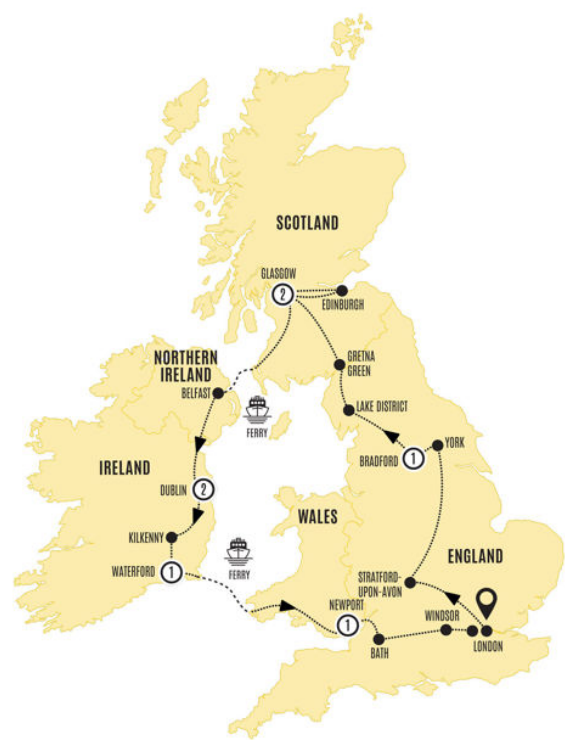


# Britain and Ireland Delight

Trip Map



-  Start Location
-  End Location
-  Over night

-  Visited Location
-  Cruise
-  Ferry

-  Plane
-  Train

## Day 1 | London – Stratford-upon-Avon – York – Bradford



Your whirlwind journey through Great Britain and Ireland launches in London. As the boroughs of the 'Old Smoke' give way to the beautiful shires north of its skyscrapers, you'll enjoy a scenic drive through lush green landscapes bound for Shakespeare country. Visit Stratford-upon-Avon where you'll come face-to-face with the legacy of England's beloved bard before heading to York. Your Travel Director will take you for an orientation walk through its medieval streets to the sacred York Minster, where every piece of stained glass and limestone block was placed for the glory of God. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before you continue to your hotel in Bradford.

**Meals:** Dinner

**Hotel:** Leonardo

## Day 2 | Bradford – Lake District – Gretna Green – Glasgow



You're in for a serene start to your morning as you wind your way through the limestone hills and valleys of the Yorkshire Dales. Rustic stone villages, sheep-filled pastures, castles and abbeys line your route to England's celebrated Lake District. At Lake Windermere, an Optional Experience could take you back to the days of Beatrix Potter and William Wordsworth who proclaimed the area 'the loveliest spot that man hath found'. Board an optional cruise on a boat. Then cross the Scottish border and stop in Gretna Green where eloping couples would tie the knot over the anvil. Continue to Glasgow later today. Your afternoon orientation of this former industrial hub turned vibrant modern metropolis will include views of the cathedral, the River Clyde and George Square where many of Scotland's most famous sons are immortalised in stone.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Ibis City Centre

### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

**Scenic Cruise on Lake Windermere** - You won't want to miss a scenic cruise on Lake Windermere, along the northern coastline. Pass by photo worthy homes, gardens and the jaw-dropping beauty of Wray Castle – all from the comfort of the water. On the way you'll tick off deserted islands, spot quirky wildlife, and soak in the views adored by the rockstars of words, Beatrix Potter and William Wordsworth.

**Adult: 29.00 GBP**

**Steam Train Ride and Windermere Cruise** - Get ready to be blown away by the scenery of the Lake District on an epic cruise across England's largest lake, taking in beautiful homes, castles and more. Then, zip through time as you jump aboard a historic steam train from Lakeside to Haverthwaite. Prepare yourself for all the views on this time-traveling, nature-loving thrill ride.

**Adult: 34.00 GBP**

\* Occasionally this experience will operate in reverse.

