

# Grand Tour of Ireland & Britain



For **SINGLE TRAVELLERS 45 Years and Over**

Friday 5 to Friday 26 August 2011 (22 days / 21 nights)

London • Plymouth • Cardiff • Waterford • Kenmare • Galway • Sligo • Belfast • Dublin • Liverpool  
• Lake District • Glasgow • Isle of Skye • Scottish Highlands (Aviemore) • Edinburgh • York • London

## Grand Tour of Ireland & Britain

A delightful tour, to be enjoyed by travellers who are passionate about history and culture. Arriving in London, this first class tour travels through England and Wales before heading to Ireland for the journey to the north and south island before crossing by ferry to Wales. Then, the tour heads north through England to Scotland. The final leg of the journey is south via York before returning to London. There's also the option of extending your stay in London to enjoy some time at your leisure..

There's a long list of highlights including show tickets to the annual **Edinburgh Military Tattoo** in Dublin, Edinburgh.

## First Class Travel Highlights

- First Class hotels, includes private facilities, hotel service charges and tips, baggage handling fees & local taxes.
- Luxury air-conditioned coach with reclining seats & washroom onboard.
- The services of one of Trafalgar's top professional Tour Directors.
- Services of a Trafalgar Representative if you stay at Trafalgar's recommended London hotel.
- A qualified local city guide in Londonderry/Derry, Belfast, Dublin and Edinburgh.
- Tickets are included for the world-famous **Tattoo** during the Edinburgh Festival.
- Ferry across the Irish Sea from Wales to Ireland and return.
- A stylish wallet, tour documents and a Welcome on Tour book.

## 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*)

## Tour Operator

This tour is operated by Trafalgar Tours.

Trafalgar is a world's favourite provider of great value escorted tours to worldwide destinations. With unrivalled travel expertise since 1947 and the best Tour Directors in the industry, with a Trafalgar tour you will enjoy the perfect, hassle-free holiday.

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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

- First class hotels; 4 star or above
- Arrival transfer from London Heathrow to group hotel
- Departure transfer from London group hotel to London Heathrow airport
- Pre-tour group welcome drink at the group hotel
- Private air-conditioned coach touring with reclining seats & washroom onboard.
- Ferry trip across the Irish Sea, Wales to Ireland
- All entrance fees as per itinerary  
The Edinburgh Military Tattoo show
- Fully escorted
- Local guides as per the itinerary
- Porterage (1 bag per person)

#### Dining:

- Daily Irish/Scottish/English breakfast
- Cream tea in Devon
- 10 dinners; including 8 three-course dinners, a highlight dinner with wine in Liverpool & a farewell dinner with wine in York.

*The tour operator reserves the right to alter or deviate from the tour itinerary should circumstances dictate.*

### Tour Prices

Prices Per Person AUD*	Twin Share	Single Room
Tour Price	\$4709	\$5889
Additional nights, London	\$159	\$293
Airfares	Quoted separately	

**Early Payment Discounts:** save \$205 when you book & pay 6 months in advance of the tour departure date (by 1 February 2011 to allow a few days payment processing time).

#### 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.

There are 24 places on this trip reserved for the **arendezvous travel & leisure** community. Subject to demand, these places may increase or decrease. This tour has received high enquiry levels; we expect high demand...please book early to ensure your tour place is available

### About Us

At **arendezvous travel & leisure** we offer holiday groups for single travellers. All trips 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.

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# Itinerary for Grand Tour of Ireland & Britain 2011

## Pre Tour - London

Arrival day to your London hotel. Our group will meet early evening with drinks hosted by a Trafalgar Tour representative. Hotel: Park Plaza County Hall

## Day 1 - London–Stonehenge–Plymouth (2 nights)

We head west for Salisbury to view the cathedral, then to Stonehenge, before continuing to Plymouth. Here we see the Mayflower steps, point of departure for the Pilgrim Fathers, and later we enjoy a Welcome Drink and dinner with our Tour Director and fellow travellers. (Dinner). Hotel: Copthorne

## Day 2 - Cornish Excursion

First to Penzance to view St. Michael's Mount, then to St. Ives, popular artists' haunt. Later we enjoy a traditional cream tea before returning to Plymouth. (Full breakfast)

## Day 3 - Plymouth – Bath – Cardiff

We visit the abbey ruins at Glastonbury and see the legendary site of King Arthur's tomb. Then through Wells to Georgian Bath where we visit the Roman Baths. Today our Tour Director will reveal to us the first Hidden Treasure of our tour! Later we cross the Severn Bridge to Cardiff. (Full breakfast)

Hotel: Radisson Blu

## Day 4 - Cardiff – Waterford

A morning orientation tour of Cardiff gives us a chance to view the mighty castle. Then later, we drive through South Wales to the port of Pembroke where we board our ferry to sail to Rosslare in Ireland. (Full breakfast / Dinner). Hotel: The Belfry

## Day 5 - Waterford – Blarney – Kenmare (2 nights)

First we visit the Waterford Crystal Showroom before enjoying a scenic drive via Dungarvan and the fishing village of Youghal to Cork where we see St. Anne's Shandon Church. Then to Blarney Castle where there's a chance to acquire the 'gift of the gab' by kissing the Blarney Stone. (Full breakfast / Dinner)

