



DAILY ITINERARY (B) BREAKFAST (L) LUNCH (D) DINNER



INDICATES ADDED UNIQUE TOUR

DEPART CANADA: May 23rd

Today your journey begins! Fly to Europe overnight with WestJet.

DAY 1: MAY 24th

WELCOME TO LONDON

Welcome to London. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Today is free to enjoy a city that is famous for its pomp and pageantry. Perhaps relax with a walk along the Serpentine in Hyde Park or window shop in the elegant boutiques of Knightsbridge? Alternatively, you may want to stroll along the Thames to the iconic Tower Bridge and Tower of London. (B) [Hotel: The Grosvenor Hotel or similar, London](#)

DAY 2: May 25th

EXPLORE LONDON



Make the most of your trip to London with this incredible full-day guided tour led by an accredited Blue Badge guide from the British Guild of Tourist Guides. See the city's most iconic sites in one day; from the magnificent Westminster Abbey to the iconic Big Ben and historical Tower of London, plus many more.

Along the way, you'll also see Buckingham Palace and have the chance to watch a typical display of British pomp and pageantry at the Changing of the Guards ceremony. You'll also enjoy a guided tour of two of London's most historic buildings - the Tower of London & St Paul's Cathedral.

DAY 3: May 26th

STRATFORD AND MEDIEVAL YORK

This morning, meet your Travel Director and journey to Stratford, beautifully situated on the River Avon. Visit the birthplace of William Shakespeare, full of interesting memorabilia and artefacts relating to his life. Continue on to York where you walk within the old city walls to the crooked houses of the Shambles and see York Minster, England's largest medieval cathedral. Join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly Welcome Dinner with drinks and the opportunity to mingle over a pleasant evening of dinner and wine. (B)(DW) [Hotel: Hilton York or similar](#)

DAY 4: May 27th

DURHAM, HADRIAN'S WALL AND EDINBURGH

Stop in Durham to see the castle and Romanesque cathedral. Then view part of Hadrian's Wall, Britain's most impressive

Roman monument once spanning 80 miles from coast-to-coast, marking the northern frontier of the mighty Roman Empire. Cross the Scottish border to reach the elegant Scottish capital, Edinburgh. (B)

[Hotel: Crowne Plaza Edinburgh - Royal Terrace, or similar](#)

DAY 5: May 28th

SCOTLAND'S CAPITAL OF CULTURE

Journey down the Royal Mile to see the Palace of Holyroodhouse - official Scottish residence of Her Majesty, the Queen - before crossing over to New Town. Next, walk with your Local Expert inside Edinburgh Castle for spectacular views of the town and to see Scotland's Crown Jewels, the Stone of Destiny and Mons Meg.

The afternoon is free to shop on Princes Street. In the evening, select departures will enjoy the spectacle of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo – a colourful mixture of historic battles and military manoeuvres with pipes and drums.



In the evening, join the group for a lively and memorable night of traditional Scottish song, dance, tartan and bagpipes. In addition to wine and dinner, your kilted hosts will lead you through some of the best-loved Scottish music and songs. You'll learn a Highland dance or two, and sample Scotland's national dish – haggis! (B)(D)

DAY 6: May 29th

ST. ANDREWS AND INVERNESS

Cross the Firth of Forth into Fife and make your way to St. Andrews, passing the Old Course as you arrive where golf was born in the 15th century. Enjoy free time to explore, perhaps stroll to West Sands Beach where the famous 'Chariots of Fire' scene was filmed.

Your travels continue as you cross the Tay river passing the charming Victorian resort town of Pitlochry, famous for its salmon run. Travel via Blair Atholl and past the Grampian Mountains to the sparkling Spey Valley. Later, continue to Inverness and your hotel. (B)(D) *Hotel: Best Western Palace Hotel & Spa Inverness*

DAY 7: May 30th

LOCH NESS AND GLENCOE

In the morning, travel along Loch Ness and hear tales of the famous Nessie. Continue your journey through some of the most stunning scenery in all of Scotland found in the region of Glencoe.

Reach the Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond and absorb the incredible scenery as you cruise what is arguably one of Scotland's most beautiful lochs, while enjoying a light lunch. Cross the English border before arriving at your lakeside hotel. (B)(L)(D)

[Hotel: Macdonald Old England Hotel & Spa, Bowness-on-Windermere or similar](#)

Day 8: May 31st

THE ENGLISH LAKES TO CHESTER

In the morning, discover the beauty of the Lake District, its fells, lakes and valleys combine to make it one of England's best loved regions. Perhaps take a lake cruise on the tranquil waters of Windermere? Later, step back into Roman times in Chester where you see the city's ancient encircling walls and 13th century black and white Rows.



