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# Exploring Britain & Ireland

featuring England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales

**14 DAYS** From ~~\$5,449~~ **\$5,199** pp\* Save up to **\$300**

## About This Tour

Travel to some of the world's most magnificent cities and through the magical countryside of Britain and Ireland. This comprehensive journey takes you through rolling farmland and across the Irish Sea, through England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Marvel at the mystery of Stonehenge. Experience a traditional afternoon tea in London. Be mesmerized by the breathtaking landscapes of Ireland's Ring of Kerry, the rolling hills of the Scottish Borders, and the medieval "shambles" of York. Admire the ancient Roman ruins in elegant Bath. Get acquainted with Britain's pageantry in the royal cities of Edinburgh and London.

## Your Tour Includes





- 7 Handpicked Accommodations
- 20 Meals
- 6 Choice on Tour Options

## Included Highlights

- Edinburgh
- York
- High Speed Train
- London

### Your Tour at a Glance

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<b>Stay</b>	14 Days
	13 Nights
<b>Meals</b>	20 Meals
	13 Breakfasts
	1 Lunches
	6 Dinners
<b>Activity</b>	3
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<b>Travel Style</b>	Classic
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### Customize Your Tour

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**Optional Excursions Starting at \$91.00**

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# Itinerary

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## Day 1: Edinburgh, Scotland - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Edinburgh, the historic capital of Scotland, where rocky hills tower in the distance and the shadows of history can be seen around every corner. Discover Scotland's capital and see how medieval crossroads blend seamlessly with a vibrant modern energy. This evening, delve into Scottish culture with a whisky-inspired dinner highlighting the flavours of Scotland.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
Apex Grassmarket Hotel	Dinner

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## Day 2: Edinburgh

Today get acquainted with Scotland's regal capital on a locally guided city tour exploring both the Old and New Towns. Explore the Royal Mile and visit Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
Apex Grassmarket Hotel	Breakfast

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## Day 3: Edinburgh - Alnwick, England - York

Depart Edinburgh, travelling along the picturesque coastline of Northumberland. Visit the market town of Alnwick, known for its castle, and see the 'Angel of the North' statue. Continue south to York, with its historic city walls.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
	Breakfast

Doubletree by  
Hilton York

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## Day 4: York

Take in York's rich and storied history when you join a local expert on a leisurely walking tour. Explore the quaint, narrow streets of the 'Shambles' that appear today almost as they did during the Middle Ages. At the heart of the city is its impressive Minster, the largest Gothic cathedral in Northern Europe. Venture inside and stand in awe of the seemingly endless sea of stained-glass windows. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant featuring a tasting of Yorkshire ales.

### Hotel

Doubletree by  
Hilton York

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

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## Day 5: York - High Speed Train - London

Board a high speed train en route to England's bustling capital. Upon arrival, enjoy a traditional afternoon tea. Afterward, join a local expert for a panoramic city tour. At Westminster, see the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Big Ben, continue to Buckingham Palace, the London home to Britain's royalty since 1837, and the Tower of London.

### Hotel

Leonardo Royal  
Hotel London  
Tower Bridge

### Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

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## Day 6: London

Enjoy a day to explore this incredible city at your leisure. You may choose to take an optional excursion to Windsor Castle. Originally built to guard the city of London, Windsor Castle has been the home of kings and queens for nine

centuries and is the oldest royal residence still in use today.

**Hotel**

	<b>Culinary</b>
Leonardo Royal	
Hotel London	Breakfast
Tower Bridge	

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**Day 7: London - Stonehenge - Bath - Cardiff, Wales**

Travel to Stonehenge, the mysterious formation that dates back to the Stone Age. Explore various theories on how the colossal stones arrived at the location and their purpose. Continue to the elegant Georgian town of Bath to visit the Roman Bath Museum's 2,000-year-old elaborate spas. Enjoy some time to stroll through Bath's cobblestone streets and soak in its old-world atmosphere. Your day ends in the Welsh capital of Cardiff.

**Hotel**

**Culinary**

Hilton Cardiff	Breakfast
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**Day 8: Cardiff**

Join a local expert on a leisurely-paced walking tour of Cardiff. Learn about the city's deep ties to the coal industry, its connection to ancient Rome, and its famous Victorian shopping arcades. Tour Cardiff's historic castle, an impressive structure that was once a Roman fort, a Norman castle, and an extraordinary Victorian Gothic fantasy palace. This afternoon, it's your choice! You may choose to accompany your Tour Manager to St. Fagan's National Museum of History, an open-air museum chronicling the history, culture and architecture of the Welsh people -OR- enjoy time to explore Cardiff at your leisure. Tonight, dive into Wales' rich cultural heritage when you join local artists for an evening of Welsh music, poetry and cuisine.

**Hotel**

**Culinary**

Hilton Cardiff	Breakfast & Dinner
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## Day 9: Cardiff - Waterford, Ireland

Take in the beautiful Welsh countryside en route to the coastal village of Fishguard. There, board the ferry for Ireland, crossing the Irish Sea. Upon arrival in Rosslare, travel to Waterford, your home for the evening.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
Granville Hotel	Breakfast & Dinner

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## Day 10: Waterford - Blarney - Killarney

This morning, it's your choice! Tour the House of Waterford Crystal factory featuring a fascinating visitor's centre and a retail store housing the largest collection of Waterford Crystal in the world -OR- enjoy a leisurely-paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest city and discover its rich Viking, Norman and Cromwellian history. Later, travel to historic Blarney Castle. Make your way to the top of the castle, lie back and kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Legend has it that if you do, you will be blessed with the "gift of eloquence." This evening it's Diner's Choice...tonight's dinner is included and you'll choose the perfect spot from a "menu" of Killarney's great restaurants.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
Scotts Hotel Killarney	Breakfast & Dinner

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## Day 11: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney

This morning, explore Killarney National Park on a traditional jaunting car ride.\* Then, travel along the glorious Ring of Kerry where you'll find some of Ireland's most magical scenery. Marvel at the vistas created by windswept cliffs, rugged mountains, lakes and picturesque villages. Enjoy an evening in Killarney at your leisure.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
	Breakfast

Scotts Hotel  
Killarney

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## Day 12: Killarney - Rock of Cashel - Dublin

Today we venture through the “Golden Vale” en route to the awe-inspiring Rock of Cashel. Be amazed by its imposing facade and visit the spot where St. Patrick preached. Continue on to vibrant Dublin, Ireland’s cosmopolitan capital.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
Aloft Dublin City	Breakfast

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## Day 13: Dublin

Today, it’s your choice! Choose to ride with a local guide to see St. Patrick’s Cathedral, O’Connell Street, the General Post Office, and the historic Phoenix Park -OR- choose a walking tour of the city’s historic centre, exploring St. Stephen’s Green, Grafton Street, and the River Liffey. Either way, what follows is an afternoon to discover Dublin’s charms on your own. Tonight, experience Ireland’s lively music and dynamic dancing during a fun-filled evening of Irish entertainment.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
Aloft Dublin City	Breakfast & Dinner

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## Day 14: Dublin - Tour Ends

Depart today with many fond memories of lovely Britain and Ireland.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
	Breakfast

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