls of Derry-Londonderry, an Exploration of the Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge, a Belfast Living History Tour and Traditional Bread-making at Tracey's Farmhouse Kitchen.

VISIT: Trinity College & the Book of Kells, EPIC – The Irish Emigration Museum, the Cliffs of Moher, The Shed Distillery, Slieve League cliffs, Belleek Pottery, the Giant's Causeway and Titanic Belfast.

STAY:

DAY 1 | DUBLIN

 The Fitzwilliam Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 2 | CASHEL

 Cashel Palace
☆☆☆☆

DAY 3-4 | KILLARNEY

 The Europe Hotel & Resort
☆☆☆☆

DAY 5 | ENNIS

 Old Ground Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 6-7 | CONG, CO. MAYO

 Ashford Castle
☆☆☆☆

DAY 8 | DONEGAL

 Lough Eske Castle
☆☆☆☆

DAY 9 | DERRY-LONDONDERRY

 Bishop's Gate Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 10-11 | BELFAST

 Grand Central
☆☆☆☆

DAY 12 | DUBLIN'S DOORSTEP

 Carton House
☆☆☆☆

DAY 7 | ASHFORD ESTATE ACTIVITIES

Now that you've joined the ranks of guests that have included Princes and Presidents, it's your turn to live like royalty as leisurely or as active as you please. After a luxuriant breakfast, meet the castle's famous dogs, go horse riding or fishing or perhaps indulge in the ancient art of falconry to discover the fascinating story behind this tradition while being enthralled by the resident birds of prey. If it's a culinary indulgence you'd prefer, reserve your place for Afternoon Tea or dine in the Dungeon. **(B)**

DAY 8 | JOURNEY TO DONEGAL

Head north through deepest rural Ireland to Donegal, stopping at the edge of Lough Allen in Drumshanbo to visit The Shed Distillery and its Medieval copper pots. Next, visit the Slieve League cliffs – towering high above the ocean and offering panoramic views of the mountains and coast. **(B)**

DAY 9 | PARIAN CHINA & CITY WALLS

Visit Belleek Pottery, the home of world-famous Parian china where unique pieces are made using traditional methods passed down from generation to generation. Travel to Derry-Londonderry and walk the city's ancient walls with a Local Specialist. Hear from the heart the city's recent and ancient history and admire the iconic buildings and landmarks as you stroll along the 17th-century ramparts. **(B)**

DAY 10 | GIANT'S CAUSEWAY, BEYOND THE BRIDGE & ON TO BELFAST

See the legendary basalt columns of the Giant's Causeway on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. After, enjoy another **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience on a private tour of the Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge with a Local Specialist. Walk the cliff paths, listening to stories from your guide, then experience the adrenalin rush as you cross the rope bridge, suspended 100 feet above sea level to the tiny island of Carrick-a-Rede. The fisherman's cottage here has remained unchanged since the last fishermen left decades ago, leaving an open fire and secret tales behind. Later, continue to Belfast, the bustling capital of Northern Ireland.

DAY 11 | LOCAL VIEW ON LIVING HISTORY, TITANIC AND GAME OF THRONES

Meet a Local Specialist for a living history tour at the impressive Titanic Belfast. Learn about this legend's infamous history on the very shores where she got her start.. If you're a *Game of Thrones* enthusiast, you're in the perfect spot to indulge your set-jetting passions. **(B)**

DAY 12 | BREAD BAKING & RETURN TO DUBLIN

Join Tracey in her farmhouse kitchen for some memorable traditional bread-making and local food tasting. The best part of this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience? You get to take a copy of the recipes to impress your friends with back home. Journey back towards Dublin, stopping at its doorstep for an overnight stay at the stunning Carton House. **(B)**

DAY 13 | DEPART DUBLIN

You are transferred to Dublin airport for your return flight home. **(B)**

Legendary Castle Stays

9 DAYS | DUBLIN TO DUBLIN

Experience royal treatment on a trip featuring stays at two of Ireland's 5-star castles, Ashford Castle and Dromoland Castle. One contemporary, one classic, both offer legendary hospitality, traditional comforts within their walls and a variety of elegant escapes within their grounds. This trip is the ultimate experience in immersive, high-end travel in Ireland.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO DUBLIN, COBBLE STONES & EPIC MUSEUM

Welcome to Dublin, the starting point for your grand adventure through the Emerald Isle. You'll meet your Private Chauffeur on arrival to be whisked away to your hotel. Once settled in this afternoon, you'll be joined by a **Local Specialist** who will personally escort you to see the riches of Ireland's capital city on your own private walking tour. Experience all the highlights and uncover hidden gems of this ancient, yet modern city.

DAY 2 | STROKESTOWN PARK & ASHFORD CASTLE

Journey into Ireland's Hidden Heartlands and visit Strokestown Park House. This Georgian Palladian mansion is preserved with its original furnishings and fabrics and its beautiful 6-acre walled gardens have been restored to their original splendor. Hear the stories of this unique historic property on a guided tour that is like walking through the pages of a novel. Afterwards, continue to Cong and prepare for a royal adventure as you enter the grand stone gates of the remarkable 800 year-old Ashford Castle. Your luxurious bed for the next three nights will be in one of the castles Deluxe Room's. **(B)**

DAY 3 | ASHFORD CASTLE ESTATE ACTIVITIES

Welcome to your first full day of life in a castle. After a luxuriant breakfast, you're free to wander the grounds as you wish, perhaps using your Brendan provided Ashford Castle Estate Credit to participate in a falconry hawk walk or a spa treatment. If it's a culinary indulgence you'd prefer, reserve your place for Afternoon Tea or dine in the Dungeon Bar. Now that you've joined the ranks of guests that have included Princes and Presidents, it's your turn to live like royalty as leisurely or as active as you please. **(B)**

DAY 4 | CONNEMARA, KYLEMORE ABBEY & GEORGE V DINING

Another day at Ashford means another opportunity to explore the woods, meet the castle's wolfhounds, do more activities or sample more dining options. Alternatively, perhaps visit the nearby village of Cong or if the mood strikes, opt to take this day to travel through Connemara, a culturally rich, Irish-speaking region full of golden beaches, rocky mountains and breathtaking views. Visit the Gothic-inspired Kylemore Abbey, a former castle-turned-abbey perched alongside a lake with winding wooded paths and classic walled gardens that boasts a love story like no other. This evening, return to Ashford Castle and don your finery to dine like lords and ladies at the castle's elegant George V Restaurant. **(B,D)**

DAY 5 | GALWAY CITY & DROMOLAND CASTLE

Travel to Galway. The 'City of the Tribes' is a fun city that's full of character. Walk its cobblestone streets, step into colorful shops and join in the music and laughter that makes Galway so memorable. Enjoy a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience on a fabulous culinary walking tour of Galway with a **Local Specialist**. Sample a variety of flavors by artisan producers, restaurants and markets stands - from cheese and whiskey to strawberry tarts. After, it's onwards to bask in the royal glow of Dromoland Castle, one of Ireland's most luxurious castle hotels. Your luxurious bed for the next three nights will be in one of the castles Deluxe Room's. **(B)**



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GALWAY FOOD TOUR

Explore Galway's thriving food scene with a charismatic Local Specialist. Meet artisan producers and support local business as you sample local sustainable produce from the city's diverse range of culinary curiosities.

INCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDES: 8 Nights Accommodation, 8 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners, Private Airport Transfers, Private Vehicle & Chauffeur, Sightseeing as mentioned.

JOIN LOCAL SPECIALISTS FOR: A Private Walking Tour of Dublin, an Exploration of The Burren and a Galway Food Tour.

VISIT: Strokestown Park House, Connemara and Kylemore Abbey, the Cliffs of Moher, the Irish National Stud and the Guinness Storehouse.

STAY:

DAY 1 & 8 | DUBLIN



The Merrion
☆☆☆☆☆

DAY 5-7 | NEWMARKET-ON-FERGUS



Dromoland Castle
☆☆☆☆☆

DAY 2-4 | CONG, CO. MAYO



Ashford Castle
☆☆☆☆☆

Ashford Castle

DAY 6 | DROMOLAND CASTLE

Welcome to Dromoland Castle, an immaculately placed 450-acre estate that has welcomed guests since the 16th century. The ancient baronial structures give way to luxuriant hotel wings housing an inspired chicly modern stay, abounding with the comforts of traditional Irish hospitality. There's much to do and explore in this elegant setting. You could try some of the castle's outdoor activities such as woodland trekking, horseback riding and archery, or settle in for some delicious lunch in The Gallery beside a crackling fire, courtesy of your Dromoland Castle Estate credit. **(B)**

DAY 7 | DROMOLAND CASTLE ESTATE ACTIVITIES

Enjoy another day relaxing at Dromoland Castle or, adventure out for the day with your Private Chauffeur. Travel to the Cliffs of Moher. Walk the walled pathways atop the cliffs that rise 700 feet above the pounding Atlantic waves and take in some of the most stunning and iconic views in Ireland. After, visit the 'rocky place', Ireland's limestone paradise known as The Burren. Meet a charming Local Specialist who will encourage you to stop and drink in the environment's rare ecosystem of furrows, cliffs, caves and archaeological sites. This evening, you'll enjoy fine dining at Dromoland Castle's flagship restaurant, the Earl of Thomond - celebrated in culinary circles for its panache, elegance, innovation and attention to detail that highlights Irish produce. **(B,D)**

DAY 8 | IRISH NATIONAL STUD & GUINNESS STOREHOUSE

Say farewell to the acres of Dromoland and visit The Irish National Stud in Tully, Co.Kildare. The only professional stud farm open to the public is the beating heart of Ireland's horse industry. Enjoy this place of outstanding natural beauty that is home to magnificent horses and elegant, serene gardens. Continue to Dublin and visit the Guinness Storehouse. Part museum, part towering pub, the storehouse takes visitors through the history, legend and evolution of most famous of Irish drink. Learn the art of the perfect pull, then enjoy a 360° view of Dublin at the top floor Gravity Bar and relax with a pint of the famed 'Black Stuff.' **(B)**

DAY 9 | DEPART DUBLIN

Today, you depart our fair island. Your Private Chauffeur will transfer you to Dublin Airport, where it is time to bid farewell to the delightful Emerald Isle. *Slán go fóill* – goodbye until we meet again. **(B)**

Spirit of Scotland

10 DAYS | EDINBURGH TO EDINBURGH

Scotland has a passionate whisky scene and produces a huge variety of whiskies, each with their own unique flavor. As you travel round, we're sure there's one just right for your palate, but you might need to taste a few before you find it! Sip, saunter and savor on this trip that takes in the sights and connects you with the true soul of Scotland.



DAY 1 | A WELCOME TO EDINBURGH

Welcome to Scotland! Enjoy a private walking tour of Edinburgh with a *Local Specialist*. Take in the main sights of this wonderful city, including a visit to Edinburgh Castle. Later, embark on a *MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®* Experience through a journey of flavors at The Johnnie Walker Experience on Princes Street. Explore the secrets behind the country's most popular whisky across eight dramatic floors – This is whisky like you've never experienced it before.

DAY 2 | JOURNEY TO INVERNESS

Heading to the Highlands, stop at Glamis Castle, home of the Earl of Strathmore. The castle was the setting for Shakespeare's Macbeth and is reputed to be one of the most haunted places in the British Isles. Next, enjoy a unique and sweet *MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®* Experience at the award-winning Highland Chocolatier. (B)

DAY 3 | SPEYSIDE WHISKY REGION & TASTINGS

Spend a full day exploring Speyside, Scotland's most famous whisky region to sample spirits and learn about the craft of creating this delicious concoction. Visit Benromach Distillery, then Glenmorangie Distillery for a *MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®* Experience to learn how the distillery is restoring long lost oyster reefs to the Firth. Stop at Cardhu Distillery, home to the famous Johnnie Walker Black Label whisky then visit Speyside Cooperage for a guided tour that is a true delight for whisky fans. Journey through the lifecycle of the cask in a 4D cinematic presentation and see cooper craftspeople at work from the viewing gallery. (B)

DAY 4 | LOCH NESS & THE ISLE OF SKYE

Travel along the banks of Loch Ness. Stop at Eilean Donan Castle, this stunning 13th-century Castle is situated at a point where three lochs meet and has been used in many blockbuster films. Take in the majestic surrounding scenery before crossing the land bridge to the Isle of Skye. (B)

DAY 5 | CRUISE TO RONA HARBOR

Join a *Local Specialist* for a leisurely cruise to stunning Rona Harbor, taking in views of the iconic Old Man of Storr and Cullin Mountains while watching out for dolphins and Rona's resident seal colony along the way. Once you arrive at the harbor, enjoy a hearty seafood lunch in truly special surroundings before going ashore to explore the island. (B,L)

DAY 6 | FERRY, STEAM TRAIN & INVERLOCHY CASTLE

Take the ferry to Mallaig, a remote and relaxing location famous for its fishing port. From here, take in the glorious scenery on a grand exploration of lush greenery as you travel to Fort William aboard the Jacobite Steam Train – considered one of the greatest rail trips in the world. Watch for the Glenfinnan Viaduct, well known to *Harry Potter* fans familiar with the 'Hogwarts Express'. Disembark in Fort William and continue to the magnificent Inverlochy Castle where you'll enjoy a unique dining experience. (B,D)



THE HIGHLAND CHOCOLATIER

Gain an insight into the sustainability and responsibility behind cacao farming and fine chocolate production then indulge in delicious chocolate treats made with local dairy ingredients.

GLENMORANGIE DISTILLERY

Along with producing bold flavors, Glenmorangie partners with conservation projects, purifies distillation by-products and works with suppliers to minimize packaging and transportation waste.

A JOURNEY OF FLAVORS AT JOHNNIE WALKER

Explore a journey of Scottish traditions, culture and flavor mixed with sensory expressions from around the globe at the home of the most recognizable name in Scottish Whisky in Edinburgh.

INCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDES: 9 Nights Accommodation, 9 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 1 Dinner, Private Airport Transfers, Private Vehicle & Chauffeur, Sightseeing as mentioned.

EXPERIENCE: Cruises to Rona Harbor & on Loch Lomond and a journey on the Jacobite Steam Train.

JOIN LOCAL SPECIALISTS FOR: A Private Walking Tour of Edinburgh, Whisky & Chocolate Blending at Glengoyne and a Field- to-Fork Experience at Wilson's Farm & Kitchen.

VISIT: Edinburgh Castle, Johnnie Walker Experience, The Highland Chocolatier, Glamis Castle, Benromach Distillery, Glenmorangie Distillery, Cardhu Distillery, Speyside Cooperage, Eilean Donan Castle, Abbotsford House and Lochcarron Mills.

STAY:

DAY 1 | EDINBURGH



Waldorf Astoria
the Caledonian
☆☆☆☆☆

DAY 6 | FORT WILLIAM



Inverlochy Castle
☆☆☆☆☆

DAY 2-3 | INVERNESS



Kingsmill Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 7 | LOCH LOMOND



Loch Lomond Arms Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 4-5 | ISLE OF SKYE



Skeabost Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 8-9 | KELSO



Schloss Roxburghe
☆☆☆☆

Speyside Cooperage

DAY 7 | JOURNEY TO LOCH LOMOND

Travel through the valley of Glencoe to the *bonnie* banks of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park. Relax on board your cruise of the Loch and enjoy live commentary with insights into the history and geology of this part of Loch Lomond. **(B)**

DAY 8 | LOCH LOMOND & SCOTLAND'S SOUTH

Visit Glengoyne Distillery and delight in some whisky and chocolate matching. Notice the flavors transforming the palate as you taste chocolates every bit as intense as the 18 and 20 year-old whiskies you'll sample. Afterwards, visit historic Abbotsford House, the extraordinary home of 19th-century novelist Sir Walter Scott. An obsessive collector of books, artefacts, weaponry and more, much of Scott's collection can still be seen, along with his most-cherished possession, the house itself and after your visit you will soon see why. **(B)**

DAY 9 | SCOTLAND'S SOUTH

Visit Wilson's Farm & Kitchen and join farmer Robert for a tour of the farm by trailer and on foot to discuss how they grow food. The exact content of the tour will be seasonally dependent but you will certainly meet some of the animals and see plenty of wildlife whilst enjoying spectacular views. Afterwards, enjoy a delicious, home-cooked, two-course lunch in the stables featuring farm grown produce and other seasonal, locally grown food. Later, visit the Lochcarron Mill. The story of weaving in Lochcarron started in 1938, where local wool was used in the making of tweeds, white blankets and rugs on handlooms before including a length of Crawford Tartan. Since these humble beginnings, Lochcarron has gone on to become the world's leading manufacturer of tartan. Add a Kilt to your wardrobe and never worry again about what to wear to that special event. **(B,L)**

DAY 10 | DEPART EDINBURGH

Your private chauffeur will take you to the airport, where it's time to bid farewell to Scotland as your vacation ends. **(B)**

Note: If your visit is in August, you might want to attend the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, a not-to-be-missed spectacle with bands, musicians and other performers from around the world (August 2 to 24 2024).

Bonnie Scotland

7 DAYS | EDINBURGH TO GLASGOW

Perfect for first time visits or for a once-in-a-lifetime adventure. From breathtaking scenery that speaks to the soul to irresistible cities steeped in culture – you'll embrace it all. So have a wee dram, a bite or two of haggis & neeps and fall in love with our beloved Bonnie Scotland.



DAY 1 | WELCOME TO EDINBURGH

Welcome to Scotland! You will be met at the airport by your Private Chauffeur and transferred to your hotel. Get to know Edinburgh and its secrets on a private walking tour with a *Local Specialist*. Explore Edinburgh Castle, perched high atop a dormant volcano, see the Scottish Crown Jewels, Mons Meg, the Great Hall and much more.

DAY 2 | STIRLING, THE MAGICAL KELPIES & THE FALKIRK WHEEL

It's time for some man-made wonders and a feat of engineering. First up, standing at 100 foot-tall and weighing more than 300 tons each, meet the magical Kelpies built as a tribute to Scotland's horse-powered past. Continue to see the unique Falkirk Wheel – the world's first and only rotating boat lift that can carry eight boats at a time in a single trip. Next on the agenda is Stirling Castle, the former home of Mary Queen of Scots. Here, you'll watch as costumed performers bring its history to life. See the Stirling Heads and stroll through the gardens. (B)

DAY 3 | JOURNEY TO THE HIGHLANDS

Enjoy a *MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®* Experience on an exclusive, tailored 4x4 Safari with a private (kilted) local Safari Ranger. Watch out for the majestic red deer, the famous grouse and the soaring golden eagle as you travel through forests, mountains and moors on private hill tracks. Enjoy a delicious picnic before continuing your journey to Inverness, the capital of the Highlands. Make time to drop by Gellions Bar, the oldest pub in Inverness. (B,L)

DAY 4 | LAKES, MONSTERS, SCOTCH & STARS

Head to Loch Ness, where you'll see the ruins of Urquhart Castle and perhaps spot the famous monster. Continue through rolling Highland scenery to Loch Alsh. Stop for a photo of Eilean Donan Castle, then cross the Skye Bridge to the Isle of Skye. Head to Talisker Whisky Distillery to learn the secrets of making the 'water of life'. Be sure to step out tonight and look at the star-filled sky. This remote area boasts some of the darkest night skies in Europe, allowing star gazers of all interests to be mesmerized by the twinkling canopy above. (B)



HIGHLAND SAFARI WITH PICNIC LUNCH

Driven by a passion for nature, culture and history, a Highland Safari is a perfect way to explore Scotland's stunning scenery. Join a kilted ranger for an off-road adventure, looking out for wild deer, grouse, mountain hares and eagles. Then enjoy a picnic lunch of local favorites in one of the hilltop bothies.

INCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDES: 6 Nights Accommodation, 6 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, Private Airport Transfers, Private Vehicle & Chauffeur, Sightseeing as mentioned.

EXPERIENCE: A Private tailored 4x4 Safari in the Highlands, a photo stop at Eilean Donan Castle, the Ferry from the Isle of Skye to the mainland, the Jacobite Steam Train and a Cruise on Loch Lomond.

JOIN LOCAL SPECIALISTS FOR: Private Walking Tours of Edinburgh & Glasgow.

VISIT: Edinburgh Castle, The Kelpies, Falkirk Wheel, Stirling Castle, Urquhart Castle, Talisker Distillery and Armadale Castle Gardens & Museum of the Isles.

STAY:

DAY 1-2 | EDINBURGH

100 Princes Street
☆☆☆☆☆

DAY 3 | INVERNESS

Ness Walk Hotel
☆☆☆☆☆

DAY 4 | ISLE OF SKYE

Toravaig House Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 5 | LOCH LOMOND

Cameron House
☆☆☆☆☆

DAY 6 | GLASGOW

Virgin Hotel Glasgow
☆☆☆☆☆

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

ORKNEY ISLANDS EXTENSION

From Inverness, extend your trip by at least two days to include a visit to the Orkney Islands. Visit the Ring of Brodgar, Skara Brae and Maes Howe. Stay at a B&B or moderate first-class hotel then return to mainland Scotland the next day.

DAY 7 | DEPART GLASGOW

Your private chauffeur will take you to the airport, where it's time to bid farewell to Scotland, as your vacation ends. *Slán abhaile*, we hope to see you again soon. **(B)**

Note: If your visit is in August, you might want to attend the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, a not-to-be-missed spectacle with bands, musicians and other performers from around the world (August 2 to 24 2024).

DAY 5 | CASTLES, CLANS, THE HOGWARTS EXPRESS & LOCH LOMOND

Take time to visit Armadale Castle Gardens & Museum of the Isles. Explore the extensive gardens before taking the ferry to Mallaig. This afternoon, it's 'all aboard!' for a journey on the Jacobite Steam Train – considered one of the greatest rail trips in the world. As you travel through the stunning countryside, watch for the Glenfinnan Viaduct, well known to *Harry Potter* fans familiar with the 'Hogwarts Express'. Disembark in Fort William, then continue through Glencoe, across Rob Roy country to Trossachs National Park and sparkling Loch Lomond. **(B)**

DAY 6 | LOCH LOMOND & COLORFUL GLASGOW

Start the day with a cruise on the majestic Loch Lomond. Take in the spectacular scenery on Scotland's largest loch before traveling to Glasgow, Scotland's largest city, set on the River Clyde. Join a *Local Specialist* for a private walking tour and look out for some of the city's spectacular street art – you may even be surrounded by bubbles in Renfield Lane. **(B)**

Loch Lomond

Scottish & Irish Highlights

13 DAYS | GLASGOW TO DUBLIN

Separated at our narrowest point by only twelve miles, it is the Celtic links between our homelands that are even closer. Whether you say Whisky or Whiskey, we're both at one with our toast *sláinte*, meaning your good health, so there's no need to choose. Pack your kilt, wear your green, have a wee dram and listen for bagpipes as you combine the best from both these Celtic cousins.



DAY 1 | A WELCOME TO GLASGOW & BONNIE LOCH LOMOND

Welcome to Scotland! Your Private Chauffeur will start by taking you on an exploration of iconic sights on an orientation tour of Glasgow city. Next, visit Stirling Castle, sitting atop a beautiful hill and offering views of ancient architecture. Afterwards, continue to your hotel on the banks of Loch Lomond.

DAY 2 | JOURNEY TO INVERNESS

Near Fort William, make a stop at the memorial that honors the British Commando Forces. Continue to Loch Ness for a truly unforgettable cruise experience. Learn about this famous freshwater lake and its mysterious monster, Nessie. (B)

DAY 3 | CULLODEN BATTLEFIELDS & BONNIE PRINCE CHARLIE

Meet your *Local Specialist* this morning for a private walking tour around charming Inverness. Later, visit the battlefields of Culloden. This site is where the Jacobite cause, under Bonnie Prince Charlie's leadership was crushed in 1746. For *Outlander* fans, hear about Jamie and Claire's concerns about this particular battle. (B)

DAY 4 | DUKES & EARLS, WHISKY & ARRIVE EDINBURGH

Discover the fascinating stories of the Dukes and Earls of Atholl as you visit Blair Castle. Stop in picturesque Pitlochry on the shores of the River Tummel, where you may wish to tour the Blair Athol Distillery on a *MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®* Experience for a taste of this Scottish spirit. Continue to the 'home of golf' – historic St Andrews, before returning to Edinburgh. (B)

DAY 5 | EXPLORE EVERYTHING EDINBURGH

Start the day with a visit to mighty Edinburgh Castle. Dominating the city's skyline, this ancient stronghold is home to Mons Meg, the Stone of Destiny and the Honours of Scotland. Take in more of the highlights of the Scottish capital as you continue to Holyrood Palace. This afternoon, enjoy a walking food tour of Edinburgh with your *Local Specialist* - bring your appetite! (B)

DAY 6 | FAREWELL EDINBURGH, FÁILTE TO DUBLIN

Bid your Scottish chauffeur a fond farewell, then hop on over to see our Celtic cousin as you fly to Ireland. Meet your Irish chauffeur and begin your adventure on the Emerald Isle with a visit to the award-winning EPIC – The Irish Emigration Museum. (B)

DAY 7 | TRINITY COLLEGE & A PINT OF BLACK

Spend the morning discovering the highlights of Dublin. At Trinity College, cross the cobbled courtyard to see the ornate Book of Kells, a hand-illuminated manuscript of the Gospels. Stop at St. Patrick's Cathedral before visiting the Guinness Storehouse, where you will see how Guinness is brewed. Enjoy immersive installations, get a 360° view of Dublin and sample a pint of the famous and tasty 'Black Stuff.' This evening, extend your knowledge of Dublin's fair city by joining a Literary Pub-crawl. (B)



KINSALE FORAGING TOUR

Local Specialist Suzanne incorporates local insight and some Irish language into her foraging tours, keeping the tradition of foraging alive in the local community.

BLAIR ATHOL DISTILLERY

Recycling pot ale syrup for animal feed and using discarded materials to create wildlife boxes, it's no wonder this famous ivy-clad distillery has received gold certification from Green Tourism.

INCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDES: 12 Nights Accommodation, 12 Breakfasts, Private Airport Transfers, Private Vehicle & Chauffeur, Sightseeing as mentioned.

EXPERIENCE: A Cruise on Loch Ness, a Literary Pub-Crawl in Dublin, The Ring of Kerry and a Jaunting Car ride through Killarney National Park.

JOIN LOCAL SPECIALISTS FOR: A Private Walking Tour of Inverness, a Walking Food Tour of Edinburgh, a Foraging Tour in Kinsale and a breathtaking Hike on the Dingle Peninsula.

VISIT: Stirling Castle, Commando Memorial, Culloden Battlefields, Blair Castle, Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood Palace, EPIC – The Irish Emigration Museum, Trinity College, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Guinness Storehouse, Powerscourt Estate, Muckross House and the Flying Boat Museum at Foynes.

STAY:

DAY 1 | LOCH LOMOND



Loch Lomond Arms Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 8 | CORK



Hayfield Manor
☆☆☆☆

DAY 2-3 | INVERNESS



Rocpool Reserve
☆☆☆☆

DAY 9-10 | KILLARNEY



Killarney Royal Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 4-5 | EDINBURGH



Waldorf Astoria
☆☆☆☆

DAY 11 | NEWMARKET-ON-FERGUS



Dromoland Castle
☆☆☆☆

DAY 6-7 | DUBLIN



The Westbury
☆☆☆☆

DAY 12 | DUBLIN'S DOORSTEP



Cliff at Lyons
☆☆☆☆

Powerscourt Estate | ©TourismIreland

DAY 8 | JOURNEY TO CORK

Stop to visit Powerscourt Estate's glorious formal gardens. The superb blend of sweeping terraces, fine statuary, ornamental lakes, rambling walks and walled gardens are a magnificent sight to behold. Next, continue south to the Viking town of Waterford, now world-renowned for its exquisite crystal that craftsmen have perfected over the centuries. Finally, travel to Cork for your overnight stay at magnificent Hayfield Manor. **(B)**

DAY 9 | KINSALE & KILLARNEY

Head to the seaside town of Kinsale, known as Ireland's gourmet capital and meet a Local Specialist for a foraging tour. This **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience will highlight how the first settlers on the island of Ireland foraged local ingredients to eat as well use for clothing and building. Continue to Killarney, renowned for its lively pubs and open, cheerful atmosphere. The 'town on the lakes' is full of what the Irish call *craic*, so stop in and say hello to our friendly locals. **(B)**

DAY 10 | A DAY ON THE RING OF KERRY OR THE DINGLE PENINSULA

Whether you choose to spend your day in Ireland's remarkable Southwest corner by winding your way around the astonishing Ring of Kerry – enjoying a jaunting car (horse-drawn carriage) ride through Killarney National Park followed by a visit to the marvellous 19th-century Victorian Muckross House along the way. Or whether you choose to take in the majestic hills, unspoiled valleys and glittering mountain streams of the Dingle Peninsula – where you'll join a Local Specialist for a breathtaking hike, visit Mulcahy Pottery and see the market town of Dingle, your day is sure to be filled with spectacular scenery and memories to last a lifetime. **(B)**

DAY 11 | FLYING BOATS & DROMOLAND CASTLE

Heading north, visit the unique Foynes Flying Boat Museum. Foynes is also the birthplace of Irish coffee, so sample the warming beverage before continuing to one of the most famous baronial castles in Ireland – Dromoland Castle. What better way to end your Irish adventure than living like royalty! **(B)**

DAY 13 | JOURNEY TO DUBLIN'S DOORSTEP

Enjoy a leisurely Dromoland breakfast and some time on the estate before heading to Dublin's Doorstep and memorable last night on the Celtic Isles. **(B)**

DAY 13 | DEPART DUBLIN

Your chauffeur will transfer you to Dublin Airport, where it is time to bid farewell to the delightful Emerald Isle. Safe travels! **(B)**

Note: If your visit is in August, you might want to attend the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, a not-to-be-missed spectacle with bands, musicians and other performers from around the world (August 2 to 24 2024).

Ireland's Scenic Peninsulas

8 DAYS | DUBLIN TO SHANNON

Sweeping countryside views and rugged coastal landscapes are your breathtaking backdrop along one of the ultimate road-trips in the world - The Wild Atlantic Way. Your Local Host will get you started, your accommodations will delight and the locals waiting to share their stories and passion for their place and craft along the way will have you itching to return and explore the rest of the 2500km coastal drive north (see page 52-53).



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO DUBLIN

Welcome to Dublin! Upon arrival you will be transferred privately to your hotel and meet your Local Host – a proud local who'll welcome you and answer questions and provide local tips and recommendations. Later, visit 14 Henrietta St to experience over 300 years of city life in the walls of this one address. From its grand Georgian beginnings to the tenement dwellings of later years, the building's hidden history is revealed.

DAY 2 | TASTES OF DUBLIN

This morning, meet your Local Specialist for a 'Delicious Dublin' food tour. Bring your appetite and enjoy the best of the city's diverse culinary scene as you indulge in everything from ice cream to Irish stew. Later, enjoy a sixty minute masterclass in the art of making whiskey cocktails at the Jameson Distillery. Learn about exciting new methods, drink like the locals and discover how this ancient spirit has changed with the times. (B)

DAY 3 | JOURNEY TO CORK

The first stop on your driving adventure is Glendalough. The 'Valley of the Two Lakes' is famous for its early monastic ruins and scenic setting. Be sure to find St. Kevin's cross – legend holds that those who can wrap their arms around it will receive their wish. Continue on to Waterford and its colorful terrace houses, cafés and bars overlooking the quayside. Watch the master craftsmen at the House of Waterford Crystal as they create delicate works of art on your private tour with a Local Specialist. Continue to Cork via the Copper Coast drive and witness Co. Waterford's spectacular coastline. (B)

DAY 4 | CORK CITY & MAGICAL GARDENS

Cork, more commonly known in Ireland as 'The People's Republic', is a vibrant, inviting city that is full of local charm, delicious artisan food, history and culture. Gain a deeper insight into this exquisite city and its proud people on a Cork City ramble with a Local Specialist. One of the most historically interesting urban walks in Ireland, learn about the waterways that run beneath the city streets, the Huguenot Quarter, the colourful and the city's bustling markets, museums and characters. Later, visit Blarney Castle, kiss the famous Blarney Stone and wander through the beautiful gardens on a private adventure with the estate's Gardener. (B)



KINSALE MEAD COMPANY

Take a journey through the drink of Celtic Kings and Chieftains on a guided experience at the first Meadery in Ireland for over 200 years. Follow the meadmakers and learn about traditional processes from fermentation to maturation and bottling. Sample the local raw honey from which the drink is made and enjoy some award-winning meads and a seasonal cocktail.

INCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDES: 7 Nights Accommodation, 7 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner, Private Airport Transfers, Hertz® Prestige Car Rental, Sightseeing as mentioned.

EXPERIENCE: a Cliffs of Moher Cruise and Falconry at Dromoland Castle.

JOIN LOCAL SPECIALISTS FOR: The 'Delicious Dublin' Food Tour, a Private Tour of the House of Waterford Crystal, Walking Tours of Cork & Kinsale and a private adventure with a gardener at Blarney Castle.

VISIT: 14 Henrietta St, Glendalough and Kinsale Mead Company.

STAY:

DAY 1-2 | DUBLIN



Dylan Hotel
☆☆☆☆☆

DAY 5-6 | KENMARE



Sheen Falls Lodge
☆☆☆☆☆

DAY 3-4 | CORK



Hayfield Manor
☆☆☆☆☆

DAY 6 | NEWMARKET-ON-FERGUS



Dromoland Castle
☆☆☆☆☆

GOLF

Instead of the day's itinerary, play a round of golf at some of the most iconic courses in the Celtic Isles (other courses available).

DAY 2 | Portmarnock **DAY 6 |** Co. Kerry **DAY 7 |** Lahinch

Beara Peninsula | ©TourismIreland

DAY 5 | KINSALE, SHEEP'S HEAD & ON TO KENMARE

Join your Local Specialist for a walking tour of Kinsale – a historic port and fishing town. Visit the Kinsale Mead Company for a unique insight into mead, the world's oldest alcoholic drink and its most-important ingredient, honey on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Afterwards, embark on two more of Ireland's top scenic drives. The Sheep's Head Peninsula that forms a small but unmissable part of the Wild Atlantic Way and the breathtaking Beara Peninsula, that boasts wild scenery, stunning loughs and fantastic coastal views. These two incredible Irish drives will take you into the charming town of Kenmare. (B)

DAY 6 | THE RING OF KERRY

Probably the best known of Ireland's drives is the Iveragh Peninsula, better known as The Ring of Kerry. Admire rugged landscapes and crashing seas and delight in traditional Irish life as you stop in quaint villages along the way. You'll be mesmerized by this unspoiled land that has inspired artists and poets for centuries. Returning to Kenmare, enjoy the many dining and shopping options in this elegant small town. (B)

DAY 7 | CLIFFS OF MOHER & ON TO DROMOLAND

Today is another day to discover the wonders of the Wild Atlantic Way, Ireland's awe-inspiring coastal route. Experience the Cliffs of Moher from the Atlantic Ocean on a breathtaking cruise along the 5-mile shoreline and gaze up at the sheer, craggy cliff faces that rise 700 feet above you. Afterwards, bask in the royal glow of Dromoland Castle, one of the most luxurious castle hotels in Ireland. Participate in the ancient art of Falconry as you stroll through this stunning estate. This evening, you'll enjoy fine dining at Dromoland Castle's flagship restaurant, the Earl of Thomond. Celebrated in culinary circles for its panache, elegance, innovation and attention to detail that highlights Irish produce. (B,D)

DAY 8 | DEPART SHANNON

Enjoy a leisurely Dromoland breakfast and make your way to Shannon airport, for your trip home. Promising to return and complete the journey north next time! *Go n-ardóidh an bóthar chun bualadh leat* - may the road rise to meet you. (B)

Ireland's Northern Dream

10 DAYS | DUBLIN TO SHANNON

Get exhilarated by the open roads of some of the best scenic drives in the world including the Causeway Coastal Route in Northern Ireland and the famous Wild Atlantic Way. Take in iconic vistas and enjoy decadent stays in amazing properties on this trip that is remarkable at every turn.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO DUBLIN

Welcome to Dublin. Upon arrival you will be transferred privately to your city center hotel. Meet your Local Host, who will settle you in, answer any questions and share local tips and recommendations. Later this afternoon, meet a Local Specialist for a private walking tour. Enjoy a visit to EPIC – The Irish Emigration Museum and journey through centuries of rich history and perhaps discover some hidden gems about your own ancestry.

