



# ESSENTIAL BRITAIN & IRELAND

**MAY 6 - MAY 15, 2018**

**STARTING FROM \$2,369.00 PER PERSON/DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

## Vacation Overview

Spectacular scenery combined with fascinating architectural remains and energetic cities—all of this awaits you on this fabulous Britain and Ireland tour. Your tour starts and ends in London with overnights in between in Newport, Wales; Waterford and Dublin in Ireland; Edinburgh, Scotland; and York, England.

## Vacation Highlights

- STONEHENGE: Visit the prehistoric monument
- BATH: Visit the Roman relics
- NEWPORT: Welcome dinner
- CARDIFF: Orientation drive, guided tour of Cardiff Castle
- PEMBROKE-ROSSLARE: Cross St. George's Channel by ferry
- WATERFORD: Enjoy an Irish coffee demonstration; guided tour of the House of Waterford Crystal
- AVOCA: Guided tour of the handweaving mill
- GLENDALOUGH: Guided tour of St. Kevin's center of Irish Christianity
- DUBLIN: Orientation drive
- BELFAST: Orientation
- BELFAST-CAIRNRYAN: Cross the North Channel by ferry
- EDINBURGH: Guided sightseeing, visit Edinburgh Castle
- JEDBURGH: Take pictures of the abbey ruins
- YORK: Walking tour
- STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: Take pictures of Anne Hathaway's Cottage, visit Shakespeare's birthplace and [LF] enjoy lunch

Headsets throughout the tour except London

Meals - Full English breakfast daily; 1 lunch; 3 three-course dinners with wine and choice of menus, including a welcome dinner in Newport

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### **Day 1 Arrive in London, England**

Welcome to London! Uniformed Globus Hosts will be waiting to welcome you. After checking into your hotel and an afternoon at leisure, we recommend our optional Taste of London excursion with dinner followed by a guided illuminations cruise on the Thames River.

### **Day 2 London-Stonehenge-Bath-Newport, Wales**

Meet your Tour Director and traveling companions and depart London at 8 am for a memorable day's sightseeing. Try to unravel the mystery of prehistoric STONEHENGE. Explore the visitor center with its imaginative exhibitions, then admire the magnificence of the monument up close. At the elegant Georgian city of Bath, see the amazing excavations of the ROMAN BATHS. Then, cross the Severn River for a late-afternoon arrival in Wales. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner with wine at your hotel.

### **Day 3 Newport-Cardiff-Waterford, Ireland**

A morning orientation drive in the Welsh capital features all the major attractions. Take a guided tour of Cardiff Castle, and discover its history of invasions, abductions, and conflicts over the past 2,000 years. Continue along the South Wales coast to Pembroke, where your FERRY will be waiting. Sail across St. George's Channel to Rosslare on the Emerald Isle and proceed to Waterford, a stronghold founded by the Danish Vikings in 853. After dinner this evening, enjoy an IRISH COFFEE DEMONSTRATION.

### **Day 4 Waterford-Avoca-Glendalough-Dublin**

This morning, enjoy a guided tour of the HOUSE OF WATERFORD CRYSTAL, and at Avoca, visit Ireland's oldest HANDWEAVING MILL and watch the WEAVERS at work. Travel on to GLENDALOUGH, the early Christian monastic site founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century. See the engaging audiovisual Ireland of the Monasteries, then let your Local Guide show you the remains of this ecclesiastical settlement. On arrival in Dublin, top the day with an optional Irish cabaret evening including dinner, dance, song, and laughter.

### **Day 5 Dublin**

An orientation drive in Ireland's capital 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 for you to explore this vibrant city. Tonight, maybe take in an optional dinner outing to the Guinness Storehouse.

### **Day 6 Dublin-Belfast, Northern Ireland-Edinburgh, Scotland**

On your way to Northern Ireland, cross the Boyne River, then skirt the Mountains of Mourne. In Belfast, where the Titanic was built, take in the city's vibrant history and view the impressive City Hall. Next, board your FERRY to cross the North Channel to Cairnryan on Scotland's southwest coast and continue through the scenic Scottish border country to Edinburgh. Tonight, relax and enjoy our optional Scottish evening with Highland dancers, bagpipers, and the Ceremony of the Haggis.

### **Day 7 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," drive up the narrow Royal Mile to 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 excursion: board the former Royal Yacht Britannia, and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. For departure numbers July 30 through August 20, tickets are included for tonight's performance of the world-renowned MILITARY TATTOO, a vast spectacle of massed Scottish pipe bands that takes place in an arena on the esplanade of Edinburgh Castle.

### **Day 8 Edinburgh-Jedburgh-York, England**

This morning, drive past the abbey ruins at Jedburgh into wild Northumberland National Park. Later, see a section of Hadrian's Wall, the Roman coast-to-coast defense against marauding northern tribes. In York, England's most complete medieval city, stand in awe in front of the great structure of York Minster, then follow your Tour Director through a maze of quaint streets, including the narrow Shambles.

### **Day 9 York-Stratford-Upon-Avon-London**

On the last leg of your journey, stop at Stratford-upon-Avon, the fascinating Elizabethan town. Take pictures of Anne Hathaway's Cottage, visit SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHPLACE, and enjoy a light LUNCH. On return to London at about 3:30 pm, a Shownight Theater Evening would be an incredible finale to your vacation.

### **Day 10 London**

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.



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