

CIE Tours: 2019 - 10 Day Taste Of Scotland & Ireland

Day 1 Glasgow Highlights

Tour begins 2:30 PM at your Glasgow hotel. Set out on an introductory tour of central Glasgow -- a city that flourished in Victorian times due to the shipbuilding industry and international trade. Drive around George Square with its ornate City Chambers, and visit Provand's Lordship, Glasgow's oldest house. Enjoy a welcome drink with your group before dinner. (D)

Day 2 Loch Lomond & Loch Ness Cruise

Travel alongside the famous Loch Lomond, renowned for its unsurpassed beauty. Drive across the haunting Rannoch Moor and through Glencoe, admiring the wild and spectacular scenery. Continue through Fort William and stop at a woollen mill to shop for quality Scottish goods. Embark on a short cruise on Loch Ness before heading to Nairn. (B, D)

Day 3 Whisky Tasting & St Andrews

Visit Blair Athol Distillery to see how whisky is distilled and enjoy a sample. Travel to St Andrews, best known as the "Home of Golf." Take a panoramic drive around and spend some time exploring independently. Continue to Edinburgh to your gracious manor house hotel, set on 1,000 acres with two golf courses. Enjoy a Scottish evening with traditional cuisine with a lively show of songs, stories, and dancing. (B, D)

Day 4 Edinburgh Castle & City Tour

Explore the principal sights of central Edinburgh from the bustling Princes Street and through the gracious, wide streets of the 200-year-old Georgian "New Town." Walk along part of the Royal Mile where compact medieval houses reach 11 floors tall. Visit Edinburgh Castle perched high above the city on volcanic rock. The castle contains the Scottish Crown Jewels and the Stone of Scone. The balance of the day is free. The July 30 - August 20 departures watch the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on the Castle Esplanade. (B)

Day 5 Ferry to Ireland & Titanic Belfast

Depart Edinburgh and travel through Ayrshire and along the coast. Embark on a ferry ride to Belfast with lunch on board. At Titanic Belfast, immerse yourself in the history of this famous liner through state-of-the-art displays. Head to Dublin for a free evening. (B,L)

Day 6 Dublin Sightseeing & Canal Dinner Cruise

Discover central Dublin with a local guide. See the shopping areas around Grafton and Nassau Streets, view elegant Georgian squares, and the General Post Office, where the 1916 Uprising started. Take a walk around Christ Church Cathedral founded in 1028. Board a former Guinness barge for a canal dinner cruise complete with traditional Irish music. (B, D)

Day 7 Farmhouse Tea with Sheepdog Demonstration & Blarney Castle

Travel through the midlands of Ireland, stopping for photos at the stately Rock of Cashel. Immerse yourself in farm life with tea and scones at a farmhouse visit and watch skilled dogs herd sheep. Head to Blarney Castle and kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence." Treat yourself to Irish goods at

the Blarney Woollen Mills before heading to Killarney, picturesquely set beside lakes and mountains. (B, D)

Day 8 Ring of Kerry & Skellig Experience

Step back in time as a jaunting car drives you past Ross Castle set on Lough Leane. Embark on the Ring of Kerry drive -- a winding route with breathtaking sights of mountains and coastal views. Cross the bridge to Valentia Island to visit the Skellig Experience, which explains the life of early Christian hermits on Skellig Michael, a rocky offshore island featured in the film "Star Wars VII." Enjoy a casual lunch and later stop in the pretty village of Sneem. Pause at Moll's Gap for panoramic mountain views and return to Killarney where the evening is free. (B, L)

Day 9 Cliffs of Moher & Medieval Castle Banquet

Take in the enormity of the Cliffs of Moher, a spectacular wall of sandstone that reaches 700 feet above the Atlantic. Walk along the Cliffs for stunning views. Later, at Bunratty Castle Hotel, you'll have free time to visit the Folk Park, have a drink in the 200-year-old Durty Nelly's Pub, or shop at the Bunratty Mills independently. In the evening head for a memorable medieval-style feast where the lords and ladies will serenade you with song and harp music evocative of the Middle Ages. (B, D)

Day 10 Tour Ends In Shannon

Your program ends after breakfast today. (B) B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner All components of this tour (hotels, visits and attractions) for 2020 itineraries are subject to change until finalized in September 2019. >