



# England, Scotland & Ireland with Donna Kirkland

16 days

Embark on a guided tour of England, Scotland and Ireland, where hundreds of years of history spring to life. Start from cosmopolitan London to the medieval city of Edinburgh, where you'll admire stunning Georgian architecture. Then, head to Glasgow before crossing the Irish Sea to visit historic Belfast. Turn south through charming Galway, explore County Kerry's coastal landscapes, and cap off your trip amid Dublin's bustling streets.

## Your tour package includes

- 14 nights in handpicked hotels
- 14 breakfasts
- 5 dinners with beer or wine
- 1 liquor tasting
- 10 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach
- 1 train transfer
- 1 ferry transfer

## Included highlights

- Tower of London
- Edinburgh Castle
- Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum
- Titanic Belfast Museum
- Causey Farm
- Cliffs of Moher
- Giant's Causeway
- Blarney Castle
- St. Patrick's Cathedral

## Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 1 hour daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with few hills or stairs.

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## Overnight Flight → 1 night

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to London today.

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## London → 3 nights

### Day 2: Arrival in London

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Welcome to England! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers as you enjoy a welcome drink this evening.

### Day 3: Sightseeing tour of London

*Included meals: breakfast, liquor tasting, lunch*

Take a guided tour of London's regal landmarks with a local expert leading the way.

- Pass the grand Trafalgar Square and Baroque-style St. Paul's Cathedral, perched atop Ludgate Hill
- See Westminster Abbey, the setting for royal coronations and weddings
- View icons like Big Ben, the London Eye and the Tower of London
- Stop by Buckingham Palace, where you may catch the Changing of the Guard
- Sit down for an included lunch with your fellow travelers

Enjoy a free afternoon in London or add an excursion.

+ Windsor Castle

### Day 4: Free day in London

*Included meals: breakfast*

Enjoy a free day in London.

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## Edinburgh → 2 nights

### Day 5: Train to Edinburgh

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

This morning, transfer to King's Cross Station to board your train to Edinburgh, Scotland where you'll meet up with the rest of your tour group today (day 2 of the regular itinerary).

*Please note: Portage is not included for the train transfers. Travelers must be comfortable lifting and carrying all luggage over steps, onto platforms, and into luggage storage.*

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

### Day 6: Sightseeing tour of Edinburgh

*Included meals: breakfast, liquor tasting*

Follow a Scottish local on a sightseeing tour of the city.

- View the Georgian New Town and the Royal Mile, two UNESCO World Heritage sites
- Pass the Sir Walter Scott monument
- Enter Edinburgh Castle to view the Scottish crown jewels and Stone of Scone

This afternoon, become a whisky expert as you join a guide on the Gold Level Scotch Whisky Experience.

- Learn about the various notes and styles of Scotch whisky
- Sample four single malt Scotch whiskies

Enjoy a free evening in Edinburgh or add an excursion.

+ Scottish Céilidh

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## Glasgow → 1 night

### Day 7: Transfer to Glasgow & sightseeing tour

*Included meals: breakfast*

Travel to Glasgow and set off on a tour with a local guide.

- Discover local highlights, including George Square and the River Clyde
  - Admire the city's university and medieval cathedral
  - Visit the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, which features everything from medieval suits of armor to a collection of works by Scottish artists
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## Belfast → 2 nights

### Day 8: Ferry to Belfast

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Make your way to the village of Cairnryan where you'll board a ferry for your voyage across the Irish Sea to Belfast, Ireland.

Sit down for an included dinner with your group this evening.

### Day 9: Sightseeing tour of Belfast & Giant's Causeway

*Included meals: breakfast*

Get to know Belfast, the cultural heart of Northern Ireland, from a local's perspective on a guided tour.

- Glimpse the copper-domed City Hall and the recently restored Grand Opera House
- Learn all about Belfast's long history, from its origins in the Bronze Age and rise as an international seaport to its role in the conflict known as "the Troubles"
- Enter the Titanic Belfast Museum for a look at the vessel's infamous history

Pay a visit to the rugged Giant's Causeway, a series of naturally formed hexagonal basalt columns. The columns, which you can walk on, are 60 million years old and originated as volcanic lava. On your way back to Belfast conquer your fears on the Carrick-a-Rede-Rope Bridge.

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## Galway → 2 nights

### Day 10: Galway via County Meath

*Included meals: breakfast*

En route to Galway, stop in County Meath to pay a visit to Causey Farm.

- Learn about daily life on a working Irish farm
- Watch a demonstration of traditional games and dance, like hurling and ceili

*Please note: On some departures, the visit to Causey Farm may be replaced with a different farm experience.*

Then, continue on to Galway for a sightseeing tour of the city led by your Tour Director.

- Stroll past Lynch's Castle, Galway Cathedral, the Druid Theater Company and the broad expanse of Eyre Square
- View the city's medieval walls and Spanish Arch
- Peruse authentic Claddagh rings in a local shop

Enjoy a free evening in Galway or add an excursion.

+ Castle Banquet Dinner

### Day 11: Free day in Galway

*Included meals: breakfast*

Spend a free day in Galway or add excursions.

- + Traditional Irish Music & Dance Show with Dinner
  - + Kylemore Abbey & Connemara National Park
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## County Kerry → 1 night

### Day 12: County Kerry via the Burren, Cliffs of Moher & Bunratty Castle

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Travel through the Irish countryside to County Kerry today, taking time to view spectacular scenery en route.