DAY 2 | HOWTH HIKE

Take the DART (electric train) to Howth and join a Local Specialist for a Coastal Walk around this ancient and famous Dublin village. (B)

DAY 3 | JOURNEY TO BELFAST

This morning, head northeast and take the stunning coastal drive by Carlingford Lough in the Mountains of Mourne. Continue to the shores of Strangford Loch and join Tracey Jeffery at her beautiful home for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. In this traditional bread-baking masterclass, make soda, wheaten and potato breads before enjoying some delicious homemade food and drink, served with true Irish hospitality. After, continue to the vibrant capital of Northern Ireland, Belfast. (B)

DAY 4 | TITANIC BELFAST

This morning, meet a Local Specialist for a living history tour at the impressive Titanic Belfast. Learn about this legend's fateful journey from her creation to her eventual tragedy on the very shores where she got her start. If you're a *Game of Thrones* enthusiast, you're in the perfect spot to indulge your set-jetting passion. (B)

DAY 5 | CAUSEWAY COASTAL DRIVE

Visit Dunfin Farm for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Learn about the relationships between shepherds, dogs and sheep during a sheepdog demonstration that includes an opportunity to try herding the sheep yourself to gain an appreciation of how easy the dog makes it look. Afterwards, partake in seasonal activities including a sheep shearing demonstration (April-September) or feeding baby lambs (Springtime). Trace the coastal route via the Glens of Antrim to the Causeway Coast. Tread in the footsteps of giants on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the Giant's Causeway. Join a Local Specialist who will share their passion for this special place. Afterwards, make your way to Derry-Londonderry. (B)

**TRADITIONAL BREAD-MAKING WITH TRACEY JEFFERY**

Grab an apron and join Tracey Jeffery to bake traditional breads made from locally-sourced ingredients. The best part? You get to take home the recipes to impress your friends with.

DUNFIN FARM SHEEP EXPERIENCE

This family farm uses traditional practices that are incorporated throughout their farming practices, conserving nature, culture and farm life heritage.

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY WITH MARK RODGERS

Join *seanchai* (Irish storyteller) Mark Rodgers for an illuminating experience through the history, people, culture and legends of the iconic Giant's Causeway.

BURREN SMOKEHOUSE VIP EXPERIENCE

Join the experts at one of the world's finest fish producers and learn how fishing and aqua culture is a foundational part of life on the Atlantic.

INCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDES: 9 Nights Accommodation, 9 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner, Private Airport Transfers, Hertz® Prestige Car Rental, Sightseeing as mentioned.

EXPERIENCE: Traditional Bread-making and a Cliffs of Moher Cruise.

JOIN LOCAL SPECIALISTS FOR: A Private Walking Tour in Dublin, a Coastal Walk in Howth, a Belfast City Tour, a Sheep Experience at Dunfin Farm, a Walking Tour at the Giant's Causeway and Walking Tours in Derry~Londonderry, Westport and in The Burren.

VISIT: EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum, Titanic Belfast, Slieve League Cliffs and The Burren Perfumery.

STAY:**DAY 1-2 | DUBLIN**

The Davenport
☆☆☆☆

DAY 6 | DONEGAL

Lough Eske Castle
☆☆☆☆☆

DAY 3-4 | BELFAST

Culloden Estate & Spa
☆☆☆☆☆

DAY 7 | WESTPORT

Knockranny House Hotel
☆☆☆☆☆

DAY 5 | DERRY~LONDONDERRY

Bishop's Gate Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 8-9 | THE BURREN

Gregan's Castle Hotel
☆☆☆☆

GOLF

Instead of the day's itinerary, play a round of golf at some of the most iconic courses in the Celtic Isles (other courses available).

DAY 2 | Portmarnock **DAY 5 |** Portstewart **DAY 9 |** Lahinch

Mullaghmore Head, Wild Atlantic Way | ©TourismIreland

DAY 6 | WALLS OF DERRY~LONDONDERRY, SLIEVE LEAGUE & ON TO DONEGAL

Stretch your legs along Derry~Londonderry's 17th-century walls. Join a Local Specialist who will reveal the city's history and status as a vibrant cultural center. Next, take in the epic coastlines en route to the highest cliffs in Europe at Slieve League. One moment these dramatic bluffs are hidden in low-hanging cloud, the next exhibiting a glorious shiny face. Marvel at the astonishing views before continuing to Donegal. **(B)**

DAY 7 | JOURNEY TO WESTPORT

Stop at the beautiful Mullaghmore Head, a surfer's haven with monster waves reaching up to 30 feet. Journey to Sligo, known as Yeats country as the Nobel Laureate W.B. Yeats is buried here. In Westport, meet your Local Specialist for an intimate walking tour of this Georgian town, where stone bridges link the tree-lined promenade on the banks of the Carrowbeg River. **(B)**

DAY 8 | CLIFFS OF MOHER & THE BURREN

Today brings another chance to discover the wonders of Wild Atlantic Way, Ireland's awe-inspiring coastal route. Experience the Cliffs of Moher from a unique perspective on a breathtaking cruise. Gaze up at the sheer, craggy cliff faces rising 700 feet above you as you sail along 5 miles of Atlantic coast shoreline. Continue to The Burren Perfumery and see how a young family are making perfumes and cosmetics inspired by the landscape around them. Dine this evening at the enchanting Gregan's Castle Hotel. **(B,D)**

DAY 9 | A ROCKY WONDER

This morning, meet a charming Local Specialist who will help you drink in the environment of The Burren and its amazing ecosystem full of cliffs, caves and archaeological sites. Stop at The Burren Smokehouse for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Join owner Birgitta Hedin-Curtin for an exclusive private tour and see the kiln, smoker and salt & oak shavings. After, walk across the road to the Roadside Tavern Gastro Pub and join the owner, Peter Curtin for a private beer tasting followed by a smoked salmon lunch platter, whiskey tasting and traditional Irish music session. End your experience with a visit to the Micro-Brewery. **(B)**

DAY 10 | DEPART SHANNON

Make your way to Shannon airport, for your trip home. Go *n-ardóidh an bóthar chun bualadh leat* - may the road rise to meet you. **(B)**

Irish Roads to Cuisine & Culture

10 DAYS | DUBLIN TO DUBLIN

Take an unforgettable road trip from Ireland's Ancient East to its Gaelic-speaking west, finding flavors and highlighting heritage at every stop. Get a unique view of the Cliffs of Moher, bake bread in Ballyknocken and embark on an adventure on the Aran Islands.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO DUBLIN

Welcome to Dublin, a modern multi-cultural city that embraces its past and exudes an enduring sense of fun. Upon arrival you will be transferred privately to your city center hotel and meet your Local Host – a proud local who will settle you in with the warmest of welcomes, answer questions and provide local tips and recommendations. Later, join a Local Specialist who will proudly share the riches of Ireland's capital city on a private walking tour. See Dublin's Georgian squares with their brightly colored doors and walk the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College. (B)

DAY 2 | EXPLORE DYNAMIC DUBLIN

This morning, meet your Local Specialist for a 'Delicious Dublin' food tour. Bring your appetite and enjoy the best of the city's diverse culinary scene as you indulge in everything from ice cream to Irish stew. Later, enjoy a visit to EPIC – The Irish Emigration Museum and journey through centuries of rich history and perhaps discover some hidden gems about your own ancestry. (B)

DAY 3 | GRIDDLE BREAD MAKING & KILKENNY

After picking up your luxury car this morning, head southeast and stop off at Ballyknocken for a hands-on cookery school experience. Make your own griddle bread and experience the thrill of cutting the warm bread open, breathing in the intoxicating steam and then layering it with Irish smoked salmon and flavored crème fraîche, knowing it's just perfect because of the guidance of a local expert. Relish your new skill and this tasty slice of Irish culinary history before journeying to Kilkenny. (B)

DAY 4 | KILKENNY CATS, BLARNEY & KILLARNEY

Join a Local Specialist and discover the magic of this Medieval city. Why are Kilkenny people called cats? All will be revealed. Next, journey to Blarney Castle and kiss the famous Blarney Stone to receive the 'gift of gab'. Stroll through the castle's grounds and gardens, arboretums and waterways on your private adventure with an estate Gardener. If you dare, enter the Poison Garden, just don't touch the plants! Afterwards, continue to the charming town of Killarney. (B)

DAY 5 | RING OF KERRY & DISTILLERY DISCOVERY

Admire the breathtaking scenery, rugged landscapes and crashing seas that have inspired artists and poets for centuries along the famous Ring of Kerry. Delight in traditional Irish life as you stop in quaint villages along the way and take in the beautiful views of the Skellig Coastline, before stepping inside the home of Skellig Six18. Learn about the botanical ingredients that grow in the natural woodlands, hedgerows and along the shoreline that are foraged and carefully chosen to create their artisan pot-distilled gin. Learn about traditional Irish Whiskey production methods and hear about the distillery's ambitious plans to build a state-of-the-art-whiskey distillery plant. See the bespoke copper Gin still and savor the taste of the Atlantic Coast with a memorable gin tasting experience. Afterwards, return to Killarney, where the rest of your day is free. (B)



BURREN SMOKEHOUSE VIP EXPERIENCE

Join the experts at one of the world's finest fish producers and learn how fishing and aqua culture is a foundational part of life on the Atlantic. Tour the facility then enjoy a sample of the sublime salmon during a lunch accompanied with local beers and whiskies and set to the tunes of some traditional Irish music.

CLIFFS OF MOHER HIKE

Join Local Specialist Ollie for a leisurely, 5-mile hike from the village of Doolin to the renowned Cliffs of Moher Visitor Center. Learn about the history, safety and protection of the trail that started as a small initiative but made a big impact on the local community, economy and environment.

INCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDES: 9 Nights Accommodation, 9 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, Private Airport Transfers, Hertz® Prestige Car Rental, Sightseeing as mentioned.

EXPERIENCE: A Cookery Class at Ballyknocken and a 4x4 adventure on the Aran Islands.

JOIN LOCAL SPECIALISTS FOR: Walking Tours in Dublin and Kilkenny, a Food Tour in Dublin, a Private Adventure with a Gardener at Blarney Castle and a Hike along the Cliffs of Moher.

VISIT: EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum, Skellig Six18 Distillery, The Burren Smokehouse and Strokestown Park House.

STAY:

DAY 1-2 | DUBLIN



The Davenport
☆☆☆☆

DAY 6 | THE BURREN



Gregan's Castle Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 3 | KILKENNY



Butler House

DAY 7-8 | GALWAY



Glenlo Abbey Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 4-5 | KILLARNEY



Great Southern Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 9 | DUBLIN'S DOORSTEP



Carton House
☆☆☆☆

The Wormhole, Poll na Bpéist, Aran Islands | ©TourismIreland

DAY 6 | CLIFFS OF MOHER & THE BURREN

This morning, make your way to the Cliffs of Moher for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Join Local Specialist Ollie for a breathtaking, leisurely 3-4 hour hike along a cliff route that is missed by over 97% of visitors. Hear local stories and enjoy plenty of opportunities to stop for photos along the way on this not-to-be-missed adventure that allows you to appreciate stunning views of Doolin, the Aran Islands and the Cliffs of Moher like few have before. After this truly unique experience, continue to The Burren and your hotel for the night, Gregan's Castle Hotel. (B)

DAY 7 | FLAVORS OF THE BURREN & ON TO GALWAY

Visit the Burren Smokehouse and meet Birgitta Hedin for an exclusive MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, taking in the Kiln, smoker and salt and oak shavings. After, cross the road to the Roadside Tavern Gastropub and meet owner, Peter Curtin for a private beer tasting followed by a Smoked Salmon lunch platter, whiskey tasting and traditional Irish music session. End your experience with a visit to the Micro-Brewery before traveling to Galway. The 'City of the Tribes', is a fun city that's full of character - the locals here will for sure tell you it's one of the brightest and most intriguing jewels in our emerald crown. (B,L)

DAY 8 | AN ADVENTURE ON THE ARAN ISLANDS

Make your way along the Connemara coast and board the ferry to your Aran Islands adventure. Epitomizing the rugged beauty of the Wild Atlantic Way, these Isles offer a call-back to an ancient Ireland. Age-old historical sites dot the landscape and the locals here routinely speak Irish Gaelic - a special part of Irish culture. Experience the iconic landscape in a bespoke 4x4 vehicle and learn about the culture, history and traditions of the local people. A guide will take you on a walk to Poll na Bpéist, otherwise known as the The Wormhole and famous as a *Red Bull* cliff-diving venue. Visit the 3,000 year-old stone fort of Dún Aonghasa standing 320ft above the Atlantic Ocean. (B)

DAY 9 | STROKESTOWN PARK & DUBLIN'S DOORSTEP

Journey into Ireland's Hidden Heartlands and visit Strokestown Park House. This Georgian Palladian mansion is preserved with its original furnishings and fabrics and its beautiful 6-acre walled gardens have been restored to their original splendor. Hear the stories of this unique historic property on a guided tour that is like walking through the pages of a novel. Journey back towards Dublin, stopping at its doorstep for an overnight stay at the stunning Carton House. (B)

DAY 10 | DEPART DUBLIN

Make your way to Dublin airport ready for your trip home and promise to return and complete the journey north. *Go n-ardóidh an bóthar chun bualadh leat* - may the road rise to meet you. (B)

Irish Encounter

8 DAYS | DUBLIN TO SHANNON

Get to know the history, flavors and fun of Ireland from the towering Cliffs of Moher to the charming Ring of Kerry and beauty of Killarney National Park. Delve into folklore and engage with local storytellers to forge a deep connection with Ireland on this unforgettable encounter.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO DUBLIN

Welcome to Ireland! You will be met in the arrivals hall by your private driver and transferred to your Dublin hotel. A Hop-On, Hop-Off tour is a great introduction to the Irish capital. With more than 20 stops along the route you can take in the historic sights and modern marvels as you embark on a journey of discovery where there's surely something for everyone (entrance fees are not included).

DAY 2 | DYNAMIC DUBLIN & GAELIC GAMES

Your Hop-On, Hop-Off tour pass is still valid for today to continue your exploration of Ireland's vibrant capital. Later, head to Glasnevin for a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience taking part in the cultural phenomenon that is Gaelic Games. More than the national sports of our island, they are a living expression of our ancient Gaelic culture. **(B)**

DAY 3 | VIKING CITY & ON TO CORK

Embark on a journey through 5,000 years of history through Ireland's Ancient East to Waterford. The Vikings knew a good thing when they saw it, a sheltered bay, a strategic location on the river Suir and a good trading position all attracted the Norse raiders here to create Ireland's first city. Meet your **Local Specialist** who'll introduce you to many of city's treasures on a walking tour. Continue to Cork, where you'll quickly learn it has much to offer. **(B)**

DAY 4 | UNCORK CORK

Discover the history of Cork today on your walking tour with a **Local Specialist**. Enjoy a ramble around the city getting to know the city's charming characters, delicious artisan food and unique history. **(B)**



EXPERIENCE GAELIC GAMES

100% owned by locals and run by volunteers on a not-for-profit basis, Experience Gaelic Games (EGG) is focused on preserving Gaelic culture through the medium of indigenous Gaelic Games. Get an overview on how EGG fosters community engagement, contributes financially to the each Gaelic Club it operates and increases the value of open/green spaces for community usage.

INCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDES: 7 Nights Accommodation, 7 Breakfasts, Private Arrival Airport Transfer, Hertz® Car Rental, Selected Sightseeing.

EXPERIENCE: Dublin on a Hop-On, Hop-Off Tour, Gaelic Games, a Jaunting Car through Killarney National Park, The Ring of Kerry on a Day Tour and a Cliffs of Moher Cruise.

JOIN LOCAL SPECIALISTS FOR: Walking Tours of Waterford & Cork.

STAY:

DAY 1-2 | DUBLIN



Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge
☆☆☆☆

DAY 5-6 | KILLARNEY



Loch Lein Country House
B&B

DAY 3-4 | CORK



Maldron South Mall Cork
☆☆☆☆

DAY 7 | SHANNON REGION



Clayton Limerick
☆☆☆☆

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

ONE-NIGHT CASTLE OR MANOR UPGRADE

Upgrade your night in the Shannon Region to a stay in either the historic, luxurious Dromoland Castle or stately Adare Manor.

Cliffs of Moher

DAY 5 | JOURNEY TO KILLARNEY

Why not stop at Blarney Castle and exchange an upside-down kiss to its magical stone for the 'gift of the gab' then enjoy a walk through the gardens sounding this iconic spot? Continue to lively Killarney, known for its many pubs and open, cheerful atmosphere. Take a Jaunt in Killarney's National Park with a local Jarvey, who will regale you with local stories and folklore. **(B)**

DAY 6 | EXPERIENCE THE WONDERS OF THE RING OF KERRY

Travel the road that winds around the beautiful Iveragh Peninsula, better known as The Ring of Kerry and admire the breathtaking scenery of rugged landscapes and crashing seas on an unforgettable day tour. Alternatively, perhaps opt for a hike through Killarney National Park with a **Local Specialist**. **(B)**

DAY 7 | CLIFFS OF MOHER & THE SHANNON REGION

Experience the Cliffs of Moher from the Atlantic Ocean on a breathtaking cruise along the 5-mile shoreline. Gaze up at the sheer, craggy cliff faces that rise imposingly 700 feet above you. Afterwards, continue to your hotel in the Shannon Region. **(B)**

DAY 8 | DEPART SHANNON

Bid Farewell to Ireland as you make your way to Shannon Airport, where your trip ends. *Go n-ardóidh an bóthar chun bualadh leat* – may the road rise to meet you. **(B)**

Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way

8 DAYS | SHANNON TO SHANNON / DUBLIN

Along the jagged edges of counties Clare, Donegal and Galway, the land falls away to the waves and the Wild Atlantic Way really begins to work its magic. Alive with literature, music, stories and surf, its landscape, flora, fauna and sheer size have inspired everyone from WB Yeats to John Lennon.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO IRELAND & GALWAY

What better way to start your adventure along the Wild Atlantic Way than by taking in the Cliffs of Moher, a natural masterpiece set against the crashing waves of the Atlantic Ocean and part of The Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Burren Geopark. Travel along the coastal road through Co.Clare taking in Lahinch and The Burren - a UNESCO Global Geopark, before reaching Galway. The 'City of Tribes' is the perfect place for getting a taste of our culture as it's known for its amazing cafés and bars with a thriving traditional music, song and dance scene.

DAY 2 | AN ADVENTURE ON THE ARAN ISLANDS

Today, park the car and join a tour to the Aran Islands. Epitomizing the rugged beauty of the Wild Atlantic Way, these Isles offer a call-back to an ancient Ireland. Age-old historical sites dot the landscape and the locals here routinely speak Irish Gaelic - a special part of Irish heritage and culture. Experience a truly brilliant day out with a mix of activities to choose from - bask in the stunning scenery, visit golden beaches or take in archaeological antiquities. (B)

DAY 3 | TASTY TREATS & CONNEMARA

Enjoy a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience on a fabulous culinary walking tour of Galway with a **Local Specialist**, meet artisan producers and sample everything from cheese to strawberry tarts. Later, venture into the wild lands of Connemara National Park. Home to some of Ireland's most breathtaking scenery, take in views of shimmering lakes, sparkling brooks, wild woodlands and majestic mountains. Travel through The Twelve Bens to your overnight stay in one of this region's historic properties. (B)

DAY 4 | JOURNEY TO WESTPORT

Continue traveling north along the Wild Atlantic Way to charming Westport in Co. Mayo. Filled with wild nature and ancient heritage, the town overlooks Clew Bay and is affectionately known as the 'Secret Riviera' of the Wild Atlantic Way. Join a friendly **Local Specialist** and enjoy a leisurely walking tour of this pretty town. (B)



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GALWAY FOOD TOUR

Explore Galway's thriving food scene with a charismatic Local Specialist. Meet artisan producers and support local business as you sample local sustainable produce from the city's diverse range of culinary curiosities.

INCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDES: 7 Nights Accommodation, 7 Breakfasts, Hertz® Car Rental, Selected Sightseeing.

EXPERIENCE: The Cliffs of Moher, an Excursion to the Aran Islands and Cycling the Great Western Greenway.

JOIN LOCAL SPECIALISTS FOR: A Food Tour in Galway and a Walking Tour of Westport.

VISIT: The Shed Distillery.

STAY:

DAY 1-2 | GALWAY



The House Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 6 | DONEGAL



Mill Park Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 3 | CONNEMARA



Abbeyglen Castle
☆☆☆☆

DAY 7 | HIDDEN HEARTLANDS



Hodson Bay Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 4-5 | WESTPORT



Westport Plaza Hotel
☆☆☆☆

Friendly Local, Aran Islands

DAY 5 | CYCLE THE GREAT WESTERN GREENWAY

Enjoy a day exploring one of the longest off-road walking and cycling trails in Ireland, the Great Western Greenway. Originally the old Westport to Achill railway line, the stunning views and unique landscapes throughout the 42km trail make it the perfect active adventure to enjoy at your own pace. **(B)**

DAY 6 | JOURNEY TO DONEGAL

Continue to Donegal, a thriving city boasting wild landscapes and isolated white sandy beaches. Voted one of the coolest places to visit by *Lonely Planet*, Donegal is also home to some of the world's highest cliffs at Slieve League, whose bluffs tower above the ocean and offer panoramic views of both the mountains and coast. With so much to see and do, why not add an extra day to your trip here? Slow down the pace, experience the Glengesh Pass and this dramatic coastal region at its best. **(B)**

DAY 7 | IRELAND'S HIDDEN HEARTLANDS

Journey through deepest rural Ireland, stopping in tiny Drumshanbo to visit The Shed Distillery. Situated at the edge of Lough Allen, it's the first distillery in the area for over 100 years. See the Medieval copper pots and sample their signature whiskey and speciality Gunpowder Gin. Continue into the country's heartbeat and explore the tracks, trails and waterside towns along Ireland's longest river, the Shannon en route to the Medieval town of Athlone.

DAY 8 | DEPART SHANNON OR DUBLIN

The beauty of staying in the Hidden Heartlands is that you have a choice to depart from Shannon or Dublin. Journey times are the same, so why not opt to stay another day in one of these locations before heading home? **(B)**

Ireland Coast to Coast

8 DAYS | DUBLIN TO SHANNON

The term 'get lost' rarely has positive connotations, but with Ireland's magical blend of vibrant scenery and fascinating history waiting to be experienced, we encourage you to do just that. Lose yourself in the charms of Killarney, the power of the Cliffs of Moher and in the splendor of Dromoland Castle.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO DUBLIN

Welcome to Ireland! After settling in to your Dublin hotel, a great introduction to the city is a Hop-On, Hop-Off tour. See Georgian architecture, get a look at some amazing modern art and taste some of the city's famous whiskey. With more than 20 stops along the route, there's surely something for everyone (entrance fees are not included).

DAY 2 | EXPLORE DYNAMIC DUBLIN

Your Hop-On, Hop-Off tour pass is still valid for today to continue your exploration of Ireland's vibrant capital. Experience the highlights of Irish food and Dublin's food scene on a walking tour with a **Local Specialist**. Bring your appetite and indulge in everything from ice cream to Irish stew as you stop at some of the city's award-winning eateries and food shops and taste some delicious samples. Later, visit Teelings Whiskey Distillery for a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience and see this state-of-the-art distillery in operation and admire the copper pot still. **(B)**

DAY 3 | JOURNEY TO KILKENNY

Embark on a journey through Ireland's Ancient East and its 5,000 years of history. Journey to Ballykilkavan for a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience and meet the family that have been farming here for 13 generations. Learn how they turned to brewing and use their award-winning barley to sustain their family business for future generations. Step out on Kilkenny's Medieval Mile and join a **Local Specialist** for a fascinating walking tour that will bring the streets, laneways and hidden gems of this walled city to life. **(B)**

DAY 4 | CYCLE WATERFORD'S GREENWAY

Spend the day exploring Waterford's Greenway. Leave the 'Viking City' and cycle at your own pace to the seaside town of Dungarvan. As you travel along the off-road route that was once an old railway line, enjoy stops to take in views of the coast and the Comeragh Mountains – the perfect active adventure. **(B)**



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BALLYKILCAVAN HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

Meet David Walsh, owner of Ballykilcavan Farm & Brewery and learn how he set up the brewery to help secure the financial future of his family farm. Experience the passion behind his sustainable journey and the story behind the beer you taste.

TEELINGS TASTING TOUR

The first distillery to open its doors in Dublin's historic Liberties district in 125 years has evolved into a modern pioneer of all things sustainability - through re-purposing spent grain as animal feed, regulating their water consumption and installing beehives for honey and growing other ingredients in the roof garden.

INCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDES: 7 Nights Accommodation, 7 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner, Private Arrival Airport Transfer, Hertz® Car Rental, Selected Sightseeing.

EXPERIENCE: Dublin on a Hop-On, Hop-Off Tour, a cycling journey along Waterford's Greenway, a Jaunting Car ride through Killarney National Park, The Ring of Kerry on a Day Tour and a Cliffs of Moher Cruise.

JOIN LOCAL SPECIALISTS FOR: A Walking Tour in Kilkenny and an adventure in The Burren.

VISIT: Teelings Whiskey Distillery, Ballykilcavan Farm & Brewery and Jameson Distillery Midleton.

STAY:**DAY 1-2 | DUBLIN**

Hyatt Centric The Liberties
☆☆☆☆

DAY 5-6 | KILLARNEY

The Heights Hotel Killarney
☆☆☆☆

DAY 3-4 | KILKENNY

Newpark Hotel Kilkenny
☆☆☆☆

DAY 7 | NEWMARKET-ON-FERGUS

Dromoland Castle
☆☆☆☆☆

The Ring of Kerry

DAY 5 | JOURNEY TO KILLARNEY

Stop at the Jameson Distillery Midleton, the heart of Ireland's cherished whiskey making tradition and a must-do on your grand journey. After a tour and tasting, continue to lively Killarney, known for its many pubs and an open, cheerful atmosphere. Take a 'Jaunt' in Killarney's National Park with a local Jarvey (driver), who will regale you with local stories and folklore. **(B)**

DAY 6 | EXPERIENCE THE WONDERS OF THE RING OF KERRY

Travel the road that winds around the beautiful Iveragh Peninsula, better known as The Ring of Kerry. Admire the breathtaking scenery of rugged landscapes and crashing seas on an unforgettable day tour. Alternatively, perhaps opt for a hike through Killarney National Park with a **Local Specialist**. **(B)**

DAY 7 | CLIFFS OF MOHER CRUISE & DROMOLAND CASTLE

Experience the Cliffs of Moher from the Atlantic Ocean on a breathtaking cruise along the 5-mile shoreline. Gaze up at the sheer, craggy cliff faces that rise imposingly 700 feet above you. Next, meet a charming **Local Specialist** who will help you to drink in the environment of The Burren and its amazing ecosystem full of cliffs, caves and archaeological sites. Afterwards, it's time to bask in the royal glow of Dromoland Castle, one of the most luxurious castle hotels in Ireland. This evening, enjoy fine dining at Dromoland Castle's flagship restaurant, the Earl of Thomond, celebrated in culinary circles for its panache, elegance, innovation and attention to detail that highlights Irish produce. **(B,D)**

DAY 8 | DEPART SHANNON

Bid Farewell to Ireland as you make your way to Shannon Airport, where your vacation ends. Go *n-ardóid an bóthar chun bualadh leat* – may the road rise to meet you **(B)**

Ireland's Hidden Gems

13 DAYS | DUBLIN TO DUBLIN

From the idyllic towns, rural villages and lush landscapes you'll visit, the ancient trading paths, local pubs and buildings rich in history and heritage you'll see, to all the friendly local people you'll meet - Ireland's hidden gems come in many forms and this trip is perfect for you to discover your own.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO DUBLIN

Welcome to Ireland! After settling into your Dublin hotel, a Hop-On, Hop-Off tour is a great introduction to the city. With more than 20 stops along the route, you can take in historic sights and modern marvels as you embark on a journey of discovery (entrance fees not included).

DAY 2 | EXPLORE DYNAMIC DUBLIN

Your Hop-On, Hop-Off tour pass is still valid for today to continue your exploration of Ireland's vibrant capital. Later, enjoy a masterclass in the art of making whiskey cocktails at the Jameson Distillery Bow St. Learn about exciting new methods, drink like the locals and discover how this ancient spirit has changed with the times. (B)

DAY 3 | JOURNEY TO CORK

Embark on a journey through 5,000 years of history along Ireland's Ancient East to Co. Cork. Stop in Kilkenny and taste one of Ireland's favourite ales at the Smithwick's Experience. Brewed here since 1710, find out what makes this ale so unique and learn how to pronounce Smithwick's like a local. Arriving in Cork, you'll quickly learn it has so much to offer, from its vibrant city center and surrounding coastal villages such as Kinsale. (B)

DAY 4 | A TASTE OF KINSALE & WEST CORK

Taste your way through colorful Kinsale on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Enjoy a guided stroll where you'll meet charming locals and food producers, take in riverside views of the River Bandon and stop at various eateries and restaurants for delicious samples. Before you leave, drop by Kinsale's tribute to the firefighters who lost their lives on 9/11. After, journey through Skibbereen and Schull to Crookhaven, a small village on Ireland's most Southwestern tip to experience a bit of seaside hospitality and perhaps visit St. Brendan's church, founded in the 1700's. (B)

DAY 5 | BANTRY BAY & DINGLE

Explore Bantry Bay and wonderful Kenmare village before making your way to the Irish-speaking Dingle Peninsula in Co. Kerry to discover its majestic hills, mountains and lakes. For an unforgettable driving experience, hug the coast and drive to Dingle via the incredible Beara Peninsula. (B)

DAY 6 | DISCOVER DINGLE

A market town and fishing port, Dingle has long been well supplied with restaurants, pubs and delightful local craft displays. Relish in the delights of a short boat cruise of Dingle Bay with an enlightening commentary from a local guide. Learn about the local maritime history as they alternate between facts and folklore, from tales about Lord Ventry and a lost fishing village to French queen Marie Antoinette and hidden passageways. (B)



KINSALE FOOD TOUR

Once a walled Norman fishing village, Kinsale has evolved into a world-class gourmet destination where Celtic food lovers go on vacation. Your food tour helps support local business and promote responsible consumption.

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY WITH MARK RODGERS

Join *seanchaí* (Irish storyteller) Mark Rodgers for an illuminating experience through the history, people, culture and legends of the iconic Giant's Causeway.

INCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDES: 12 Nights Accommodation, 12 Breakfasts, Private Arrival Airport Transfer, Hertz® Car Rental, Selected Sightseeing.

EXPERIENCE: Dublin on a Hop-On, Hop-Off Tour, Whiskey Cocktail Making at the Jameson Distillery, the Smithwick's Experience in Kilkenny and a Black Cab Tour in Belfast.

JOIN LOCAL SPECIALISTS FOR: A Kinsale Food Tour, an Exploration of the Giant's Causeway and Walking Tours of Westport and Derry-Londonderry.

VISIT: Titanic Belfast.

STAY:

DAY 1 -2 | DUBLIN

 The Mont
☆☆☆☆

DAY 8 | SLIGO

 Sligo Park Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 3-4 | CORK

 Montenotte Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 9 | DERRY-LONDONDERRY

 City Hotel Derry
☆☆☆☆

DAY 5-6 | DINGLE

 Dingle Skellig Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 10-11 | BELFAST

 Titanic Hotel Belfast
☆☆☆☆

DAY 7 | GALWAY

 The Hardiman
☆☆☆☆

DAY 12 | DUBLIN'S DOORSTEP

 Dunboyne Castle Hotel
☆☆☆☆

Puffins, Beara Peninsula

DAY 7 | JOURNEY VIA THE CLIFFS OF MOHER TO GALWAY

Make an unforgettable stop at the magnificent Cliffs of Moher. Part of The Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Burren Geopark, these limestone monoliths rise up to 700 feet above the pounding Atlantic waves and stretch 5 miles along the coast. Travel through The Burren National Park and stop off at The Burren Perfumery. This small west-of-Ireland company makes cosmetics and perfumes inspired by the landscape and everything is made on site, by hand and in small batches. Continue to Galway, a thriving, bohemian and cultural city bursting with character. **(B)**

DAY 8 | UNCOVER A HIDDEN RIVIERA EN ROUTE TO SLIGO

Travel to Westport, a cheerful town that overlooks the 365 islands (one for each day of the year, according to tradition) of Clew Bay. Explore the town on a walking tour with your **Local Specialist**. Continue to Sligo, home to one of the world's most important poets, W.B. Yeats – a Nobel Prize Laureate. **(B)**

DAY 9 | EXPLORE HISTORIC DERRY-LONDONDERRY

Meet a **Local Specialist** who will share captivating experiences of growing up in a city steeped in history and culture as you stroll along the streets and 17th-century walls. **(B)**

DAY 10 | ANTRIM COAST & ARRIVE IN BELFAST

At the Giant's Causeway, see the ancient and legendary basalt columns placed against the backdrop of the Antrim Coast on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Meet a **Local Specialist** for a deep and personal insight that will take you beyond the famous Causeway and into the legend behind this natural beauty. Is this magical place the work of a giant or volcanic activity? That's for you to decide before making your way to Belfast. **(B)**

DAY 11 | TITANIC & BRILLIANT BELFAST

Join a Black Cab Tour – a terrific way to take in the city's sights and hear about its living history. Next, visit the impressive Titanic Belfast and learn about her story in a fresh and insightful way, at the very place where this tragic legend got her start. **(B)**

DAY 12 | MOUNTAINS, VALLEYS & DUBLIN'S DOORSTEP

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before traveling through the Mourne Mountains towards Dublin, stopping at the Hill of Tara, the seat of the High Kings of Ireland en route. For your last night, stay in one of our historic properties on Dublin's Doorstep. **(B)**

DAY 13 | DEPART DUBLIN

Make your way to Dublin airport for your flight home, go *n-ardóidh an bóthar chun bualadh leat* – may the road rise to meet you. **(B)**

Northern Discovery

8 DAYS | DUBLIN TO DUBLIN

Tucked under limestone cliffs with the sea crashing a few feet to the right, an Antrim coastal drive will not disappoint. The sounds of crashing waves and the birds soaring above, the salty taste from the sea on your lips and the wind whistling past your ears. Absorbing this epic landscape from behind the wheel is a truly enlivening experience for the senses.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO THE EMERALD ISLE

Welcome to your Northern Ireland discovery. Pick up your car at Dublin Airport and head north to Belfast. The capital of Northern Ireland is a diverse city that offers something for everyone. A great introduction to this city is a Hop-On, Hop-Off Tour. (B)

DAY 2 | EXPLORE BRILLIANT BELFAST

Your Hop-On, Hop-Off pass is still valid today, allowing you to continue your discovery of the city and its landmarks. Visit the Titanic Belfast, where the famous ship's life is revealed from her conception to ill-fated maiden voyage on the very shores where she got her start. Afterwards, perhaps explore the city's famous murals or even see some famous *Game of Thrones* filming locations. (B)

DAY 3 | DARK HEDGES, WINTERFELL & BALLYGALLY CASTLE

Why not start your day by visiting Winterfell (otherwise known as Castle Ward) on the shores of Strangford Lough? A must for any *Game of Thrones* fan, here you can meet real-life 'Direwolves' and try your hand at archery and axe throwing. Afterwards, continue the *Game of Thrones* theme with a stop at the Dark Hedges – an iconic avenue of trees that was used as 'the Kingsroad' on the show. Next, head to Ballygally Castle – your home for the night, built on the side of a 17th-century castle on the tip of the Causeway Coastal Route. (B)

DAY 4 | THE ANTRIM COAST, GIANTS & DERRY-LONDONDERRY

Prepare to be mesmerized by the beauty of the Antrim Coast. As you travel the winding Causeway Coastal Route, you'll soon see why it's regularly rated in the top five Irish road trips. Weave through the picturesque villages and stunning scenery of the Glens of Antrim to the ancient and legendary basalt columns of the Giant's Causeway. Enjoy a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience on a leisurely walking tour with a **Local Specialist**, who will share their deep knowledge of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy more stunning seaside view as you continue your journey along the Antrim Coast to Derry-Londonderry, a vibrant city steeped in history and culture. (B)



The Dark Hedges | ©TourismIreland



GIANT'S CAUSEWAY WITH MARK RODGERS

Join *seanchai* (Irish storyteller) Mark Rodgers for an experience at the Giant's Causeway. This stretch of the Antrim coast has been connected to his family for generations and his tales will illuminate the history, people, culture and legends that grew from the striking energy of its rocky shorelines.

INCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDES: 7 Nights Accommodation, 7 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner, Hertz® Car Rental, Selected Sightseeing.

EXPERIENCE: Belfast on a Hop-On, Hop-Off Tour, Axe Throwing at Winterfell and the Dark Hedges.

JOIN LOCAL SPECIALISTS FOR: A Walking Tour of the Giant's Causeway and a Derry-Londonderry City Walking Tour.

VISIT: Titanic Belfast and the Boatyard Distillery.

