



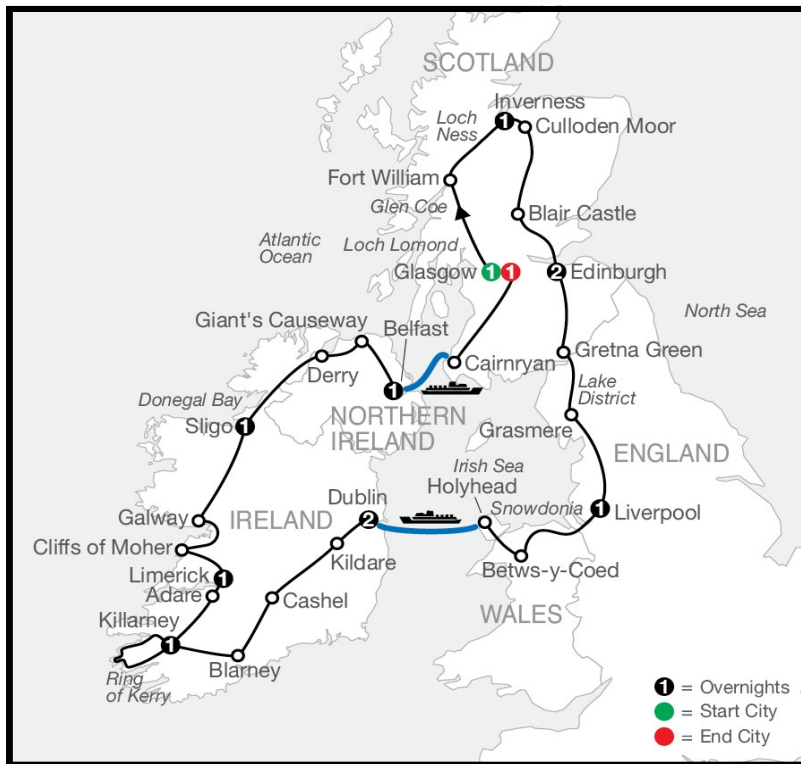
# Celtic Highlights

## April 28-May 11, 2024

### 13-days Glasgow to Glasgow

Join us on this tartan-filled tour through the kilted and Celtic countries of Scotland, Ireland and Wales with the added bonus of England's postcard-perfect Lake District. Whether you're in search of heritage, haggis, rolling glens or smooth Guinness, there's so much to discover on this Celtic tour of Britain and Ireland. Ancient castles? Check. Legendary lochs? Indeed. Sparkling seascapes and hallowed battlefields? You can bet your boots. Speaking of betting, you'll visit the Irish National Stud at Kildare, a working stud farm and the beating heart of Ireland's esteemed thoroughbred racehorse industry. From the storied cities to the tiny towns, you'll feel your own heart beat as you savor the deep-rooted traditions and customs of the Emerald Isle and the Scottish Highlands and Lowlands. Hosted by Bergan Travel Staff, based on minimum participation. Fully escorted by expert Globus guides.

**Only: \$3749 per person, double occupancy. \$4649 singles. Deposit: \$250 per person, final 02-29-24. Optional travel protection: \$359 pp. Airfare additional.**



**\$250 pp discount included!**

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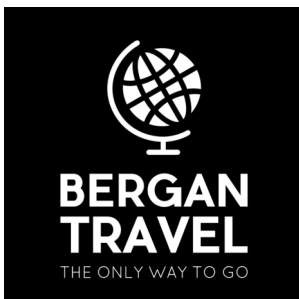
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**DAY 1: ARRIVE IN GLASGOW, SCOTLAND** Welcome to Glasgow! Free time. At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and travel companions for a welcome dinner at your hotel. **Dinner**

