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# England, Scotland and Ireland!

## 10 Nights – 11 Days

### Summer 2013

### **ITINERARY MAP**



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From glens and lochs all the way to London, explore the captivating emerald landscapes and cultural hubs that define Great Britain and Ireland. Journey from England's cosmopolitan capital through the highlands of the Lake District to Edinburgh, whose city streets have been declared masterpieces of urban planning. Then, make your way to the Emerald Isle, where you'll grab a pint (or a few) with Dubliners and make your way through the beyondscenic Ring of Kerry and Cliffs of Moher.

#### Suggested Itinerary:

#### Day 1: London

Arrive London, Transfer to Hotel, Evening Free at Leisure , You have an option to Visit Swaminarayan Temple in the Evening or Explore the Oxford Street Area on your own.

#### Day 2: London

After Breakfast proceed for a guided sightseeing tour of London. Highlights of the panoramic tour include views of Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, Hyde Park, the Big Ben clock tower, the Houses of Parliament, Piccadilly Circus and a stop outside St. James's Palace, where you might glimpse the ceremonial Changing of the Guard (seasonal and weather dependent). After your sightseeing tour, an excursion to Windsor Castle, the centuries-old retreat of Britain's Royal Family. You'll travel to Windsor for a guided visit to 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 (closed Sundays), 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: Windsor Castle is occasionally closed when in use by the Royal Family; a visit to Henry VIII's Hampton

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Court will be substituted when necessary. Please note: This requires advanced reservation and must be booked by 30 days prior to departure.

#### Day 3: Through rolling green countryside, past misty lochs, onward to Edinburgh

After Breakfast, Transfer to Train station as, you'll journey by train through the English countryside to the lochs and hills of Scotland. As you approach the Scottish capital, you'll pass under the dramatic Edinburgh castle; its foundation dates back to 850 B.C. After hotel check-in, the afternoon is free to uncover Edinburgh on your own. For a quick orientation of the city, begin at the Central Train Station, walk down Princes Street—lined with world-class shops—and then climb the hill to the Castle.

#### Day 4: Edinburgh – Stroll the Royal Mile and stride through a masterpiece of urban planning

Breakfast – Despite some changes to its landscape in the late 20th century, Edinburgh—much like Prague, Florence and Vienna—has managed to avoid the large-scale modernization that has transformed most major cities and has retained its medieval beauty. Dating as far back as 850 B.C., Edinburgh really gained prominence in the 11th century under the reign of David I, who founded the abbey at Holyrood. Today, an expert local guide leads a sightseeing tour from the elegant Georgian New Town to the Royal Mile (both are designated UNESCO World Heritage Sites). You'll see Holyrood Palace, the quaint shops of the Mile and Edinburgh Castle, where you'll see the Scottish crown jewels. This afternoon, is free at leisure, You can Relax in Hotel or Explore the City on your own.

#### Day 5: Cheshire – Discover the emerald green landscapes that inspired Wordsworth

Breakfast - This morning, travel through the emerald green landscapes of the Lakes District, whose meadows are dotted with grazing sheep. You'll marvel at the district's wild beauty as you encounter picturesque views of farmland, forests, fells (hills) and becks (brooks). Visit Dove Cottage, where Poet Laureate William Wordsworth lived for several years. Evening in Cheshire.

#### Day 6: Dublin – Cross the Irish Sea to the hometown of Joyce, Wilde and Yeats

Breakfast - Travel through the untamed wilderness of Wales to Holyhead, where you'll board a highspeed ferry across the Irish Sea. Disembark the ferry in Dublin, the cosmopolitan Irish capital city spanning the River Liffey. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for check-in. The afternoon is City tour of Dublin, Enjoy this special evening of Irish food, music and live entertainment. Dinner will be served first, giving you a taste of traditional Irish dishes. You'll then be treated to a live show of Irish music and dance. Join in the fun as you enjoy a merry and memorable night.

#### Day 7: Dublin - From the Book of Kells to back of pubs, explore the heart of Dublin

Breakfast - A professional local guide leads your comprehensive sightseeing tour of Dublin. First, drive past the River Liffey to Phoenix Park. The largest enclosed public park in Europe and twice the area of New York's Central Park, the Phoenix's grounds include the Arás an Uachtaráin (Presidential Residence) and Dublin Zoo. You'll also see Temple Bar and Dublin Castle. Then visit St. Patrick's Cathedral, founded by Ireland's patron saint in the 5th century A.D., and Trinity College, where you

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can view the illuminated Book of Kells in the university's library. Enjoy a free afternoon for Shopping in Dublin.

#### Day 8: County Kerry - The Irish Gift of Gab is yours for the taking (brogue not included)

Breakfast – Blarney Castle, Today's journey begins with a visit to Blarney Castle. This 15th-century fortress is known above all else for the legendary Blarney Stone, said to grant magical powers of eloquence to those who kiss it—which you can attempt by climbing the steep staircase to the top of the parapet and leaning out of the battlements. Continue on to County Kerry this evening.

#### Day 9: Keep your camera ready as your make your way through the Ring of Kerry

Breakfast - Today's included excursion takes you around the Ring of Kerry, a 112-mile coastal route that covers some of Ireland's most spectacular scenery. Pass the pristine Lakes of Killarney and gaze across Dingle Bay to Dingle Peninsula. Stop in the town of Killarney and at Bog Village, where you may choose to tour the open-air museum and see the simple cabins in which locals lived during the Great Famine. This afternoon, enjoy unsurpassable views of the Skellig Islands. Then continue to the picturesque village of Sneem, the "Knot in the Ring," where brightly painted cottages surround the cozy market green, before returning to your starting point in the Ring – An unforgettable Day!!

#### Day 10: Limerick - Stand in awe as you gaze down from 390 feet above the deep blue sea

This morning, marvel at some of western Ireland's most mesmerizing coastline and the striking Cliffs of Moher. Continue on to Limerick, where you can relive memories of the day during this evening's Farewell Dinner.

#### Day 11: Flight Back to Onward Destination

After Breakfast, Proceed to Shannon Airport for Flight to Onward Destination.