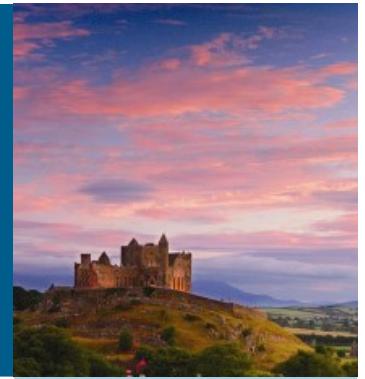
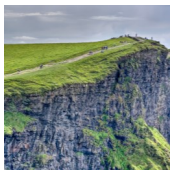


Ireland, Northern Ireland & Scotland

9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS- GROUP TRAVEL
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Experience the beauty of Northern Ireland alongside Ireland and Scotland. Despite the fact that all three countries share a common, Celtic base – you'll see that they all in fact have unique geographies, cultural traditions and histories. Within the Republic, this tour will base your group in the cities of Galway and Letterkenny. In Northern Ireland, you'll experience the capital city of Belfast, and in Scotland – you'll be staying overnight in Glasgow and Edinburgh. These base cities will allow your group to experience the immense beauty and fascinating history of their surroundings areas.



DAY 1 ~ GALWAY

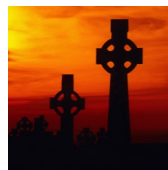
On arrival at Shannon Airport, you are met by your friendly Irish driver-guide and escorted to your waiting private coach, which will transfer you in style to Galway. Our route to Galway is via the old market town of Ennis and westward to the mighty Cliffs of Moher, rising sheer above the coast for almost five miles. We then continue along the coastline of County Clare, through the charming villages of Ballyvaughan and Kinvara on Galway Bay and arrive at our hotel in the early afternoon. The remainder of the afternoon is free to relax after your flight.



DAY 2 ~ LETTERKENNY

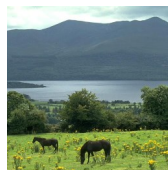
This morning, we are leaving Galway and traveling northward to the rugged and beautiful county of Donegal! We travel through the market towns of County Mayo and the village of Knock, Ireland's place of pilgrimage, through Sligo, stopping at the shadow of Benbulbin to visit Drumcliffe Churchyard where William Butler Yeats, one of Ireland's finest poets, lies buried. On then through the coastal town of Bundoran and Ballyshannon where we shall visit the

Belleek China Factory, arriving in Letterkenny in the late afternoon.



DAY 3 ~ LETTERKENNY

This morning experience the rich history of this famous walled city on a walking tour with a local guide. View the Diamond and St. Columb's Cathedral in the only European city with its walls still intact. This afternoon we will drive onto the Inishowen Peninsula, the most northerly point of Ireland, for some rugged and spectacular scenery.



DAY 4 ~ BELFAST

Today after a full Irish breakfast we shall set off along the Antrim coast to its best known feature: the Giant's Causeway. Often described as the "eighth wonder of the world," we shall take the circular walk around the spectacular rock formations. Whether the 40,000 hexagonal stone columns were formed by the cooling of molten lava, as the scientific community holds, or were actually the creation of legendary Irish giant Finn MacCool to reach his lady love in Scotland, remains a subject of debate, but whichever view you hold, it is impossible to be unmoved by the magnificent panorama. Staying on the

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights each in Letterkenny, Belfast, and Edinburgh
- 1 night each in Galway and Glasgow
- Breakfast daily
- Lunch and dinner per itinerary
- Ground transport via air conditioned luxury coach
- English speaking assistant and guides
- Admission tickets as outlined in itinerary

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Cliffs of Moher
- Belleek China Factory Tour
- Visit to the Giant's Causeway
- Old Bushmills Whiskey Distillery Tour
- Panoramic sightseeing tours of Belfast, Glasgow
- Guide tour of Edinburgh Castle
- Traditional Scottish Banquet College, Dublin

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coastal road to Bushmills, we shall stop off for a tippie at Old Bushmills Distillery, the site of the world's oldest legal whiskey distillery, established in 1608. Here we shall take a tour and follow the distilling process, with samples of its product and a gift shop. We continue into Belfast for our last two nights in Northern Ireland.



DAY 5 ~ BELFAST

After breakfast this morning we depart our hotel for a panoramic sightseeing tour of Belfast City. The birthplace of the Titanic and home to some of the world's most famous faces, Belfast is rich in history and steeped in culture. Today it is as famous for its stylish shops, gourmet restaurants and exciting nightlife as it is for its troubled past. Some of the notable sights we will see are Belfast City Hall, Linenhall Library, Stormont House, Grand Opera House; St. Anne's Cathedral, Ulster Museum and the Botanic Gardens. At the end of your tour you may wish to visit one of the city's fine art galleries or museums.



DAY 6 ~ GLASGOW

After breakfast this morning we will depart Belfast for the Ferry Port where we will catch the ferry to Stranraer in Scotland. Upon arrival we will have a short drive that will bring us through the countryside and into the vibrant city of Glasgow. After checking in we will commence on a panoramic tour of this vibrant city, seeing many of its wonderful sites.



DAY 7 ~ EDINBURGH

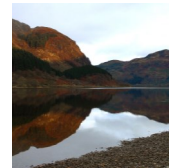
The "Bonnie, bonnie banks of Loch Lomond" is our first stop today. With views of the lake you will soon see for yourself what makes this song so famous. We continue on

into the highland towns of the Trossachs where we will visit a Woolen Mill and perhaps even see a Highland Cow. Our drive continues past Stirling where there will be magnificent views of Wallace's Monument and Stirling Castle, before we continue into Edinburgh for our last two nights. This evening enjoy a traditional Scottish Banquet. You will sample some haggis and enjoy traditional bagpipe music, songs and dancing.



DAY 8 ~ EDINBURGH

This morning's tour takes us along Princes Street with its fine shops and through the lovely Georgian squares and terraces of the new town. We continue along the historic Royal Mile to the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of Her Majesty the Queen. Our tour concludes at Edinburgh Castle where we can view the Scottish Crown Jewels and take in the breathtaking views of the city from the castle ramparts. Tonight after dinner we will return to Edinburgh castle where we will enjoy the spectacle of the Edinburgh Tattoo (if occurring during the time of the visit).



DAY 9 ~ EDINBURGH

This morning after breakfast we will depart for the airport for the group to board its return flight to the US.

For information and reservations, please see your professional travel agent