**Glasgow City Evening** - Strap in for a wild Glasgow adventure as the city lights up after dark. Join your Travel Director out on the town for an evening packed with delicious bites, cool drinks, and unforgettable moments. Glasgow's got it all – cozy bars, a killer live music scene, and stunning Victorian architecture. Here's to embracing your inner night owl in a city that throws a party like no other!

**Adult: 64.00 GBP**

### Day 3 | Edinburgh excursion



A day spent exploring Scotland's exquisite capital will leave you in no doubt as to why it captured the hearts of Charles Dickens, Charlotte Bronte and even Queen Victoria. Your Local Specialist will reveal all the highlights of 'Auld Reekie'. View the Royal Mile, the Palace of Holyroodhouse in the shadow of Arthur's Seat and Edinburgh Castle which watches over the city from Castle Rock. Exchange the medieval façades of the Old Town for grand Georgian-lined boulevards of the 18<sup>th</sup> century New Town. You'll have some time to explore Edinburgh your way or consider joining one of two special Choice Experiences, visiting the mysterious Rosslyn Chapel or exploring what lies behind the impenetrable walls of Edinburgh Castle. This evening surrender to the skirl of bagpipes during an optional dinner in Stirling with views of its Castle and the Wallace Memorial by night.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Ibis City Centre

### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will have the opportunity to choose between the following two Choice Experiences:

**Edinburgh Castle Experience** - Don't miss a royal adventure at Edinburgh Castle, reigning supreme on Castle Rock for centuries. Your Local Guide is your go-to for all the action at this fortress, famous for being the ultimate battleground in Great Britain and one of the most attacked fortresses in the world. Hold onto your hats because you're not just sightseeing – you're diving into history! Witness the crown jewels, aka the Honours of Scotland, and march through the epic halls of the National War Museum of Scotland.

**Adult: 43.00 GBP**

**Rosslyn Chapel** - Hit the road out of Edinburgh and land in the oh-so-charming village of Rosslyn. Get the inside scoop on the legendary Rosslyn Chapel from your Local Guide. This is not your run-of-the-mill 15th-century building – Rosslyn is like Scotland's very own celebrity, rocking ties with the Knights Templar, the Masonic movement, and even 'The Da Vinci Code'.

**Adult: 30.00 GBP**

**A Stirling Evening** - Kick off your evening at the historic Stirling Castle gates, where a piper will whisk you back in time with stories of Scottish legends like William Wallace and Robert the Bruce. As the bagpipes set the mood, you'll be led to a cosy Stirling restaurant. Here, traditional Scottish dishes await, served with a hearty dose of local charm.

**Adult: 63.00 GBP**



## Day 4 | Glasgow – Belfast – Dublin



Your visit to Scotland culminates in a scenic drive along the Ayrshire coast, the rugged landscapes where Robert Burns, Scotland's National Poet, was born and raised. Pass Ailsa Craig, the figurative stepping stone from Scotland to Ireland before boarding your short ferry crossing to Northern Ireland. You won't dally in its trendy capital, but there's time to see the City Hall, Queen's University and the dock where the ill-fated Titanic was built. Head south to Dublin, your home for the next two nights.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Dublin One Hotel/Travelodge Plus Dublin City Centre

### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Titanic Experience** - Follow the story of this ill-fated ship and her people, from the launch in this very city. Explore the exhibition in this stunning award-winning building, on the former site of the shipyard where Titanic was built.

**Adult: 26.00 GBP**

**Local Taxi Tour of Belfast** - A unique 2-hour tour experience with a local Taxi Driver who will share their personal story on what it's like to grow up in Belfast, and the struggles and troubles that made this a divided city. See the neighbourhoods and murals that you wouldn't normally see on a traditional Sightseeing Tour.