Hotel: Kenmare Bay

## Day 6 - Ring of Kerry excursion

Our highlight drive around the Ring of Kerry shows us plunging cliffs, lakeland, mountains and sandy beaches. We also see Dingle Bay, and the South Kerry Mountains before we head back to Kenmare. (Full breakfast)

## Day 7 - Kenmare – Limerick – Galway

This morning we travel via the prettiest village in Ireland, Adare, on our way to Limerick on the River Shannon. Here an orientation tour shows us King John's Castle, St. Mary's Cathedral and the treaty stone. Next to Galway via the spectacular Cliffs of Moher. (Full breakfast). Hotel: Carlton Hotel

## Day 8 - Galway–Sligo

We enjoy an orientation drive in Galway city, then into the lakes and mountains of Connemara stopping first to view the Abbey at Kylemore which is renowned for the beauty and tranquility of its surroundings and gardens. We continue through Yeats' country to Sligo. (Full breakfast / Dinner)

Hotel: Sligo Park

## Day 9 - Sligo–Londonderry–Giants Causeway – Belfast

We cross the border into Northern Ireland to Londonderry to enjoy a tour showing us the city walls. Next we visit the Giants Causeway, and continue along the Antrim Coast Road through Ballycastle to Belfast. (Full breakfast / Dinner)

Hotel: Europa

## Day 10 - Belfast sightseeing – Dublin (2 nights)

Our tour highlights the City Hall, Queen's University and Stormont. Then we drive past Newry and Dundalk, crossing over the River Boyne at Drogheda and on to Dublin's 'fair city'. (Full breakfast)

Hotel: Maldron Cardiff Lane

## Day 11 - Dublin

Sightseeing and at leisure. After breakfast our sightseeing tour with a local guide includes a visit of Trinity College to see the Book of Kells, Phoenix Park, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin Castle and more. Then time at leisure to perhaps shop or relax. (Full

breakfast)

## Day 12 - Dublin – Liverpool

We take the ferry back to Holyhead and drive to see the magnificent scenery of Snowdonia before viewing Conwy Castle. Then to Chester where our walking tour includes the famous 'Rows' and another Hidden Treasure. Finally to our hotel in Liverpool and a local restaurant Highlight Dinner tonight. (Full breakfast / Highlight dinner)

Hotel: Jurys Inn

## Day 13 - Liverpool – Lake District

We drive into the beautiful scenery of the English Lake District to our hotel. (Full breakfast / Dinner)

Hotel: North Lakes / Hydro

## Day 14 - Lake District – Glasgow

Today stop at Gretna Green on the Scottish border renowned for eloping couples, then on to Glasgow for your orientation tour. Then leave Glasgow and make your way through the beautiful Trossachs National Park for a special 'Be My Guest' luncheon on a working farm. Enjoy the Scottish hospitality before returning back to Glasgow. (Full breakfast, Lunch) Hotel: Radisson.

## Day 15 - Glasgow–Isle of Skye

We follow the banks of Loch Lomond to Glencoe, Vale of the Weeping. Then, past Fort William, in the shadow of Ben Nevis, before we travel the famous road to the isles for the ferry to our hotel on the Isle of Skye. (Full breakfast / Dinner)

Hotel: Kings Arms

## Day 16 - Isle of Skye – Loch Ness – Scottish Highlands (Aviemore)

Explore the island before returning to the mainland through Glen Shiel and along the banks of Loch Ness where we look out for the monster! Then to Culloden, site of the famous battle before arriving at our hotel in the Scottish Highlands. (Full breakfast / Dinner) Hotel: Macdonald Highland Resort

## Day 17 - Scottish Highlands – St. Andrews – Edinburgh (2 nights)

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## Day 18 - Edinburgh sightseeing and at leisure

Our guided tour includes the elegant New Town, Princes Street, the Royal Mile, views of Holyrood House and Arthur's Seat and enjoys a guided visit of the apartments at Edinburgh Castle. Later, perhaps enjoy an optional night out with a haggis dinner, bagpipes and Scottish dancing. (Full breakfast)

## Day 19 - Edinburgh – York

We travel through the Scottish Borderlands past ruined Jedburgh Abbey and back into England stopping at Hadrian's Wall. Then to Viking York where we will walk along the narrow cobbled street, known as the Shambles, and view the magnificent Minster. Tonight we join our Tour Director and travelling companions for a special Farewell Dinner together at the end of our tour. (Full breakfast / Farewell dinner). Hotel: Hotel 53

## Day 20 - York – Coventry – Stratford – London

Travel to Coventry which is the home of Lady Godiva, where we see its two cathedrals. We see Anne Hathaway's Cottage in the village of Shottery before reaching Stratford-upon-Avon where we visit Shakespeare's birthplace before finally returning to London. (Full breakfast)

Hotel: Park Plaza Country Hall.

## Post Tour - London 26 August 2011

Enjoy a continental breakfast at the group hotel before checking out this morning for your onward journey. A hotel to airport shuttle transfer is included with your tour price. (Continental breakfast)

There is also the option to extend your stay with an additional night/s of stay to enjoy more of London at your leisure. Please include this request at the time of your deposit payment. Please, note additional nights of stay are subject to availability and should be booked early.



**NOTES:** After final confirmation, 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. This holiday is operated by Trafalgar Tours.

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