After, join a local Blue badge guide to discover the home of the Beatles. See the famous sights associated with the Fab Four along with the two Cathedrals and hear tales of emigration and the Titanic connection. (B)(D)

[Hotel: Hallmark Hotel The Queen, Chester or similar.](#)

DAY 9: June 1st

NORTH WALES AND OVER TO DUBLIN

Continue through Wales, passing the massive Conwy Castle before crossing over to the Isle of Anglesey. The village with the longest name in Europe will be visible - see if you are able to read it aloud! From the port of Holyhead, set sail for Dublin in Ireland.

 Tonight, join the group for some warm Irish hospitality a three-course dinner in a family run pub, that was formerly the haunt of nobility and notorious highwaymen. Lovely exposed brick walls and dark wood make for a cozy atmosphere in which to enjoy your hearty pub meal. (B)(D) [Hotel: Trinity City Hotel/Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Dublin or similar](#)

DAY 10: June 2nd
IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY

Before it opens to the public, experience Ireland's national and world-famous drink with a guided visit to the Guinness Storehouse. Gain a fascinating insight into the history and traditions behind its production and enjoy a private masterclass where you will learn to pour the perfect pint.

Later, become acquainted with Dublin's elegant squares during sightseeing with a local guide. See famous O'Connell Street, the Custom House and Dublin Castle. For the rest of the afternoon, you are free to soak up the Irish atmosphere or browse shops along Grafton Street. (B)

DAY 11: June 3rd
FROM DUBLIN TO KILLARNEY

Travel to Ireland's premier thoroughbred horse breeding region for a fascinating, behind-the-scenes visit of the National Stud with an equine professional. You then visit the acclaimed 100-year-old Japanese Gardens where you can 'journey through life'.

Continue to view the Rock of Cashel, crowned with the noblest group of medieval monuments in Ireland. Cross the rolling pastures that encircle Tipperary before reaching Killarney. At night, your Dine-Around Evening offers authentic and intimate dining with your friends, from a hand-picked selection of fine local restaurants. (B)(DW)
[Hotel: Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa/Killarney Avenue Hotel or similar.](#)

DAY 12: June 4th
RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE

In the morning, join a delightful trip around the Ring of Kerry, a world of towering cliffs, lush lakelands and remote villages. Get a sense of the unhurried pace of Irish life as you pass through Ireland's highest mountain range and make your way to the three peaceful Lakes of Killarney. In the afternoon, perhaps take an optional ride with the locals on one of Killarney's jaunting cars? (B)

DAY 13: June 5th
BLARNEY CASTLE AND WATERFORD

Start the day visiting Blarney Castle, home of the famous Stone of Eloquence - once kissed, never forgotten! Travel on through the scenic port of Dungarvan to the historic walled city of Waterford, with its 11th century Reginald Tower. Enjoy a guided visit of the world-famous crystal factory and to meet a master craftsman. In the evening, after miles of fun and fascinating sights, spirits will be high during your Celebration Dinner. Toast to your newfound friends - Sláinte! (B)(DW)
[Hotel: Dooley's Hotel Waterford or similar](#)

DAY 14: June 6th
ACROSS THE IRISH SEA TO CARDIFF

From the port of Rosslare, board your ferry to cross the Irish Sea. A pleasant drive will then take you into the rural scenery of Pembrokeshire. Continue past the valleys of southern Wales to the capital, Cardiff, famous for its imposing castle and brilliant Principality Stadium.

 Tonight, join the group for a lively night celebrating Welsh food and culture at the stunning Welsh Millennium Centre in Cardiff. Enjoy a traditional and locally-sourced three-course meal whilst being entertained by Welsh stories, enchanting music and renowned Welsh singers. (B)(D) [Hotel: Clayton Hotel Cardiff or similar](#)

DAY 15: June 7th**ROMAN BATHS, STONEHENGE AND LONDON**

Cross the Severn Bridge to reach the City of Bath, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its Georgian streets and crescents. Visit the Roman Baths and Pump Room built above Britain's only hot, mineral springs. See the incredibly well-preserved remains of one of the greatest spas of the ancient world, still flowing with the natural hot water from the springs below.

Your journey continues across Salisbury Plain for a visit to mysterious Stonehenge - no-one can be sure why they were built, or even how prehistoric man could move such huge blocks of stone. Your exploration of Britain and Ireland draws to a close upon your return to London, where you are at leisure for the rest of the day. (B)

[Hotel: The Grosvenor Hotel, London or similar](#)

DAY 16: June 8th**BACK TO CANADA**

Your journey comes to an end after breakfast.

OPTIONAL PARIS EXTENTION

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