

# Best of Ireland Scotland & London



For **SINGLE TRAVELLERS 45 Years and Over**

Sunday 2 - Friday 21 September 2012 (20 days / 19 nights)

Dublin • Waterford • Killarney • Galway • Londerry • Glasgow • Isle of Skye • Thurso  
• Scottish Highlands • Edinburgh • London

## Scotland, Ireland & London

This tour has been custom created to offer a leisurely pace, discovering the best of Ireland, Scotland & London. The itinerary includes all the 'must-see,' 'must-do' excursions and it's all included in your price.

You will enjoy the services of a professional tour director who escorts the group, plus the knowledge of local guides along the way.

Starting from Dublin, you'll discover the south and north of Ireland, showcasing the very best sightseeing and scenery Ireland has to offer. You then take the ferry to Scotland to experience 8000 years of history and heritage, featuring the highlands of Scotland and a highlight 3 night stay in Edinburgh. Finally, the group transfers by fast train between Edinburgh to London for a three night stay, where you'll visit the top spots plus take a day trip to visit the charming Cotswolds and Oxford.

## Premium Highlights

- Visit Dublin Castle (when open) the former fortified seat of British rule in Ireland
- Take a leisurely excursion around the magnificent Ring of Kerry
- Enjoy a highlight ride with the locals on one of the famous Killarney jaunting cars
- Admire stunning views of the Clare Coast and visit the Exhibition Centre at the Cliffs of Moher
- Ireland's rural heritage comes to life on your visit to Bunratty Folk Park
- Visit Edinburgh Castle for fine views over the city and to see the "Honours of Scotland)
- Orkney Islands excursion to visit Skara Brae, the Ring of Brodgar, Kirkwall and Italian Chapel
- Visit Shakespeare's birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon

plus many more included excursions and sights (view website for details)

## Tour Pace

### Fellow Passengers:

Share your journey with other like-minded single travellers. Plus, we 'go the extra mile' and offer a pre-departure contact service to our group of guests (see the next page for details).

There are a maximum of 36 places on this tour.

## Tour Operator

This tour is operated by Insight Vacations exclusively for *arendezvous travel & leisure*.

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## TOP 5 REASONS TO BOOK

1. Age-matched holiday groups
2. Travel with like-minded singles
3. Tours provided by leading tour operators
4. Early bird savings with many tours
5. Room-mate matching option

### Tour Inclusions

- Quality hotels ^
- Departure transfer, London hotel to Heathrow airport \*
- Daily breakfast
- 9 dinners including 3 local highlight dinners
- Private air-conditioned coach touring with reclining seats & washroom onboard.
- Ferry trip across the Irish Sea to Scotland
- All entrance fees as per itinerary
- Fully escorted with Tour Director
- Local guides as per the itinerary
- Porterage (1 bag per person)
- Stylish travel wallet for your travel documents
- Maximum group size 36 travellers

\* only included when airfares are purchased through us and you are travelling between the group hotel and London Heathrow airport, booked as part of your tour package.

^ hotel standard - see notes about hotel standard detailed with the itinerary.

### Tour Prices

Prices Per Person AUD	Twin Share	Single Room
Tour Price (airfare extra)	\$4950	\$5890
Additional nights, Dublin ^	\$T.B.A	\$T.B.A
Additional nights, London ^	\$T.B.A	\$T.B.A
Airfares	Book your airfare with us & SAVE \$150 on your tour price	
Arrival Transfer, Private (Dublin)	\$84	
*** single rooms limited. book early to secure a single room **		

^ prices for additional nights pre and post tour are subject to the release of the 2012 prices due out October 2011.

#### PRE-DEPARTURE CONTACT SERVICE

With your permission, we share your first name, state and email (or other preferred contact method) with the rest of the travellers on your tour prior to departure. This provides the opportunity to get in touch with others in the group prior to travel and it's a popular option.

### About Us

At *arendzvous travel & leisure* we offer holiday groups for single travellers. All trips are age-matched so there's more chance you'll share your journey with like-minded travellers.

Visiting destinations across Australia and around the globe, choose from short escapes to adventure trips and leisurely touring.