STAY:

DAY 1 -2 | BELFAST



Europa Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 4 | ENNISKILLEN



Manor House Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 3 | ANTRIM COAST



Ballygally Castle Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 6-7 | DUBLIN



Ashling Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 4 | DERRY-LONDONDERRY



Da Vinci's Hotel
☆☆☆☆

ALTERNATIVE TRIP

HOME OF THRONES

Are you a *Game of Thrones* enthusiast? Check out our Home of Thrones itinerary that takes you to even more iconic filming locations across Northern Ireland. Visit our website for details.

DAY 5 | WALLS, MURALS & ON TO FERMANAGH

Join a **Local Specialist** for a walking tour along the 17th-century ramparts and through the winding streets of Derry-Londonderry. Pass famous murals, medieval weaponry and learn about the recent and ancient history of this unique location – hearing tales of what it was like growing up here through the eyes of a local along the way. Later, travel to Co. Fermanagh – A third of this region is covered by lakes and waterways so it's only natural to visit the Boatyard Distillery near Enniskillen, Fermanagh's largest town. See how the team produce the finest spirits using the highest quality botanicals and ingredients and enjoy a few sips along the way. **(B)**

DAY 6 | HIGH KINGS & DUBLIN

Travel south along the banks of picturesque Lough Erne in Co. Fermanagh and stop at the Hill of Tara, the seat of the High Kings of Ireland en route to Dublin. On arrival, drop off your car at the Hertz® downtown depot. **(B)**

DAY 7 | EXPLORE DYNAMIC DUBLIN

A Hop-On, Hop-Off tour is a great introduction to the city, with more than 20 stops along the route, you can take in historic sights and modern marvels as you embark on a journey of discovery (entrance fees not included). Later, enjoy an evening of live music and a meal at a traditional Irish dance show. **(B,D)**

DAY 8 | DEPART DUBLIN

Bid farewell to Ireland as you are transferred to Dublin Airport, where your vacation ends. *Go n-ardóidh an bóthar chun bualadh leat* – may the road rise to meet you. **(B)**

Scotland & Ireland Discovery

13 DAYS | EDINBURGH TO SHANNON

Walk cobblestone streets in Edinburgh, marvel at bold Highland beauty and delve into mystery at Loch Ness. Experience the magic of Dublin, travel through time along Ireland's Ancient East and fall for the charms of The Ring of Kerry on this incredible Ireland and Scotland journey, where every route is the scenic route.



DAY 1 | WELCOME TO EDINBURGH

Welcome to Scotland and its capital city, Edinburgh. Discover the Georgian period New Town, the Old Town and the Royal Mile on your Hop-On, Hop-Off tour. Journey through the cobblestone streets and courtyards and take in the main sights of this wonderful city. Your experience includes entrance fees to Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood Palace and the Royal Yacht Britannia. There are more than 10 other stops along the route and a host of other famous sights to see.

DAY 2 | EXPLORE EVERYTHING EDINBURGH

Discover Edinburgh's food culture as you join a **Local Specialist** for a walking tour, tasting locally-sourced Scottish food and tipples along the way. (B)

DAY 3 | ST ANDREWS & INVERNESS

Travel across the Firth of Forth to the city of St Andrews and join a **Local Specialist** for a walking tour. View the celebrated ancient university and the 'home of golf', St Andrews Links Golf Club. Continue through the picturesque town of Pitlochry and the beautiful Cairngorms National Park to Inverness, capital of the Highlands. (B)

DAY 4 | EXPERIENCE THE MAGICAL ISLE OF SKYE

Why not leave the car for a day and discover the magic of the Isle of Skye? Take in some of its majestic scenery on this not-to-be-missed breathtaking day trip. See the Old Man of Storr, mysterious Faerie pools and the remarkable Quiraing before visiting Eilean Donan Castle – a stunning 13th-century castle dramatically located at the point where three lochs meet. (B)

DAY 5 | MONSTERS & MOUNTAINS

Travel along the banks of Loch Ness where you'll see ancient ruins and diverse scenery. Keep your eyes peeled on your Loch Ness cruise, who knows, you may spot the famous monster, Nessie! Journey through stunning Glencoe and the majestic backdrop of Ben Nevis. Continue to Oban and enjoy a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER**® Experience at the Oban Distillery, one of Scotland's smallest whisky distilleries, known for its authenticity and heritage. (B)

DAY 6 | GLORIOUS GLASGOW

Travel to Glasgow and discover the city's unique murals from a local perspective on a Glasgow Street Art Walking tour. As you stroll through the streets listening to your passionate **Local Specialist**, you'll soon see why Scotland's largest city is renowned for its culture, style and friendliness of its people. (B)

DAY 7 | FAREWELL SCOTLAND, FÁILTE TO DUBLIN

Bid farewell to Scotland and make your way to Glasgow airport for your flight to Dublin. A Hop-On, Hop-Off tour is a great introduction to the Irish Capital. See Georgian architecture, get a look at some amazing modern art and taste some of the city's famous whiskey to lift your spirits. With more than 20 stops along the route, there's surely something for everyone (entrance fees are not included). (B)



MOUNT CONGREVE

Join an expert gardener and gain insight into Mount Congreve's commitment to creating a sustainable garden environment and how they are integrating year-round environmental practices.

OBAN DISTILLERY

Delve into the local traditions of whisky making at one of Scotland's oldest sources of single malt scotch whisky. Take a guided tour before sampling the distillery's iconic single malt.

TEELINGS TASTING TOUR

The first distillery to open its doors in Dublin's historic Liberties district in 125 years has evolved into a modern pioneer of all things sustainability - through re-purposing spent grain as animal feed, regulating their water consumption and installing beehives for honey and growing other ingredients in the roof garden.

INCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDES: 12 Nights Accommodation, 12 Breakfasts, Private Arrival Airport Transfers, Car Rental, Selected Sightseeing.

EXPERIENCE: Edinburgh on a Hop-On, Hop-Off Tour (including entrance to Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood Palace & Royal Yacht Britannia), the Isle of Skye, a Loch Ness Cruise, Dublin on a Hop-On, Hop-Off Tour, Mount Congreve Estate, a Jaunting Car through Killarney National Park, The Ring of Kerry on a Day Tour and a Cliffs of Moher Cruise.

JOIN LOCAL SPECIALISTS FOR: A Walking Food Tour of Edinburgh, Walking Tours of St Andrews and Cobh, a Street Art Walking Tour of Glasgow and an Adventure in The Burren.

VISIT: Eilean Donan Castle, Oban Distillery and Teelings Distillery.

STAY:

DAY 1 -2 | EDINBURGH



Holyrood Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 7-8 | DUBLIN



Hyatt Centric The Liberties
☆☆☆☆

DAY 3 -4 | INVERNESS



Kingsmills Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 9 | WATERFORD



Faithlegg House Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 5 | OBAN AREA



Loch Melfort Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 10-11 | KILLARNEY



Randles Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 6 | GLASGOW



Virgin Hotels Glasgow
☆☆☆☆

DAY 12 | SHANNON REGION



Old Ground Hotel
☆☆☆☆

The Skye Bridge, Isle of Skye

DAY 8 | EXPLORE DYNAMIC DUBLIN

Your Hop-On, Hop-Off tour pass is still valid for today to continue your exploration of Ireland's vibrant capital. Experience the highlights of Irish food and Dublin's food scene on a walking tour with a **Local Specialist**. Bring your appetite and indulge in everything from ice cream to Irish stew as you stop at some of the city's award-winning eateries and food shops. Later, visit Teelings Whiskey Distillery for a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. See this state-of-the-art distillery in operation and get up close and personal with the copper pot still. **(B)**

DAY 9 | JOURNEY TO WATERFORD

The Vikings knew a good thing when they saw Waterford, a sheltered bay, a strategic location on the river Suir and a good trading position all attracted the Norse raiders here to create Ireland's first city. Visit Mount Congreve, an 18th-century Georgian estate and enjoy a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience during a guided gentle stroll through the formal gardens, home of one of the largest collection of plants in the world. **(B)**

DAY 10 | JOURNEY TO COBH & KILLARNEY

Make your way to Cobh and join a **Local Specialist** to explore the maritime history of 'Queenstown' - the last port of call for the Titanic. Continue to lively Killarney, known for its many pubs and open, cheerful atmosphere. Take a Jaunt in Killarney's National Park with a local Jarvey, who will regale you with local stories and folklore. **(B)**

DAY 11 | EXPERIENCE THE WONDERS OF THE RING OF KERRY

Travel the road that winds around the beautiful Iveragh Peninsula, better known as The Ring of Kerry and admire the breathtaking scenery of rugged landscapes and crashing seas on an unforgettable day tour. Alternatively, perhaps opt for a hike through Killarney National Park with a **Local Specialist**. **(B)**

DAY 12 | CLIFFS OF MOHER & THE SHANNON REGION

Experience the Cliffs of Moher from the Atlantic Ocean on a breathtaking cruise along the 5-mile shoreline. Gaze up at the sheer, craggy cliff faces that rise imposingly 700 feet above you. Next meet a charming **Local Specialist** who will encourage you to stop and drink in the environment of The Burren and it's amazing ecosystem, full of cliffs, cave and archaeological sites. **(B)**

DAY 13 | DEPART SHANNON

Bid Farewell to Ireland as you make your way to Shannon Airport, where your trip ends. *Go n-ardóidh an bóthar chun bualadh leat* – may the road rise to meet you. **(B)**

Scottish Icons

7 DAYS | EDINBURGH TO GLASGOW

Relax and set your own pace as you take in spell-binding landscapes, glistening lochs, majestic glens and oh-so-many isles. Scotland has all the essential ingredients for the perfect road trip – ever changing scenery, amazing experiences to enjoy and friendly towns and villages to visit. Let your Scottish adventure begin!



DAY 1 | WELCOME TO EDINBURGH

Welcome to Scotland. Upon arrival to Edinburgh airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Discover the Georgian period New Town, the Old Town and the Royal Mile on your Hop-On, Hop-Off tour. Journey through the cobblestone streets and courtyards and take in the main sights of this wonderful city. Your experience includes entrance fees to Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood Palace and the Royal Yacht Britannia. There are more than 10 other stops along the route and a host of other famous sights to see.

DAY 2 | EXPLORE EVERYTHING EDINBURGH

Discover Edinburgh's food culture as you join a **Local Specialist** for a walking tour, tasting locally-sourced Scottish food and tipples along the way. **(B)**

DAY 3 | ST ANDREWS & THE HIGHLANDS

Travel across the Firth of Forth to St Andrews and join a **Local Specialist** for a fascinating walking tour. View the celebrated ancient university and the 'home of golf', St Andrews Links Golf Club. Continue through the picturesque town of Pitlochry and the beautiful Cairngorms National Park to Inverness, the capital of the Highlands. **(B)**

DAY 4 | EXPERIENCE THE MAGICAL ISLE OF SKYE

Why not leave the car for a day and discover the magic of the Isle of Skye? Take in some of its majestic scenery on this not-to-be-missed breathtaking day trip. See the Old Man of Storr, mysterious Faerie pools and the remarkable Quiraing before visiting Eilean Donan Castle – a stunning 13th-century castle dramatically located at the point where three lochs meet. **(B)**



St Andrews

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER
EXPERIENCE



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OBAN DISTILLERY

Tucked beneath the steep cliff that overlooks Oban itself is one of Scotland's oldest sources of single malt scotch whisky. Run by only 7 people, the distillery is an integral part of the local community and uses recipes passed down for generations. There is a reverence for the traditions that go into making their world-class whisky, which you can discover on a guided tour. Visit the production area, the old filling store and dram room before sampling the distillery's iconic single malt.

INCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDES: 6 Nights Accommodation, 6 Breakfasts, Private Arrival Airport Transfer, Car Rental, Selected Sightseeing.

EXPERIENCE: Edinburgh on a Hop-On, Hop-Off Tour (including entrance to Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood Palace & Royal Yacht Britannia), the Isle of Skye and a Loch Ness Cruise.

JOIN LOCAL SPECIALISTS FOR: A Walking Food Tour in Edinburgh, a Walking Tour of St Andrews and a Street Art Walking Tour of Glasgow.

VISIT: Eilean Donan Castle and Oban Distillery.

STAY:

DAY 1 -2 | EDINBURGH



Holyrood Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 5 | OBAN AREA



Knipoch Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 3-4 | INVERNESS



Inverness Palace Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 6 | GLASGOW



Virgin Hotels Glasgow
☆☆☆☆

DAY 5 | MONSTERS & MOUNTAINS

Travel along the banks of Loch Ness where you'll see ancient ruins and diverse scenery. Keep your eyes peeled on your Loch Ness cruise - who knows, you may spot the famous monster, Nessie! Continue through stunning Glencoe and the majestic backdrop of Ben Nevis. Continue to Oban for a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience at the Oban Distillery, one of Scotland's smallest whisky distilleries, known for its authenticity and heritage. **(B)**

DAY 6 | JOURNEY TO GLASGOW

Travel to Glasgow, set on the River Clyde. Discover the city and its unique murals from a local perspective on a Glasgow Street Art Walking tour. As you stroll through the streets listening to your passionate **Local Specialist**, you'll soon see why Scotland's largest city is renowned for its culture, style and friendliness of its people **(B)**

DAY 7 | DEPART GLASGOW

Bid farewell to Scotland and make your way to Glasgow airport for your return flight home. **(B)**

Scotland Explorer

9 DAYS | EDINBURGH TO EDINBURGH

As you weave through this dramatically stunning country, you can't but immerse yourself in history and culture. Marvel at big skies and mysterious lochs and experience untamed landscapes and truly breathtaking scenery. This trip offers the opportunity to see some of Scotland's most awesome sights – all at your own pace.



DAY 1 | A WELCOME TO EDINBURGH

Welcome to Scotland! Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your city hotel. A Hop-On, Hop-Off tour is a great introduction to this UNESCO World Heritage city. Journey through cobblestone streets and courtyards as you lose yourself in its narrow lanes full of ancient heritage.

DAY 2 | EXPLORE EVERYTHING EDINBURGH

Enjoy a walking tour with a **Local Specialist**. Learn the 'Secrets of the Royal Mile' and skip the lines at Edinburgh Castle - a grand sight perched high atop a dormant volcano. See the Scottish Crown Jewels, Mons Meg, the Great Hall and so much more in the special company of your passionate local. **(B)**

DAY 3 | JOURNEY TO PERTHSHIRE

Travel to St Andrews, the 'home of golf'. Explore this university town with a **Local Specialist** on a walking tour before continuing to beautiful Perthshire, famed for its dramatic mountains, glens, lochs and ancient castles. Enjoy a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience at Blair Athol Distillery. This icon of the Scottish Highlands is shrouded in growing ivy and its ancient source of water flows through the grounds down from the surrounding Grampian mountains, contributing to the whisky's unique flavour. Enjoy a guided distillery experience followed by a tutored tasting of three whiskies including a distillery exclusive bottling and a gift. **(B)**

DAY 4 | 4x4 SAFARI & MAGICAL HIGHLANDS

Climb aboard your 4x4 with your Safari Ranger for an encounter with the natural beauty of the Highlands. On this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, discover tracks, trails and stunning views before enjoying some shortbread and tea (or a dram of something stronger) among the astonishing scenery – Great fun for all the family. Afterwards, head north to your highland hotel near the mysterious Loch Ness. **(B)**



BLAIR ATHOL DISTILLERY

With sustainability practices such as recycling pot ale syrup for animal feed and using discarded materials to create wildlife boxes to improve biodiversity, it's no wonder this famous ivy-clad distillery has received gold certification from Green Tourism.

HIGHLAND SAFARI WITH REFRESHMENTS

Join a kilted ranger for an off-road adventure through some spectacular Scottish scenery. Look out for wild deer, grouse, mountain hares and eagles and enjoy some local shortbread, warming tea or perhaps a wee dram of something stronger.

OBAN DISTILLERY

This small distillery run by only 7 people is an integral part of the local community. Using recipes passed down for generations, there is a reverence for the traditions that go into making their world-class whisky, which you can discover on a guided tour.

INCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDES: 8 Nights Accommodation, 8 Breakfasts, Private Arrival Airport Transfer, Car Rental, Selected Sightseeing.

EXPERIENCE: Edinburgh on a Hop-On, Hop-Off Tour, a 4x4 Safari in the Highlands and Cruises on Loch Ness and Loch Lomond.

JOIN LOCAL SPECIALISTS FOR: The 'Secrets of the Royal Mile' Walking Tour in Edinburgh, Walking Tours of St Andrews & Oban and a Glasgow Food Tour.

VISIT: Edinburgh Castle, Blair Athol Distillery, The Culloden Battlefields, Oban Distillery and Abbotsford House.

STAY:

DAY 1 -2 | EDINBURGH



Market Street Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 6 | LOCH LOMOND



Loch Lomond Arms Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 3 | PERTSHIRE



Fisher's Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 7 | GLASGOW



Dakota Glasgow
☆☆☆☆

DAY 4-5 | HIGHLANDS



The Lovat Loch Ness
☆☆☆☆

DAY 8 | KELSO



Schloss Roxburghe
☆☆☆☆

Highland Safari, Perthshire

DAY 5 | INVERNESS AND CULLODEN BATTLEFIELDS

Explore Inverness and step back into a bloody period of Scotland's history at the battlefields of Culloden. This site is where the Jacobite cause, under Bonnie Prince Charlie's leadership, was crushed in 1746. **(B)**

DAY 6 | LOCHS & LEGENDS

Cruise along the banks of Loch Ness, where you'll see ancient ruins, stunning scenery and may even spot the famous monster! Enjoy a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience at Oban Distillery, one of Scotland's smallest whisky distilleries, known for its authenticity and heritage. Make your way to Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park, this magical location is home to snow-capped mountains, lush greenery and some of Scotland's most incredible scenery. **(B)**

DAY 7 | LOCH LOMOND AND GLASGOW

Take a cruise on the shimmering waters of Loch Lomond before making your way to Glasgow. Scotland's largest city is set on the River Clyde and is renowned for its culture, style and the friendliness of its people. Enjoy a Glaswegian Food Tour with a **Local Specialist**. Interact with the locals, visit independent restaurants, shops and bars and enjoy a generous mix of food and drink tastings. **(B)**

DAY 8 | SCOTLAND'S SOUTH

Travel further South to the extraordinary home of Sir Walter Scott, Abbotsford House. Tour the grand house, learn about the adventures of the 19th-century novelist and discover the lasting impacts he made on modern Scottish culture. Afterwards, continue to the majestic Schloss Roxburghe, nestled in the beautiful Scottish Borders for a night of country house luxury. **(B)**

DAY 9 | DEPART EDINBURGH

Make your way to Edinburgh airport for your return flight home. **(B)**

Ireland's Sparkling Gems

8 DAYS | DUBLIN TO DUBLIN

Hit the rails for an journey that highlights Ireland's natural beauty, ancient history, rich culture and many other gems. Your stories will be enriched by the connections you'll make, the pace of life you'll encounter and the locals you'll meet.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO DUBLIN

Welcome to Dublin! Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and enjoy the warmest of welcomes from your **Local Host**. They will settle you in, answer any questions you may have and share local tips and recommendations. Enjoy a Hop-On, Hop-Off Tour that's a great introduction to all the city's highlights with more than twenty stops along the way (entrance fees are not included).

DAY 2 | EXPLORE DYNAMIC DUBLIN

Enjoy a guided cycling tour of Dublin where your **Local Specialist** will show you a side of the city and culture that would be hard to find on your own. Explore Dublin's canals, the river Liffey, Georgian Dublin's grand 18th-century houses and parks and Norman Dublin's castles and cathedrals. Discover the culture of Dublin's writers, painters, poets and characters and places of revolution and war from Dublin's turbulent history. **(B)**

DAY 3 | JOURNEY TO KILLARNEY

Make your own way to the train station for the scenic ride to Killarney. Nothing quite beats the romance of traveling through Ireland's Golden Vale by train. Your **Local Host** will meet you at your hotel later today and give you all the information you need to make the best of this charming location. **(B)**

DAY 4 | EXPERIENCE THE MAGICAL RING OF KERRY

Head out for your included excursion around the scenic Iveragh Peninsula, better known as The Ring of Kerry. This iconic stretch of rugged landscapes and crashing seas has been an inspiration for writers and poets for centuries. Enjoy the lilting commentary of your **Local Specialist** as you weave your way through idyllic towns and villages. **(B)**



Torc Waterfall, Killarney National Park



TEELINGS TASTING TOUR

The first distillery to open its doors in Dublin's historic Liberties district in 125 years has evolved into a modern pioneer of all things sustainability - through re-purposing spent grain as animal feed, regulating their water consumption and installing beehives for honey and growing other ingredients in the roof garden.

INCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDES: 7 Nights Accommodation, Daily Breakfasts, Private Airport Transfers, Standard Rail Tickets, Private Transfers from Killarney to Galway, Sightseeing as mentioned.

EXPERIENCE: Dublin on a Hop-On, Hop-Off Tour and Connemara on a day's excursion.

JOIN LOCAL SPECIALISTS FOR: A Cycling tour of Dublin and on a Ring of Kerry Excursion.

VISIT: Teelings Distillery, The Cliffs of Moher and Kylemore Abbey.

STAY:

DAY 1-2 & 7 | DUBLIN



Camden Court Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 5-6 | GALWAY



The Hardiman
☆☆☆☆

DAY 3-4 | KILLARNEY



Killarney Towers Hotel
☆☆☆☆

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

TWO-NIGHT UPGRADE AT THE ASHFORD CASTLE ESTATE

Upgrade your stay in Galway with two nights at the luxurious Ashford Castle or The Lodge at Ashford Castle.

ALTERNATIVE TRIP

IRELAND'S LOCAL CHARM & ANCIENT CULTURE

In If you're short on time, see the very best of Dublin and Killarney on this 6-day tour, good for adventure lovers and sightseers. Visit our website for details. (B)

DAY 5 | JOURNEY VIA THE CLIFFS OF MOHER TO GALWAY

This morning, you will be picked up by a private car to embark on your journey to Galway, stopping along the way at the Cliffs of Moher. This natural masterpiece, set against the crashing waves of the Atlantic Ocean is part of The Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Burren Geopark. Why not upgrade your stay in this region with a night or two at the not-to-be-missed, luxurious Ashford Castle Estate? Choose to stay in the castle itself or take advantage of all the estate activities and overnight at the Lodge at Ashford Castle. (B)

DAY 6 | EXPERIENCE THE WONDERS OF CONNEMARA

Join an included excursion to experience the stark beauty and hidden valleys of Connemara. Marvel at dramatic mountainous backdrops before stopping at Kylemore Abbey. This castle-like abbey is serenely located on the edge of Pollacapall Lough and boasts a 6-acre Victorian walled garden to explore (entrance fees to the abbey and gardens not included). (B)

DAY 7 | RETURN TO DUBLIN

This morning, make your own way to Galway Train Station for your return journey to Dublin. Visit Teelings Whiskey Distillery for a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. See this state-of-the-art distillery in operation and admire the copper pot still. The rest of your day is free, perhaps see the Book of Kells at Trinity College, admire Georgian Dublin's colorful array of doors or hit the Temple Bar area to soak up the bustling atmosphere. (B)

DAY 8 | DEPART DUBLIN

Bid farewell to Ireland as you are transferred to Dublin Airport where your vacation ends. (B)

Ireland's Sights & Sounds

8 DAYS | DUBLIN TO SHANNON

Combine the astonishing sights of The Ring of Kerry, the Golden Vale and Cliffs of Moher with the vibrant sounds of Dublin and Cork. Then add laughter, music, plenty of craic and lashings of welcoming Irish charm, you end up with a trip that will make a lasting, intimate connection with Ireland, its beauty and of course, its people.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO DUBLIN

Welcome to the Irish capital! You will be met and privately transferred to your hotel, where you'll meet your **Local Host**, who will settle you in with the warmest of welcomes. Enjoy a Hop-On, Hop-Off Tour that's a great introduction to all the city's highlights with more than twenty stops along the way (entrance fees are not included).

DAY 2 | DELICIOUS DUBLIN & GAELIC GAMES

Experience the highlights of Irish food and Dublin's food scene on a walking tour with a **Local Specialist**. Stop at some of the city's award-winning eateries and food shops to taste some delicious samples. Bring your appetite and indulge from everything from ice cream to Irish stew. Alternatively, why not head to Glasnevin for a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience taking part in the cultural phenomenon that is Gaelic Games? More than the national sports of our island, they are a living expression of our ancient Gaelic culture. **(B)**

DAY 3 | JOURNEY TO CORK

Make your way to the train station. On board, embrace the opportunity to see the Emerald Isle from its best vantage point as your rail journey winds its way to Cork. Your **Local Host** will meet you at your hotel to give you all the information you need to get the best out of this charming part of our world. **(B)**

DAY 4 | UNCORK CORK OR EXPLORE MARITIME COBH

Discover the history of the county of Cork on your walking tour with a **Local Specialist**. Get to know the city's charming characters, delicious artisan food and its unique history. Alternatively, take a day trip to Cobh to explore the maritime history of 'Queenstown', the last port of call of the Titanic. **(B)**



St Patrick's Day Celebrations | ©TourismIreland



EXPERIENCE GAELIC GAMES

100% owned by locals and run by volunteers on a not-for-profit basis, Experience Gaelic Games (EGG) is focused on preserving Gaelic culture through the medium of indigenous Gaelic Games. Get an overview on how EGG fosters community engagement, contributes financially to the each Gaelic Club it operates and increases the value of open/green spaces for community usage.

INCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDES: 7 Nights Accommodation, Daily Breakfasts, 1 Dinner, Private Airport Transfers, Standard Rail Tickets, Private Transfer from Killarney to the Shannon Region, Sightseeing as mentioned.

EXPERIENCE: Dublin on a Hop-On, Hop-Off Tour and Gaelic Games.

JOIN LOCAL SPECIALISTS FOR: A Dublin Food Tour, Walking Tours of Cork or Cobh and a Ring of Kerry Tour.

VISIT: The Cliffs of Moher.

STAY:

DAY 1-2 | DUBLIN

Ashling Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 5-6 | KILLARNEY

Great Southern Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 3-4 | CORK

The Imperial Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 7 | NEWMARKET-ON-FERGUS

Dromoland Castle
☆☆☆☆

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

BELFAST EXTENSION

Why not extend your stay to visit Belfast, Northern Ireland's vibrant capital city. Includes a round-trip standard rail ticket from Dublin to Belfast, two nights hotel accommodation in Belfast and sightseeing.

DAY 5 | ALL ABOARD TO KILLARNEY

It's a quick train trip from Cork to Killarney, where your **Local Host** awaits with tips and suggestions for your stay in this diverse destination. **(B)**

DAY 6 | EXPERIENCE THE MAGICAL RING OF KERRY

Head out for a day of scenic beauty on an included excursion around The Ring of Kerry. As you travel through the rugged landscapes, picturesque towns and villages, marvel at the sights while listening to the natural soundtrack of crashing seas and the special commentary from your **Local Specialist**. **(B)**

DAY 7 | JOURNEY TO THE SHANNON REGION

This morning, you will be picked up by a private car and chauffeur. En route to your Shannon Region hotel, experience the incredible Cliffs of Moher – part of The Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Burren Geopark. Later, add a fairy tale chapter to your Celtic story and bask in the royal glow of Dromoland Castle, one of the most luxurious castle hotels in Ireland. This evening, enjoy fine dining the flagship restaurant, the Earl of Thomond - celebrated in culinary circles for its panache, elegance, innovation and attention to detail that highlights Irish produce. **(B)**

DAY 8 | DEPART SHANNON

Enjoy a leisurely Dromoland breakfast before heading to Shannon airport for your trip home. **(B)**

Ireland's Heart & Soul

7 DAYS | DUBLIN TO SHANNON

Armed with expert advice from your Local Hosts, you're ready to get the most from Ireland's heartlands. Uncover secrets in Ireland's central point (Athlone), overlooking Ireland's longest river (the Shannon), while sipping a pint in Ireland's oldest Pub (Sean's Bar) – What could be better?



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO DUBLIN

Welcome to Dublin! You will be met and privately transferred to your hotel where you'll meet your **Local Host** who'll give you insights into their beloved city. Later visit EPIC – The Irish Emigration Museum and journey through centuries of rich history and perhaps discover some hidden gems about your own ancestry.

DAY 2 | EXPLORE DUBLIN'S GEMS

Join a **Local Specialist** for a city walking tour. Discover hidden gems and hear anecdotes from present day all the way back to medieval times. Later, visit Teelings Whiskey Distillery for a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. See this state-of-the-art distillery in operation and admire the copper pot still. **(B)**

DAY 3 | ALL ABOARD TO ATHLONE

Make your own way to the train station for a scenic ride to Athlone in Ireland's Hidden Heartlands. Take in the city's Medieval Castle that dates back to 1210, before stopping at Sean's Bar – Ireland's oldest pub, for a chat and a tipples or two with the locals. **(B)**

DAY 4 | JOURNEY WEST TO WESTPORT

Head back to the train station and travel to Westport, a pretty town overlooking Clew Bay. Your **Local Host** and **Specialist** will meet you in the lobby of your hotel before showing you all the sights on a walking tour. **(B)**



Traditional Music, Athlone | ©TourismIreland

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER
EXPERIENCE



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TEELINGS TASTING TOUR

The first distillery to open its doors in Dublin's historic Liberties district in 125 years has evolved into a modern pioneer of all things sustainability - through re-purposing spent grain as animal feed, regulating their water consumption and installing beehives for honey and growing other ingredients in the roof garden.

INCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDES: 6 Nights Accommodation, Daily Breakfasts, Private Airport Transfers, Standard Rail Tickets, Private Transfer from Westport to the Shannon Region, Sightseeing as mentioned.

EXPERIENCE: Cycling the Great Western Greenway.

JOIN LOCAL SPECIALISTS FOR: Walking Tours of Dublin City and Westport.

VISIT: EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum, Teelings Distillery, Athlone Castle and the Cliffs of Moher.

STAY:

DAY 1-2 | DUBLIN

 The Davenport
☆☆☆☆

DAY 4-5 | WESTPORT

 Castlecourt Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 3 | ATHLONE

 Sheraton Athlone
☆☆☆☆

DAY 6-7 | SHANNON REGION

 Limerick Strand Hotel
☆☆☆☆

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

ONE-NIGHT CASTLE OR MANOR UPGRADE

Upgrade your night in the Shannon Region to a stay in either the historic, luxurious Dromoland Castle or stately Adare Manor.

DAY 5 | CYCLE THE GREAT WESTERN GREENWAY

Discover the Wild Atlantic Way on two wheels. Cycle all or part way to Achill Island along one of the longest off-road cycling trails in Ireland, the Great Western Greenway and be awe-struck by some of the most incredible scenery in all of Ireland. **(B)**

DAY 6 | CLIFFS OF MOHER & THE SHANNON REGION

This morning, you will be picked up by a private car and chauffeur for your journey to the Shannon Region. Experience at the Cliffs of Moher, a natural masterpiece set against the crashing waves of the Atlantic Ocean and part of The Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Burren Geopark. Tonight, why not upgrade your stay with a night in one of the region's luxurious castles or manors? **(B)**

DAY 7 | DEPART SHANNON

Bid farewell to Ireland as you are transferred to Shannon Airport where your vacation ends. **(B)**

Ireland's Giants & Capital Cities

8 DAYS | DUBLIN TO DUBLIN

Explore both Ireland and Northern Ireland's capitals on this profoundly memorable trip. Delve into Dublin's literary giants – Joyce and Beckett, Belfast's striking shipbuilding giants – Samson and Goliath and best of them all, the Causeway's legendary giant, Finn MacCool.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO DUBLIN

Welcome to Dublin, the capital of Ireland! Upon arrival you will be privately transferred to your hotel to meet your **Local Host**. They'll settle you in with the warmest of welcomes, answer any questions and share local tips. Now you are ready to explore the city on your included Hop-On, Hop-Off tour. There are more than twenty stops along the route and a host of famous sights to see (entrance fees are not included).

DAY 2 | EXPLORE DYNAMIC DUBLIN

Today, your Hop-On, Hop-Off pass is valid for you to continue exploring Dublin's fair city. If you have Irish heritage (or think you might have), sit down with a local genealogist on your included visit to The Irish Family History Centre at EPIC – The Irish Emigration Museum. **(B)**

DAY 3 | JOURNEY TO BELFAST

Make your own way to the train station for the journey north to Belfast, Northern Ireland's capital city. Your **Local Host** will meet you at your hotel to help prepare you for your grand adventure through this amazing city. **(B)**

DAY 4 | ENJOY BRILLIANT BELFAST

With more than twenty stops along your included Hop-On, Hop-Off tour route, you can experience the very best sights of this historic city, including City Hall and the incredible Titanic Belfast (entrance fees are not included). **(B)**



GIANT'S CAUSEWAY WITH MARK RODGERS

Join *seanchai* (Irish storyteller) Mark Rodgers for an experience at the Giant's Causeway. This stretch of the Antrim coast has been connected to his family for generations and his tales will illuminate the history, people, culture and legends that grew from the striking energy of its rocky shorelines.

INCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDES: 7 Nights Accommodation, Daily Breakfasts, Private Airport Transfers, Standard Rail Tickets, Private Return Transfers from Belfast to Derry–Londonderry, Sightseeing as mentioned.

EXPERIENCE: Dublin and Belfast on Hop-On, Hop-Off Tours.

JOIN LOCAL SPECIALISTS FOR: A Walking Tour along the Giant's Causeway and a Derry–Londonderry City Walking Tour.

VISIT: EPIC – The Irish Emigration Museum and Titanic Belfast.

STAY:

DAY 1-2 & 7 | DUBLIN



The Address Connolly
☆☆☆☆

DAY 5-6 | DERRY–LONDONDERRY



City Hotel Derry
☆☆☆☆

DAY 3-4 | BELFAST



Europa Hotel
☆☆☆☆

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

TWO-NIGHT LOUGH ESKE CASTLE UPGRADE

In place of Derry–Londonderry, why not upgrade your stay with a trip to Donegal to the luxurious five-star Lough Eske Castle? Located on a secluded lakeside estate, the castle's history dates back to the 1400s.

ALTERNATIVE TRIP

IRELAND'S LOCAL CHARM & ANCIENT CULTURE

In If you're short on time, see the very best of Dublin and Killarney on this 6-day tour, good for adventure lovers and sightseers. Visit our website for details.



Peace Bridge, Derry–Londonderry | ©TourismIreland

DAY 5 | GIANTS & DERRY–LONDONDERRY

This morning, you will be picked up by a private car and chauffeur to embark on your journey along the breathtaking Antrim Coast to Derry–Londonderry. Along the way, stop for an unforgettable **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience at the Giant's Causeway. Your **Local Specialist** will give you a rare insight into an area full of myth and scenic beauty and inform you how your visit helps the conservation of this incredible natural wonder. **(B)**

DAY 6 | WALK THE WALLS & CROSS THE PEACE BRIDGE

Enjoy a walking tour of a city steeped in history and culture. Stroll along the 17th-century city walls in the expert company of your **Local Specialist**, hearing about life in this city and gain personal insights from someone who knows it best. **(B)**

DAY 7 | JOURNEY TO DUBLIN

This morning, you will be picked up by a private car and dropped off at Belfast train station for your journey back to Dublin. The remainder of your day is free to absorb the city's vibrant atmosphere or visit any attractions you missed first-time around. **(B)**

DAY 8 | DEPART DUBLIN

Bid farewell to Ireland as you are transferred to Dublin airport. *Go n-ardóidh an bóthar chun bualadh leat* – may the road rise to meet you. **(B)**

Ireland & Scotland's Gems

15 DAYS | DUBLIN TO GLASGOW

Combine and contrast iconic Celtic cities and much more on this Ireland & Scotland adventure. Get a lesson in Whiskey Cocktail making, explore the magical Isle of Skye and uncover the secrets of Edinburgh's Royal Mile. Connect with locals, their stories and history throughout our homelands on a trip where excitement rolls in at every mile of the track.