**Adult: 29.00 GBP**

## Day 5 | Dublin sightseeing and free time



You're in for a 'grand' time in the Irish capital this morning as your Local Guide shares all the highlights. See Trinity College and St. Patrick's Cathedral, founded in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Its 43-metre spire makes this the country's tallest church. See the stately Georgian Squares then spend the rest of the day on your own. Head down to Grafton Street or Temple Bar for a pint of the 'Black Stuff' or stroll along the Liffey through the heart of Dublin. This evening, an optional dinner and Irish show will have your toes tapping and taste buds craving another round of Irish coffee.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Dublin One Hotel/Travelodge Plus Dublin City Centre

### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Monastic History of County Wicklow** - Gear up for an adventure as you visit one of Europe's major monastic hotspots. Your Local Guide will surprise you with astonishing historic tales during a guided tour of this sacred area. Nestled in the stunning County Wicklow, aka the garden of Ireland, it's surrounded by rolling countryside and is ready to wow you.

**Adult: 35.00 EUR**

**Dublin Dinner and Cabaret** - Take your tour of Ireland to the next level with an evening of fine food and toe-tapping fun in the vibrant city of Dublin's calling for an evening of fine dining, laughter, and toe-tapping fun! Dive into Ireland's history with comedy, song, and dance in an interactive Irish Show. After having a delicious dinner, top off the evening with an authentic Irish Coffee.

**Adult: 93.00 EUR**

## Day 6 | Dublin – Kilkenny – Waterford



Continue through the splendid countryside bound for Kilkenny where you'll see its beautiful 12<sup>th</sup>-century castle, an enduring symbol of Norman occupation. Later you'll arrive in Waterford where a visit to the Waterford Crystal Showroom will reveal a wonderland of delicate crystal, from stemware to fine china. You're in for a riveting history lesson when you join an Optional Experience for a walking tour with a Local Specialist and visit one of the area's oldest pubs for a pint. Dinner tonight is at your hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Treacy's

### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

**Explore Waterford's History and Local Pub** - Step into the past with a lively Local Guide! Vikings, medieval legends, and thrilling tales await. It's not just a tour; it's the "best history lesson ever," according to one traveler. Top this all off with a stop for a tipple in one of the area's oldest pubs for a pint or drink of your choice.

**Adult: 29.00 EUR**

**Irish Folk Fun** - Dive into Waterford's heartbeat with an evening of fun and entertainment. Do as the locals do by enjoying a drink while being greeted with lively tunes played on instruments such as the fiddle, tin whistle, and bodhrán drum. It's not just entertainment; it's a taste of genuine Irish spirit!

**Adult: 34.00 EUR**

## Day 7 | Waterford - Newport



Say your goodbyes to the 'Emerald Isle', crossing St. George's Channel to Wales. Small in size but significant in stature, Wales is the fifth country on this journey across the United Kingdom and Ireland. Its vibrant capital is your final destination today. Here you'll view the Millennium Centre, the National Assembly and the historic castle at its heart. Climb the 900-year-old Norman keep and perhaps walk on the battlements during an optional private tour of Cardiff Castle this afternoon. This evening could see you venture into the Welsh countryside for dinner at a 14<sup>th</sup>-century inn or enjoy an evening of Welsh music, culture and humour at an Optional Experience. Then continue to your hotel in Newport.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Mercure Newport

### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Cardiff Castle Tour** - Here's your chance to blast through time with a private castle tour. Completed by architect William Burgess, hear how it was influenced by Arabic art, Hans Christian Anderson's fairy tales, and even Aesop's fables! You'll

definitely want to strut around on the battlements and climb the ancient Norman Keep for impressive views over Cardiff.

**Adult: 27.00 GBP**

**A Slice of Cardiff** - Experience the true flavour of Cardiff on a guided stroll through the capital, sampling delicious Welsh dishes along the way. Led by a Local Expert, you'll discover the rich history of Welsh cuisine while gaining insight into life in Wales, both past and present.

**Adult: 69.00 GBP**

## Day 8 | Newport – Bath – Windsor – London



Today may be our final day together, but it's packed with things to see. Cross the Severn Estuary into England and venture to Bath with its elegant Georgian architecture. The city's healing waters saw it emerge as a wellness centre as far back as Roman times. Next, head to Windsor to view the world's oldest and largest continuously inhabited castle. There's time for a quiet stroll along the banks of the river and shop for Royal souvenirs before arriving in London later where your epic holiday comes to an end.

**Meals:** Breakfast