### Contact Us

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# Itinerary for Best of Ireland, Scotland & London 2012



## Day 1 Arrive Dublin

Burlington Hotel

Welcome to Ireland! On arrival at Dublin Airport please make your way to our group hotel and enjoy the rest of day at your leisure to unwind or enjoy the local sights. Tonight, enjoy a Welcome Drink with your Tour Director & fellow guests. *\*early check in not included\**

Pre tour hotel nights: there is the option to arrive to Dublin before today. Please make your request for additional nights at the group hotel at the time you submit your booking.

## Day 2 Dublin Sightseeing

Burlington Hotel

Tour Dublin's elegant Georgian squares & visit Dublin castle (when open) with a local guide. Also see the Irish President's home, O'Connell Street & historic Customs House. This afternoon you are at leisure to browse the shops along Grafton Street. Tonight over an excellent Welcome Dinner you'll enjoy a non-stop show featuring comedy, dance, song, music and fine food. (Breakfast, Highlight Dinner)

## Day 3 Dublin - Waterford

Granville Hotel

Drive to Kildare for an informative visit to one of the country's main racehorse breeding centres & acclaimed 100 year old Japanese Gardens. Move on to the medieval city of Kilkenny with free time to see St. Canice's Cathedral and the Kilkenny Design Centre before continuing to historic Waterford. (Breakfast)

## Day 4 Waterford - Killarney

Killarney Avenue Hotel

View the 9C Reginald's Tower, the remains of the old city walls & visit the Waterford Crystal showroom. A delightful coastal drive brings you to Cork to view the City Hall and St. Finbarr's Cathedral. Cross the majestic Derrynasaggart Mountains, & continue to the beautiful scenery of the Dingle Peninsula, setting for the film Ryan's Daughter. From dramatic Sleat Head at the peninsula's far end, make your way to the peaceful town of Killarney. (Breakfast, Dinner)

## Day 5 Ring of Kerry Excursion

Killarney Avenue Hotel

An excursion takes you around the Ring of Kerry, one of the world's greatest scenic tours! See towering cliffs, lush lakelands, remote villages, Ireland's highest mountain range & the three peaceful Lakes of Killarney. Back in Killarney enjoy a ride with the locals on one of the famous jaunting cars. This evening is at leisure to dine at one of the many nearby pubs. (Breakfast)

## Day 6 Killarney - Limerick Galway

Clayton Hotel

Drive via picturesque Adare to the city of Limerick & see St Mary's Cathedral and medieval King John's Castle. Now experience the lifestyle of rural Ireland over the centuries at Bunratty Folk Park. Continue to the Visitors' Centre at the 700-foot Cliffs of Moher with breathtaking views of the Clare Coast before a delightful drive through the Burren, a strange, rocky landscape rich with wild orchids. (Breakfast, Dinner)

## Day 7 Connemara Excursion

Clayton Hotel

See Galway's St Nicholas Cathedral, Spanish Arch & Eyre Square, dedicated to US president John F. Kennedy. Then experience the beautiful

rugged landscape of Connemara, a wonderland of rivers, lakes & silent hills. Tour the workshop of the famous marble factory, & visit palatial Kylemore Abbey before returning to your hotel. (Breakfast)

## Day 8 Galway - Londonderry- Belfast

Radisson Hotel

This morning is dedicated to Clonalis House, ancestral home of the O'Conors, descendants of the last High Kings of Ireland. Meet the resident family & tour their home, imbued with a warm & friendly atmosphere. Next to Derry where we have an orientation tour before heading to Belfast for our overnight stay. (Breakfast, Dinner)

## Day 9 Belfast - Glasgow

Glasgow Marriott

Take the ferry to Scotland; & continue along the Ayrshire coast, taking in views of the Firth of Clyde & the Island of Arran. Pass the Open golf links of Turnberry before arriving in Alloway, where you will visit Robert Burns' birthplace & see Burns' Monument & the famous 'Brig O' Doon'. Spend the night in vibrant Glasgow. (Breakfast, Dinner)