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DAY 2 | JOURNEY TO CORK

Make your way to the train station. On board, embrace the opportunity to see the Emerald Isle from its best vantage point as your rail journey winds its way to Cork. Your **Local Host** will meet you at your hotel to give you all the information you need to get the best out of this charming part of our world. (B)

DAY 3 | UNCORK CORK OR EXPLORE MARITIME COBH

Discover the history of the county of Cork on your walking tour with a **Local Specialist**. Get to know the city's charming characters, delicious artisan food and its unique history. Alternatively, take a day trip to Cobh to explore the maritime history of 'Queenstown', the last port of call of the Titanic. (B)

DAY 4 | ALL ABOARD TO KILLARNEY

It's a quick train trip from Cork to Killarney, where you **Local Host** awaits with tips and suggestions for your stay in this diverse destination. (B)

DAY 5 | KILLARNEY NATIONAL PARK

Meet your **Local Specialist** and head out on a drive through the beautiful Killarney National Park. Upon reaching Galway's Bridge, follow an old track on a hike through more of the Park's spectacular scenery. Hear stories from your guide and learn about the hidden gems you encounter as you wander in the unspoiled countryside. On your return drive to your hotel, revel in more views of the spectacular landscape. (B)

DAY 6 | JOURNEY TO DUBLIN

Make your way to the train station for your journey back to Dublin. Later, enjoy a masterclass in the art of making whiskey cocktails at the Jameson Distillery. Learn about exciting new methods, drink like the locals and discover how this ancient spirit has changed with the times. (B)

DAY 7 | JOURNEY TO BELFAST

Make your own way to the train station for the journey north to Belfast, Northern Ireland's capital city. Your **Local Host** will meet you at your hotel to help prepare you for your grand adventure through this amazing city. A great introduction to the city's highlights is a Hop-On, Hop-Off tour (entrance fees are not included). (B)

DAY 8 | ENJOY BRILLIANT BELFAST

With your Hop-On-Hop-Off pass is still valid today, continue your discovery of the city's living history and its famous landmarks. Stop at Titanic Belfast, where this famous ship's life is revealed from her conception, construction and ill-fated maiden voyage on the very shores where she got her start. If you're a *Game of Thrones* enthusiast, you're in the perfect spot to indulge your set-jetting passion. (B)



A JOURNEY OF FLAVORS AT JOHNNIE WALKER

Explore a journey of Scottish traditions, culture and flavor mixed with sensory expressions from around the globe at the home of the most recognizable name in Scottish Whisky. Whether you're a whisky aficionado, a cocktail enthusiast or are after an alcohol-free quencher, there's something for everyone here.

INCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDES: 14 Nights Accommodation, Daily Breakfasts, Private Airport Transfers, Standard Rail Tickets, Sightseeing as mentioned.

EXPERIENCE: Dublin & Belfast Hop-On, Hop-Off Tours, Whiskey Cocktail Making at Jameson Bow Street and an Isle of Skye Excursion.

JOIN LOCAL SPECIALISTS FOR: A Walking Tour of Cork or Cobh, a Hike in Killarney National Park, The Secrets of the Royal Mile Walking Tour and a Walking Tour of Glasgow.

VISIT: Titanic Belfast, The Johnnie Walker Experience and Eilean Donan Castle.

STAY:

DAY 1 | DUBLIN

The Mont
☆☆☆☆

DAY 2-3 | CORK

The Imperial
☆☆☆☆

DAY 4-5 | KILLARNEY

Great Southern Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 6 | DUBLIN

The Address Connolly
☆☆☆☆

DAY 7-8 | BELFAST

Europa Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 9-10 | EDINBURGH

Holyrood Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 11-12 | INVERNESS

Inverness Palace Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 13-14 | GLASGOW

Virgin Hotels Glasgow
☆☆☆☆

Eilean Donan Castle | ©VisitScotland / AirborneLens

DAY 9 | FAREWELL IRELAND, WELCOME TO EDINBURGH

Bid farewell to Belfast as you are transferred to the airport, then hop over to see our Celtic cousin as you fly to Edinburgh. Upon arrival you will be privately transferred to your hotel to meet your **Local Host** who will offer you the warmest of welcomes.

DAY 10 | EXPLORE EVERYTHING EDINBURGH

Get to know Edinburgh's hidden history on the Secrets of the Royal Mile walking tour. Visit Edinburgh's imposing hilltop castle and explore the Old Town's labyrinth of alleyways and staircases while your **Local Specialist** reveals fascinating true stories that will uncover another side of the city and Scotland's past. Later visit the Johnnie Walker Experience on Princes Street. On this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER**® Experience explore the secrets behind the country's most popular whisky across eight dramatic floors – this is whisky like you've never experienced it before. **(B)**

DAY 11 | JOURNEY TO INVERNESS

Make your way to the train station for the scenic ride north to Inverness at the heart of the Scottish Highlands. Your **Local Host** will meet you at your hotel later today to give you insights into this exciting location. **(B)**

DAY 12 | EXPERIENCE THE MAGICAL ISLE OF SKYE

Today, embark on an excursion to the wind-swept valleys and dramatic coastlines of the breathtaking Isle of Skye. As you take in the sights, history and stories of this beautiful region, stop at Eilean Donan Castle. This iconic location has been used in many blockbuster films over the years, and no wonder – The castle sits perfectly on an island where three glistening lochs convene making it truly the real-life version of the highland castle from your imagination. **(B)**

DAY 13 | JOURNEY TO GLASGOW

Head to the train station to board your train bound for Glasgow. Renowned for its culture and style, your **Local Host** will fill you in on all that's good and not-to-be-missed while visiting their beloved city. **(B)**

DAY 14 | EXPLORE GLASGOW LIKE A LOCAL

From grand Victorian architecture to contemporary street art and thriving Museum scene, Glasgow truly has something for everyone. There's no better way to experience the city than on a walking tour with a **Local Specialist**. As you stroll the streets, hear stories of the city's rich history and culture, see famous landmarks such as St. Mungo's Cathedral and the People's Palace, and encounter a few friendly *weegies* along the way. **(B)**

DAY 15 | DEPART GLASGOW

Bid farewell to Scotland as you are transferred to Glasgow Airport where your vacation ends. Guests can opt to leave from Edinburgh Airport for an additional cost. **(B)**

Scotland's Cities & Natural Landscapes

7 DAYS | EDINBURGH TO GLASGOW

Encounter spectacular scenery and cities steeped in culture and charisma on this memorable Scottish journey. Your Local Hosts will help you carefully map out your interests and ensure you can experience fascinating local insights at every stop. From regal Edinburgh to colorful Glasgow, and from the breathtaking highlands to the magical big skies of Skye – Scotland's icons are waiting.



DAY 1 | A WELCOME TO EDINBURGH

Welcome to Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city! Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel, where you will meet your **Local Host**. They'll offer you the warmest of welcomes and prepare you for your grand journey.

DAY 2 | EXPLORE EVERYTHING EDINBURGH

Get to know Edinburgh's hidden history on the Secrets of the Royal Mile walking tour. Visit Edinburgh's imposing hilltop castle and explore the Old Town's labyrinth of alleyways and staircases while your **Local Specialist** reveals fascinating true stories that will uncover another side of the city and Scotland's past. Later visit the Johnnie Walker Experience on Princes Street. On this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience explore the secrets behind the country's most popular whisky across eight dramatic floors – This is whisky like you've never experienced it before. **(B)**

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INCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDES: 6 Nights Accommodation, Daily Breakfasts, Private Airport Transfers, Standard Rail Tickets, Sightseeing as mentioned.

EXPERIENCE: An Isle of Skye Excursion.

JOIN LOCAL SPECIALISTS FOR: The Secrets of the Royal Mile Walking Tour and a Glasgow Walking Tour.

VISIT: Eilean Donan Castle.

STAY:

DAY 1-2 | EDINBURGH



Market Street Hotel
☆☆☆☆

DAY 5-6 | GLASGOW



Dakota Glasgow
☆☆☆☆

DAY 3-4 | INVERNESS



Inverness Palace Hotel
☆☆☆☆

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

TWO-NIGHT ST ANDREWS EXTENSION

includes private transfers to and from Edinburgh, 2 nights accommodation in Rusask's St Andrews and a city walking tour.

TWO-NIGHT LOCH LOMOND EXTENSION

Includes private transfers to and from Glasgow, 2 nights accommodation in the Loch Lomond Arms Hotel and a Loch Lomond Cruise.

TWO-NIGHT NORTH BERWICK EXTENSION

includes return train between Edinburgh and North Berwick, 2 nights accommodation in the Marine North Berwick and a seabird cruise around the island of Craigleith and the Bass Rock.

Faerie Glen, Isle of Skye | ©VisitScotland / KennyLam

DAY 5 | JOURNEY TO GLASGOW

Head to the train station to board your train bound for Glasgow. Renowned for its culture and style, your **Local Host** will fill you in on all that's good and not-to-be-missed while visiting their beloved city. **(B)**

DAY 6 | EXPLORE GLASGOW LIKE A LOCAL

From grand Victorian architecture to contemporary street art and thriving Museum scene, Glasgow truly has something for everyone. There's no better way to experience the city than on an included walking tour with a **Local Specialist**. As you stroll the streets, hear stories of the city's rich history and culture, see famous landmarks such as St. Mungo's Cathedral and the People's Palace, and encounter a few friendly *weegies* along the way. **(B)**

DAY 7 | DEPART GLASGOW

Bid farewell to Scotland as you are transferred to Glasgow Airport where your vacation ends. Guests can opt to leave from Edinburgh Airport for an additional cost. **(B)**

Treasures of Ireland

6 DAYS | 7 MEALS | DUBLIN TO SHANNON | APR-SEP

Blaze a trail and check off the Treasures of Ireland on this quick jaunt around the Emerald Isle, including stops in Dublin, Cork and Cobh, the Titanic's final fateful stop. Learn all about Viking history, kiss the Blarney Stone and watch in wonder as the idyllic Ring of Kerry unfolds.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO IRELAND

Put a little Irish spring in your step and stroll through the lyrical capital of Dublin – your springboard to an unforgettable jaunt through the treasures of Ireland. Join a **Local Specialist** this afternoon to explore the city and learn about the bountiful nicknames bestowed upon its iconic sights. Hear about history and life on the Liffey as you walk the cobbled courtyard of Trinity College. See the Book of Kells before enjoying a welcome dinner to get to know your fellow travelers and Travel Director. **(D)** **Hotel: Sandymount Hotel**

DAY 2 | JOURNEY TO WATERFORD AND CORK

This morning, we journey to the peaceful monastic ruins at Glendalough that survived repeated Viking attacks over the centuries. We'll **Dive Into Culture**, watching the master craftsmen of the House of Waterford Crystal as they create delicate works of art. Marvel at the detail of this traditional craft before continuing to the final stop today in the 'rebel' city of Cork, where we'll have a free evening to enjoy a little Irish *craic* and soak up the lively atmosphere of this university city. Tonight, join an Optional Experience to a local pub for an evening of Irish entertainment with local musicians, including a good hearty pub supper. **(B)** **Hotel: Vienna Woods Hotel Cork**

DAY 3 | SEE THE SIGHTS OF BLARNEY AND KILLARNEY

Join your **Local Specialist** for a walking tour in Cobh to revisit the timeline of the Titanic. Embark on a scenic drive to Blarney Castle, where you have the opportunity to kiss its famous stone and acquire the 'gift of the gab'. Enjoy a traditional pony and trap ride on an Optional Experience through the beautiful Bourn-Vincent National Park. During this optional journey, your **Local Specialist** will share fascinating anecdotes about the area and Ireland. Continue to Killarney, where you'll spend the next two nights. Stop at the beautiful café in the gate lodge of Killarney National Park for a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Tonight join a Gaelic Roots show. A tour de force of traditional Irish song, music and dance, Gaelic Roots showcases Ireland at its best. Using traditional instruments, Irish dance and time-honored folk songs, this energetic show will have you tapping your feet and singing along in no time. **(B)** **Hotel: Killarney/Killarney Towers**



Cobh | ©TourismIreland



DEENAGH LODGE

Enjoy freshly baked goods in Ireland's most charming tea room. Deenagh Lodge, located at the entrance of Killarney National Park, advocates for positive changes in society.

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS & MUST-SEES

EXPLORE: Dublin and the Titanic Story in Cobh with a Local Specialist.

DISCOVER: Waterford, Cork and Killarney.

VISIT: Trinity College, Glendalough, Waterford Crystal, Blarney Castle, Torc Waterfall, Foynes Flying Boat Museum and the Cliffs of Moher.

VIEW: St. Kevin's Cross in Glendalough and St. John's Castle in Limerick.

SEE: Dublin's Georgian Squares.

SCENIC DRIVE: The Ring of Kerry.

BE MY GUEST



MUCKROSS TRADITIONAL FARMS

It's 1930s Ireland revisited at the traditional working farms of Muckross. Learn how to churn butter and dine in the Quilles Farmhouse against the scenic backdrop of the lakes of Killarney.

DAY 4 | A DAY ON THE RING OF KERRY

Admire the enduring beauty along Ireland's most scenic coastal drive, The Ring of Kerry. Later, join your companions at Muckross Traditional Farms for a *Be My Guest* encounter with an Irish rural community. *Connect With Locals* as you step back in time to the 1930s and learn about traditional Irish farm life against the scenic backdrop of the lakes of Killarney. You'll emerge from the experience with an overwhelming feeling of nostalgia for simpler times and the knowledge that through your visit you are helping to preserve the heritage of rural Ireland for generations to come. **(B,L)**

DAY 5 | ADMIRE THE CLIFFS OF MOHER AND ON TO LIMERICK

Delve into the era of the first transatlantic flights during a visit to the Flying Boat Museum in Foynes. At one time, it was the refuelling point for Pan Am's Flying Boat, the Yankee Clipper. Picture life as a passenger onboard a replica Boeing 314 as we *Dive Into Culture* and experience the aircraft first hand. You will walk away knowing how Irish Coffee was invented. Here you can imagine yourself a weary passenger, delayed due to bad weather while you sip your own cup of 'Foynes Original,' used to treat nervous passengers years ago. This afternoon, travel to the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Center. This wonderfully engaging experience brings one of Ireland's most treasured natural phenomena to life in an interactive way. Enjoy the IMAX-type multimedia which gives visitors a bird's eye view of the cliffs or dive virtually beneath the surface of the Atlantic and into the underwater caves at the foot of the cliffs that would have otherwise gone unseen. Continue to your hotel in Limerick where you spend the night. **(B) Hotel: Greenhills**

DAY 6 | ONWARDS TO SHANNON

Our epic journey through the treasures of Ireland has come to an end. Wish your fellow travelers *slán abhaile*. Find out more about your free airport transfer at brendanvacations.com/transfers. **(B)**

Note: Your coach returns to Dublin from Shannon on Day 6. You are welcome to utilize this complimentary transfer. Drop-off in Dublin will be at the Airport and the Brendan Dublin Hotel between approximately 1pm and 2pm, depending on traffic.

Irish Highlights

7 DAYS | 9 MEALS | DUBLIN TO DUBLIN | YEAR-ROUND

A roundtrip from Dublin featuring all the highlights of Ireland – including Waterford Crystal, your newfound ‘gift of the gab’ at Blarney Castle and the irresistible Ring of Kerry. You’ll also learn about the devastating Irish famine and peer over the edge of the Cliffs of Moher.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO THE EMERALD ISLE

Tread in the footsteps of James Joyce and Oscar Wilde through the lyrical streets of Dublin – your launch pad to a memorable encounter with Ireland’s iconic highlights. After a leisurely morning, meet a *Local Specialist* for a sightseeing tour with views of Trinity College, St. Patrick’s Cathedral and the stately Georgian Squares. Indulge in a little Irish *craic* this evening, joining your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. **(WR) Hotel: Clayton Ballsbridge/Clayton Cardiff Lane**

DAY 2 | ONWARDS TO GALWAY & LIMERICK

We journey to Galway, the ‘City of Tribes’, where we’ll see its stone cathedral on the banks of the Corrib and spend some free time exploring its stone façades. Next, Irish traditions and heritage are explored during a visit to Bunratty Castle and its Folk Park, a living history museum that reveals insights into life in Ireland during the 18th and 19th centuries. Continue on to Limerick, for an orientation tour to view the 13th-century King John’s Castle overlooking the Shannon. Consider joining an optional dinner at the world-famous *Durty Nelly’s*. Enjoy an excellent choice menu in this storied establishment that’s almost 400 years old. **(B) Hotel: Greenhills**

DAY 3 | EXPERIENCE THE ICONIC CLIFFS OF MOHER & ON TO KILLARNEY

We leave Limerick and stop at the spectacular Cliffs of Moher, where we visit the ‘Atlantic Edge’ exhibition. After a scenic drive, we take a short ferry journey across the Shannon Estuary. Join an optional experience for a traditional pony and trap ride through the beautiful Bourn-Vincent National Park. During your journey, your *Local Specialist* will share fascinating anecdotes about the area and Ireland. Alternatively, join an optional experience embracing the folklore and spirit of old Ireland’s life and times, when even the most everyday chore would be celebrated. *Siamsa Tire* players will cast a charm you’ll remember forever. Beforehand, enjoy a hearty Irish meal in a local restaurant. Ending your day, your home for the next two nights is the colorful little town of Killarney. **(B) Hotel: International/Hotel Killarney/Killarney Avenue Hotel**



Galway

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER
EXPERIENCE



NATURE WALK ON THE RING OF KERRY

Join Natasha, a passionate ecologist, on a walking tour to explore the Irish coastline in a meaningful way and discover the rich environmental heritage of the Wild Atlantic Way.

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS & MUST-SEES

SPECIAL EVENTS & DATES: St. Patrick's Day (March 17).

EXPLORE: Dublin with a Local Specialist.

DISCOVER: Galway, Limerick and Waterford.

VISIT: Bunratty Folk Park, the Cliffs of Moher, Blarney to kiss the stone and gain the 'gift of the gab', the Crystal Showroom at Waterford and the famine ship in New Ross.

VIEW: St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin and King John's Castle in Limerick.

SEE: The Cathedral of Galway and St. Mary's Cathedral in Limerick.

SCENIC CRUISE: Across the Shannon Estuary.

SCENIC DRIVE: The Ring of Kerry.

BE MY GUEST



GLENEALY HOUSE

Join the Fulvio family at their Co. Wicklow Farmhouse for some traditional Irish fare with an Italian twist and captivating stories of the family and their home.

DAY 4 | A SCENIC DAY ON THE RING OF KERRY

Circle the spectacular Ring of Kerry – its emerald, green hills and vivid blue seascapes provide a soul-stirring backdrop. We'll see Daniel O'Connell's Cahirciveen, Moll's Gap and the Black Valley, renowned for being the last place in Ireland to get electricity and telephone networks. In the village of Waterville, join a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience walking tour to explore the natural environment of the Irish coastline. Consider joining an Optional Experience to Muckross House and its beautiful gardens. With a backdrop of oak-clad mountains, enjoy taking in the towering azaleas and rhododendrons, alongside the shores of the lake. The 19th-century house contains some wonderful examples of furniture and paintings, including a portrait of King James VI, for whom Shakespeare wrote Macbeth. **(B)**

DAY 5 | EXPLORE BLARNEY & JOURNEY TO WATERFORD

Cross the rugged Kerry Mountains and travel to Blarney Castle to kiss the stone and acquire the 'gift of the gab'. Continue to Waterford, where we will have dinner at our hotel. Perhaps join a magical entertainment experience, where you'll get the chance to see Irish hospitality in the best folk tradition. Enjoy a drink while locals sing and play music for you. **(B,D)** **Hotel: Fitzwilton Hotel/Waterford Marina Hotel**

DAY 6 | THROUGH COUNTY WICKLOW'S COUNTRYSIDE TO DUBLIN

Dive Into Culture and witness the centuries-old tradition of crafting fine glass at the House of Waterford Crystal. Our next stop is in the town of New Ross, where we'll see the monument to John F. Kennedy who traveled to his ancestral family hometown in 1963. We'll visit the three-masted famine ship Dunbrody and **Dive Into Culture** yet again, gaining insights into the tragic plight of the Irish emigrants. Continuing through County Wexford and the lush countryside of County Wicklow, we journey to Dublin stopping en route at Glenealy Farmhouse. We'll **Connect With Locals** over a **Be My Guest** farewell dinner and meet the Fulvio family. **(B,D)** **Hotel: Radisson Blu Hotel Dublin Airport**

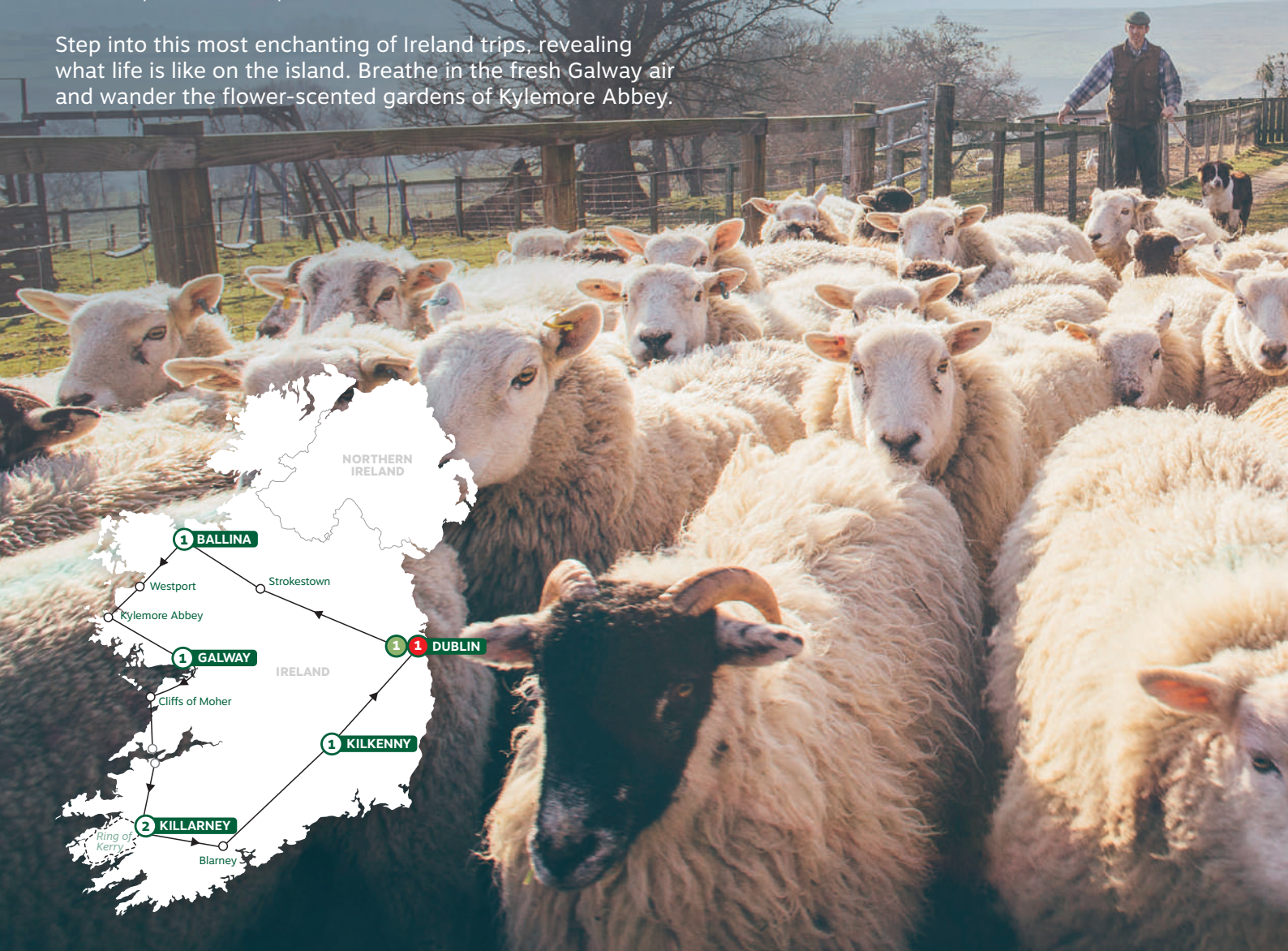
DAY 7 | FAREWELL IRELAND

For now, it's time to say a *fond slán abhaile* to your fellow travelers as you close the curtain on an unforgettable journey through the Emerald Isle. Find out more about your free airport transfer at brendanvacations.com/transfers. **(B)**

Enchanting Emerald Isle

8 DAYS | 12 MEALS | DUBLIN TO DUBLIN | APR-OCT

Step into this most enchanting of Ireland trips, revealing what life is like on the island. Breathe in the fresh Galway air and wander the flower-scented gardens of Kylemore Abbey.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO DUBLIN

A warm welcome to Dublin, a modern multi-cultural city that embraces its past and exudes an enduring sense of fun. Meet your **Local Specialist** this afternoon for a guided city tour to view the elegant Georgian Squares and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Visit Trinity College and see the Book of Kells, said to be the world's most famous medieval manuscript. A special welcome dinner this evening sees you visiting EPIC – The Irish Emigration Museum. **(D) Hotel: Sandymount Hotel**

DAY 2 | EXPERIENCE IRISH HISTORY & ON TO BALLINA

Journey through the lush green countryside before your first stop at Strokestown where we will **Dive Into Culture** at the Irish Famine Museum, delving into the stories of the 1840s famine. See the haunting pleas of starving tenants on the estate and the response they received, before continuing to Ballina. Today you can also consider joining an Optional River cruise. The longest river in the British Isles, the Shannon is immortalized in songs and legends. Cruise this majestic river through the rolling countryside of counties Leitrim and Roscommon while enjoying a light lunch. **(B,D) Hotel: Great National Ballina**

DAY 3 | JOURNEY TO WESTPORT & GALWAY

Travel to Westport and meet your **Local Specialist** for a walking tour during which you'll learn about the town's heritage – from its settlement 5,000 years ago to modern-day times. Later, visit the Benedictine monastery of Kylemore Abbey, set against the striking backdrop of Lake Kylemore and stroll through its walled Victorian gardens. We continue to Galway, the 'City of Tribes', where we'll see Galway Cathedral and spend the rest of the evening at leisure. **(B) Hotel: Connacht**

DAY 4 | THE ICONIC CLIFFS OF MOHER & ONWARDS TO KILLARNEY

The sheer Cliffs of Moher plunge dramatically into the Atlantic Ocean, providing endless ocean views and wonderful photographic opportunities which you'll get to capture during a morning visit. Later, we cross the Shannon estuary by ferry to Killarney, our home for the next two nights. Spend a free evening soaking up some unforgettable Irish *craic* or delve into the town's centuries-old history. **(B) Hotel: Killarney Towers**



Irish Rush Hour

**SEAWEED DISCOVERY WORKSHOP**

A relaxed tour for anyone with a love of nature and salty sea air. Join seaweed advocate and educator John, for a guided foraging walk to learn about the sustainability and versatility of seaweed and hear how he works to protect the fragile ecosystem of the wild Atlantic coast.

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS & MUST-SEES

EXPLORE: Dublin, Killarney National Park and Westport with Local Specialists.

DISCOVER: Galway and Killarney.

VISIT: EPIC - Trinity College and EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum in Dublin, The National Irish Famine Museum at Strokestown Park, Kylemore Abbey, the Cliffs of Moher and Blarney Castle.

VIEW: The mountains of Connemara and Torc Waterfall.

SEE: St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Georgian Squares in Dublin and Galway Cathedral.

SCENIC CRUISE: Across the Shannon Estuary.

BE MY GUEST**GLENEALY HOUSE**

Join the Fulvio family at their Co. Wicklow Farmhouse for some traditional Irish fare with an Italian twist and captivating stories of the family and their home.

DAY 5 | A DAY ON THE RING OF KERRY

Dramatic vistas are ours to enjoy as we circle the achingly beautiful Ring of Kerry – one of the most scenic drives on the Emerald Isle. Enjoy a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience as you join John, a seaweed advocate and educator for a seaweed foraging walk. After, see a soul-stirring landscape that has inspired poets, artists and writers for centuries, before returning to Killarney. Next, a leisurely guided walk at Torc Waterfall with a **Local Specialist** taking you along the lakeshore and past the farmlands of the 19th-century Muckross Estate. **(B,D)**

DAY 6 | VENTURE TO BLARNEY & MEDIEVAL KILKENNY

Kiss the famous Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle and receive the 'gift of the gab'. This afternoon we arrive in Kilkenny where we have some free time to explore, or possibly join an Optional Experience to a local pub for an afternoon of music. **(B)**
Hotel: Kilkenny

DAY 7 | RETURN TO LIVELY DUBLIN

Kilkenny holds a long history for Ireland's national sport - hurling. Meet an experienced player to gain exciting insight to this unique Irish cultural experience and even have a go for yourself. Returning to the Irish capital, **Connect With Locals** with the Fulvio family, over a **Be My Guest** lunch at Glenealy House. In the evening, all that's left to say is a rousing *sláinte* or two while you indulge in a memorable farewell dinner, enjoying a fun night out at a classic public house in the city. Admire the authentic Victorian bar and walk up the original staircase from Trinity College, which was featured in the Michael Caine film *Educating Rita*. **(B,L,D)** **Hotel: Clayton Dublin Airport**

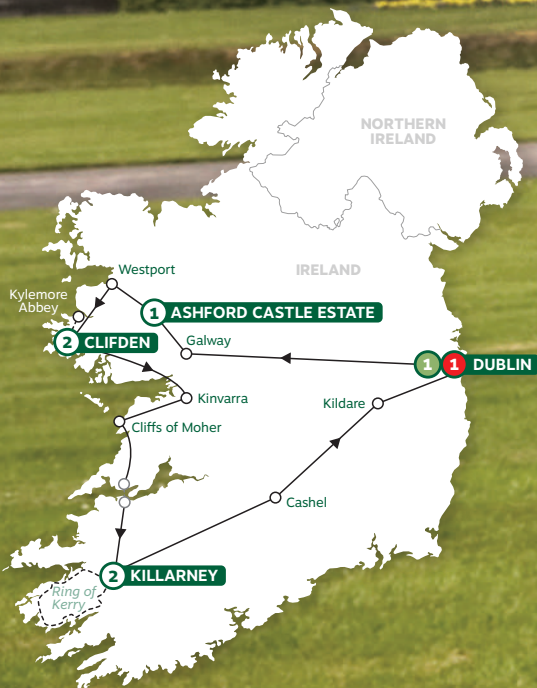
DAY 8 | FAREWELL IRELAND

It's time to close the chapter on an unforgettable Irish vacation. We bid our new found friends and Travel Director a fond farewell. Find out more about your free airport transfer at brendanvacations.com/transfers. **(B)**

Castles & Manors

8 DAYS | 12 MEALS | DUBLIN TO DUBLIN | MAY-SEP

This grand Ireland castle trip is fit for royalty, including lavish stays in the homes of Irish nobility. You'll travel to Kildare and learn all about the racehorses of Ireland, visit The Ring of Kerry and watch how delicate marble is carved in Connemara.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO DUBLIN

Set your watch to the lively pace of Ireland's capital city – the springboard for your in-depth journey through the lush landscapes and enduring allure of Ireland. Our exploration of Dublin with a *Local Specialist* will see us view St. Patrick's Cathedral and the colorful Georgian Squares. Spend some time strolling through Dublin's pretty streets before joining your travel companions and Travel Director for a welcome dinner celebrating traditional Irish flavors. **(D)** Hotel: Clayton Ballsbridge

DAY 2 | JOURNEY TO GALWAY & ON TO THE ASHFORD CASTLE ESTATE

Our first stop today is the 'City of Tribes', where you will have an opportunity to see Galway Cathedral and stroll through Eyre Square. We overnight at one of Brendan's *Stays With Stories* on the shores of Lough Corrib. Feel like lords and ladies as you relax in the elegant country quarters of the Lodge at Ashford Castle, celebrating the heritage and hospitality of Ireland. **(B)** Hotel: The Lodge at Ashford Castle

DAY 3 | ADMIRE ELEGANT WESTPORT HOUSE & ABBEYGLEN CASTLE

Leaving the grand estate of Ashford Castle behind, our journey takes us to Westport House where we'll *Connect With Locals* and indulge in a memorable *Be My Guest* experience, hearing tales of the Pirate Queen while enjoying Banoffee and Baileys flavors in the Drawing Room of this stately 18th-century home. Our home for the next two nights is one of Brendan's *Stays With Stories* - the spectacular Abbeyglen Castle. **(B,L,D)** Hotel: Abbeyglen Castle

DAY 4 | A DAY EXPLORING STUNNING CONNEMARA

Drive through the 'savage beauty' of Connemara, as described by Oscar Wilde who was inspired by the region's craggy mountains, shimmering lakes and endless shades of green. We visit Kylemore Abbey, a magnificent castellated structure built as a family home and now inhabited by a group of Benedictine nuns. Venture into the secret nooks and crannies of its extensive walled Victorian garden. Stop for a *MAKE TRAVEL MATTER*® Experience at an oyster farm that includes a tasting before returning to your castle accommodations for a delicious dinner. **(B,D)**



Falconry, Ashford Castle | ©Red Carnation Hotels

**CONNEMARA OYSTER FARM**

Experience the flavors of a region once described as "wild mountainous country... in every way magnificent" by Oscar Wilde on a visit to DK Connemara Oysters. This family-run farm leads the way in sustainability, biodiversity and packaging for farming. The experience also promotes sustainable food experiences, small scale farmer interactions and responsible consumption.

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS & MUST-SEES

EXPLORE: Dublin, Killarney National Park and Cashel with Local Specialists.

DISCOVER: Killarney and Galway.

VISIT: Kylemore Abbey, Connemara Celtic Crystal Factory the Cliffs of Moher, the Rock of Cashel and the Irish National Stud.

VIEW: Torc Waterfall.

SEE: St. Patrick's Cathedral and Georgian Squares in Dublin and Galway Cathedral.

SCENIC DRIVES: The Ring of Kerry and through Connemara.

BE MY GUEST**WESTPORT HOUSE**

Near the charming town of Westport, enjoy a traditional High Tea in the drawing room of a stately 18th-century home where fascinating tales of Pirate Queen Grace O'Malley are the perfect accompaniment to delicious sweet and savory treats.

DAY 5 | ONWARDS TO THE CLIFFS OF MOHER & KILLARNEY

This morning, visit the Connemara Celtic Crystal Factory, where you'll [Dive Into Culture](#) and witness first-hand how their famous crystal designs are made. Picture yourself living in 1520 alongside the Dunguaire Castle when we later stop to explore the charming seaport village of Kinvarra. Next up is an experience you'll remember for years to come as you watch the UNESCO-listed Cliffs of Moher plunge dramatically into the Atlantic waters below. Beyond the endless views and the opportunity to capture the colonies of curious-looking puffins that find sanctuary in its nooks and crannies on film, you'll have an opportunity to visit the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience which really brings this natural phenomenon to life in an interactive way, leaving you with a deep understanding of this special place. Our home tonight is one of Brendan's [Stays With Stories](#) - the ivy-clad Great Southern Hotel, a Victorian-styled hotel built over 160 years ago as Ireland's first purpose-built hotel. The hotel's Victorian architecture ends the day still dreaming of life many years ago. **(B)**

Hotel: Great Southern

DAY 6 | A DAY ON THE RING OF KERRY

Enjoy a slow start to your morning, joining a [Local Specialist](#) for a leisurely guided walk at Torc Waterfall, strolling over wooded paths and lakeshore trails. We embark on an epic drive next, exploring the enduring beauty of The Ring of Kerry whose enchanting coastal landscapes have inspired writers and poets for centuries. **(B)**

DAY 7 | DISCOVER CASHEL & RETURN TO DUBLIN

Discover the legacy of St. Patrick when you visit the imposing Rock of Cashel, once the traditional seat of the kings of Munster. View its ecclesiastical ruins with a [Local Specialist](#) then traverse scenic landscapes to Kildare. Here you'll [Dive Into Culture](#) and learn about Ireland's thoroughbred industry at the Irish National Stud. You'll have a rare opportunity to see the foaling unit, museum and of course the magnificent stallions that continue to make racing history. Later today, return to the Irish capital where you'll inject a bit of the craic into your farewell dinner with new friends. **(B,D) Hotel: Radisson Blu Dublin Airport**

DAY 8 | JOURNEY HOME

We say a fond farewell to Dublin and our new found friends today. You will be transferred to the airport, where your journey through the Emerald Isle comes to an end. Find out more about your free airport transfer at brendanvacations.com/transfers. **(B)**

Best of Ireland

10 DAYS | 15 MEALS | DUBLIN TO DUBLIN | APR-OCT

An in-depth encounter with the Best of Ireland awaits, from spectacular sights like the Cliffs of Moher and Ring of Kerry to the past and present showcased in Dublin, Galway and pretty Adare. You'll learn all about Irish famine history, former kings and how to embrace the *craic*.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO DUBLIN

Write your own lively tale of legends and iconic landscapes during this epic encounter with Ireland's treasures. We begin our journey in the whimsical capital of Dublin, joining a **Local Specialist** to see the sights. A special welcome dinner this evening sees you visiting EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum. **(D)**
Hotel: Clayton Ballsbridge/Sandymount Hotel

DAY 2 | THROUGH SCENIC COUNTY WICKLOW & WATERFORD TO KILKENNY

Journey through the scenic countryside of County Wicklow, 'The Garden of Ireland', and on to New Ross - the ancestral home town of John F. Kennedy. **Dive Into Culture** and gain insights into the plight of the starving Irish emigrants who boarded the Dunbrody Famine Ship to flee the potato famine. We continue to Waterford, where we'll celebrate the centuries-old craft of flint glass creation as we **Dive Into Culture** at the House of Waterford Crystal, witnessing talented master craftsmen at work. Afterwards, continue to Medieval Kilkenny. **(B,D)**
Hotel: Kilkenny

DAY 3 | JOURNEY TO BLARNEY & ON TO KILLARNEY

Today, pursue the 'gift of the gab' at Blarney Castle, where you'll have a chance to kiss the famous stone. Consider joining an Optional Experience for a traditional pony and trap ride through Bourn-Vincent National Park. Arrive in Killarney for a two night stay. During the journey, your **Local Specialist** will share fascinating anecdotes about the area. Later, perhaps join an optional Gaelic Roots show. This energetic show will have you tapping your feet and singing along in no time. **(B,D)**
Hotel: Killarney Towers/Hotel Killarney

DAY 4 | A DAY ON THE RING OF KERRY

Ireland's soul-stirring Ring of Kerry takes center stage today as we embark on a scenic drive past its mountains and lakes. We'll see Daniel O'Connell's Cahirciveen, the coastal village of Waterville, Moll's Gap and the Black Valley. Consider joining an Optional Experience of an Irish *Ceilidh* Evening. The Irish *Ceilidh* epitomises how music and dance were enjoyed in rural Ireland, especially on festive occasions. The *craic* - welcoming, jolly, fun and informal, is accompanied with plenty of food and drink. There's no more enjoyable way to understand Irish culture. **(B)**

**BRIGIT'S GARDEN**

Brigit's Garden offers a peaceful journey through Ireland's Celtic heritage. With your Celtic heritage expert guide, explore the colorful gardens, native woodlands and wildflower meadows.

