

Britain & Ireland In Depth

Day 1 ARRIVE IN LONDON, ENGLAND. Welcome to London! Uniformed Globus Hosts are available to help you make the most of your stay.

Day 2 LONDON. Morning sightseeing with a Local Guide includes all the famous landmarks: the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben beside the Thames River, Westminster Abbey, Whitehall's mounted horseguards and the Prime Minister's Downing Street residence, Piccadilly Circus, and Buckingham Palace. The highlight is a visit to ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Sir Christopher Wren's masterpiece built between 1675 and 1708. (B)

Day 3 LONDON–STONEHENGE–DARTMOOR–PLYMOUTH. Meet your Tour Director and traveling companions, and depart London at 8 am. First, visit prehistoric STONEHENGE and its visitor center before traveling through Salisbury Plain into Dartmoor. Stop in Widecombe-in-the-Moor with its prominent church, cozy tea rooms, and lively pubs before arriving in Plymouth, where you will spend the next two nights. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner at your hotel. Today's Distance: 227 mi / 352 km (B,D)

Day 4 PLYMOUTH. CORNWALL EXCURSION. A day full of West Country sights as you head through Cornwall, of Poldark fame. After viewing St. Michael's Mount, take time to explore the popular seaside resort of St. Ives. Then, follow in the footsteps of Drake, Raleigh, and the Pilgrim Fathers who boarded The Mayflower 400 years ago, with a [LF] CRUISE on Plymouth Sound, one of the world's great natural harbors. You will also have time at the historic Plymouth Barbican to see the Mayflower Steps. Today's Distance: 161 mi / 255 km (B)

Day 5 PLYMOUTH–GLASTONBURY–BATH–NEWPORT, WALES. In Glastonbury, hear about King Arthur, and in Bath, see the amazing excavations of the ROMAN BATHS. Overnight in Newport. Why not join an evening of Welsh entertainment and dinner tonight? Today's Distance: 167 mi / 267 km (B)

Day 6 NEWPORT–WATERFORD, IRELAND. Your journey through South Wales takes you to Fishguard. Cross St. George's Channel to Rosslare in Ireland and proceed to Waterford, a stronghold founded by the Danish Vikings in 853. After dinner, enjoy an [LF] IRISH COFFEE DEMONSTRATION. Today's Distance: 183 mi / 294 km (B,D)

Day 7 WATERFORD–BLARNEY–KILLARNEY. WATERFORD–BLARNEY–KILLARNEY. (Mon.) Start your day with a guided tour of the HOUSE OF WATERFORD CRYSTAL. Then, in Blarney, renowned for its magical Kissing Stone, there is time to walk up to the castle and to shop for traditional Irish handicrafts before continuing to the popular resort town of Killarney, your County Kerry base for the next three nights. How about joining an entertaining optional evening in Tralee, with dinner and tickets for the National Folk Theatre? Today's Distance: 133 mi / 214 km (B)

Day 8 AT LEISURE IN KILLARNEY. A full day to relax or join our optional excursion that includes a horsedrawn jaunting-car ride through Killarney National Park to Ross Castle, and a boat ride to Innisfallen Abbey and across the lakes to Muckross House. After lunch on your own, the excursion continues with a visit to the house and gardens, returning to your hotel mid-afternoon. Later, walk to Scruffy's pub for [LF] DINNER and join the locals in an evening full of live, traditional Irish music. (B,D)

Day 9 KILLARNEY. RING OF KERRY EXCURSION. KILLARNEY. RING OF KERRY

EXCURSION. (Wed.) Start a scenic day with a drive to Killorglin on Dingle Bay, and join the spectacular RING OF KERRY for a 100-mile panoramic drive around the island's southwestern tip. Take photos of the Lakes of Killarney from Ladies View before returning to Killarney. Today's Distance: 99 mi / 159 km (B,D)

Day 10 KILLARNEY–DINGLE PENINSULA–ADARE–LIMERICK. Breathtaking scenery on Dingle Peninsula. At the BLASKET ISLANDS CENTRE, learn about the way of life on the remote islands, evacuated by its inhabitants in 1953. Via quaint Adare, head for the city of Limerick. Tonight's optional recommendation: a medieval banquet at an historic castle. Today's Distance: 160 mi / 257 km (B)

Day 11 LIMERICK–CLIFFS OF MOHER–GALWAY–SLIGO. Drive to the spectacular CLIFFS OF MOHER, rising 668 feet above the Atlantic, and step on to the edge of the world to admire the aweinspiring views and watch the birds glide along the rugged cliffs. Then, via the desolate limestone plateau of The Burren, head to Galway, a popular seaside destination and a buzzing cosmopolitan center with cobblestone streets, colorful shops, and a busy café and bar culture. Your overnight destination is Sligo, a coastal seaport known for its literary heritage. Before dinner, you might want to join an optional excursion to a local pub. Today's Distance: 167 mi / 270 km (B,D)

