

# **VACATION HIGHTLIGHTS**

LIMERICK - Welcome dinner

CLIFFS OF MOHER - Savor the spectacular views

GALWAY - Orientation

RATHBAUN FARM - See the farmer at work and enjoy traditional tea in the farmhouse

ADARE - Admire the thatched cottages

RING OF KERRY - Scenic peninsula drive

BLARNEY - Visit the famous village

DUBLIN - Orientation drive

COUNTY ANTRIM - Visit Giant's Causeway

BELFAST - Visit the Titanic Experience

 ${\tt BELFAST\text{-}CAIRNRYAN\text{-}Cross\ the\ North\ Channel\ by\ ferry}$ 

EDINBURGH - Guided sightseeing, visit Edinburgh Castle

 ${\sf ALNWICK-Visit}\ the\ ancestral\ home\ of\ the\ Duke\ and\ Duchess\ of\ Northumberland\ or\ explore\ the\ spectacular$ 

garden

YORK - Walking tour

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON - Take pictures of Anne Hathaway's Cottage, visit Shakespeare's birthplace, and enjoy

lunch

BATH - Visit the Roman relics

STONEHENGE - Visit the prehistoric monument

LONDON - Guided sightseeing

#### **MEALS**

Full English breakfast daily; 1 lunch; 4 three-course dinners with wine and choice of menus, including a welcome dinner in Limerick

#### INSLIBANCE

Insurance is highly recommended and can be purchased at an additional cost of \$299 per person

#### **DEPOSIT**

A \$250 per person non refundable deposit is due at time of booking

Final due May 24, 2021



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# FROM THE SHANNON TO THE THAMES

## **ESCORTED BY AL AND EILEEN**

JOIN US ON THIS AMAZING TRIP!

July 28 - August 9, 2021 Starting from \$3,077.00 per person double occupancy



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#### **VACATION OVERVIEW**

You've seen photos of London's Big Ben—now's your time to see it in person. You've heard about Dublin's friendly culture—now's your time to experience it. You've read William Shakespeare's plays—now's your time to visit his birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon. You've heard of the ill-fated Titanic—now's your time to travel to Belfast and learn about how it was built. You've seen photos of Stonehenge—now's your chance to stand in front of it. You've seen photos of Edinburgh Castle—now's your chance to see it. All of this—and much more—are included on this Ireland, Scotland and England tour

#### YOUR ITINERARY

#### Day 1 ARRIVE IN SHANNON, IRELAND-LIMERICK

Céad míle fáilte—a hundred-thousand welcomes! After checking into your hotel, free time to relax and perhaps enjoy the hotel's leisure amenities or explore the city. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions for a welcome dinner at your hotel.

#### Day 2 LIMERICK. CLIFFS OF MOHER & GALWAY EXCURSION

Your vacation starts with a drive to the breathtaking CLIFFS OF MOHER, rising 668 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. Then, visit Galway, a popular seaside destination and a buzzing cosmopolitan center with colorful shops and a busy café and bar culture. And finally, a special treat: a visit to RATHBAUN FARM.

#### Day 3 LIMERICK-ADARE-RING OF KERRY-KILLARNEY

A day full of splendid scenery. Head south and stop at quaint Adare with its pretty thatched cottages. At Killorglin, join the famous RING OF KERRY for a 100-mile panoramic drive around the island's southwestern tip. Plenty to focus your camera on here: sparkling seascapes, mountains dotted with brightly colored farmhouses, winding lanes bordered with subtropical vegetation, and the breathtaking panorama of the Lakes of Killarney from Ladies View. Overnight is in the popular resort of Killarney.

#### Day 4 KILLARNEY-BLARNEY-CASHEL-DUBLIN

On the way to Dublin, stop in Blarney, renowned for its castle and magical Kissing Stone, and Cashel to take your photographs of the rock where St. Patrick preached in the 5th century. Later, why not join an optional cabaret evening with dinner, followed by dance, song, and laughter?

#### Day 5 DUBLIN

The morning's orientation drive in the "Fair City" includes statue-lined O'Connell Street, elegant Georgian squares, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and Oscar Wilde's Trinity College. The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy this vibrant city. Tonight, maybe take in an optional dinner outing to the Guinness Storehouse.

#### Day 6 DUBLIN-LISBURN, NORTHERN IRELAND-GIANT'S CAUSEWAY-BELFAST

Cross the Boyne River and stop in Lisburn on your way to the awe-inspiring GIANT'S CAUSEWAY. Hear how millions of years ago, erupting lava cooled slowly and evenly to form more than 40,000 interlocking basalt columns, leading from the cliff foot into the sea. Spend the night in Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland.

# Day 7 BELFAST-EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

First thing this morning, visit the fascinating TITANIC EXPERIENCE and learn about the building of the largest passenger steam ship. Next, board your FERRY and cross the North Channel to Cairnryan on Scotland's southwest coast, and continue through the scenic Scottish border country to Edinburgh.



#### Day 8 EDINBURGH

Morning city sightseeing with a local expert introduces you to the 200-year-old "New Town" and the famous scientists, inventors, and novelists who lived there. In the "Old Town," visit EDINBURGH CASTLE to admire Scotland's Crown Jewels. The afternoon is free to enjoy the Scottish capital at your own pace. Later, a unique optional experience: board the former Royal Yacht Britannia, and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

#### Day 9 EDINBURGH-ALNWICK, ENGLAND-YORK

This morning at ALNWICK CASTLE, the choice is yours: visit the CASTLE itself, the opulent ancestral home of the Duke and Duchess of Northumberland, featured in Harry Potter and Downton Abbey, or explore ALNWICK GARDEN, with its breathtaking fountains and waterfalls. In York, England's most complete medieval city, follow your Tour Director through a maze of quaint streets, including the narrow Shambles.

# Day 10 YORK-STRATFORD-UPON-AVON-BATH

Head for Stratford-upon-Avon to take your photographs of Anne Hathaway's Cottage, then visit SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHPLACE, enjoy a LIGHT LUNCH, and take some time to wander around the historic market town. In the afternoon, drive to elegant Georgian Bath and explore the amazing excavations of the ROMAN BATHS, built nearly 2,000 years ago.

## Day 11 BATH-STONEHENGE-LONDON

A drive through Salisbury Plain brings you to STONEHENGE, the most famous monument of prehistoric Europe. First, explore the visitor center with its imaginative exhibitions, then take the shuttle to the stone circle and admire its magnificence up close. In London, your final destination, why not take in a Shownight Theater Evening?

#### Day 12 LONDON

Morning sightseeing with a Local Guide includes all the famous landmarks: the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben beside the Thames River, Westminster Abbey, Whitehall's mounted horseguards and the Prime Minister's Downing Street residence, Piccadilly Circus, and Buckingham Palace. Free time in the afternoon for independent activities or to join an optional excursion to Windsor Castle or the Tower of London with its fabulous Crown Jewels. Later, an optional dinner, followed by a relaxed nighttime cruise on the Thames River, viewing some of the capital's most beautiful illuminated sights, would be an incredible finale to your vacation.

## Day 13 LONDON

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.