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS & MUST-SEES

EXPLORE: Dublin with a Local Specialist.

DISCOVER: Waterford, Killarney, Limerick and Galway.

VISIT: The Dunbrody Famine Ship in New Ross, the crystal showroom at Waterford, Blarney to kiss the stone and gain the 'gift of the gab', Adare, Bunratty Folk Park, the Cliffs of Moher, Connemara and Kylemore Abbey.

VIEW: King John's Castle in Limerick and Marian Shrine in Knock.

SEE: St. Mary's Cathedral in Limerick and Galway Cathedral.

SCENIC DRIVE: The Ring of Kerry.

BE MY GUEST**WESTPORT HOUSE**

Enjoy a traditional High Tea in the drawing room of a stately 18th-century home where fascinating tales of a Pirate Queen are the perfect accompaniment to delicious sweet and savory treats.

Got Guinness?

DAY 5 | ONWARDS TO LIVELY LIMERICK

We continue through the windswept countryside, arriving in Adare, one of the prettiest villages in Ireland. Our next stop is Limerick, where we'll enjoy views of St. Mary's Cathedral, the Treaty Stone and the 13th-century King John's Castle during an orientation tour. Delve into an Ireland of old, as you discover the day-to-day life of the Irish during the 18th and 19th centuries on your included visit to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park this afternoon. **(B) Hotel: Greenhills/The Inn at Dromoland**

DAY 6 | ADMIRE THE CLIFFS OF MOHER & ONWARDS TO GALWAY

We journey to the magnificent Cliffs of Moher which plunge over 700 feet into the Atlantic waters below. This UNESCO-listed highlight along the Wild Atlantic Way is one you'll never forget. Before leaving, visit the interactive Visitor Center and bring this national treasure to life. Later, we arrive in Galway with some time at leisure to see its beautiful stone Cathedral or stroll through Eyre Square. **(B) Hotel: Connacht**

DAY 7 | A DAY EXPLORING STUNNING CONNEMARA

Connemara's 'savage beauty' is yours to explore today. Stop at Brigit's Garden, a Celtic heritage garden for a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Admire the views on a scenic drive to Kylemore Abbey, where we will embark on a visit to the country's most romantic castle and its exquisite Victorian Walled Garden. **(B,D)**

DAY 8 | A PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK & ON TO SLIGO

Our journey takes us to Westport House where we'll **Connect With Locals** and indulge in a memorable **Be My Guest** experience, hearing tales of the Pirate Queen while enjoying Banoffee and Baileys flavors in the Drawing Room of this stately 18th-century home. Heading north, we stop in the pilgrimage town of Knock to view the Marian Shrine where villagers witnessed an apparition of Our Lady in 1879. We arrive in Sligo this evening, our home for the night. **(B,L) Hotel: Clayton**

DAY 9 | RETURN TO LIVELY DUBLIN

Our journey continues south to Dublin. Here we'll enjoy some free time to take a walk down Grafton Street or stroll along the Liffey. This evening, we close the chapter on an epic journey through Ireland, joining our fellow travelers for a memorable farewell dinner. **(B,D) Hotel: Clayton Hotel Dublin Airport/ Radisson Blu Hotel Dublin Airport**

DAY 10 | FAREWELL IRELAND

After a hearty Irish breakfast, we bid our Travel Director and fellow travelers a fond farewell as our Irish vacation comes to an end. Find out more about your free airport transfer at brendanvacations.com/transfers. **(B)**

Iconic Ireland & Ashford Castle

10 DAYS | 15 MEALS | DUBLIN TO DUBLIN | MAY-SEP

Explore iconic Ireland and Ashford Castle, the former famous home of earls, princes and the famous Guinness family. See Connemara's wild beauty, let the wind whip you up at the Cliffs of Moher and admire forty shades of green circling The Ring of Kerry.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO DUBLIN

The Emerald Isle puts its best foot forward in this iconic exploration of its breathtaking landscapes and whimsical charm. We kick off our epic journey along the walled gardens and rambling walks of Powerscourt Gardens on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Its sweeping terraces, ornamental lakes and over 200 varieties of trees and shrubs ensure it befits its status as one of the most beautiful gardens in Ireland. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening to get to know your fellow travelers. **(D) Hotel: Clayton Ballsbridge**

DAY 2 | DISCOVER DIVERSE DUBLIN

Lyrics and legends await this morning as we join a **Local Specialist** on a city tour to visit St. Patrick's Cathedral, where Jonathan Swift was once installed as Dean. We admire the colorful doorways in the stately Georgian Squares and stroll along the cobbled courtyard of Trinity College and see the Book of Kells. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to soak up the charisma of this city. Wander along Grafton Street and see its lively performers, stop for a pint of the 'Black Stuff' in Temple Bar or relax in St. Stephen's Green. **(B)**

DAY 3 | WATERFORD & ON TO CORK

Depart Dublin and stop in Waterford where we have free time for lunch, or to perhaps join a walking tour with a **Local Specialist**. We continue south to the lively city of Cork, enjoying a free evening to discover its sights, sounds and flavors. **(B) Hotel: Vienna Woods Hotel Cork**

DAY 4 | JOURNEY TO BLARNEY & ON TO KILLARNEY

Head to Blarney in pursuit of the 'gift of the gab'. Kiss the fabled Stone then head west to the lakeside setting of Killarney, our springboard to the enduring beauty of The Ring of Kerry. **(B) Hotel: Killarney Towers**

DAY 5 | A DAY ON THE RING OF KERRY

Perhaps join a **Local Specialist** for a scenic guided walk at Torc Waterfall, strolling over wooded paths and lakeshore trails. Circle the scenic Ring of Kerry admiring its famous 'forty shades of green' and seeing first-hand the scenic landscapes that have inspired writers and poets for centuries. **(B,D)**



POWERSCOURT GARDENS

In the magnificent Powerscourt Estate just outside of Dublin, explore a rich variety of trees and shrubs across 47 acres of one of Ireland's most beautiful and sustainable gardens.

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS & MUST-SEES

EXPLORE: Dublin, Killarney National Park and Lough Corrib with Local Specialists.

DISCOVER: Killarney and Galway.

VISIT: Powerscourt Gardens, St. Patrick's Cathedral and Trinity College in Dublin, Blarney Castle, Torc Waterfall, the Cliffs of Moher, Connemara Celtic Crystal Factory and Kylemore Abbey.

SEE: Dublin's Georgian Squares and Galway Cathedral.

SCENIC DRIVES: The Ring of Kerry and through Connemara.

BE MY GUEST

FORAGING & BARRTRÁ SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

Join Oonagh for a foraging experience then enjoy locally-sourced seafood fare in the homely atmosphere of the O'Brien's family-run Barrtrá Seafood Restaurant that overlooks Liscannor Bay.

ASHFORD CASTLE

Dating back to 1228, iconic Ashford Castle has housed earls, princes and the dynastic Guinness family. Recently reopened after refurbishment, this award-winning hotel is one of Brendan's Stays With Stories and is owned and operated by our sister company, The Red Carnation Hotel Collection.

Ashford Castle

DAY 6 | ONWARDS TO THE CLIFFS OF MOHER & GALWAY

Continue along the Wild Atlantic Way. **Connect With Locals** and meet local horticulturist, Oonagh, who'll teach you how to forage before our **Be My Guest** visit to the Barrtrá Seafood restaurant, where Oonagh will reveal the importance of sustainable food experiences. Our up-close encounter with Ireland's irresistible beauty continues, as we journey north to the towering Cliffs of Moher. Beyond the remarkable seascape views, you'll have an opportunity to visit the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience which really brings this natural phenomenon to life in an interactive way, leaving you with a deep understanding of this special place. Your next overnight stop is Galway where you can indulge your love for music, art and good times. **(B,D) Hotel: Maldron Sandy Road**

DAY 7 | GALWAY YOUR WAY

Dive Into Culture at the Connemara Celtic Crystal Factory, watching master craftsmen carve Connemara crystal. Then enjoy an orientation tour of Galway with plenty of free time afterwards to explore this vibrant city on your own. **(B)**

DAY 8 | EXPLORE STUNNING CONNEMARA & CONTINUE TO ASHFORD CASTLE

A rugged realm of mountains, lakes, rivers and villages provides a stunning backdrop for our leisurely drive through Connemara. We'll visit Kylemore Abbey and ramble through its exquisite Victorian walled garden. Later, board 'The Isle of Innisfree' for an exclusive cruise on shimmering Lough Corrib. Captain Patrick, Ashford Castle's **Local Specialist** will share his local knowledge as you glide across its peaceful waters. Upon disembarking, a lone piper will escort you over the drawbridge to Ashford Castle, one of Brendan's **Stays With Stories**, where tonight you will dine as lords and ladies at an elegant royal dining experience (gentlemen are requested to wear a jacket). **(B,D) Hotel: Ashford Castle**

DAY 9 | RETURN TO LIVELY DUBLIN

Explore the exquisite estate and admire the lavish interiors of Ashford Castle before returning to Dublin. Spend the rest of the afternoon delving into the Irish capital. This evening, reminisce over shared memories at a delicious farewell dinner. **(B,D) Hotel: Clayton Ballsbridge**

DAY 10 | JOURNEY HOME

As the curtain falls on a memorable journey with new friends, we say a fond *slán go fóill* to Dublin and the Emerald Isle. Find out more about your free airport transfer at brendanvacations.com/transfers. **(B)**

Shamrocks & Leprechauns

10 DAYS | 15 MEALS | DUBLIN TO DUBLIN | JUN-AUG

A favorite Ireland trip for families combining happy travels with the luck of the Irish. Find your own pot of gold at the end of the rainbow and cuddle sheep on the Wild Atlantic Way. Ever wondered if boats can fly? See it first-hand in Foynes, all with no school books in sight.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO DUBLIN

You're in for a grand time on this family jaunt through the Emerald Isle, which begins in Dublin. Explore the lively Irish capital before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travelers this afternoon for a kick-off party and sightseeing tour with your Local Specialist. **(D)** Hotel: Clayton Ballsbridge

DAY 2 | JOURNEY TO COASTAL COUNTY DOWN

This morning, depart Dublin for a guided tour of the Hill of Slane. Legend says that here, St. Patrick lit a Paschal fire in defiance of the pagan High King Laoire, is the burial site of the Fir Bolg King Sláine and the home to a mythical healing well of the *Tuatha Dé Danann*. Afterwards, journey to County Down, where we'll spend for the night. **(B,D)** Hotel: Canal Court Hotel Newry

DAY 3 | ONWARDS TO COLORFUL BELFAST

It's time for some Family Fun and to play the 'Game of Thrones'. Head to the 'Winterfell' Castle's archery range movie set for some behind-the-scenes insights into the award-winning series. Dress in costumes from the show and try your hand at shooting medieval arrows using ancient bows. After, head to Belfast for an introductory sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. See the Queen's University, then admire the colorful murals that line the city streets. **(B)** Hotel: Maldron City

DAY 4 | A DAY AT THE GIANT'S CAUSEWAY

Tread in the footsteps of Finn MacCool – whose geometric Giant's Causeway is more the stuff of legends than the result of ancient volcanic activity and has left its mark on the northern Irish coast. Admire the 40,000 interlocking basalt columns that fade into the sea on your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience that will help conserve this iconic landmark. Next, see the enchanting tunnel of the Dark Hedges before heading back to the city. After a day of myths, legends and Hollywood blockbusters, consider tucking into an optional Fish and Chips pub dinner. **(B)**



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GIANT'S CAUSEWAY

On the rugged Antrim Coast in Northern Ireland, join a local expert to explore the sights, sounds, kinetic energy and legends of the Giant's Causeway and learn how your visit helps conserve this iconic natural landmark.

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS & MUST-SEES

EXPLORE: Dublin, Belfast and Derry~Londonderry with Local Specialists.

DISCOVER: Limerick and County Galway.

VISIT: 'Winterfell' Castle, the Giant's Causeway, Titanic Belfast and the Flying Boat Museum in Foynes.

VIEW: King John's Castle in Limerick.

SEE: St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Georgian Squares in Dublin and St. Mary's Cathedral in Limerick.

SCENIC DRIVE: The Ring of Kerry.

BE MY GUEST

FEENEYS' SHEEP FARM

Enjoy morning tea, learn the art of sheepdog handling, gain an insight into the role of wool and perhaps even cuddle puppies at this family farm located on the edge of the Wild Atlantic Way.

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DAY 5 | JOURNEY TO DERRY~LONDONDERRY & DONEGAL

Dive Into Culture at Titanic Belfast and gain a new perspective into the world's most famous ship. After, journey to Derry~Londonderry, where we join a **Local Specialist** who will take us on a stroll along its ancient walls. We continue to scenic Donegal, your home for the night. **(B,D) Hotel: Central**

DAY 6 | DISCOVER GALWAY & LIMERICK

We **Connect With Locals** and join the Feeneys on their sheep farm located on the edge of the scenic Wild Atlantic Way. Martin will teach you the art of sheepdog handling and you'll learn about the role and use of wool on the farm. You may even get to cuddle puppies at this **Be My Guest** experience with this warm couple. Later, we travel to Galway and enjoy an orientation tour before continuing to Limerick. **(B,L) Hotel: The Inn at Dromoland**

DAY 7 | ADMIRE THE CLIFFS OF MOHER & ON TO KILLARNEY

Your first stop today is the sheer Cliffs of Moher for an experience you'll never forget. We then travel south to the Flying Boat Museum in Foynes where we'll **Dive Into Culture** and board a replica Boeing 314 to experience life as a passenger. Dinner is at your hotel this evening. **(B,D) Hotel: Killarney**

DAY 8 | EXPLORE THE RING OF KERRY

Circling the spectacular Ring of Kerry, we see mountains, valleys, lakes and sea blend into a landscape that has inspired writers and poets for centuries. The afternoon is free to explore Killarney on your own. **(B)**

DAY 9 | RETURN TO LIVELY DUBLIN

Visit Blarney Castle and secure your 'gift of the gab' after kissing its Blarney Stone. Afterwards, journey to Dublin and join your fellow travelers and Travel Director for a rousing farewell dinner aboard a canal barge. **(B,D) Hotel: Clayton Ballsbridge**

DAY 10 | FAREWELL IRELAND

For now, it's time to say a fond *slán abhaile* to your fellow travelers as you close the curtain on an unforgettable journey through the Emerald Isle. Find out more about your free airport transfer at brendanvacations.com/transfers. **(B)**

Irish Experience

11 DAYS | 16 MEALS | DUBLIN TO DUBLIN | APR-OCT

Explore the Emerald Isle on this most in-depth of Irish experiences, filled with tales of mythical creatures and the troubled history of an island split in two. Beyond soul-stirring landscapes, there's time with a local 'Cabbie' who'll guide you through Belfast.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO IRELAND

Discover the lively Irish capital before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travelers this afternoon for a sightseeing tour with your **Local Specialist**. See the stately Georgian Squares and Trinity College before enjoying a Whiskey Tatsting at a local distillery. **(D)** Hotel: Clayton Ballsbridge

DAY 2 | JOURNEY TO COLORFUL BELFAST

Travel to Belfast, where we'll have some free time for lunch. Later, we meet our **Local Specialist** 'Cabbie' for an insider view of the city's living history on a journey through its vibrant streets in a real taxi. **(B)** Hotel: AC by Marriott

DAY 3 | VENTURE TO THE GIANT'S CAUSEWAY & ON TO DERRY-LONDONDERRY

Dive Into Culture during a visit to the award-winning Titanic Belfast. Gain insights into the tragic story of the Titanic and its passengers. We leave the city behind us, traveling to the Giant's Causeway for a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. As we walk in the footsteps of Finn MacCool, our visit will help to conserve this iconic natural landmark. Take some time to admire the natural spectacle of 40,000 interlocking basalt columns before continuing to Derry-Londonderry, where we'll dine in our hotel this evening. **(B,D)** Hotel: City

DAY 4 | DISCOVER DERRY-LONDONDERRY'S PAST

Join your **Local Specialist** for a walk along the 17th-century city walls and see the formerly turbulent Bogside neighborhood, with its street murals depicting the history of the 'Troubles'. Spend the afternoon at leisure or consider joining an Optional Experience to the Inishowen Peninsula. **(B)**

DAY 5 | ONWARDS TO SCENIC GALWAY

We journey through the lush countryside to Belleek, where we'll **Dive Into Culture** and witness talented pottery craftsmen create exquisite collectables. Arrive in Galway later, where we will stay for the next two nights. **(B,D)** Hotel: Maldron Hotel Oranmore

DAY 6 | CAPTIVATING CONNEMARA

Today we uncover the rugged beauty of Connemara, captured in the film *The Quiet Man* starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. Its loughs and mountains are yours to explore today during a scenic drive. Later, we arrive at Kylemore Abbey to visit the country's most romantic castle and ramble through the hidden nooks of its Victorian walled garden. **(B)**



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DISCOVER: Galway and Waterford.

VISIT: Titanic Belfast, the UNESCO World Heritage site at the Giant's Causeway, Belleek to see how the famous pottery is made, Kylemore Abbey, the Cliffs of Moher, Blarney to kiss the stone and gain the 'gift of the gab', the Crystal Showroom at Waterford and the Dunbrody Famine Ship in New Ross.

VIEW: The City Walls and Murals of Derry~Londonderry.

SEE: Galway Cathedral.

SCENIC CRUISE: Across the Shannon Estuary.

SCENIC DRIVES: The Ring of Kerry and through Connemara.

BE MY GUEST



FORAGING & BARRTRÁ SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

Join Oonagh for a foraging experience before enjoying delicious locally-sourced seafood fare in the homely atmosphere of the O'Brien's family-run Barrtrá Seafood Restaurant that overlooks Liscannor Bay.

Giant's Causeway | ©TourismIreland

DAY 7 | EXPLORE THE CLIFFS OF MOHER & KILLARNEY

See the imposing UNESCO-listed Cliffs of Moher and visit the 'Atlantic Edge' exhibition to see this extraordinary natural phenomenon in a way that only the wildlife of the area get to see. Next, we **Connect With Locals** and join Oonagh to forage before our **Be My Guest** visit to Barrtrá Seafood restaurant, where she will reveal the importance of buying local produce. Board a ferry across the tranquil Shannon Estuary and continue through County Kerry to Killarney, where you'll have an evening at leisure or be able to join in the *craic* at an optional Irish *Ceilidh*. **(B,L)** Hotel: Killarney Towers

DAY 8 | A DAY ON THE RING OF KERRY

The soul-stirring landscapes of Iveragh Peninsula feature on our scenic coastal drive around The Ring of Kerry. **(B,D)**

DAY 9 | OFF TO BLARNEY, WATERFORD & KILKENNY

Today, you might acquire the 'gift of the gab' by bending over backwards to kiss the Blarney Stone before we travel to Waterford. Admire the delicate creations of fine crystal during a visit to the House of Waterford Crystal where we will **Dive Into Culture** and witness a demonstration by master craftsmen. This evening, we arrive in Kilkenny. **(B)** Hotel: Kilkenny

DAY 10 | THROUGH COUNTY WICKLOW'S COUNTRYSIDE TO DUBLIN

After a morning exploration of Kilkenny, we depart for New Ross, where we'll see the monument to John F. Kennedy, who visited his ancestral family hometown in 1963. We **Dive Into Culture** and gain insights into the tragic plight of Irish emigrants during the potato famine of the 1800s on our visit to the nearby three-masted Dunbrody Famine Ship. Journey through the lush Irish countryside of County Wicklow, the 'Garden of Ireland' back to Dublin later. Here, we'll spend our final evening at a farewell dinner with our travel companions sharing stories of a memorable journey through Ireland. **(B,D)** Hotel: Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel

DAY 11 | FAREWELL DUBLIN

It's time to say a fond farewell to Ireland and new found friends as you prepare to end your wonderful Irish experience. Find out more about your free airport transfer at brendanvacations.com/transfers. **(B)**

Amazing Ireland

14 DAYS | 18 MEALS | DUBLIN TO DUBLIN | APR-SEP

Take your time to soak up all that this leisurely Ireland trip has to offer. From iconic sights like the Titanic Belfast, Kilkenny Castle and the Giant's Causeway to heartfelt moments and a tasty meal with a celebrity chef at her home in Ballyknocken, this is Ireland at its finest.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO THE EMERALD ISLE

Dublin is our first stop on this epic journey, which begins as you join your Travel Director and travel companions for a welcome dinner. **(D)**
Hotel: Maldron Kevin Street

DAY 2 | ONWARDS TO BEAUTIFUL BELFAST

Belfast beckons today. Join a *Local Specialist* to view the historic murals and see the City Hall. *Dive Into Culture* at Titanic Belfast, gaining insights into the world's most famous ship and the tragedy that befell it. This evening, we dine in our hotel. **(B,D)** **Hotel: Radisson Blu Hotel Belfast**

DAY 3 | A DAY AT THE GIANT'S CAUSEWAY

Visit the Giant's Causeway for a memorable *MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®* Experience that will help conserve this iconic landmark, the result of ancient volcanic activity. **(B)**

DAY 4 | JOURNEY TO DERRY-LONDONDERRY & COUNTY DONEGAL

Traversing Northern Ireland, we arrive at the walled city of Derry-Londonderry, where we join a *Local Specialist* who will reveal the former struggles of the region, during a visit to the People's Gallery in Bogside. **(B,D)** **Hotel: Kee's**

DAY 5 | ADMIRE BELLEEK'S FAMOUS POTTERY

Explore the town of Donegal located at the mouth of the River Eske and Donegal Bay. Consider visiting the ancient Donegal Castle, once the stronghold of the O'Donnell clan. This afternoon, we visit Belleek where we'll *Dive Into Culture* and learn about the locally made Irish pottery for which the region is famous. **(B)**

DAY 6 | PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK & ON TO GALWAY

Continuing to the pilgrimage town of Knock, we visit the beautiful Marian Shrine where the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and John the Evangelist are said to have made an appearance to the townsfolk in 1879. We complete the day's journey as we arrive in vibrant Galway. **(B)** **Hotel: Maldron Oranmore**

DAY 7 | ADMIRE STUNNING CONNEMARA

The rugged realm of Connemara's mountains, lakes, rivers and villages were immortalized in John Wayne's *The Quiet Man* and provide a soul-stirring backdrop for your scenic drive to Kylemore Abbey. Originally built as a family home and now inhabited by Benedictine nuns, the country's most romantic castle sits majestically on the banks of Loch Kylemore and boasts exquisite Victorian walled gardens. This afternoon spend free time in Galway, before enjoying dinner at your hotel. **(B,D)**



Kylemore Abbey | ©TourismIreland



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EXPLORE: Belfast, Derry–Londonderry and Dublin with Local Specialists.

DISCOVER: Donegal, Galway, Cork and Waterford.

VISIT: Titanic Belfast, the Giant's Causeway, Belleek Pottery Visitor Center, Kylemore Abbey, Connemara, the Cliffs of Moher, Blarney Castle, the John F. Kennedy Arboretum and the Dunbrody Famine Ship in New Ross, Kilkenny, to participate in a game of hurling and the House of Waterford Crystal.

VIEW: The Antrim Coast and the Marian Shrine in Knock.

SEE: City Hall in Belfast, Galway Cathedral and Trinity College and the Georgian Squares in Dublin.

SCENIC CRUISE: Across the Shannon Estuary.

SCENIC DRIVE: The Ring of Kerry.

BE MY GUEST

GLENEALY HOUSE

Join the Fulvio family at their Co. Wicklow Farmhouse for some traditional Irish fare with an Italian twist and captivating stories of the family and their home.

DAY 8 | EXPLORE THE CLIFFS OF MOHER & KILLARNEY

Our encounter with the rugged beauty of Ireland continues with an experience at the spectacular Cliffs of Moher, plunging 700 feet into the wild Atlantic. Later we cross the serene Shannon Estuary by ferry to Killarney. The evening is yours to spend as you wish, but perhaps we can tempt you with a bit of *craic* at a traditional Irish *Ceilidh*? **(B) Hotel: International**

DAY 9 | A DAY ON THE RING OF KERRY

Circle the mystical Ring of Kerry. View the island's stunning scenery as you journey through Moll's Gap and take a moment to capture the marvellous natural scenery at Ladies View. **(B)**

DAY 10 | SEE THE SIGHTS IN BLARNEY, CORK & WATERFORD

Your 'gift of the gab' secured after kissing the Blarney Stone, we venture to Cork en route to medieval Waterford where we'll spend the next two nights. **(B) Hotel: Marina**

DAY 11 | UNCOVER THE TREASURES OF KILKENNY

A leisurely start today could see you stroll along Meagher's Quay, before you visit the House of Waterford to *Dive Into Culture* and witness the art of creating exquisite crystal. Travel to medieval Kilkenny, home to the world's fastest field game. The ancient Celtic sport of hurling is over 3,000 years old and Ireland's national sport. Meet an experienced player who will share his passion as you test your skills during a lesson. We spend the rest of the day at leisure in Waterford. **(B)**

DAY 12 | VENTURE TO WEXFORD & RETURN TO DUBLIN

Traverse beautiful County Wexford to the John F. Kennedy Arboretum. We take a step back in time to the 1800s as we visit the three-masted Dunbrody Famine Ship, where we'll *Dive Into Culture* and gain insights into the tragic potato famine. Later, we join the Fulvio family and *Connect With Locals* over dinner at a *Be My Guest* experience, savoring Irish fare with an Italian twist served at their Glenealy Farmhouse near Dublin. **(B,D) Hotel: Maldron Kevin Street**

DAY 13 | DISCOVER DIVERSE DUBLIN

We wander through Dublin this morning, joining a *Local Specialist* for a superb sightseeing tour that will see us view Trinity College and the magnificent Georgian Squares. This evening, let the rousing sounds of a traditional Irish cabaret tempt you for an Optional Experience that will have you dancing your way through the Dublin streets. **(B)**

DAY 14 | FAREWELL IRELAND

Our memorable journey through Ireland is at its end. All that's left to say is *slán abhaile* to new found friends as you prepare to depart home. Find out more about your free airport transfer at brendanvacations.com/transfers. **(B)**

Highlights of Ireland & Scotland

11 DAYS | 14 MEALS | DUBLIN TO EDINBURGH | MAR-OCT

Check off all the travel highlights on this Scotland and Ireland trip, filled with tons of *craic* and special moments with friends, whether you're hopping across the mythical stones of the Giant's Causeway or passing the lovely lochs, Highlands and castles of Scotland.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO DUBLIN

You're in for a lyrical love affair with Ireland's whimsical capital, your launch pad to an enchanting encounter with the Emerald Isle and Scotland. This evening, you'll join your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a welcome dinner.

(D) Hotel: Hampton by Hilton Dublin City Centre

DAY 2 | JOURNEY TO HARBORSIDE GALWAY

Poetry and politics, music and literature – Dublin is famous for this and more as you'll come to discover when you join a *Local Specialist* to delve into the city's iconic sights, tumultuous history and even a few hidden gems. Then, leave the capital behind bound for the harbor city of Galway, known as the 'City of Tribes'.

(B) Hotel: Maldron Sandy Road

DAY 3 | ADMIRE STUNNING CONNEMARA

Connemara's 'savage beauty' takes center stage on your full-day excursion through the endless shades of green that once captured the heart of Oscar Wilde. Visit Kylemore Abbey, a magnificent castellated structure built as a family home and now inhabited by a group of Benedictine nuns. Later, we visit the Connemara Celtic Crystal Factory where you'll *Dive Into Culture* and witness first-hand how their famous crystal designs are made. **(B)**

DAY 4 | ONWARDS TO DONEGAL

See why the rugged beauty of Cong was chosen as the backdrop of John Wayne's award-winning *The Quiet Man*. *Connect With Locals* at Glen Keen Farm on a heart-warming *Be My Guest* experience with your hosts. You'll watch in deep admiration as the energetic collies herd sheep and enjoy a traditional tea of scones, freshly-whipped cream and jam. Continue to Donegal, the gateway to the Wild Atlantic Way. **(B,L) Hotel: Central Hotel/Abbey Hotel**

DAY 5 | VENTURE TO DERRY-LONDONDERRY & BELFAST

Visit Derry-Londonderry where a *Local Specialist* will take you on a stroll along its ancient walls. Learn about the Troubles, the effect these events have had on the locals and the steps being made to rectify this violent period in the country's history. Follow the scenic Causeway Coastal Route to the Giant's Causeway for a *MAKE TRAVEL MATTER* Experience. At the Visitor's Center, delve into the science of these formations, then venture to the causeway to witness first-hand the remarkable natural phenomenon. Your visit will help to conserve this iconic landmark. Continue to Belfast, your home for the next two nights. **(B) Hotel: AC by Marriott**



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INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS & MUST-SEES

SPECIAL EVENTS & DATES: St. Patrick's Day (March 17), The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo (August 2-24). Tattoo Tickets are included on departures that coincide with performance dates.

EXPLORE: Dublin, Derry~Londonderry, Belfast and Edinburgh with Local Specialists.

DISCOVER: Galway and Glasgow.

VISIT: Connemara Celtic Crystal Factory, Kylemore Abbey, Westport, Donegal, the Giant's Causeway, Titanic Belfast, Loch Lomond, Glencoe, Fort William, Loch Ness, a Whisky Distillery and Edinburgh Castle.

VIEW: The 18th hole at St Andrews.

SEE: Ailsa Craig.

BE MY GUEST



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GLEN KEEN FARM

Meet owners Catherine and Jim Power and enjoy a traditional scone tea as you explore Ireland's largest sheep farm, Glen Keen.

DAY 6 | DISCOVER COLORFUL BELFAST

Explore Northern Ireland's capital today with a **Local Specialist**. Dive Into Culture at Titanic Belfast and gain insights into the tragic story of the famous ship then enjoy whiskey tasting at the Titanic Distillery. Take the rest of the afternoon to explore at your leisure. **(B)**

DAY 7 | CROSS THE IRISH SEA TO GLASGOW

Bid Ireland farewell as you board your ferry to Scotland. Follow the rugged Ayrshire coast past Ailsa Craig, then continue to Glasgow, where you'll enjoy an orientation of the city. **(B)** **Hotel: Maldron**

DAY 8 | UNCOVER LOCH NESS & THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS

Sensational scenery follows your journey through the Scottish Highlands from Glasgow to Newtonmore. Loch Lomond sets the tone with views over the water to craggy Ben Lomond. Continue to Glencoe and hear about the tragic massacre of the MacDonald clan in 1692. Gain insight into the history of the Highland clans before continuing to Fort William. Stroll along the town's cobblestone streets and admire the natural surroundings before arriving in Loch Ness. As you view the famous lake, keep a keen eye out for the beloved monster that lurks beneath its surface. **(B,D)** **Hotel: Highlander**

Note: Hotels in the Scottish Highlands are generally simpler establishments typical of the region.

DAY 9 | CONTINUE TO ELEGANT EDINBURGH

Journey to the home of golfing gods, St Andrews and view its famous 18th hole before continuing to Edinburgh. Tickets to see the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates. **(B)** **Hotel: Novotel Edinburgh Park**

DAY 10 | EXPLORE EDINBURGH

Your **Local Specialist** will guide your sightseeing tour through the medieval Old Town to the elegant Georgian façades. Pass the Scott Monument and pay tribute to its poetic namesake. See the Royal Mile and the Palace of Holyroodhouse before visiting Edinburgh Castle. This afternoon, you'll have some free time to explore on your own before joining your travel companions for a rousing farewell dinner. **(B,D)**

DAY 11 | JOURNEY HOME

Imbued with Gaelic spirit, your vacation has sadly come to an end. Bid your new friends a fond farewell as you prepare for your return journey home. Find out more about your free airport transfer at brendanvacations.com/transfers. **(B)**

Best of Ireland & Scotland

15 DAYS | 20 MEALS | DUBLIN TO EDINBURGH | APR-OCT

Travel to see the very Best of Ireland and Scotland, from delicate Waterford Crystal to the golfing greats of St Andrews. Kiss the Blarney Stone and you'll be sharing tales from the Giant's Causeway, The Ring of Kerry and the Scottish Highlands for years to come.



DAY 1 | FÁILTE TO DUBLIN

Delve into the Irish capital, then join your fellow travelers and Travel Director for a welcome dinner. **(D) Hotel: The Address Hotel Connolly/Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge**

DAY 2 | DISCOVER DIVERSE DUBLIN

Drive through the streets of Dublin, joining your *Local Specialist* for a sightseeing tour past the stately Georgian Squares and St. Patrick's Cathedral, the tallest church in Ireland. Enjoy a leisurely day exploring the city. Stop for a pint of 'the Black Stuff' in Temple Bar or admire the colourful performers on Grafton Street. This evening, consider joining an Optional Experience this evening to tap your feet to the lively sounds of Irish music at an Irish cabaret. **(B)**

DAY 3 | JOURNEY TO WATERFORD

Dive Into Culture and explore Ireland's strong tradition of breeding world-class thoroughbreds at the Irish National Stud. We travel to the House of Waterford Crystal this afternoon and *Dive Into Culture* yet again, witnessing talented master craftsmen at work. Admire the skill and concentration required to produce these beautiful pieces as you learn how crystal is crafted during a workshop tour. **(B) Hotel: Fitzwillton**

DAY 4 | ONWARDS TO BLARNEY & KILLARNEY

Kiss the Blarney Stone to acquire the 'gift of the gab', before crossing the Kerry Mountains to Killarney. Visit the working farms of Muckross to *Connect With Locals* over dinner at a *Be My Guest* experience in the Quilles Farmhouse. **(B,D) Hotel: Hotel Killarney**

DAY 5 | A DAY ON THE RING OF KERRY

The astounding beauty of the Iveragh Peninsula accompanies us on this soul-stirring coastal journey around the Ring of Kerry – a dramatic landscape of mountains, loughs and lakes that have inspired writers and poets for centuries. See Daniel O'Connell's Cahirciveen, the fishing village of Waterville, the Black Valley and Moll's Gap with the Macgillycuddy's Reeks peaks in the distance. **(B)**

DAY 6 | CONTINUE TO GALWAY & BALLINA

Drive to Adare, one of Ireland's prettiest villages, known for its thatched cottages. See the imposing stone cathedral and Eyre Square on our next stop in Galway, where we'll enjoy some free time before continuing our journey northward. This evening we dine in our hotel. **(B,D) Hotel: Great National Hotel Ballina**

DAY 7 | OFF TO DONEGAL & DERRY-LONDONDERRY

Head north to Donegal with its 'diamond' centre before joining a *Local Specialist* in Derry-Londonderry to stroll along its 17th-century walls. See the neighborhood of the Bogside, known for its murals that depict events of the 'Troubles'. **(B) Hotel: City**

DAY 8 | ADMIRE THE GIANT'S CAUSEWAY & ON TO BELFAST

Tread in the footsteps of Finn MacCool and along the other-worldly Giant's Causeway 'steps' that descend into the sea during a *MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®* Experience that will help to conserve this iconic landmark. We arrive in Belfast later and visit Titanic Belfast, where we'll *Dive Into Culture* and gain insights into the tragic story of the famous ship. **(B) Hotel: AC by Marriott Belfast / Stormont**



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VIEW: Eilean Donan Castle, the Battlefield of Culloden and the 18th green at St Andrews.