- Pass through the Burren, a unique limestone plateau where fields of rock are dotted with wildflowers
- Walk along the mesmerizing coastline of the majestic Cliffs of Moher
- Take a guided tour of the 13th-century Bunratty Castle

This evening, sit down for an included dinner with your group.

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- Take a guided tour of the award-winning EPIC museum and explore the interactive, digital exhibits that highlight the emigrant experience
- Learn why Irish emigrants left their home country, where they went, and how they shaped the world

Spend a free evening in Dublin.

### Day 15: Free day in Dublin

*Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner*

Enjoy a free day in Dublin.

This evening, your trip with your fellow group members at a farewell dinner.

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## Flight Home

### Day 16: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

## Dublin → 3 nights

### Day 13: Dublin via Blarney Castle & Rock of Cashel

*Included meals: breakfast*

Make your way to Dublin this morning, stopping for several guided visits along the way.

- Explore the dungeon, court, and battlements of Blarney Castle
- Kiss the legendary Blarney Stone
- Take a tour of the iconic Rock of Cashel, commanding stone buildings that date back to the 12th and 13th centuries

Enjoy a free evening in Dublin or add an excursion.

+ Guinness Experience & Irish Pub Dinner

### Day 14: Sightseeing tour of Dublin

*Included meals: breakfast*

Take a comprehensive tour of Ireland's capital city with a local expert leading the way.

- Stop in Phoenix Park, site of the presidential residence, and pass by the Guinness Brewery
- Step inside the soaring St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ireland's largest church
- Pass St Stephen's Green and admire the Georgian architecture of Merrion Square as you go
- Stop at Trinity College and view the illuminated Book of Kells
- Walk past Grafton Street to the Molly Malone statue, ending in the Temple Bar district

# Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.\* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: [goaheadtours.com/ZDU](https://goaheadtours.com/ZDU) | 1-800-597-0350

## Day 3: Windsor Castle

\$119 (5 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Led by a Blue Badge Guide, you'll travel to Windsor for a guided tour of the world's largest and longest-inhabited castle. Founded by William the Conqueror in 1070, Windsor has been the British Royal Family's preferred retreat for the past 900 years. Step inside the State Apartments and St. George's Chapel, where the Knights of the Garter ceremony takes place. View the exhibit of royal treasures on display within the castle. You'll then have time to stroll through the town of Windsor and have a look at Eton College, a prestigious prep school attended by Princes William and Harry. Please note: When Windsor Castle falls on a Wednesday, entrance will be replaced by Hampton Court. For any departures where Windsor Castle falls on a Tuesday, the excursion will be moved to another day on tour or cancelled. Additionally, St. George's Chapel is closed to the public on Sundays. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

## Day 6: Scottish Céilidh

\$129/\$139\* (4 hours, departs in the evening with dinner)

Enjoy a special evening of Scottish tradition as you witness an authentic céilidh, an age-old Scottish celebration. Sit down to an included dinner and be serenaded by a band playing Scottish folk tunes while you dine. As the evening winds down, dancers take to the stage to perform a series of traditional dances. Then, cap it all off by joining the company on stage to try the steps for yourself.

## Day 10: Castle Banquet Dinner

\$129/\$139\* (4 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Enjoy a feast fit for a king inside walls of a nearby castle. Sip from a goblet of mead and learn the castle's history before proceeding to the banquet hall, where you'll enjoy a sumptuous, four-course dinner and an evening of live entertainment, including songs and stories. Please note: this excursion is only offered mid-April through mid-October.

## Day 11: Traditional Irish Music & Dance Show with Dinner

\$105/\$115\* (5 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Enjoy a three-course dinner served with beer or wine at a restaurant in Galway. Then, attend a performance of Trad on the Prom at a local venue. The show is filled with live music and performances by World Champion Irish stepdancers. The dancers have been featured in notable productions such as Riverdance, The Chieftains, and Lord of the Dance. Sit back and listen to Gaelic tunes as you watch this mesmerizing traditional Irish dance show. Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs from May through September only.

## Day 11: Kylemore Abbey & Connemara National Park

\$79/\$89\* (9 hours, departs in the morning)

Make your way to the island village of Cong, situated on the border of counties Galway and Mayo. Here, enjoy free time to stroll through the town's charming streets, catching glimpses of the nearby Ashford Castle. Then, continue on to Kylemore Abbey, a Benedictine convent founded in 1920 on the grounds of Kylemore Castle. Here, you'll have time to explore the abbey's interior and walled Victorian gardens. After free time for lunch on your own, take a scenic drive through the Irish countryside, passing Connemara National Park, one of the country's most beautiful and unspoiled places. Make photo stops in the Inagh Valley and at the Maam Cross before returning to Galway.

## Day 13: Guinness Experience & Irish Pub Dinner

\$115/\$125\* (4 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Take a self-guided tour of the Guinness Brewery this afternoon. Explore the many fun, colorful exhibits that highlight how the Irish brand has evolved since Arthur Guinness crafted the first beer in 1759. Then, head up to the top floor to sip a pint and soak in 360-degree views of Dublin. Afterward, travel by private motor coach to a local, historic pub for an evening filled with traditional food, beer or wine, and live Irish music. Talk about good craic!

\*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at [goaheadtours.com/terms](https://goaheadtours.com/terms)