## Day 10 Glasgow - Isle of Skye

The Tongadale Hotel

An exciting day takes you 'Over the Sea to Skye' the largest & most beautiful island of the Inner Hebrides. Hear romantic tales of young Flora MacDonald & how she helped to rescue Bonnie Prince Charlie, who fled in disguise after his defeat at Culloden. See the island's most famous feature, the Cuillin Hills on your way to Skye's capital, Portree. (Breakfast, Dinner)

## Day 11 Isle of Skye - Thurso

Royal Hotel

Enjoy a feast of scenic splendour as you return to the mainland and head past Ullapool, the little fishing town on Loch Broom before reaching your hotel in Thurso. (Breakfast)

## Day 12 Orkney Islands Excursion

Royal Hotel

Drive to John O'Groats, the most northerly town on the British mainland, where you board a ferry to the Orkney Islands. Visit the village of Skara Brae, the Ring of Brodgar, Kirkwall and the Italian Chapel. Head back to the mainland for the evening. (Breakfast, Dinner)

## Day 13 Thurso - Highlands

Laggan Country Hotel

Drive via the stately town of Inverness and along the shores of Loch Ness in search of the elusive monster followed by the sparkling Spey Valley to Culloden Moor, where Bonnie Charlie's Jacobite army was finally crushed in 1746. This evening upon arrival in Highlands you are invited to a rousing Highland style dinner with haggis and bagpipes. (Breakfast, Highlight Dinner)

## Day 14 Highlands - Edinburgh

Royal Terrace Hotel

A scenic drive takes you through the Grampian Mountains past the Duke of Atholl's Blair Castle. Travel via the Pass of Killiecrankie to Pitlochry, famous for its Salmon Leap. Drive down & cross the Tay to visit St. Andrews, the home of golf. Now continue across the majestic Forth Road Bridge to Edinburgh. (Breakfast)

## Day 15 Edinburgh Sightseeing

Royal Terrace Hotel

Join your guide for a tour of Edinburgh Castle, which houses the Scottish Crown Jewels. Pass St Giles' Cathedral, as you drive down the Royal Mile to Holyroodhouse Palace. Now drive down Princes Street, past the Scott Memorial to see Edinburgh's famous Georgian architecture. Later, there is still time to shop. (Breakfast)

## Day 16 Edinburgh at Leisure

Royal Terrace Hotel

Enjoy a full day at leisure today. Edinburgh is a fabulous city for some free time. (Breakfast)

## Day 17 Edinburgh - London

Millenium Copthorne (Chelsea)

Today we board a train to London for our 3 night stay. Upon arrival we start with a London sightseeing tour with a panoramic drive around Parliament Square and past Westminster Abbey. See the Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and continue past Downings Street to Trafalgar Square and Piccadilly Circus. Stop at Buckingham Palace and finishing at Trafalgar Square. This evening is at your leisure. (Breakfast)

## Day 18 London Sightseeing

Millenium Copthorne

We drive through one of the most scenic areas of England, the Cotswolds, passing through charming villages with thatched cottages, tea shops and ancient inns. In Stratford we visit the birthplace of William Shakespeare, and will gain a fascinating insight into his life. Continuing on we head to Oxford. The colleges in Oxford date back to the 13th century and among its famous students were Bill Clinton, C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien and Lewis Carroll. We take you on a fascinating walking tour, which includes visiting the Great Hall in Christ Church, where many scenes from Harry Potter were filmed. We'll also see the Bodleian Library and the picture perfect college courtyards for which Oxford is famous. (Breakfast)

## Day 19 London at Leisure

Millenium Copthorne

Today is at leisure to explore London at your own pace. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner with your group at a London Pub. (Breakfast, Highlight Dinner)

## Day 20 Depart London

Your tour comes to an end today after breakfast with a transfer from the tour hotel to the airport for your onward flight. (Breakfast)

There is the option to extend your stay in London. Please make these arrangements at time of submitting your booking request.

## NOTES:

*Hotels are subject to change should circumstances dictate. The tour operator reserves the right to alter or deviate from the tour itinerary should circumstances dictate. Full terms and conditions are available on the holiday website. Information was correct at the time of publishing however some details may change without notice.*