SEE: St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, Galway Cathedral and Loch Lomond.

SCENIC DRIVE: The Ring of Kerry.

BE MY GUEST

MUCKROSS TRADITIONAL FARM

It's 1930s Ireland revisited. Visit the working farms of Muckross taking you back to a time of traditional farming. Learn how to churn butter and dine in the Quilles Farmhouse against the scenic backdrop of the lakes of Killarney.

Old Man of Storr, Isle of Skye

DAY 9 | CROSS THE IRISH SEA TO GLASGOW

Join your [Local Specialist](#) this morning for an included city tour to Queen's University and City Hall. We board our ferry to Scotland at Larne and cross to Cairnryan, then drive to Glasgow. **(B)**

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn City Centre/Maldron Glasgow

DAY 10 | DISCOVER GLASGOW'S RICH LEGACY

Delve into Scotland's intriguing cultural capital and stroll through the [toon](#), admiring views of George Square and the River Clyde, once the heart of Scotland's shipbuilding industry. We head to whisky country next, visiting a whisky distillery, where we'll [Dive Into Culture](#) and learn how to make Scotland's favorite honey-colored drink and have a chance to sample a wee dram. **(B)**

DAY 11 | CONTINUE OVER THE SEA TO SKYE

Journey to the tragic site of the 1692 massacre of the MacDonalds at the 'Glen of Weeping'. Continue to Fort William at the foot of Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis, then cross to the Isle of Skye, where we'll spend this evening dining in our hotel. **(B,D)** **Hotel:** Dunollie

Note: Hotels on the Isle of Skye are generally simpler establishments typical of the region and may be substituted with accommodations on the mainland. All sightseeing will remain the same as per the itinerary.

DAY 12 | VENTURE TO LOCH NESS & CULLODEN IN THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS

Leave the rugged beauty of Skye behind and view Eilean Donan Castle en route to Loch Ness. Next, visit the battlefields of Culloden where we reflect on those who lost their lives in the brief but brutal battles between the Redcoats and Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobites. This evening, dine at our hotel in the Scottish Highlands. **(B,D)** **Hotel:** Highlander

Note: Hotels in the Scottish Highlands are generally simpler establishments typical of the region.

DAY 13 | JOURNEY TO ENCHANTING EDINBURGH

Traversing the dramatic landscapes of the Scottish Highlands, we arrive in St Andrews to see its famous golf courses.

Cross the scenic Firth of Forth to Edinburgh. Tickets to see the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates. **(B)**

Hotel: Novotel Centre/Delta Hotels by Marriott

DAY 14 | UNCOVER EDINBURGH'S TREASURES

Join your [Local Specialist](#) for a guided sightseeing tour which includes a visit to Edinburgh Castle, surveying the city from the imposing Castle Rock. See the Royal Mile, the elegant Palace of Holyrood in the shadow of Arthur's Seat and the new Scottish Parliament building. Later, reminisce over shared experiences with your Travel Director and fellow travelers over a farewell dinner. **(B,D)**

DAY 15 | FAREWELL EDINBURGH

For now, it's time to say a fond farewell to Scotland and our new found friends, at the end of an unforgettable Celtic sojourn. Find out more about your free airport transfer at brendanvacations.com/transfers. **(B)**

Best of Scotland

7 DAYS | 10 MEALS | EDINBURGH TO GLASGOW | YEAR-ROUND

Experience the Best of Scotland from Edinburgh Castle to the eclectic streets of Glasgow. Revel in the romance and history of the Scottish Highlands and contemplate the mysterious depths of Loch Ness, before toasting bonnie Scotland's lochs, glens and legendary locals.



DAY 1 | WELCOME TO EDINBURGH

Edinburgh has a mystical air that combines ancient heritage with the verve of a modern city. Get lost in the narrow lanes of the Scottish capital before joining your travel companions and Travel Director for a light meal and drinks. **(D) Hotel: Novotel Centre/Delta by Marriott**

DAY 2 | DISCOVER ENCHANTING EDINBURGH

Join your Local Specialist this morning for an intriguing sightseeing tour of the city. Ascend Castle Rock and visit Edinburgh Castle, which watches over the surrounding city from its elevated vantage point. Stroll through the Old Town along the Royal Mile and see the stunning Palace of Holyroodhouse before enjoying time at leisure to soak up the city's festive atmosphere. Tickets to see the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates. **(B)**

DAY 3 | VENTURE INTO THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS

Tread in the footsteps of the world's golfing greats and head to St Andrews en route to the glorious Scottish Highlands. A scenic drive takes us north and across the Firth of Tay, past the city of Dundee to Pitlochry. After lunch, enjoy some free time to explore its riverside setting or join an Optional Experience to Blair Castle, the ancestral home of the Clan Murray. Our day in beautiful surrounds comes to an end with a cozy dinner at our hotel located within the Cairngorms National Park in the Scottish Highlands. **(B, D) Hotel: Laggan/Craiglynn**

Note: Hotels in the Scottish Highlands are generally simpler establishments typical of the region.

DAY 4 | EXPLORE CULLODEN, LOCH NESS & THE ISLE OF SKYE

Continue your journey to the tragic battlefield of Culloden. Pay tribute to the brave men who lost their lives in the Jacobite Uprising, then travel past Scotland's infamous Loch Ness. Join a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience at the Dundreggan Rewilding Centre, to learn about the preservation of the fragile Caledonian pine forest and rare animal species. Marvel at the solitary beauty of Eilean Donan Castle as we cross to the Isle of Skye, where heather-clad peaks provide a stunning backdrop for our scenic drive across the Sleat Peninsula. Indulge in some free time before boarding your ferry in Armadale and crossing to Mallaig, back on the mainland. **(B, D)**



Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

DAY 5 | JOURNEY TO THRIVING GLASGOW

Our first stop today sees us commemorate World War II history at the Commando Memorial near Fort William, from which we admire spectacular views of Ben Nevis, Britain's highest peak. We journey through the volcanic ruins and precipitous mountains that lie just beyond Glencoe to see the 'Glen of Weeping'. Here we remember the MacDonald clansmen who were massacred in 1692. After a wildlife cruise on Loch Lomond, continue towards the River Clyde and arrive at our final stop for the day, Glasgow. **(B)** Hotel: Crowne Plaza

DAY 6 | WALK THE WALLS OF STIRLING CASTLE

Begin your day seeing Glasgow's iconic sights. Enjoy views of the Necropolis, the regal George Square and River Clyde, for over 200 years the center of Scottish shipbuilding. Journey to Stirling to see its hilltop fortress, a symbol of national pride and once the seat of Scottish kings and queens, including Mary, Queen of Scots. View the Wallace Monument from the castle walls, paying tribute to the Scottish hero who fought for Scotland's independence. Later, Dive Into Culture at a whisky distillery and enjoy a wee dram before joining the Wood family at their 15th-century farm to Connect With Locals over a home-cooked Be My Guest farewell dinner, amidst tales of Rob Roy and a few foot-tapping Ceilidh tunes. **(B, D)**

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DUNDREGGAN REWILDING CENTRE

Join a rewilding expert and learn about the reintroduction of native animal species such as the Scottish red squirrel, lynx and beaver into the wild, and the reforestation of the Caledonian pine forest. Your visit directly contributes to safeguarding this beautiful and ancient landscape that is in a critical condition.

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS & MUST-SEES

SPECIAL EVENTS & DATES: The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo (August 2-24). Tickets are included on departures that coincide with performance dates.

EXPLORE: Edinburgh with a Local Specialist.

DISCOVER: Glasgow and Stirling.

VISIT: Edinburgh Castle, Pitlochry, the Isle of Skye, Glasgow Cathedral, Culloden Battlefield, Stirling Castle and a Whisky Distillery.

VIEW: The 18th green at St Andrews, the Glenfinnan Monument, Eilean Donan Castle, Loch Ness, Glencoe and the Necropolis and George Square in Glasgow.

BE MY GUEST

LEDARD FARM

Hear tales of Rob Roy and enjoy rousing *ceilidh* tunes as you dine with the Wood family at their 15th-century farm on the shores of Loch Ard.

ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO

2-24 AUGUST 2024

This spectacular occasion sees Military bands from all over the world take to the esplanade of Edinburgh Castle to play rousing tunes culminating in the haunting melody of the Lone Piper. Run for charitable causes, it has donated over £5,000,000 to military and civilian charities and organizations. Tickets and arrangements are included on Guided trips staying in Edinburgh during the Tattoo.

DAY 7 | FAREWELL GLASGOW

The rugged beauty and warmth of Scotland's people forever in your memories, we enjoy one last hearty breakfast with our travel companions before wishing them and your Travel Director a fond farewell. Find out more about your free airport transfer at brendanvacations.com/transfers. **(B)**

Scotland's Highlands, Islands & Cities

13 DAYS | 18 MEALS | EDINBURGH TO GLASGOW | APR-OCT

This unforgettable Scottish Highlands trip travels into the far-reaches of Scotland's rugged countryside. Keep your eyes peeled for Nessie, delve into the history of the kings and warriors and join the Wood family for a *Ceilidh* and lunch in the 'presence' of Rob Roy.



DAY 1 | WELCOME TO EDINBURGH

Enjoy your day at leisure before joining your fellow travelers and Travel Director for a welcome dinner to kick-start your tour through an unimaginably beautiful part of the world. (D)

Hotel: Voco Hotel Haymarket/Delta by Marriott

DAY 2 | DISCOVER ENCHANTING EDINBURGH

Let your Local Specialist take you on an informative sightseeing tour of Edinburgh before visiting Edinburgh Castle, perched atop Castle Rock. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. Tickets to see the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates. (B)

DAY 3 | A DAY OF ABBEYS, LANDSCAPES & HISTORY

A scenic day's excursion brings us to the ruins of the 12th-century Augustinian Jedburgh Abbey, which we will have an opportunity to view. Continue to nearby Melrose Abbey, said to be the final resting place of the embalmed heart of Robert the Bruce. We take the scenic route back to Edinburgh this afternoon, following the lush green landscapes along the Tweed River. (B)

DAY 4 | EXPLORE GLAMIS CASTLE & ON TO CREATIVE DUNDEE

This morning we cross the Firth of Forth to the celebrated home of golf, St Andrews. Next it's on to visit Glamis Castle, birthplace of Princess Margaret. Enjoy a guided tour of the castle and explore its beautiful gardens. Continue to the waterfront city of Dundee, distinguished for its status as the first UNESCO City of Design and the original home of marmalade. (B)

Hotel: Apex City Quay

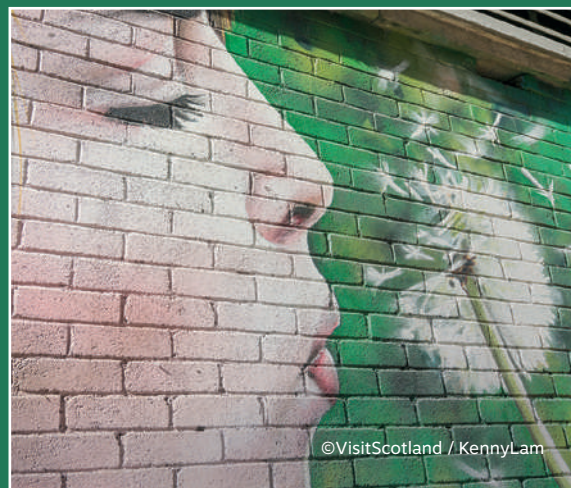
DAY 5 | VENTURE TO CULLODEN & INVERNESS

Today we wind our way to the tragic battlefield and Visitor Center at Culloden. Visit the site where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army was defeated. Our final stop for the night is in Inverness, the cultural capital of the Scottish Highlands. (B) **Hotel:** Columba

Note: Hotels in the Scottish Highlands are generally simpler establishments typical of the region.

DAY 6 | JOURNEY TO LOCH NESS & THURSO

The mystical haunt of Nessie is our first stop today en route to Dunrobin Castle. Spend your afternoon exploring the castle's château-like structure and surrounds that were once home to the Clan Sutherland. Next, Dive Into Culture at a whisky industry at a distillery, learn about and taste Scotland's much-loved golden nectar. Arriving in Thurso, our home for the next two nights, we enjoy dinner at our hotel. (B,D) **Hotel:** Pentland/Norseman



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GLASGOW CLIMATE GUIDED TOUR

From wind-powered murals to historic sites, tenements to the Clyde - discover the real impact of climate change on Glasgow, and learn more about Scotland's role in the climate crisis on this fun and educative guided tour.

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS & MUST-SEES

SPECIAL EVENTS & DATES: The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo (August 2-24). Tickets are included on departures that coincide with performance dates.

EXPLORE: Edinburgh with a Local Specialist.

DISCOVER: Dundee, the Orkney Islands, Stirling and Glasgow.

VISIT: Edinburgh Castle, Glamis Castle, Blair Athol Whisky Distillery, Culloiden, Dunrobin Castle, John O'Groats, the Italian Chapel on the Orkney Islands, Skara Brae, Ullapool, the Isle of Skye, the Isle of Mull, the Isle of Iona, St. Mungo's Cathedral in Glasgow and Stirling Castle.

VIEW: Jedburgh Abbey, the 18th green at St Andrews, Inverness Castle, Eilean Donan Castle and Glencoe.

SEE: Loch Ness, Loch Lomond and the Battlefield at Bannockburn.

BE MY GUEST**LEDARD FARM**

Hear tales of Rob Roy and enjoy rousing *ceilidh* tunes as you enjoy a home-cooked Scottish lunch with the Wood family at their 15th-century farm on the shores of Loch Ard.

Wallace Monument, Stirling

DAY 7 | A DAY ON THE ORKNEY ISLANDS

After stopping at John O'Groats, board a ferry to South Ronaldsay in the Orkney Islands. Visit the ornate Italian Chapel and see the prehistoric free-standing stones of the Ring of Brodgar before visiting Skara Brae and delving into the stories of the Neolithic village. **(B,D)**

DAY 8 | OVER THE SEA TO SKYE

Dramatic landscapes accompany our scenic drive along the rugged northern coastline of the Scottish Highlands to remote Ullapool on the shores of Loch Broom. We journey to the 13th-century Eilean Donan Castle then continue to the Isle of Skye where we'll stay overnight and enjoy a dinner in our hotel. **(B,D) Hotel: Kings Arms**

Note: Hotels on the Isle of Skye are generally simpler establishments typical of the region and may be substituted with accommodations on the mainland. All sightseeing will remain as per the itinerary.

DAY 9 | ONWARDS TO OBAN

We return to the mainland, following a beautiful route that takes us past the Glenfinnan Viaduct which *Harry Potter's* 'Hogwarts Express' once crossed to his beloved school of magic. We pass Fort William, renowned as the gateway to Ben Nevis, before continuing to Oban. **(B) Hotel: Royal**

DAY 10 | SAIL TO THE ISLES OF MULL & IONA

Set sail from Oban to the Isle of Mull. Cross the pretty island countryside to catch a ferry from Fionnphort to the island of Iona. Before our journey back to Oban, we'll have the chance to view Rëilig Odhrain, the final resting place of many Scottish kings. **(B,D)**

DAY 11 | OFF TO GLASGOW

A solemn visit to the 'Glen of Weeping' marks our journey south to Glasgow. Join an expert guide to unlock Glasgow's sustainable secrets on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience.

(B) Hotel: Leonardo Glasgow/Courtyard by Marriott SEC

DAY 12 | UNCOVER STIRLING CASTLE'S SECRETS

Visit Stirling Castle's grounds and the Royal Palace of King James V before embarking on an excursion to Bannockburn. This afternoon, **Connect with Locals** as you join the Wood family for a memorable **Be My Guest** experience at their 15th-century farm. **(B,L)**

DAY 13 | FAREWELL GLASGOW

It's time to say a fond farewell to our travel companions and Travel Director as our memorable vacation comes to an end. Find out more about your free airport transfer at brendanvacations.com/transfers. **(B)**

Highland Trail Inspired by Outlander

13 DAYS | 19 MEALS | EDINBURGH TO GLASGOW | MAY-SEP

Follow Claire and Jamie's love affair through the ages on a blockbuster trip inspired by the award-winning drama. Visit some of the notable filming locations and other highlights of Scotland, including the Scottish Highlands, the Orkney Islands and the Isle of Skye.



DAY 1 | WELCOME TO EDINBURGH

A captivating tale of Redcoats and rugged Highlanders is revealed on this *Outlander*-inspired jaunt. We begin our journey in the enchanting capital of Edinburgh, joining our fellow travelers and Travel Director for a hearty Scottish welcome dinner. **(D)** Hotel: **Novotel Centre**

DAY 2 | DISCOVER ENCHANTING EDINBURGH

Join a *Local Specialist* for an intriguing sightseeing tour of *Auld Reekie* that includes a visit to Edinburgh Castle, perched atop Castle Rock. Tread in the footsteps of Jamie and his beloved *sassenach*, embarking on an *Outlander* walking tour through the Old Town's winding cobblestone lanes. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. **(B)**

DAY 3 | EXPLORE OUTLANDER FILM LOCATIONS

We visit the 15th-century walls of Blackness Castle on the shores of the scenic Firth of Forth – the backdrop for the infamous Fort William prison in *Outlander* season 1. After, cross the Forth to the fictional village of 'Cranesmuir', real-life Culross. Here we'll see Claire's herb garden and Geillis Duncan's home. **(B)**

DAY 4 | SEE OUTLANDER SIGHTS & JOURNEY TO DUNDEE

We arrive in Falkland, the *Outlander* film location for 1940s Inverness. Stop in at the Covenanter Hotel, which doubled as Mrs Baird's B&B in the series before heading to St Andrews. Our final stop today is Dundee, where we'll view the RRS Discovery. **(B)** Hotel: **Apex City Quay**

DAY 5 | VENTURE TO THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS & INVERNESS

Celebrate rural Scottish heritage at the Highland Folk Museum, with its recreated 18th-century township, that was used as a location in the filming of *Outlander* season 1. *Dive Into Culture* and gain insights into rural life in Scotland over the centuries. We continue through the rugged landscapes of the Scottish Highlands to Inverness and our hotel for the night. **(B)** Hotel: **Columba/Craigmonie**

Note: Hotels in the Scottish Highlands are generally simpler establishments typical of the region.

DAY 6 | THE SIGHTS OF CULLODEN & THURSO

Our first stop today is the bloody battlefield of Culloden, where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army was defeated in 1746. We relive the brief, but brutal battle at the contemporary Visitor Center, before continuing to Thurso, the most northerly town in mainland Scotland. **(B, D)** Hotel: **Pentland**

DAY 7 | A DAY ON THE ORKNEY ISLANDS

From the coastal village of John O'Groats, we catch the ferry to South Ronaldsay. The legend of Orkney's mythical Selkies, which shift their aquatic form on land to walk as humans is explored today as we roam these mystical islands bound for Skara Brae village. Wander freely amongst the standing stones of the Ring of Brodgar before a final photo stop at Kirkwall Cathedral and the ferry ride back to the mainland. **(B, D)**



MEET A GLENCOE RANGER

Join a wildlife Ranger in Glencoe and learn about the rich biodiversity of wildlife including insects, invertebrates and mammals, such as otter and fallow deer.

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS & MUST-SEES

SPECIAL EVENTS & DATES: The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo (August 2-24). Tickets are included on departures that coincide with performance dates.

EXPLORE: Edinburgh with a Local Specialist.

DISCOVER: Dundee, the Orkney Islands, Stirling and Glasgow.

VISIT: Edinburgh Castle, filming locations for Fort William, 18th-century Cranesmuir, 1940s Inverness and Wentworth Prison, the 18th green at St Andrews, The Highland Folk Museum, Newtonmore, Culloden Battlefields, John O'Groats, Skara Brae, Ullapool, the Isle of Skye, Glencoe, a Whisky Distillery in Pitlochry, Stirling Castle, St. Mungo's Cathedral and Callendar House.

VIEW: Inverness Castle and Eilean Donan Castle.

SEE: Ben Nevis and the Battlefield at Bannockburn.

BE MY GUEST



LEDARD FARM

Hear tales of Rob Roy and enjoy rousing *ceilidh* tunes as you enjoy a home-cooked Scottish lunch with the Wood family at their 15th-century farm on the shores of Loch Ard.



Culloden Battlefields | ©VisitScotland / KennyLam

DAY 8 | OVER THE SEA TO SKYE

We travel south to Ullapool, then traverse the rugged countryside past Eilean Donan Castle. Continuing to the Isle of Skye, we hear about Bonnie Prince Charlie's daring escape 'over the sea to Skye'. This evening, we enjoy dinner at our hotel. **(B,D) Hotel: Kings Arms**

Note: Hotels on the Isle of Skye are generally simpler establishments typical of the region and may be substituted with accommodations on the mainland. All sightseeing will remain as per the itinerary.

DAY 9 | CONTINUE TO FORT WILLIAM & PITLOCHRY

Board a ferry back to the mainland to Maillag and later, travel to Fort William via the magnificent Glenfinnan Viaduct. Admire exquisite views of Britain's highest mountain – Ben Nevis, before traveling past the precipitous mountains of Glencoe to see the 'Glen of Weeping'. On a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER** Experience, learn from a ranger about the conservation of endangered species in Glencoe Nature Reserve. End your day in the quaint town of Pitlochry. **(B) Hotel: Fisher's**

DAY 10 | EXPERIENCE THE LOCAL WHISKY

Today, we **Dive Into Culture** and learn about the local whisky industry at a distillery, including a tasting of Scotland's much-loved golden nectar. **(B,D)**

DAY 11 | ADMIRE SCOTTISH CASTLES & ON TO GLASGOW

Head to Doune Castle, which served as the film location for 'Castle Leoch' in *Outlander*. We see the site where Clan Mackenzie welcomed and hosted Claire on her arrival in 18th-century Scotland, then head to Stirling. See the site of the Battle of Bannockburn, before arriving in Glasgow. **(B) Hotel: Holiday Inn Theatreland City Centre**

DAY 12 | GLASGOW CITY TOUR & A MEDIEVAL FARM

This morning we visit Callendar House where the authentic Georgian working kitchen was used as part of Bellhurst Manor, the home of the Duke of Sandringham, during season two. Enjoy an orientation tour of the city, including a visit to the masterfully crafted St. Mungo's Cathedral, the *Outlander* film location for 'L'Hopital des Anges' in Paris. Later, join the Wood family at their historical farm where we'll **Connect With Locals** over a home-cooked **Be My Guest** farewell lunch amidst intriguing tales of Rob Roy. **(B,L)**

DAY 13 | FAREWELL GLASGOW

As the chapter closes on our *Outlander*-inspired journey, we say farewell to our newfound friends and prepare to return to reality. Find out more about your free airport transfer at brendanvacations.com/transfers. **(B)**

Britain & Ireland Highlights

10 DAYS | 12 MEALS | LONDON TO LONDON | MAR-OCT

Short on travel time but want to see all the Britain and Ireland highlights? This trip delivers the genius of Shakespeare, Waterford crystal creations in Ireland and a hearty Welsh dinner at a local vineyard, with a side of ancient history, in just over one week.



DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LONDON

London bids you a warm welcome to its regal traditions and centuries-old heritage. Stroll through its royal parks to relax after your journey or take to its streets to admire elegant façades.

Hotel: Park Plaza Riverbank/Park Plaza County Hall

DAY 2 | STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, YORK & ON TO HARROGATE

Travel to Stratford-upon-Avon and follow in the footsteps of Shakespeare. Visit his Birthplace and the Visitor Center before embarking on a scenic drive north to the Viking city of York, where we'll enjoy an orientation walk around its historic streets. View the cobbled Shambles, see the ancient city walls and the magnificent York Minster. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner in our hotel in the Victorian spa town of Harrogate. **(B, D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza**

DAY 3 | THROUGH THE SCENIC LAKE DISTRICT TO GLASGOW

Travel through the Yorkshire Dales National Park to the beautiful Lake District. A highlight on our journey is England's pretty Lake Windermere, which we'll pass as we continue through countryside made famous by the poet William Wordsworth. We'll cross the border into Scotland to the runaway wedding capital of Gretna Green. Here, eloping couples would tie the knot over the Marriage Anvil. We drive through the Southern Uplands to vibrant Glasgow, where an orientation tour will take us past Glasgow Cathedral and George Square. **(B) Hotel: Novotel**

DAY 4 | EXPLORE ENCHANTING EDINBURGH

Leave the cultural capital of Glasgow and travel to enchanting Edinburgh, with its exquisite medieval façades. Join a **Local Specialist** for a memorable sightseeing tour where we'll visit Edinburgh Castle, perched atop Castle Rock overlooking the city, see the Royal Mile, the exquisite Palace of Holyroodhouse and the new Scottish Parliament. Admire the elegant Georgian architecture in the New Town before returning to Glasgow this evening for a delicious meal at a local restaurant. **(B, D)**

DAY 5 | CROSS THE IRISH SEA TO BELFAST & DUBLIN

Board the ferry to Northern Ireland, then join a **Local Specialist** to explore the crossroads of British and Irish culture in Belfast. We'll view City Hall and the dock where the Titanic was built. This evening, we arrive in the vibrant capital of Ireland where we'll spend the next two nights. **(B) Hotel: The Address Hotel Connolly/Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge**



Kilkenny Castle | ©TourismIreland

**ROMAN BATHS**

The original wellbeing destination, the city of Bath is the only UK city designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Among the honey-colored Georgian architecture are the famous ancient Roman Baths. Discover 2,000 years of history and learn how this hub of culture is pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community.

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS & MUST-SEES

SPECIAL EVENTS & DATES: St. Patrick's Day (March 17).

EXPLORE: Edinburgh, Belfast and Dublin with Local Specialists.

DISCOVER: York, Glasgow, Cardiff and Bath.

VISIT: Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon, Gretna Green, Edinburgh Castle, the Guinness Storehouse, the Irish National Stud and Japanese Gardens, the Waterford Crystal Showroom, the Roman Baths in Bath and the ancient stone circle at Stonehenge.

VIEW: York Minster, Glasgow Cathedral and George Square, City Hall in Belfast and Kilkenny Castle and Gardens.

SEE: The Principality Stadium in Cardiff.

BE MY GUEST**WELSH VINEYARD**

Join a farming family at their beautiful, award-winning vineyard for a Welsh dinner. Learn about the sustainable journey of Cariad Wines from vine to bottle and how the local environment influences the unique taste.

DAY 6 | DISCOVER DIVERSE DUBLIN

Dive Into Culture and discover the fascinating 250 year-old story of Guinness at its original home, the Guinness Storehouse. Drive through the pretty streets of Dublin with a Local Specialist to admire the stately Georgian Squares, Trinity College and St. Patrick's Cathedral, the tallest church in Ireland. This evening, consider joining an Optional Experience to a rousing Irish cabaret performance. **(B)**

DAY 7 | JOURNEY TO KILKENNY & ON TO WATERFORD

We Dive Into Culture this morning and gain insights into rearing world-class thoroughbreds at the Irish National Stud, established in 1946. Enjoy a guided walk through the farm and take some time to stroll through its tranquil Japanese Gardens, regarded as the best in Europe. Next, stop in Kilkenny before continuing to Waterford. Dive Into Culture to witness the delicate craft of Waterford Crystal. We'll watch master craftsmen at work during a tour of the workshop and see the exquisitely crafted pieces in the showroom. **(B) Hotel: Marina**

DAY 8 | FERRY ACROSS TO CULTURAL CARDIFF

An early start to the day sees us cross the Irish Sea to Wales by ferry and continue our journey to the Welsh capital of Cardiff to view the Wales Millennium Centre, National Assembly and historic Cardiff Castle at the heart of the city. Visit the oldest and largest vineyard in Wales and Connect With Locals by joining a local family for a farewell dinner Be My Guest experience. **(B,D) Hotel: Park Inn by Radisson City Centre**

DAY 9 | SOAK UP BATH & STONEHENGE THEN OFF TO LONDON

Traversing the Severn Estuary into England, we arrive in the glorious UNESCO-listed Bath, with its elegant Georgian façades and enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the world-famous Roman Baths from which the city derives its name. Journey across the scenic landscapes of Wiltshire, paying a visit to the mysterious monolithic stone circle at Stonehenge, then return to London. **(B) Hotel: Park Plaza Riverbank**

DAY 10 | FAREWELL LONDON

Say farewell to your traveling companions at the end of your vacation, as you prepare to fly home with wonderful memories. **(B)**

Wonders of Britain & Ireland

15 DAYS | 19 MEALS | LONDON TO LONDON | APR-SEP

All the highlights and some special travel surprises feature on this in-depth UK and Ireland trip. Feel the pride of the Welsh people, see the seat where Irish kings once ruled and sample a pint of the favorite local brew during a tour of the Guinness Storehouse in Dublin.



DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LONDON

The cosmopolitan capital of London rolls out its red carpet with all the pomp and pageantry you're unlikely to encounter anywhere else in the world. **Hotel:** Plaza Riverbank/Park Plaza County Hall

DAY 2 | DISCOVER THE SIGHTS OF LONDON

Join a **Local Specialist** today to explore the city's favorite landmarks. See Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace. **(B)**

DAY 3 | STONEHENGE, BATH & ON TO CARDIFF

Meet your Travel Director this morning and stop to ponder the mysteries of the ancient monoliths of Stonehenge, before driving to Bath for a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience at the city's ancient Roman Baths. Cross the Severn Estuary to Cardiff and enjoy traditional Welsh pub fare and drinks at a welcome dinner. **(B,D)** **Hotel:** Leonardo Hotel Cardiff

DAY 4 | ONWARDS TO WATERFORD

View the Principality Stadium and Cardiff Castle during our orientation of Cardiff. We cross the Irish Sea by ferry and travel to historic Waterford where we'll dine in our hotel tonight. **(B,D)** **Hotel:** Waterford Marina Hotel/Fitzwillton Hotel

DAY 5 | ADMIRE BLARNEY CASTLE & JOURNEY TO KILLARNEY

Dive Into Culture and watch the master craftsmen of the renowned House of Waterford Crystal. Then, kiss the Blarney Stone to acquire the 'gift of the gab' before traveling to the picturesque town of Killarney. **(B)** **Hotel:** Killarney

DAY 6 | A DAY ON THE RING OF KERRY

Experience the enduring beauty of Ireland's most scenic coastal drive. See Daniel O'Connell's Cahirciveen, the coastal village of Waterville, the Black Valley and Moll's Gap with its panoramic views. **Connect With Locals** at Molly Gullivan's 200 year-old cottage, sharing a memorable **Be My Guest** experience with the O'Sullivan family and their Kerry cows. **(B,D)**

DAY 7 | JOURNEY TO CULTURAL DUBLIN

Visit the Rock of Cashel in County Tipperary, the seat of Irish kings for centuries. Travel to Dublin, joining a **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour to see Trinity College, St. Patrick's Cathedral and the stately Georgian Squares. **(B)** **Hotel:** Hampton by Hilton Dublin Centre

DAY 8 | DUBLIN YOUR WAY

Beat the crowds and **Dive Into Culture** when you explore the Guinness Storehouse, including a tasting in the Gravity Bar overlooking the city. The rest of the day is yours to soak up the cozy atmosphere of the Irish capital. **(B)**



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EXPLORE: London, Dublin and Edinburgh with Local Specialists.

DISCOVER: Bath, Cardiff, Chester, York and Oxford.

VISIT: Stonehenge, the Roman Baths in Bath, the Waterford Crystal Showroom, Blarney Castle to kiss the stone, the Rock of Cashel, Gretna Green, Edinburgh Castle and Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon.

VIEW: The Principality Stadium in Cardiff, Alnwick Castle, York Minster, Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage and Sir Winston Churchill's grave at Bladon.

SEE: St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Georgian Squares in Dublin and the Lake District's magnificent scenery.

SCENIC DRIVE: The Ring of Kerry.

BE MY GUEST

MOLLY GALLIVAN'S COTTAGE

After a day exploring the iconic Ring of Kerry, join the O'Sullivans and their Kerry Cows for a dinner of hearty Irish fare in legendary local Molly Gallivan's 200 year-old cottage.



Rock of Cashel

DAY 9 | THE SIGHTS OF CHESTER & LIVERPOOL

Board the ferry to Wales. Admire the landscapes of Snowdonia National Park bound for Chester, with its characteristic Tudor Rows. We arrive later in Liverpool, joining our companions for a tasty regional dinner. **(B,D)**
Hotel: Leonardo Hotel Liverpool

DAY 10 | THROUGH THE LAKE DISTRICT TO EDINBURGH

Skirt the shores of England's largest lake, Windermere, as we travel through countryside made famous by poet William Wordsworth. We cross the Scottish border and visit the runaway wedding capital of Gretna Green. This evening, we arrive in Edinburgh. **(B)** **Hotel: Apex City**

DAY 11 | DISCOVER REMARKABLE EDINBURGH

Join a **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour that includes a visit to Edinburgh Castle. See *Auld Reekie's* Royal Mile and the elegant Palace of Holyroodhouse in the shadow of Arthur's Seat, then admire the Georgian façades in Edinburgh's New Town. Tickets to see the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates. **(B)**

DAY 12 | VENTURE TO YORK

Journey south via the medieval market town of Alnwick to York. Walk through the cobblestone Shambles, see the medieval walls and one of the greatest cathedrals in the world – York Minster. **(B)** **Hotel: Novotel Centre**

DAY 13 | ON TO SHAKESPEARE'S STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

We visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and Visitor Center in Stratford-upon-Avon to see where the 'Avon Bard' was born and raised and view Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage. This evening, we join our fellow travelers for a farewell dinner. **(B,D)**
Hotel: Mercure Warwickshire Walton Hall Hotel & Spa/Stratford Manor

DAY 14 | JOURNEY THROUGH THE COTSWOLDS TO OXFORD & LONDON

Travel to the Cotswolds and visit the little churchyard at Bladon where Sir Winston Churchill is buried. Arriving in Oxford, we'll enjoy an orientation tour of the city. We return to London this afternoon. **(B)** **Hotel: Park Plaza Riverbank/Park Plaza County Hall**

DAY 15 | GOODBYE LONDON

For now it's time to say farewell to your traveling companions at the end of your vacation, as we prepare to return home with treasured memories. **(B)**

Dynamic Dublin



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Whether you're venturing on a trip with friends with pub crawls as the main scene, a family focused on discovering your Celtic ancestry or traveling solo to explore beyond the countless attractions, shops and historical monuments – Ireland's largest city caters to every type of traveler. With a progressive food scene, innovative museums and a host of unique activities to enjoy, you're spoiled for choice on what to do. Here are a few of our favorites to get you started.



1 TRINITY COLLEGE & THE BOOK OF KELLS

In Dublin's City Center, explore Ireland's greatest cultural treasure. Trinity College's spectacular library is home to the Book of Kells. This 9th-century masterpiece that documents the four Gospels of the life of Jesus Christ, offers a unique insight into a rich part of Ireland's culture. A must-see for all visitors to the city.

2 SEE GEORGIAN DUBLIN ON A WALKING TOUR

The bright, vivid colors on the world's finest Georgian buildings have become visual symbols of the city. Discover the urban legend behind why upper-class Georgian Dubliners began painting the doors of their homes on a walking tour with an enigmatic *Local Specialist*.

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3 DELICIOUS DUBLIN FOOD TOUR

Spend a cozy afternoon sampling the best of Dublin's culinary scene with award-winning food blogger, Ketty. The Delicious Dublin Food Tour takes you to local shops and restaurants and gives you the opportunity to taste everything from Shepherd's Pie to creamy local Ice Cream. As you eat, stroll and gab, you'll learn all about the history of Irish food and how Dublin's modern foodie scene has evolved.

WHERE TO STAY

★ THE DAVENPORT CITY CENTER | | ★★★★★

Just around the corner from the Brendan Vacations office, The Davenport is a great base to explore Dublin and offers the perfect blend of old-meets-new. It's close to the life-size Oscar Wilde statue and there is no better location for the best Dublin Door display.

FEATURES: 107 Guestrooms, 8 Suites, Restaurant & Bar, 24/7 Gym Access.