**DAY 2: GLASGOW–FORT WILLIAM–INVERNESS** Secret Keys to Scottish Lochs GLASGOW Orientation drive to see the 12th- century cathedral, university buildings, and Georgian squares. HIGHLANDS Take a scenic drive along Loch Lomond and Loch Linnhe, and through Rannoch Moor and Glen Coe. FORT WILLIAM See the gateway to Ben Nevis, UK’s highest peak. LOCH NESS Visit the legendary lake. **Breakfast-Dinner 178 miles**

**TOUR HIGHLIGHT:** *EPIC RIDE* They can take the low road, but we’ll take the high road on a scenic ride through magic and mystery of the moors and glens of the Scottish Highlands. From lovely Loch Lomond and Loch Linnhe to the boggy expanses of Rannoch Moor and the dizzying beauty of Glen Coe and Ben Nevis, you’ll discover the legends of Loch Ness and more across the beauty of Scotland’s magnificent scenery.

**DAY 3: INVERNESS–CULLODEN–BLAIR ATHOLL–EDINBURGH** A Red Moor & A White Castle CULLODEN Visit the Culloden Moor battlefield site and visitor center. BLAIR ATHOLL Visit Blair Castle. **Breakfast 178 miles**

**TOUR HIGHLIGHT:** *HISTORIC SPOT* If these walls could talk, they would tell how the 19 generations of Stewarts and Murrays of Atholl have loved, won, and lost through seven centuries of history at Blair Castle, visited over time by Mary Queen of Scots, Bonnie Prince Charlie, and Queen Victoria.

**DAY 4: EDINBURGH** Drummers, Pipers & Precious Jewels EDINBURGH Morning city sightseeing with a Local Guide includes the New Town, the Old Town, and a visit to Edinburgh Castle to see Scotland’s Crown Jewels. Free time in the afternoon. **Breakfast**

**TOUR HIGHLIGHT:** *MUSIC & MASTERPIECES* Ascend to Castle Rock to explore Edinburgh Castle, one of the most important historical strongholds in the Kingdom of Scotland, with an 11,000-year history as "the most besieged place in Great Britain." Here, you’ll find the royal regalia and Scotland’s Crown Jewels.



**DAY 5: EDINBURGH–GRETNA GREEN–GRASMERE, ENGLAND–LIVERPOOL** Songs, Sonnets & Secret Vows GRETNA GREEN See where the Scottish blacksmith performed weddings for eloping young couples. LAKE DISTRICT Take a scenic drive. GRASMERE Visit Wordsworth’s beloved village and sample the original Grasmere gingerbread. **LIVERPOOL Visit The Beatles Story for a fascinating journey into the life and music of the Fab Four.** **Breakfast 235 miles**

**LOCAL FAVORITE:** *TIMELESS TRADITIONS* Sweeten the day with classic Grasmere gingerbread and hear the story of Sarah Nelson, the Victorian cook who invented the world famous cross between cake and biscuit in 1854.

**DAY 6 LIVERPOOL–NORTH WALES–DUBLIN, IRELAND** Forest Sprites & Ferry Sights NORTH WALES Scenic drive through the forest village of Betws-y-Coed and Snowdonia National Park. Take a ferry to cross from Holyhead to Dublin. **Breakfast 131 miles**

**TOUR HIGHLIGHT:** *NATURAL WONDERS* Pass through Snowdonia National Park’s forests, rugged mountains and sweeping coastline, where Welsh and the language of nature are spoken in stunning style.

**DAY 7: DUBLIN** Ireland’s Capital City DUBLIN Take an orientation drive to see O’Connell Street, Georgian squares, St. Patrick’s Cathedral, and Trinity College. Free time. **Breakfast**

**TOUR HIGHLIGHT:** *CITY SIGHTS* “In Dublin’s fair city where girls are so pretty” you’ll also find great personality and charm. The charisma of Dubliners and the bounty of pubs here is matched only by the gorgeous Georgian Squares, 12th-century St. Patrick’s