1 THE MERRION		★★★★★
2 THE WESTBURY		★★★★★
3 THE FITZ WILLIAM HOTEL		★★★★★
4 DYLAN HOTEL		★★★★★
5 BROOKS HOTEL		★★★★★
6 RADISSON BLU ROYAL HOTEL		★★★★★
7 THE ALEX		★★★★★
8 THE GREEN		★★★★★
9 THE MONT		★★★★★
10 CLAYTON HOTEL CARDIFF LANE		★★★★★
11 HYATT CENTRIC THE LIBERTIES		★★★★★
12 HARD ROCK HOTEL DUBLIN		★★★★★
13 THE MORGAN		★★★★★
14 THE ADDRESS CONNOLLY		★★★★★
15 ASHLING HOTEL		★★★★★
16 SANDYMOUNT HOTEL		★★★★★
17 HERBERT PARK HOTEL		★★★★★
18 CLAYTON HOTEL BALLSBRIDGE		★★★★★
19 CLONTARF CASTLE HOTEL		★★★★★
20 CAMDEN COURT		★★★★★
21 THE WILDER		★★★★★
22 CLAYTON HOTEL DUBLIN AIRPORT		★★★★★
23 CARLTON HOTEL DUBLIN AIRPORT		★★★★★
24 BUSWELLS HOTEL		★★★★★

RINGSEND

RINGSEND PARK

SEAN MOORE PARK

LANSDOWNE VILLAGE

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BALLSBRIDGE

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5 HOWTH HIKING SAFARI

Family vacationer or culture chaser? Get active on a beautiful coastal walk with a Local Specialist. Venture off the beaten track and discover hidden routes and nooks across Howth's cliff paths. A must-do on any independent travel style of your choice.



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4 DUBLIN WHISKEY'S GOLDEN TRIANGLE

Known as *uisce beatha*, or 'water of life', whiskey is a big part of Dublin's sip scene. In the 1880s, there were close to forty distilleries in operation in Dublin, all nestled in a one-mile radius better known as the 'Golden Triangle'. We'll recommend the best place to sip a glass of Ireland's favorite spirit to suit your trip.



Dublin's Doorstep & The Hidden Heartlands

They say the beauty of travel is not only found in the places you visit, but in the people you meet along the way and in Ireland, this is doubly true. Dublin's Doorstep and the Hidden Heartlands are centered around the local communities that will bring you the very best of Ireland. Take in the easy pace of rural life as you gallivant through tiny towns, glistening lakes, scenic pasturelands and tranquil forests.



1 DINE AT AIMSIR

Whether celebrating a milestone or simply craving fine Irish cuisine, treat yourself to an evening at the Michelin Star restaurant, Aimsir, at the Cliff at Lyons hotel. The fresh ingredients here have been locally sourced by way of harvesting, fishing and foraging the best components Ireland has to offer. Indulge all of your senses as you enjoy a charcuterie plate or glass of wine overlooking the peaceful countryside gardens surrounding the restaurant. This unique historic village, established in the 1820s and restored on the banks of the Grand Canal, is a true haven for food-lovers.

2 HISTORIC BOYNE CANAL EXPERIENCE

Board a traditional, hand-crafted Irish *currach* and discover the route taken by Ireland's Stone Age ancestors on the Boyne River. Learn about Irish historical sites, events and mythology from an expert boatman and storyteller. With tours to suit young and old alike, connect with the sounds and beauty of nature, while gently gliding through history.

WHERE TO STAY

★ CARTON HOUSE MAYNOOTH, CO. KILDARE | ★★★★★

A world away and yet just 25 minutes from Dublin Airport, Carton House is easy to fall in love with. Queen Victoria knew it well, Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier came for a vacation and Peter Sellers and Marianne Faithfull lived here for years – now it's your turn to experience it.

FEATURES: 165 Guestrooms and Suites, Restaurant, Bar, Fitness Center & Spa, Golf, falconry, fishing & other activities available.



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| 1 BALLYFIN DEMESNE | ★★★★★ |
| 2 THE K CLUB | ★★★★★ |
| 3 POWERSCOURT HOTEL, RESORT & SPA | ★★★★★ |
| 4 CLIFF AT LYONS | ★★★★ |
| 5 BARBERSTOWN CASTLE HOTEL | ★★★★ |

CO. DUBLIN & CO. MEATH

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| 6 FITZPATRICK'S CASTLE HOTEL | ★★★★ |
| 7 DUNBOYNE CASTLE HOTEL | ★★★★ |

ATHLONE

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| 8 HODSON BAY HOTEL | ★★★★ |
| 9 SHERATON ATHLONE | ★★★★ |

CO. ROSCOMMON & CO. LEITRIM

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| 10 KILRONAN CASTLE ESTATE & SPA | ★★★★ |
| 11 CLONALIS HOUSE | ★★★★ |
| 12 LOUGH RYNN CASTLE | ★★★★ |

Co. ROSCOMMON

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3 THE SHED DISTILLERY

Take an incredible journey into the heart of rural Ireland and the inner sanctum of The Shed Distillery. The first distillery in the area in over 100 years is located in the tiny village of Drumshanbo on the edge of Lough Allen. Explore the distillery's copper stills and enjoy samples of their Single Pot Still Irish Whiskey, innovative Gunpowder Irish Gin and other remarkable brands from the curious mind of PJ Rigney.

5 HILL OF TARA

There's an eerily calm serenity that falls over you at the Hill of Tara. Dubbed the seat of the High Kings, atop the summit of the hill you can see sixteen of the nation's thirty-two counties, making it a very popular place to have once reigned. Tara consists of countless monuments and ramparts, including a 5,000 year-old Neolithic underground passage tomb. In the past, it's rumored to have been the sacred dwelling for the Gods and entrance to the otherworld. Will you be brave enough to cross over and return to tell your tale?



4 IRISH NATIONAL STUD & JAPANESE GARDENS

Spend a day with the family at the Irish National Stud Farm, home to some of the most magnificent horses and lavish gardens to be found anywhere in the world. Meet equestrian legends from breeders to prize stallions and take in the history at the on-site Horse Museum. Explore the immaculate Japanese gardens or let your little ones unleash some energy at the Kid Zone play area. This place has something for everyone.

Cork & the Southeast

Castle ruins and national parks, domineering mountains and cascading waterfalls, medieval cities and colorful coastal villages – this region has it all and more. Visit the Opera, get the 'gift of the gab' or see famous Crystal being crafted. Ireland's 'second capital' Cork is home to Avant Garde street art, riverside walks and off-beat pubs. Cosmopolitan, laidback, incredible – welcome to Cork and welcome to the Southeast.

1 GREENWAY TO THE FALLS

In Co. Waterford, join local experts Phil and Elaine for an unforgettable adventure. See views of sheep, mountains, rocky hillsides and rolling waters converge in one timeless kaleidoscope of vista and color as you retrace the footsteps of an age-old pilgrim on a leisurely stroll through the Comeragh Mountains to Mahon Falls. After refuelling with some traditional hearty Irish fare at Kierseys pub, cycle the most panoramic part of the Waterford Greenway, taking in the magical Durrow tunnel to cap of an incredible day's experience in a hidden corner of Ireland's Ancient East.

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2 JAMESON DISTILLERY MIDLETON

For over 200 years, the John Jameson legacy has carried on its traditions through the relentless pursuit of crafting the world's best and most-famous Irish whiskey. Go behind the scenes of the Jameson secrets as you explore its distillery in Midleton and gain a deep insight into the stories of long-ago that helped create this classic concoction. Tastings are of course included along the way, because we know there's no place better to enjoy a sip than when you're just a stone's throw away from where the magic really happens.

3 KINSALE FOOD TOUR

Taste your way through charming Kinsale with a delicious showcase of regional culinary treats. Renowned for fresh seafood that pairs beautifully with the salty sea air and the riverside views of the River Bandon, the town has become a hot-spot for foodie vacationers. Enjoy a gently-paced tour through the metaphorical belly of the town, stopping at restaurants and eateries to taste delectable samples and learn about local produce and the producers and purveyors behind it.

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Co. Cork



4 BLARNEY CASTLE & GARDENS

If you've ever had the pleasure of conversing with an Irish local, you've probably noticed how quick-witted they are. If you want to get in on the secret and gain the 'gift of gab', then a visit to Blarney Castle and its legendary stone is in order. You mustn't be faint of heart though, as the only way to empower the stone is by giving it a quick peck while hanging down backwards from the ramparts of this medieval fortress. Once you have your new-found eloquence and humor, join one of the estate's gardeners and explore the exquisite gardens, arboreta and avenues populated with plants and trees from all over the world that date back as far as the Jurassic period.



WHERE TO STAY

CASHEL PALACE

CASHEL, CO. TIPPERARY | | ★★★★★

Enveloped in nature and overlooked by ancient history, this magnificent luxury hideaway has been meticulously restored, exquisitely reimagined and boasts one of the best views in all of Ireland, with the stunning Rock of Cashel framed perfectly by the opulent gardens.

FEATURES: 42 Guestrooms & Suites, Spa, Fine dining at The Bishop's Buttery Restaurant, Private Dining, Bar & Pub.



CORK

1	HAYFIELD MANOR		★★★★★
2	MONTENOTTE HOTEL		★★★★
3	THE IMPERIAL HOTEL		★★★★
4	THE RIVER LEE		★★★★
5	THE KINGSLEY		★★★★
6	MALDRON HOTEL SOUTH MALL CORK		★★★★
7	THE ADDRESS CORK		★★★★

KINSALE

8	ACTONS HOTEL		★★★★
9	TRIDENT HOTEL		★★★★
10	THE BLUE HAVEN		★★★★
11	OLD BANK TOWNHOUSE		★★★★
12	KINSALE HOTEL & SPA		★★★★

CO. CORK

13	CASTLEMARTYR RESORT		★★★★★
14	INCHYDONEY ISLAND LODGE & SPA		★★★★
15	WESTWOOD COUNTRY HOUSE		★★★★
16	LA CITA B&B		★★★★

KILKENNY

17	BUTLER HOUSE		★★★★
18	KILKENNY HIBERNIAN HOTEL		★★★★
19	KILKENNY ORMONDE HOTEL		★★★★
20	NEWPARK HOTEL		★★★★

CO. KILKENNY

21	LYRATH ESTATE		★★★★
22	BUNGALOW FARMHOUSE		★★★★

CO. TIPPERARY

23	GLASHA FARMHOUSE		★★★★
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CO. WATERFORD

24	CLIFF HOUSE HOTEL		★★★★★
25	FAITHLEGG HOUSE HOTEL & GOLF CLUB		★★★★
26	GRANVILLE HOTEL		★★★★

CO. WEXFORD

27	DUNBRODY COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL		★★★★
28	KILLIANE CASTLE COUNTRY HOUSE & FARM		★★★★

5 HOUSE OF WATERFORD CRYSTAL

Culture-chasers, get up close and personal with a full dose of Irish history as you witness the creations of time-honored processes manifest right before your eyes. At the House of Waterford Crystal, you'll wind through the fiery noise of glassblowers, mold-shapers and hand-painters as they show you the beauty to behold within the intricate details of their craft. Take a souvenir masterpiece with you so you can reminisce on this experience every time you see your new artwork shining in the sunlight of your home.



Killarney & the Southwest

Quaint Killarney is the place where coziness and adventure meet. Located in rural County Kerry, Killarney has vivid 19th-century buildings, a spectacular National Park and is a great hub to explore the unparalleled coastlines of the Southwest. Whether you're a culture seeker, family vacationer or bucket-list traveler, and whether you want to stroll along the shore or get your adrenaline up – this is a must-visit region of Ireland.



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1 HIKE KILLARNEY NATIONAL PARK

Bucket-list seekers in the mood to be awed? Your photo library will become even more interesting as you capture the outdoors at Killarney National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve that covers over 10,000 hectares of woods, waterfalls, mountains and lakes. Immerse yourself further with the stories told by a Local Specialist during a hike through the park.



2 THE RING OF KERRY

As Ireland's most iconic scenic drive, The Ring of Kerry has inspired thousands of poets, writers and artists from all over the world. Experience this once-in-a-lifetime adventure from the comfort of a coach as your local guide tells you stories about the history, geography and legends of the area. Experience this on any of our independent travel styles.

3 SEAWEED DISCOVERY WORKSHOP

Join a friendly local guide in Caherdaniel Village for a Seaweed Discovery Workshop. Try a cup of seaweed-infused tea and hear stories about Ireland's captivating coastline and tides. Afterwards, you'll head out on a relaxing nature walk to forage for coastal plants before enjoying a delicious lunch of seaweed-based dishes and beverages, including kombuchas and fruit kefirs.

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4 MUCKROSS HOUSE

Satisfy your bucket-list or culture seeking cravings for time-travel by visiting this spectacular Victorian mansion. Set on the land around Killarney National Park, magnificent Muckross House was made popular by Queen Victoria who stayed at the house on her visit to Killarney in 1861.



CO. KERRY



WHERE TO STAY

★ GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL KILLARNEY | ★★★★★

Since the first railway line was built from Dublin to Killarney in 1854, the Great Southern Hotel has been a focal point for the local community, Co. Kerry and southwestern Ireland. It's hallowed halls have welcomed everyone from locals to Presidents, Princes, Barons and Dignitaries.

FEATURES: 177 Guestrooms & Suites, Health Club, Spa, Pool & Tennis Court, Restaurant, Bar, Wine Cellar & Afternoon Tea.



KILLARNEY

1	KILLARNEY PARK HOTEL		★★★★★
2	ARD NA SIDHE COUNTRY HOUSE		★★★★★
3	DUNLOE HOTEL & GARDENS		★★★★★
4	THE EUROPE HOTEL & RESORT		★★★★★
5	AGHADOE HEIGHTS HOTEL & SPA		★★★★★
6	MUCKROSS PARK HOTEL & SPA		★★★★★
7	KILLARNEY ROYAL HOTEL		★★★★★
8	ARBUTUS HOTEL		★★★★★

9	KILLARNEY PLAZA HOTEL & SPA		★★★★★
10	KILLARNEY TOWERS HOTEL		★★★★★
11	SCOTTS HOTEL		★★★★★
12	RANDLES HOTEL		★★★★★
13	THE BREHON HOTEL		★★★★★
14	CAHERNANE HOUSE HOTEL		★★★★★
15	THE HEIGHTS HOTEL KILLARNEY		★★★★★
16	KILLEEN HOUSE HOTEL		★★★★★
17	THE AVENUE HOTEL		★★★★★
18	ABBEY LODGE		★★★★★
19	ARDREE HOUSE		★★★★★
20	LOCH LEIN COUNTRY HOUSE		★★★★★
21	APPLECROFT HOUSE		★★★★★

TRALEE

22	BALLYSEED CASTLE		★★★★★
23	BALLYGARRY ESTATE HOTEL & SPA		★★★★★
24	THE ROSE HOTEL		★★★★★

DINGLE

25	DINGLE SKELLIG HOTEL		★★★★★
26	DINGLE BENNERS HOTEL		★★★★★
27	CASTLEWOOD HOUSE DINGLE		★★★★★
28	HEATON'S DINGLE		★★★★★

KENMARE

29	PARK HOTEL KENMARE		★★★★★
30	SHEEN FALLS LODGE		★★★★★

SNEEM

31	PARKNASILLA RESORT & SPA		★★★★★
32	SNEEM HOTEL		★★★★★

5 KILLARNEY BREWERY

Operating out of the restored Killarney Mineral Water facility, is one of Ireland's most exciting independent craft breweries and tap rooms. Old world charm combines with new world ambience and delivers thoughtful, small-batch craft beers, all named after local myths and legends. Relax and enjoy drafts and dining in a the bar and restaurant, while taking in views of the MacGillycuddy Reeks and the brewing floors.

Shannon Region

Shining with beauty on Ireland's west coast, the Shannon Region boasts picturesque villages, medieval castles, bustling pubs and incredible cliffside views as far as the eye can see. Let our experts help you navigate through this scenic area as we introduce you to a few of the local, swoon-worthy favorites along the way.



1 THE CLIFFS OF MOHER

Dubbed the most beautiful place in Ireland, this UNESCO World Heritage site must surely be at the top of your Emerald Isle bucket list. As you step away from the liveliness of the city for a breath of fresh Irish air and glance over the Cliffs of Moher, listen closely for the whispers of ancient folklore blowing in the wind. Our Local Guides will be nearby to explain the magical myths behind each of these famous rock formations and will have you walking away with an entirely new perspective on life.

3 BURREN WALKING TOUR

Cliffs and caves, fossils and archaeological sites, this walking tour will have you feeling like you're exploring another planet. The incredibly vast landscape of The Burren has been inspirational to artists and writers for years. Experience the wilderness of these lands and gain insight into the past generations who lived and farmed on this unique terrain. Your guide will make sure that no story nor stone is left unturned as you explore the scenic settings of Ireland that can only be reached on foot.



2 BURREN SMOKEHOUSE VIP EXPERIENCE

Since 1989 Burren Smokehouse has been producing the finest fish from the Lisdoonvarna area, where it grew from a local delight to an international delicacy. On the VIP tour of the production center, enjoy a masterclass, a tasting platter and meet the makers of the smoked organic Irish Salmon and learn how fishing and aqua culture is a foundational part of life on the Atlantic.

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DROMOLAND CASTLE

NEWMARKET-ON-FERGUS | ★★★★★

Experience 16th-century, old-world elegance with modern day comforts in one of Ireland's finest castle hotels. The 375-acre estate will find you hunting, fishing, horseback riding, golfing and more. Conveniently just 8 miles from Shannon Airport.

FEATURES: 98 Luxury Guestrooms & Suites Health Club, Spa & Pool, 2 Restaurants, Bar, Lounge & Afternoon Tea.



CO. CLARE

1	GREGANS CASTLE HOTEL		★★★★★
2	OLD GROUND HOTEL ENNIS		★★★★★
3	THE OAKWOOD HOTEL		★★★★★
4	FALLS HOTEL & RIVER SPA		★★★★★
5	THE INN AT DROMOLAND		★★★
6	BRIAR LODGE B&B		

LIMERICK

7	LIMERICK STRAND HOTEL		★★★★★
8	THE SAVOY LIMERICK		★★★★★
9	THE GEORGE LIMERICK		★★★★★
10	NO.1 PERY SQUARE		★★★★★
11	CLAYTON HOTEL LIMERICK		★★★★★
12	LIMERICK CITY HOTEL		★★★

CO. LIMERICK

13	ADARE MANOR		★★★★★
14	THE DUNRAVEN ADARE		★★★★★
15	FITZGERALD'S WOODLANDS HOUSE HOTEL & SPA		★★★★★
16	THE MUSTARD SEED AT ECHO LODGE		★★★★★



4 IRISH COFFEE AT FOYNES FLYING BOAT MUSEUM

Once an operating airport during WWII, Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum holds decades of history inside its riveted walls. Wander through the exhibits, memories, and life-sized replicas of what travel looked like in the 1930's as you build up a thirst for another traditional treat. Home to the original Irish Coffee, Foynes is famous for serving this creation to a group of weary travelers on a life-changing stormy night. After all, as with everything in Ireland, the weather must always play a role. Sip on the world-class concoction at its cozy namesake's lounge.



5 BURREN FARM EXPERIENCE WITH PICNIC LUNCH

Hop on as we take you for a tractor ride across 500 acres of Irish farmland comprised of scattered limestone fragments, livestock, and historical remains along the way. You'll be joined by our dynamic locals as they teach you everything they know about cultivating these grounds with sustainability and conservation in mind. Gain deeper insight to the diversity of the habitats and species that call The Burren home and take these farming tips and tricks with you to your own garden for years to come.

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Galway & The West

Fall in love with one of Ireland's most romantic destinations, discovering the charm of Westport and the majesty of Ashford Castle. Share in the rich folklore that has long since disappeared on the Aran Islands, learn the history behind the walls of medieval ruins and seek out the passion of Ireland's past through its world-class music, song and dance.

1 CYCLE THE GREAT WESTERN GREENWAY

Get outside and escape the urban life along the path of an old, retired railway as you cycle along one of the longest off-road trails in Ireland. Surrounded by the great green scenery from Westport to Achill Island, ride around the best viewpoints and photo-ops that are practically unreachable by any other method of transportation. Whether you choose to cycle all, or part of the 42km route, the Great Western Greenway is a perfect chapter to add to your Celtic story.

2 GALWAY FOOD TOUR

If you're a taste enthusiast, join our local food specialist Sheena Dignam in Galway, a city with a thriving culinary scene. Discover a diverse selection of delicious Galwegian dishes as you walk the vibrant streets, meet artisanal producers and restaurateurs and enjoy plenty of samples from the city's impressive repertoire of gourmet food and drink along the way.

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3 GALWAY BAY IN A DAY WITH THE ARAN ISLANDS

Tour the West of Ireland with a day trip to the Aran Islands. For those who are on a short vacation, this is the best way to fit in all the must-sees in the area. We'll take you to the most popular sites West Galway has to offer – from Connemara, Inis Oírr and the Cliffs of Moher by way of cruise. Enjoy the breathtaking landscapes of this beautiful coast as you loop around the waters of the Atlantic Ocean.



WHERE TO STAY

★ ASHFORD CASTLE CONG, CO. MAYO | ★★★★★

Situated on its own 350-acre estate on the shores of Lough Corrib, Ashford Castle is undoubtedly one of Ireland's most renowned hotels. It has hosted Princes and Presidents and was once home to the Guinness family. Today its lavish guest rooms, locally-sourced fine dining, award-winning spa and more, offer the ultimate in luxury and hospitality.

FEATURES: 83 Luxury Guestrooms & Suites, Health Club, Spa & Sauna, Restaurant & Cocktail Bar, Golf, Falconry, Fishing & More!



GALWAY

1	GLENLO ABBEY HOTEL	★★★★★
2	THE G HOTEL & SPA	★★★★★
3	THE HARDIMAN	★★★★★
4	THE GALMONT HOTEL & SPA	★★★★★
5	THE ARDILAUN HOTEL	★★★★★
6	THE HOUSE HOTEL	★★★★★
7	GALWAY BAY HOTEL	★★★★★
8	HARBOUR HOTEL	★★★★★
9	HYDE HOTEL	★★★★★
10	THE CONNACHT HOTEL GALWAY	★★★★★
11	FLANNERY'S HOTEL	★★★★★

CO. GALWAY / CONNEMARA

12	CASHEL HOUSE HOTEL	★★★★★
13	ABBEYGLEN CASTLE	★★★★★
14	DELPHI LODGE	★★★★★

WESTPORT

15	KNOCKRANNY HOUSE HOTEL & SPA	★★★★★
16	CASTLECOURT HOTEL	★★★★★
17	WESTPORT PLAZA HOTEL	★★★★★
18	CLEW BAY HOTEL	★★★★★

CO. MAYO

19	THE LODGE AT ASHFORD CASTLE	★★★★★
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SLIGO / CO. SLIGO

20	SLIGO PARK HOTEL	★★★★★
21	RADISSON BLU HOTEL & SPA	★★★★★

DONEGAL / CO. DONEGAL

22	LOUGH ESKE CASTLE	★★★★★
23	MILL PARK HOTEL	★★★★★
24	THE NESBIT ARMS	★★★★★



4 FALCONRY AT ASHFORD CASTLE

After venturing through the extraordinary gardens of Ashford Castle, you'll find yourself entering the mystical woodlands that house the oldest falconry school in Ireland. Get up close & personal with these majestic birds of prey as they soar into the sky from the perch of their leather-clad launchpad (also known as your arm). Interacting with these creatures is an experience unlike any other and one of Brendan's most admired activities exclusive to the castle grounds.



5 WESTPORT WALKING TOUR

Find out why Westport is 'officially' the best place to live in Ireland during a leisurely, light-hearted and educational stroll around the historical heritage town with a charismatic *Local Specialist*. Learn about how and why the town was designed and built in 1780 and learn the stories of a few famous Westport residents including Saint Patrick and the Pirate Queen Grace O'Malley.

Brilliant Belfast

Northern Ireland's capital is best known for the era of the 'Troubles' and the birthplace of the Titanic, but if you wander through the modern-day downtown it is truly hard to believe its past. From the famous murals that pepper the streets to modern day artists displaying their work, the city is a great stop for culture chasers. The streets are also packed with amazing restaurants, pubs and shops heaving with personality and pride making everyone feel welcome.

1 MILE

 **BELFAST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**
APPROX 18 MILES FROM CITY CENTER



CATHEDRAL QUARTER



CITY HALL



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1 MURALS AND THE PEACE WALL ON A BLACK CAB TOUR

You've heard the saying, 'if these walls could talk...' well in Belfast, they do. Hop into a snazzy old-fashioned black cab and let one of our experienced drivers escort you around the city. Mural after mural, you'll learn about the Troubles of Northern Ireland and see how the locals used street art as a means of expression throughout the years. Go beyond the history books and get up close and personal to these very telling walls that have literally been captured in time.

2 JOHN LONG'S FISH & CHIPS

Taste-enthusiasts get excited. Known as 'the best kept secret in Belfast', John Long's is the oldest established fish and chip shop in the city. With over 100 years of dishing up fresh, traditional favorites, it's no surprise that this place is one of the top seven wonders of the city. If you are looking for good food, good value and good *craic* (fun) then there is nowhere better than Long's, located just steps away from the Europa Hotel on Athol street.



BOTANIC GARDENS



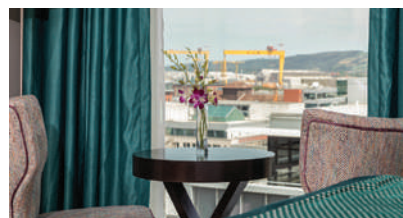
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WHERE TO STAY




★ GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL CITY CENTER | | ★★★★★

Transformed from an iconic office block, the Grand Central Hotel is an ode to the city. Standing tall in Bedford street, this impressive jewel fuses glamour and grandeur with the unique Belfast spirit.

FEATURES: 300 Guestrooms, Restaurant, Bistro, Bar, Rooftop Lounge.



1	THE MERCHANT HOTEL		★★★★★
2	THE FITZWILLIAM BELFAST		★★★★★
3	THE HARRISON		★★★★★
4	CULLODEN ESTATE & SPA		★★★★★

5	TITANIC HOTEL BELFAST		★★★★★
6	EUROPA HOTEL		★★★★★
7	MALDRON HOTEL BELFAST CITY		★★★★★



TITANIC DOCK & PUMP HOUSE

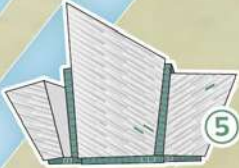


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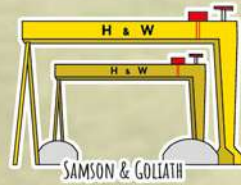
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BELFAST CITY AIRPORT



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SAMSON & GOLIATH

CONN'S WATER

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BELFAST CENTRAL STATION

ORMEAU PARK



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5 TITANIC BELFAST

An absolute must-do in the city is Titanic Belfast. Shining ominously in the ocean's reflection like a gleaming industrial iceberg bobbing alongside the water, the strange beauty of this museum's exterior will give you chills. Situated on the former Harland & Wolff shipyard, this is where the RMS Titanic was built and where its ill-fated maiden voyage began. Take a tour through the past and transport yourself back in time to the elegant 'Golden Age' of ocean travel.

4 JAWBOX GIN AT THE DUKE OF YORK

Named after the boxy Belfast sinks where locals used to gather, Jawbox Gin has become a staple of the town. Distilled in authentic copper pots and infused with regional botanicals, it prides itself on being a top-quality spirit. Enjoy a glass at the Duke of York pub with its dark wood fixtures, brick walls and detailed intricate artwork hanging everywhere (even from the ceiling). This place is the quintessential Irish pub.



Derry~Londonderry

The second-largest city in Northern Ireland holds a rich and diverse history behind the fortified walls that surround it. Londonderry, or 'Derry' as some locals call it, will bring the past to life with its 17th-century architecture, iconic castles and medieval weaponry. From walking the ancient ramparts to exploring the winding streets that lead to quaint shops, bistros and cafés, you'll encounter a welcoming energy and distinct cultural vibrance that makes this city a must visit when in the North of Ireland.

2 DERRY GIRLS MURAL

Derry Girls follows the hilarious exploits of a group of teenagers, their families, friends and school principal as they try to rise above the conflict in Northern Ireland in the early 1990s. This tribute to the award-winning comedy was painted on the wall of Badgers Bar and Restaurant on Orchard Street by a local group of artists in 2019 and has become an icon of the city since, reflecting the vibrancy, warmth and pride of its people. If you haven't seen Derry Girls yet? Ah, catch yourself on!

3 THE GRAND GUILDHALL

Connecting the vibrancy of the modern era to the elegant grandeur of the Victorian era, the auburn brick Guildhall has graced the edge of the city walls since 1887. Walk through the halls and see the busts of former leaders and dignitaries, or enjoy a tea, coffee or snack and watch as the city passes through the square.

1 DERRY~LONDONDERRY FOOD TOUR

Get a taste for the flavor and spirit of Derry~Londonderry on a Food Tour that winds through the cobbled streets of this history-rich walled city. Restaurants, shops and eateries offer up their local wares for your tasting treat as you get to know the locals, the history and the personality of this place.



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4 DERRY~LONDONDERRY WALKING TOUR

What starts as a leisurely stroll through cobbled streets and winding corridors, will soon open your eyes to a whole new side of Europe's last-standing fortified city. As told by your *Local Specialist*, you'll learn the troublesome stories of Derry~Londonderry's past and Ireland's divided history. With this unique insight and incomparable wealth of knowledge, you'll walk away from this guided tour with an exclusive educational experience that leaves no stone unturned.



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5 WALLED CITY CRAFT BREWERY

Take a journey from grain to glass at Derry~Londonderry's go-to brewery & gastropub. Join an expert brewer for a tour of the brewhouse, get an insight into the brewery's approach to craft brewing and sample signature IPAs, wheat beers and stouts. At the taproom, take a Beer Masterclass and explore the brew's impact through history, from ancient Mesopotamian recipes to today's modern craft beers. If Gin is more your tipple, make your own extra small batch with a miniature copper still, a wide array of botanicals and expert guidance from the distillery team at the Earhart Gin School. Named after aviator Amelia Earhart, who emergency landed her plane on her Atlantic crossing in a Derry~Londonderry field.



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WHERE TO STAY

★ BISHOP'S GATE HOTEL

CITY CENTER | | ★★★★★

Named Bishop's Gate due to its location within the walled city, this 30-bedroomed boutique hotel has been provided by the Inner City Buildings Preservations Trust. We are proud to support this project that showcases Derry~Londonderry at its most hospitable best.

FEATURES: 30 Guestrooms, Fitness Centre, Restaurant & Bar.



1	CITY HOTEL DERRY		★★★★★
2	MALDRON HOTEL DERRY		★★★★★
3	EVERGLADES HOTEL		★★★★★
4	DA VINCI'S HOTEL DERRY		★★★★★



Northern Ireland's Causeway, Glens & Lakelands

From the rugged coast and shady glens to the rural towns, villages and glittering lakelands, there's natural beauty, kinetic energy, history and heritage in abundance throughout this region of Northern Ireland. Experience echoes of its rich, natural past through the age-old traditional practices of bread-making, farming or distilling. Immerse yourself in a fictional past and see why the region is called *Game of Thrones* territory and delve into a legend of giant-sized proportions by following the basalt footsteps of the mythical Finn McCool at the Giant's Causeway.

1 TRADITIONAL BREAD-MAKING WITH TRACEY JEFFERY

Many visitors may get a small peek of the inspiring views and incredible flavors Ireland's scenic farmlands have to offer, but not every Taste Enthusiast gets the chance to prepare the fare first-hand. Join *Local Specialist* Tracey Jeffery, in her cozy 18th-century cottage along the shores of Strangford Lough as she teaches you the secrets of homemade buttermilk, jam and traditional Irish bread, all baked with a little help from you of course! The smell of these ingredients in your own home will have you drifting back to the coast of Ireland for years to come.

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2 BOATYARD DISTILLERY

Situated on the banks of Lough Erne is Co. Fermanagh's first legal distillery since 1890. Take a tour and taste the distinct flavor of this prized spirit and learn how the waters and botanicals are crafted to comprise its full flavor. The distillery takes its name from the disused Boatyard that it's built on and this location is certainly unique, as visitors can arrive just as easily by boat as they can by car.

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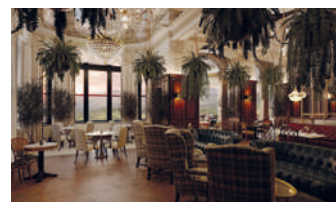


SLIEVE DONARD RESORT & SPA

NEWCASTLE, CO. DOWN | | ★★★★★

Originally built by the Belfast and Co. Down Railway in 1898, this elegant Victorian hotel has an impressive history and is set on the shores of Newcastle in Co. Down, overlooking the Mourne Mountains.

FEATURES: 180 Guestrooms & Suites, Restaurant & Bar, Spa & Golf.



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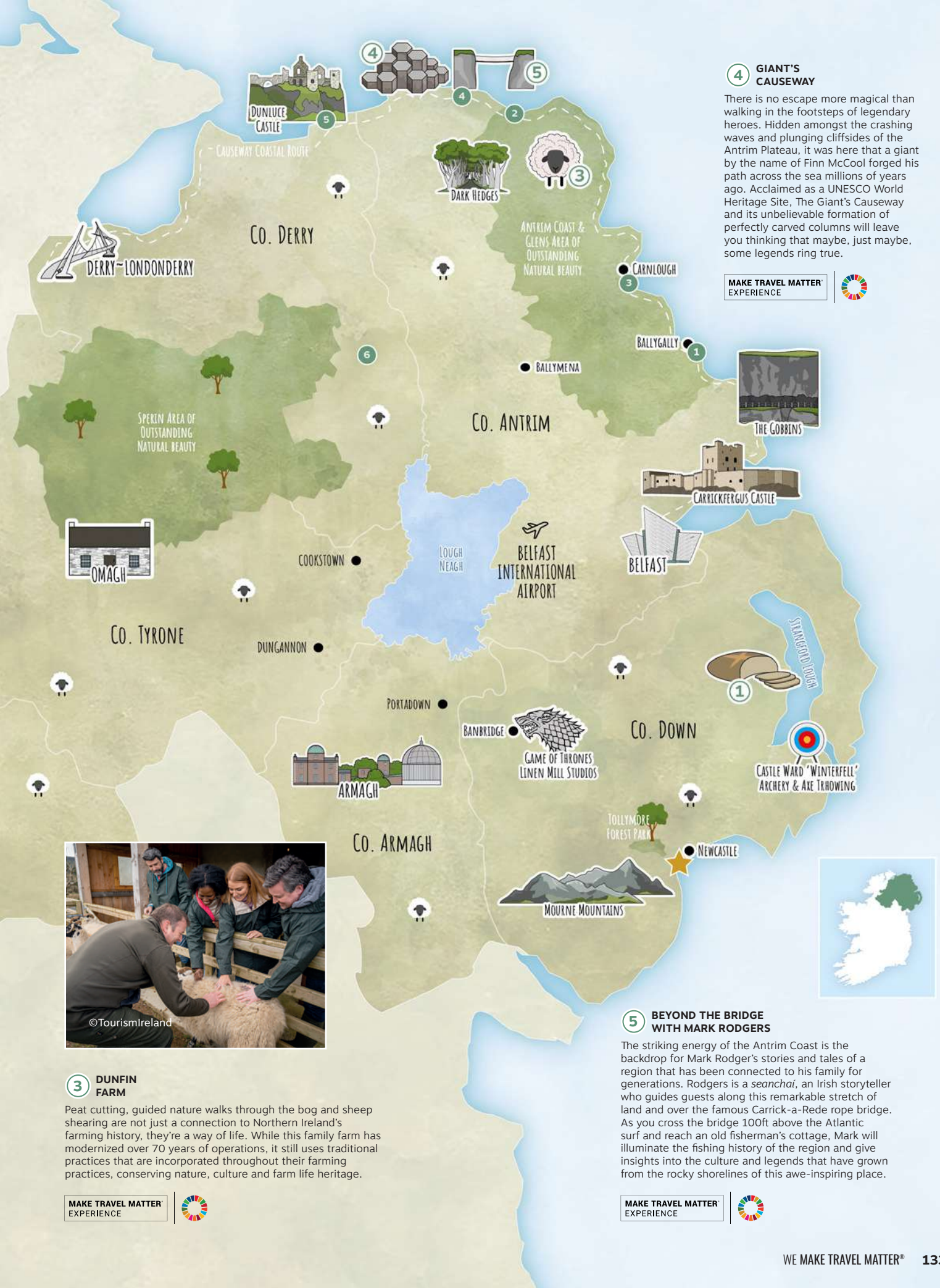
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| 1 | BALLYGALLY CASTLE HOTEL | | ★★★★ |
| 2 | MARINE HOTEL | | ★★★★ |
| 3 | LONDONDERRY ARMS HOTEL | | ★★★ |
| 4 | FULLERTON ARMS | | |
| 5 | BLACKROCK HOUSE | | |

CO. DERRY-LONDONDERRY

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| 6 | ARDTARA GUESTHOUSE | | |
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CO. FERMANAGH

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| 7 | MANOR HOUSE HOTEL | | ★★★★ |
| 8 | KILLYHEVLIN LAKESIDE HOTEL | | ★★★★ |



4 GIANT'S CAUSEWAY

There is no escape more magical than walking in the footsteps of legendary heroes. Hidden amongst the crashing waves and plunging cliffsides of the Antrim Plateau, it was here that a giant by the name of Finn McCool forged his path across the sea millions of years ago. Acclaimed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, The Giant's Causeway and its unbelievable formation of perfectly carved columns will leave you thinking that maybe, just maybe, some legends ring true.

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3 DUNFIN FARM

Peat cutting, guided nature walks through the bog and sheep shearing are not just a connection to Northern Ireland's farming history, they're a way of life. While this family farm has modernized over 70 years of operations, it still uses traditional practices that are incorporated throughout their farming practices, conserving nature, culture and farm life heritage.

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5 BEYOND THE BRIDGE WITH MARK RODGERS

The striking energy of the Antrim Coast is the backdrop for Mark Rodger's stories and tales of a region that has been connected to his family for generations. Rodgers is a *seanchai*, an Irish storyteller who guides guests along this remarkable stretch of land and over the famous Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge. As you cross the bridge 100ft above the Atlantic surf and reach an old fisherman's cottage, Mark will illuminate the fishing history of the region and give insights into the culture and legends that have grown from the rocky shorelines of this awe-inspiring place.

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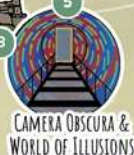
Enchanting Edinburgh

Expect the royal treatment in a diverse city that mixes tales of witches and wizardry with ancient history and a vibrant modern culture. Overlooked by the imposing peak of Arthur's Seat, the hilly streets are home to Holyrood Palace, the Royal Yacht Britannia and Edinburgh Castle - the site of the world-famous Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Here are just a few ideas of what to uncover in this enigmatic city.



2 EAT, WALK EDINBURGH

One of the most exciting things about travel is finding new places to taste the local cuisine. With Brendan, you don't need to worry about picking the top spots, we've done the work for you and we'll take you right to them on this walking tour of Edinburgh. Your *Local Specialist* will be your 'Foodie Historian' and show you the hidden gems and regional favorites this city has to offer.



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1 HOLYROOD PALACE

Feel regal as you walk upon the grounds of Scottish Royalty and heritage past the courtyard of Holyrood Palace. During your visit to this immaculate structure situated at the bottom of Edinburgh's Royal Mile, you'll visit the Throne Room, admire the Palace Treasures, gaze at the Great Gallery and take a replica of the Royal Collection home with you to keep the memories alive forever.



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4 ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO

A celebration like no other, the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo festival will shock your senses and send a jolt through your soul with its lively bagpipes, drums, fireworks and kilted performers. Watching from the bandstands of the Edinburgh Castle Esplanade, entertainers from around the world will regale you with music and marches used to honor soldiers long ago. As you sit back and enjoy the show you won't just witness the heritage here, you'll feel it in your heart.



3 THE JOHNNIE WALKER EXPERIENCE

The Johnnie Walker Experience on Princes Street takes guests on a multi-sensory tour through their 200 year history and is appropriately dubbed 'A Journey Through the Flavors of Scotland'. Here you can learn about and sample their most popular labels and get the chance to sample some of the special edition limited brands (or non-alcoholic cocktails for the designated drivers) from rooftop bars with panoramic views. With whisky concierges on hand to help answer questions and bartenders doubling as Performance Artists, your visit is sure to be a memorable one, filled with tempting tastings and immersive entertainment.

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5 SECRETS OF THE ROYAL MILE WALKING TOUR

It's time to put on the ritz for a ramble down the Royal Mile thoroughfare as you cut through the historic heart of Edinburgh's UNESCO World Heritage Old Town. These pedestrianized streets are lined with many of the city's star attractions including St Giles' Cathedral and Camera Obscura. Wear comfortable shoes as you seemingly walk back in time along cobblestone pathways bordered by granite buildings, stroll between tenements and taverns and weave through arm-width alleyways known as closes.

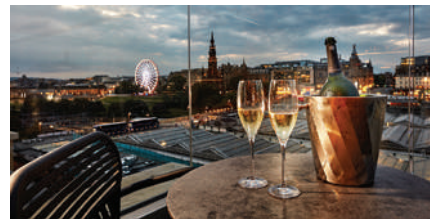


WHERE TO STAY

★ MARKET STREET HOTEL CITY CENTER | 🏠 | ★★★★★

Perfectly placed in the center of Edinburgh's Old and New Towns, Scottish culture & heritage is woven into the fabric of the hotel's design, best described in three words - unique, bold and daring.

FEATURES: 98 Guestrooms & Suites, Restaurant & Bar.



CITY CENTER

1	100 PRINCES STREET	🏠	★★★★★
2	WALDORF ASTORIA - THE CALEDONIAN	🏠	★★★★★
3	ROSEATE HOTEL	🏠	★★★★★
4	THE BONHAM	🏠	★★★★
5	VIRGIN HOTEL EDINBURGH	🏠	★★★★
6	EDINBURGH HOLYROOD HOTEL	🏠	★★★★
7	THE SCOTSMAN HOTEL	🏠	★★★★
8	GRASSMARKET HOTEL	🏠	★★★

EDINBURGH AREA

9	DAKOTA EDINBURGH	🏠	★★★★
10	MACDONALD HOUSTON HOUSE	🏠	★★★★
11	MURRAYFIELD HOTEL AND HOUSE	🏠	★★★

Scotland's South

Once an area synonymous with struggles between nations, Scotland's south is now blooming with lush, natural beauty and home to historical homes steeped in legend. From quaint towns and magnificent ruins to flowing rivers and peaceful farms there's so much to explore in this region that is integral to the story of Scotland. Come and see the beauty of 'the borders' with our top recommendations.



2 TRAQUIR HOUSE ALE

Have a pint fit for a royal. The oldest inhabited house in Scotland has been lived in by the Stuart family since 1491 and is also the home of a deeply Scottish refreshment (no, not whisky). Every Traquair House ale has an individual nod to Scottish history, each one based on a deeply researched or ancient family recipe. Savor the historic flavors in a brewery underneath the estate's chapel, set in beautiful grounds that have been visited by twenty-seven Scottish Kings & Queens and dates back to 1107.

1 WILSON'S FARM & KITCHEN

Experience the pace, peace and plentiful flavors of farm fare and life at Wilson's Farm and Kitchen. Home to the Wilson family since 1938, three generations have managed and protected this bountiful land set in the hills and valleys near Kelso. There's walking, tractor and trailer tours to be had, plus a range of incredible food experiences featuring seasonal, locally sourced ingredients (sometimes picked by yourself) that are prepared with care and served in unique and stunning settings.

WHERE TO STAY

★ SCHLOSS ROXBURGHE KELSO | | ★★★★★

This exceptional luxury country house is nestled near the quaint town of Kelso, a little more than an hour's drive from Edinburgh and boasts exquisite interiors, a Championship Golf Course and a range of traditional outdoor activities.

FEATURES: 74 Guestrooms, Spa, 2 Restaurants, 2 Bars, Golf, Archery & Axe Throwing, Clay Pigeon Shooting & more.



MUIRFIELD & NORTH BERWICK

- 1 GREYWALLS HOTEL ★★★★★
- 2 MARINE NORTH BERWICK ★★★★★
- 3 CARBERRY TOWER HOTEL & ESTATE ★★★★★

TROON

- 4 MARINE TROON ★★★★★

EAST KILBRIDE

- 5 CROSSBASKET CASTLE HOTEL ★★★★★
- 6 MACDONALD CRUTHERLAND HOUSE ★★★★★

PEEBLES

- 7 CRINGLETIE HOUSE HOTEL ★★★★★
- 8 MACDONALD CARDRONA HOTEL, GOLF & SPA ★★★★★



KILMARNOCK ●

4 TROON ●

AYR ●

● TURNBERRY

● CAERNRYAN

GALLOWAY FOREST PARK





3 SEAFARI CRUISE AROUND CRAIGLEITH AND BASS ROCK

Take an exhilarating wildlife boat tour from North Berwick Harbor and venture around the islands of Craigleith and Bass Rock. Spot a wide range of Scottish wildlife in their natural habitats such as puffins, guillemots, gannets and perhaps dolphins. Bass Rock is home to the largest Northern gannet colony in the world. A trip to shore is the perfect experience for photographers and wildlife enthusiasts.



2 NORTH BERWICK

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● EAST KILBRIDE
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4 ROSSLYN CHAPEL

Famed in fiction, the beautiful Rosslyn Chapel was featured as a key character in the novel (and later, the movie) of Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code*. Although not exactly the hidden place of mysterious codes, grails and other long lost drama, this lovely structure stands as a testament to time, conservation and care. This not-to-be-missed destination, founded in 1446, holds more than just fictional mystery, it has sat at the crux of very real history for centuries. Tour the chapel and its ornate stonework, elegant stained-glass windows and experience the quiet and calming beauty of intricate 15th-century artistry.

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● PEEBLES
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● MELROSE



● HAWICK



5 ABBOTSFORD: HOME OF SIR WALTER SCOTT

Eclectic, eccentric, Abbotsford House is truly Sir Walter Scott's Palace of the Imagination. The manor house and gardens reflect the persona of the man credited with reviving how we think of what being Scottish means today. From popularizing tartans and saving the Scottish Bank Note to rediscovering his country's crown jewels, this beautiful home and its warm Regency gardens are overflowing with the adventures of the life of the original 'Great Scott'. Take a tour of this destination nestled amongst Scott's precious woodlands near the babbling banks of the River Tweed and see how the original plan of a romantic natural habitat has bloomed over 250 storied years.



Glasgow & Loch Lomond

From vibrant urban culture in the bustling city of Glasgow to the idyllic serenity of neighboring Loch Lomond, the striking contrasts in this beautiful part of Scotland are what make it so special. You'll get a feel for how the locals spend their time in these drastically different locations while we introduce you to amazing experiences during your visit to this stunning and diverse region.

4 EAT, WALK GLASGOW

Brought to life by a Local Specialist who is an absolute fanatic about food, you'll feast your way through a cornucopia of traditional Scottish dishes while learning the history behind their culinary revolution. Your charming and knowledgeable guide will show you the best produce Scotland has to offer, leaving you with stories and recipes that you can share with your family and friends as soon as you get home.

1 GLENGOYNE DISTILLERY

Behind the hidden waterfalls of Burnfoot Farm, a warm welcome awaits you at the Glengoyne Distillery. Burrowed in a picture-perfect patch of land that was originally purchased for only £8, this location has seen iconic whisky being crafted here for over 200 years. This special setting is at the forefront of the distillery's operation - not only are Glengoyne committed to 100% management of unused liquid by-products, your visit will help conserve the surrounding local wetlands and the biodiverse range of flora and fauna that inhabit them. With a chance to support traditional customs, make a difference to the local environment and taste some of Scotland's boldest flavors, this storied distillery is a must-do.



2 LOCH LOMOND CRUISE

There's no better way to experience Loch Lomond's network of islands and curious history than via the comfort of a cruise. Relax with a drink from the fully stocked bar while you travel across the storied waters of Britain's largest lake. Explore the Loch's south basin and enjoy views of the towering Ben Lomond and the stately homes and castles that dot the bonnie banks.

3 LOCH LOMOND & THE TROSSACHS NATIONAL PARK

The vast wilderness of The Trossachs National Park is located a short way from Glasgow, here you'll find the bonnie banks of the largest Loch in all of Britain, Loch Lomond. Gape at breathtaking views, energize with a dip in the crystal-clear waters, cruise the shoreline, or just pause for a moment to soak in the sweet serenity of centuries-old landscapes that have remained unspoiled for countless generations. Let us help you navigate the pathways of this lush and unsurpassed gem.





5 GLASGOW STREET ART WALKING TOUR

Home to an ever-growing number of murals and installments commissioned by local artists, we'll walk you through the streets of Glasgow showing off the most significant and extravagant masterpieces along the way. Vibrant buildings, proudly adorned with splashes of color, only add to the modernistic beauty of the city juxtaposed with the historic backdrops set behind them. Culture-seekers prepare, you're going to be overwhelmed with an abundance of old-meets-new on this fun and educational tour.



WHERE TO STAY

★ CAMERON HOUSE LOCH LOMOND | 🏡 | ★★★★★

Take a unique Scottish 18th-century baronial mansion, a championship golf course, some of the best Scottish cuisine served with the heartiest of Scottish hospitality and place it in a romantic location overlooking Loch Lomond – and you may begin to understand why Cameron House is one of Scotland's most-loved places to stay and a favorite of Brendan's guests.

FEATURES: 140 Guestrooms, 2 Restaurants, Spa & Rooftop Infinity Pool, Golf Course, Falconry, Archery and other activities available.



GLASGOW

1	VIRGIN HOTEL GLASGOW	🏨	★★★★
2	DAKOTA HOTEL	🏨	★★★★
3	CARLTON GEORGE HOTEL	🏨	★★★★
4	MALDRON HOTEL GLASGOW	🏨	★★★★
5	DOUBLETREE BY HILTON GLASGOW CENTRAL	🏨	★★★★
6	THE ADDRESS GLASGOW	🏨	★★★★

GLASGOW AREA

7	GLEDDOCH HOTEL SPA & GOLF	🏨	★★★★
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LOCH LOMOND AREA

8	LOCH LOMOND ARMS HOTEL	🏨	★★★★
9	LODGE ON LOCH LOMOND	🏨	★★★★
10	INN ON LOCH LOMOND	🏨	★★★

Scotland's Lowlands

Home to the oldest University in Scotland and the oldest golf course in the world, the historic Scottish Lowlands will have you charmed from the moment you reach its borders. With castles galore hidden amongst mountainside towns, there's so much to do here. Thankfully, we know the best places to go and we've crafted the greatest itineraries for you and yours – as always, taking you personally.



1 BLAIR ATHOL DISTILLERY

As one of the oldest whisky sites in Scotland, the Blair Athol Distillery warms visitors with its mellow deep-toned aroma, strong fruity flavors and smooth fine finish. Let us take you on a journey with this guided experience through tasting rooms and tutored whisky masterclasses before ending the tour with an exclusive bottle poured just for you as an endearing souvenir to remind you of this magnificent day.

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2 KELPIES, STIRLING & LOCH LOMOND TOUR

Satisfy the history buff in you with a huge dose of Scottish heritage on our Kelpies, Stirling and Loch Lomond tour. Your day will start with a woodland walk around the shores of Loch Lomond before traveling through quaint villages and mountainside towns on your way to Stirling Castle. Dubbed as one of the most significant towns in Scottish history, many have been crowned here and it was the central location for Braveheart William Wallace's fight for independence. Afterwards, you'll have the chance to marvel at the Kelpies - the world's largest equine statues dedicated to the country's horse-powered past. This is an experience for the record books.



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3 HIGHLAND SAFARI WITH PICNIC LUNCH

When you think of the word 'safari', you might not immediately associate it with Scotland, but we assure you that safaris here are every bit as wild as their more traditional cousins. Join a kilted Ranger and escape far into the rugged hinterlands of Scotland on a thrilling 4x4 off-road adventure. Enjoy a lovely picnic (and maybe a wee dram or two) as you gaze out on truly breathtaking scenery.

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4 GOLF AT ST ANDREWS

Recognized as the 'home of golf', the club at St Andrews was initially comprised of noblemen, professors and landowners. Dating back to 1754, it has long been the leading golf destination in the world and to this day governs the rules of golf almost everywhere. A chance to play a round on these unparalleled greens is a must-do for any golfing enthusiast. We'll take care of all the details from your tee time to afternoon tea so the only work you'll have to do is on your swing.

5 ABERDEEN WALKING TOUR

Explore Aberdeen's key sights in the company of a friendly expert *Local Specialist*. From the city's fishing settlement roots, to becoming the center of oil for Europe, journey through its dark history, growth and current culture. Make your way through its oldest streets, explore tunnels, spot colorful and amazing street art and retrace the steps of some of Aberdeen's most important figures.

WHERE TO STAY

★ RUSACKS HOTEL ST ANDREWS | ★★★★★

Breakfast at the Bridge, dinner at the Eighteen and a night cap at the One Under Bar will get you into the swing of things in this iconic 1800's building that's brimming with Highland charm. Walk through the hotel and on one side you'll see sweeping sea vistas and on the other the ancestral architecture of old town St Andrews, home to a host of independent restaurants, cafés, pubs, bookshops and all things golf.

FEATURES: 68 Guestrooms & Suites, 2 Restaurants & Bar.



ABERDEEN

1	PALM COURT HOTEL		★★★★★
2	MACDONALD NORWOOD HALL HOTEL		★★★★★
3	MACDONALD PITTOODRIE HOUSE		★★★★★

FORTH VALLEY & FIFE

4	MACDONALD INCHYRA HOTEL & SPA		★★★★★
5	MACDONALD FOREST HILLS HOTEL & SPA		★★★★★

PITLOCHRY & PERTHSHIRE

6	FONAB CASTLE		★★★★★
7	ATHOLL PALACE HOTEL		★★★★★
8	FISHER'S HOTEL		★★★★
9	CROMLIX HOTEL		★★★★★
10	DUNKELD HOUSE HOTEL		★★★★★

ST ANDREWS

11	HOTEL DU VIN ST ANDREWS		★★★★★
12	RUFFLETS ST ANDREWS		★★★★★

Scotland's Highlands

Centuries-old customs and unique experiences await you in Scotland's majestic Highlands. Among the heather-clad terrain you can search for mythical creatures, sip on ancient recipes, re-live historical battles or even trace your family's history. Whatever you need to make your Scottish dreams come true, we've got it covered.

1 CULLODEN BATTLEFIELDS

Family vacationers and culture-seekers alike will get a kick out of tracing back the lineage of their ancestral past at the Battlefields of Culloden. Discover the origin of your surname in detail as you sort through the resources and find out where your family stood during the epic clash dating back to 1745. This powerfully emotive and atmospheric battlefield will take you on your own personal journey unlike any other as you learn all about the history of Scotland, and the history of you.



3 INVERNESS WALKING TOUR

This leisurely stroll throughout the cathedral city of Inverness will have you learning about how it's grown from humble beginnings to the happiest city in Scotland. Hear about the history of the namesake castle, the museums, galleries, botanical gardens and the Victorian Market. When it comes to the top sights, our Local Specialist will be with you every step of the way to make sure all your questions have answers. Chatting with our guides will make you feel like you're talking to a well-informed old friend.



2 FINE DINING AT TORRISH RESTAURANT

Book a seat at the Ness Walk Hotel's Torrish restaurant for an unforgettable 5-star luxury dining experience. Enjoy a menu that pairs quintessential Scottish flavors rich in texture with a touch of additional flair, while delighting in unspoiled views over the River Ness.

WHERE TO STAY

★ INVERNESS PALACE HOTEL

INVERNESS | | ★★★★★

Overlooking the River Ness and dating back to the 1890s, this Victorian mansion blends contemporary style with elegant interiors and is an ideal place to explore the capital of the Highlands from.

FEATURES: 110 Guestrooms & Suites, Health & Leisure Club, Spa & Pool, Restaurant/Brasserie, Bar & Lounge.



INVERNESS

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| 1 | NESS WALK HOTEL | | ★★★★★ |
| 2 | ROCPOOL RESERVE HOTEL | | ★★★★★ |
| 3 | KINGMILLS HOTEL | | ★★★★ |
| 4 | DRUMOSSIE HOTEL | | ★★★★ |
| 5 | LOCH NESS COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL | | ★★★★ |
| 6 | GLEN MHOR HOTEL | | ★★★ |

DORNOCH

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| 7 | LINKS HOUSE AT ROYAL DORNOCH | | ★★★★★ |
| 8 | DORNOCH STATION | | ★★★★ |

AVIEMORE

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| 9 | THE BOAT COUNTRY INN | | ★★★★ |
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| 10 | BLERVIE HOUSE | | ★★★★★ |
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LOCH NESS AREA

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| 11 | LOCH NESS LODGE | | ★★★★★ |
| 12 | THE LOVAT HOTEL LOCH NESS | | ★★★★ |
| 13 | THE INCH HOTEL LOCH NESS | | ★★★ |
| 14 | LOCH NESS CLANSMAN HOTEL | | ★★★ |

4 LOCH NESS CRUISE

Culture-chasers become monster-chasers as they check off one of the biggest items on their Scottish bucket list. See if you are lucky enough to sneak a peak at Scotland's most famous resident, Nessie, the Loch Ness Monster. Put your bravery to the test as you cruise across these serpent-ridden waters in search of this mythical creature. Even if she stays in hiding during your visit, at least it'll give you a reason to return one day. Plus, you'll still have the beauty of the Loch to keep in your treasure box of memories. That's a win-win.



5 CARDHU DISTILLERY

Get a little taste of history when you visit Cardhu Distillery in Speyside. Founded by clever whisky smugglers, John and Helen Cumming in 1824 and coming into the collection of Johnnie Walker & Sons back in 1893, this distillery has enlivened locals and visitors alike throughout the ages. Proudly offering a Scotch that is integral to blended whiskies products, this is a great place for whisky lovers to start an exploration though the history and flavors of Speyside whisky.

Scotland's Highlands & Islands

From the dramatic coasts to the stunning countryside, the islands and highlands of Scotland are a nature-lover's paradise. Marvel at majestic mountains and stunning valleys, uncover ancient mythical sights, ride a ferry to remote islands or catch a train straight out of the movies. Check out our recommendations for the best experiences you can find in this picturesque region that truly has something for everyone.

1 JACOBITE STEAM TRAIN 'HOGWARTS EXPRESS'

All aboard! Even if you're not a fan of *Harry Potter*, we're sure you're familiar with the stunning train scenes on the Hogwarts Express. Considered to be one of the greatest railways in the world, you'll travel from Fort William to Mallaig across the Glenfinnan Viaduct, passing the greenest landscapes you've ever seen along the way. For those who are fans of the wizarding world, this is a bucket list must-do with your whole family. As you jump onboard the iconic Jacobite Steam Train, prepare in advance (with wands in hand) for a unique photo-op that you can share with everyone back home.



2 ISLE OF RONA CRUISE WITH SEAFOOD PICNIC

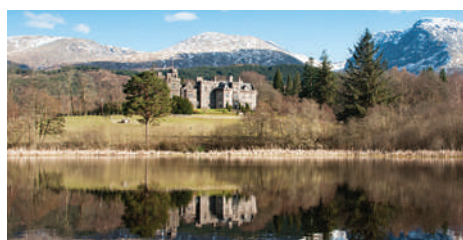
Enjoy a fresh seafood lunch onboard a luxury cruise en route to the Isle of Rona. Visitors will get a kick out of the wildlife-spotting opportunities all around the harbor, including the resident seal colony that call these waters home. You'll catch the iconic sights of the Man of Storr and Cuillin Hills before going ashore to explore this remote island filled with ultimate peace, tranquility and natural beauty.

WHERE TO STAY

★ INVERLOCHY CASTLE HOTEL FORT WILLIAM | | ★★★★★

Perfectly placed within a romantic backdrop, this luxurious and intimate castle hotel is breathtaking inside and out. During your stay, why not try a unique dining experience at Seasgair by Michel Roux Jr? Discover the true essence of Inverlochy Castle and see how guests would have dined when the castle was a private home.

FEATURES: 17 Guestrooms & Family Rooms, Falconry, Gardens & Tennis, Restaurant.



ISLE OF SKYE

1	KINLOCH LODGE		★★★★★
2	SKEABOST COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL		★★★★
3	BROADFORD HOTEL		★★★★
4	DUISDALE HOUSE HOTEL		★★★★
5	TORAVAIG HOUSE HOTEL		★★★★
6	HOTEL EILEANN IARMAIN		★★★

GLENCOE AREA

7	WOODLANDS GLENCOE LUXURY LODGES		
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OBAN AREA

8	ISLE OF ERIKA HOTEL, SPA & ISLAND		★★★★★
9	KNIPOCH HOTEL		★★★★
10	LOCH MELFORT HOTEL		★★★
11	WHISKY VAULTS GUEST HOUSE		
12	GREYSTONES GUEST HOUSE		
13	ARDTORNA B&B		

3 THE OBAN DISTILLERY

Almost hidden within the steep sea-facing cliff of Oban is one of Scotland's oldest and smallest sources of Single Malt Scotch Whisky. Established in 1794 and founded on the site of an old brewery, the Oban Distillery is unusual for being one of the last surviving urban distilleries in Scotland. Only seven people actually make the whisky here, each one a custodian of their 200 year-old process that values craftsmanship and authenticity over speed. This dedication is apparent in their 14 year-old single malt, that is among the six classic malts of Scotland.

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EXPERIENCE





4 OBAN WALKING TOUR

Discover the 'gateway to the Isles' through the eyes of a local on an immersive walking tour, through the history, culture, sights and sounds of seaside city. Hear stories of famous firework fiascos, the proud distilleries, the iconic McCaigs Tower and more and gain an appreciation for a place by Queen Victoria once hailed as one of the finest spots she ever saw.



5 THREE ISLES TOUR FROM OBAN

Enjoy a day of stunning scenery, natural wonders and history as you visit three unique Scottish Islands - Mull, Iona and Staffa. Take a boat to Mull, then board a coach and watch the incredible landscape of Glen More unfold. Take a ferry to Staffa and visit the imposing basalt columns of Fingal's Cave, a nesting ground for puffins and a great place to spot birds, dolphins, mink whales and porpoises. Cap your day by visiting Iona's famous Abbey and Reilig Oran, the burial place of kings.



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Our English neighbors are ready and waiting to introduce you to the enigmatic streets and time-honored traditions of this diverse medieval city. Expand your horizons with a quick trip to the old markets, curving alleyways and iconic sites of the United Kingdom's most popular gateway. Sip afternoon tea in the footsteps of royalty, see famous landmarks like Big Ben or journey out of the city to the pillars of Stonehenge, historical Windsor or royal Bath. London is calling with so much on offer and it's your turn to answer.



1 STONEHENGE, BATH & WINDSOR CASTLE TOUR

Stories of ancient aliens, ancient Rome and ancient Kings will have culture-seekers everywhere exhausted with disbelief that so many sites can be seen in one day. However, with Brendan it's possible. We'll show you the mysterious pillars of Stonehenge, the great waters of 'Rome' in Bath and the joyous royal grounds of Windsor Castle, all in the space of an afternoon... just in time to get you back for a cozy English supper.



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2 BIG BEN & THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

One of the top icons in London can only be seen on certain days and at certain times. Thankfully, we know exactly when to get you to Buckingham Palace to witness the celebrated Changing of the Guard. With Brendan, you can experience this royal ceremony front and center. A few streets down, hear the bells toll at the ever-so-famous clocktower of Big Ben. Standing proudly next to the River Thames, you'll be surrounded by picture-perfect views in every direction.





5 HARRY POTTER FILM LOCATIONS WALKING TOUR

Both familiar fans and new friends are welcome on this enchanted adventure through the magical world of wizarding. Your **Local Specialist** will guide you through a myriad of film locations from the beloved Harry Potter series, including a visit to platform 9¾ at Kings Cross Station. As you wind through the labyrinth of London's woven streets you'll also happen upon locations used in Doctor Who, Captain America, Sherlock Holmes and many more.



4 ROYAL LONDON TOUR WITH AFTERNOON TEA

See the best of London on a jam (and biscuits) packed day tour. On a panoramic drive through the iconic city, learn the history, details and facts about the life and times from your expert guide. Witness the Changing of the Guards ceremony at Buckingham Palace, see Big Ben, the beautiful architecture of St. Paul's Cathedral, the hallowed Westminster Abbey and stroll through historic Trafalgar Square. Finish your day with a delicious afternoon tea at the luxurious The Rubens at the Palace Hotel.



3 JACK THE RIPPER TOUR WITH FISH & CHIPS

Take a walking and guided coach tour of the East End streets, alleys and places of Victorian London made frightfully infamous by the legendary Jack the Ripper. Before you embark on the walk of grisly locations, prepare yourself with a hearty traditional fish and chips dinner at a location the Ripper may have left a clue at for the London police. Then, take to the streets guided by an experienced Ripperologist to get insights into lives, times and terrors of one of the darkest tales of murder and mystery of the Victorian Age.

WHERE TO STAY

★ THE RUBENS AT THE PALACE CITY CENTER | | ★★★★★

Overlooking Buckingham Palace and within easy walking distance of Victoria Street Station, this historic hotel offers a host of restaurants and bars.

FEATURES: 173 Guestrooms,
2 Restaurants & 2 Bars.



1	HOTEL 41		★★★★★
2	THE EGERTON HOUSE HOTEL		★★★★★
3	THE MILESTONE HOTEL		★★★★★
4	MILLENNIUM GLOUCESTER		★★★★

5	THE BAILEY'S		★★★★
6	MILLENNIUM KNIGHTSBRIDGE		★★★★
7	THE CHESTERFIELD MAYFAIR		★★★★
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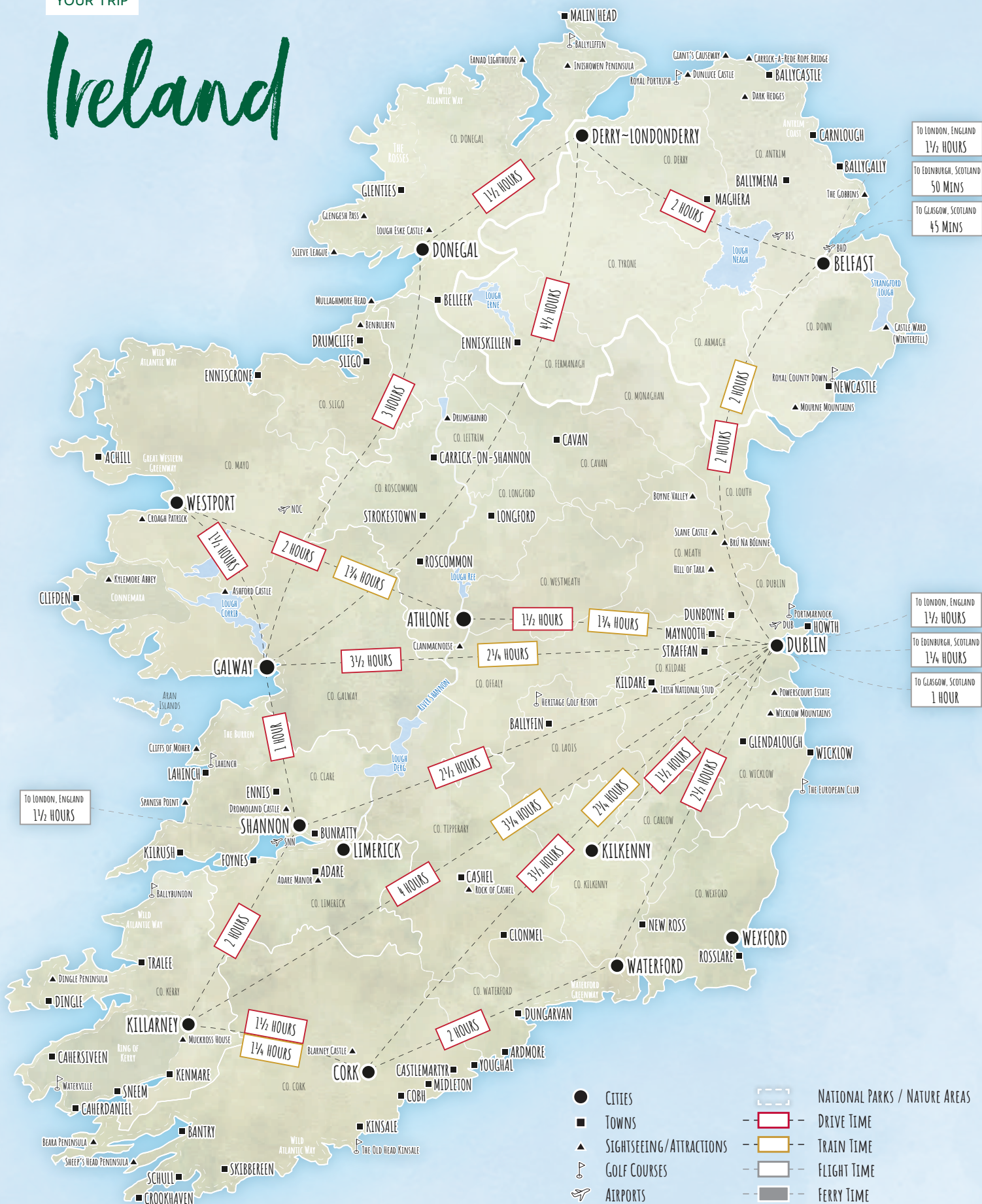
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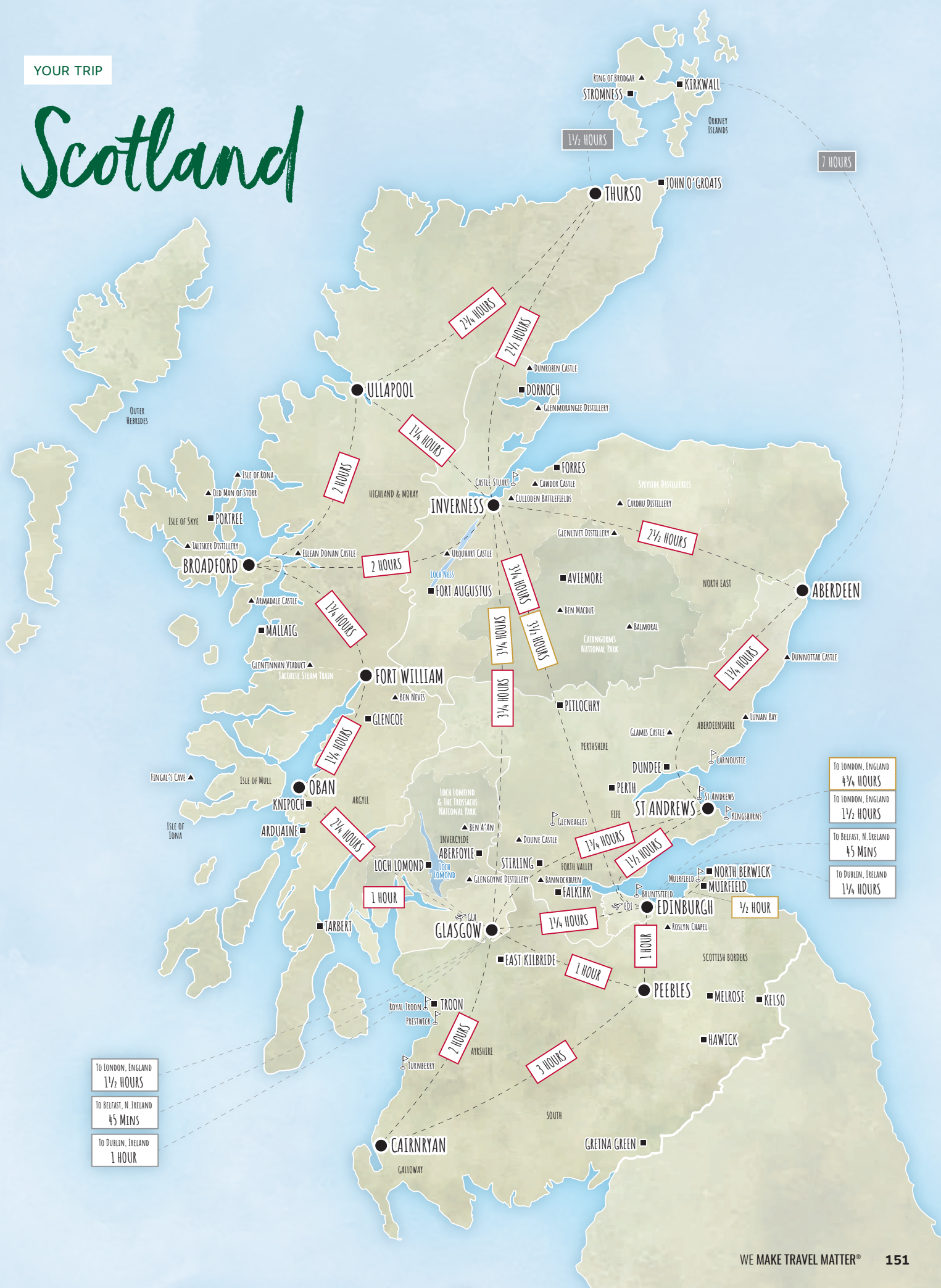
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