**DAY 8 DUBLIN–KILDARE–CASHEL–BLARNEY–KILLARNEY:** The Winner’s Circle KILDARE Visit the world renowned Irish National Stud. CASHEL See the Rock of Cashel, where St. Patrick preached. BLARNEY Visit the village known for its magical Kissing Stone. KILLARNEY Free time. **Breakfast -Dinner 231 miles**

**LOCAL FAVORITE:** *CULTURE & TRADITION* The Irish National Stud is home to the long tradition of Ireland’s love of horses. This horse breeding facility in County Kildare, considered the beating heart of Ireland’s thoroughbred industry, continues to inspire all who visit, including Queen Elizabeth II. Hear about some of the world’s most magnificent champion stallions that have made racing history since the turn of the 20th century.

**DAY 9: KILLARNEY–RING OF KERRY–ADARE–LIMERICK:** Irish Eyes & Cheeky Rhymes RING OF KERRY Panoramic drive around part of Ireland's southwestern peninsula. ADARE Stop at the quaint village to see its pretty thatched cottages. LIMERICK Free time. **Breakfast 167 miles**

**TOUR HIGHLIGHT: NATURAL WONDERS** Explore the emerald tapestries of green fields and ocean views that make other coastlines green with envy. The Ring of Kerry begins and ends in Killarney, taking you on a trip along the southwest coast of Ireland. Discover a paradise of panoramic cliffs, lush landscapes, and breathtaking beaches of the Iveragh Peninsula.

**DAY 10: LIMERICK–CLIFFS OF MOHER–GALWAY–SLIGO:** Notes Above High Sea CLIFFS OF MOHER Visit 668-foot-high cliffs above the Atlantic Ocean. GALWAY Free time. **Breakfast– Dinner 188 miles**

**TOUR HIGHLIGHT: PICTURE PERFECT** Feast your eyes on a stunning spectacle of sea and sky at the Cliffs of Moher on the Wild Atlantic Way. Try to resist the inspiration that has moved artists, poets, and scientists throughout the ages as you stand on the edge of 320 million years of geologic perfection on the rugged coastline of County Clare.

**DAY 11: SLIGO–DERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND–GIANT'S CAUSEWAY–BELFAST:** Giant Steps in Northern Ireland DERRY Walk on top of the city walls with a Local Guide. GIANT'S CAUSEWAY See more than 40,000 interlocking basalt columns formed millions of years ago. **Breakfast– Dinner 187 miles**

**LOCAL FAVORITE: CULTURAL GEMS** Ireland's only fully preserved historic walled city, Derry also took centre stage when Amelia Earhart landed her plane nearby having flown from Newfoundland in 1932. Walk on top of the 400-year-old city walls and hear the history of this vibrant place that links the Wild Atlantic Way to Causeway Coastal Route.

**DAY 12: BELFAST–GLASGOW, SCOTLAND:** A Grand Ship & Great Scots BELFAST. Visit the Titanic Belfast experience.

Take a ferry crossing to the maritime port of Cairnryan on Scotland's west coast en route to Glasgow. **Breakfast-Dinner 82 miles**

**TOUR HIGHLIGHT: HISTORIC SPOT** Explore the fascinating Titanic Belfast experience for an in-depth look at the history and mystery of the legendary ocean liner. See artifacts and hear amazing accounts of Belfast's boom in shipping and those who built her. Learn about the courage and loss of all involved on a fateful night in April 1912. Get an immersive look at the launch, sinking, and final resting place of the doomed ship, with myths and reality revealed.

**DAY 13 GLASGOW :** Safe travels until we meet again! Your vacation ends with **breakfast** this morning.



**MEALS: Full buffet breakfast daily; six three-course dinners**

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### Vacation Highlights:

- ◆ Skip the lines and get VIP access at the must see attractions
- ◆ Hand selected hotels in just the right locations
- ◆ Take your heads out of the guidebook and let expert guides make every destination fascinating (headsets to hear every word)
- ◆ Sit back and enjoy the ride with expert drivers in a private, first class, air-conditioned motorcoach with free Wi-Fi