Day 12 SLIGO–BELLEEK, NORTHERN IRELAND–DERRY–GIANT'S CAUSEWAY–BELFAST. A fascinating day today: BELLEEK POTTERY, renowned for its exquisite Parian china; Derry, one of the finest examples of a walled city; and aweinspiring GIANT'S CAUSEWAY, composed of thousands of strangely symmetrical basalt columns jutting out to sea. Overnight in the vibrant city of Belfast. Today's Distance: 227 mi / 352 km (B,D)

Day 13 BELFAST–CARLINGFORD–DUBLIN, IRELAND. First thing this morning, your Tour Director will show you Belfast's main attractions during an orientation drive, ending at the fascinating TITANIC EXPERIENCE. Learn about the building of the largest passenger steamship, its maiden voyage, and the tragic night of April 14, 1912. Then stop in the charming village of Carlingford on the Cooley Peninsula, known for its oyster farms and medieval buildings, before heading for Dublin. Why not join an optional cabaret evening with dinner, followed by dance, song, and laughter? Today's Distance: 128 mi / 206 km (B)

Day 14 DUBLIN. Your orientation drive in the "Fair City" includes statue-lined O'Connell Street, elegant Georgian Squares, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and Oscar Wilde's Trinity College. The afternoon is at leisure. Top the day with an optional dinner evening at the Guinness Storehouse. (B)

Day 15 DUBLIN–NORTH WALES–LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND. Back across the Irish Sea for a photo stop at tongue-twisting Llanfairpwllgwyngyll. On the Welsh Isle of Anglesey, take a scenic drive through Snowdonia National Park, head over spectacular Llanberis Pass, and via pretty Betws-y-Coed to Liverpool. Today's Distance: 126 mi / 203 km (B)

Day 16 LIVERPOOL–GRASEMERE–GRETNA GREEN, SCOTLAND–GLASGOW. Start the day with a visit to THE BEATLES STORY, an atmospheric journey into the life, times, culture, and music of the "Fab Four." Enter the tranquil Lake District, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and in Grasmere, home of poet William Wordsworth, try original [LF] GRASMERE GINGERBREAD. Then, head north for the Scottish border and to Gretna Green, where the blacksmith would wed runaway couples. Overnight in Glasgow. Today's Distance: 238 mi / 382 km (B,D)

Day 17 GLASGOW–FORT WILLIAM–ISLE OF SKYE–INVERNESS. Follow the "Bonnie Banks" of Loch Lomond, then proceed via Rannoch Moor, Glen Coe, and Fort William, and follow

the “Road to the Isles” to Mallaig, where you board your FERRY for the crossing to the Isle of Skye. Visit the MUSEUM OF THE ISLES, then return to the mainland and trace the shores of Loch Ness on the way to Inverness. Today’s Distance: 251 mi / 404 km (B,D)

Day 18 INVERNESS. HIGHLANDS EXCURSION. Fascinating visits on today’s excursion. Stop first at CLAVA CAIRNS, featured in the popular TV series Outlander and one of Scotland’s most sacred prehistoric sites with three exceptionally well-preserved burial cairns, each enclosed by stone circles. At CULLODEN VISITOR CENTRE, the story unfolds of the crushing Hanoverian victory over Bonnie Prince Charlie’s Scottish clans. Then, visit BRODIE CASTLE, the ancestral home of Clan Brodie, once one of Scotland’s most prominent families, and admire the outstanding art collection and magnificent library. Back in Inverness, the rest of the day is at leisure. Our recommendation would be to join the Loch Ness and Urquhart Castle optional excursion, which includes a cruise on the loch. Today’s Distance: 30 mi / 48 km (B)

Day 19 INVERNESS–PITLOCHRY–ST. ANDREWS–EDINBURGH. Main features today: the Victorian mountain resort of Pitlochry; St. Andrews, whose Royal and Ancient Golf Club has given us the rules of golfing; and the Forth Road Bridge to Edinburgh. Tonight, an optional Scottish evening with Highland dancers, bagpipers, and the Ceremony of the Haggis might be fun. For departure numbers 0721 through 0811, tickets are included for tonight’s performance of the world-renowned MILITARY TATTOO. Today’s Distance: 202 mi / 326 km (B)

Day 20 EDINBURGH. Morning city sightseeing with a Local Guide introduces you to the 200-yearold “New Town” as well as the “Old Town.” Visit EDINBURGH CASTLE, then explore HOLYROOD PALACE (when available, excluding August and other occasional dates). The afternoon is free to enjoy the Scottish capital at your own pace. Later, a unique optional experience: board the former Royal Yacht Britannia, once the perfect residence for glittering state visits and family vacations, and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B)

Day 21 EDINBURGH–YORK, ENGLAND. This morning, visit FLOORS CASTLE, the Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe’s family home and the largest inhabited castle in Scotland. Then, in York, England’s most complete medieval city, follow your Tour Director through a maze of quaint streets, including the narrow Shambles. Today’s Distance: 213 mi / 343 km (B,D)

Day 22 YORK–STRATFORD-UPON-AVON. Discover the beautiful hometown and final resting place of Stratford’s most famous son, William Shakespeare. Stop first for photographs at Anne Hathaway’s Cottage, then visit SHAKESPEARE’S BIRTHPLACE, where he grew up and lived the first years of his married life. Later, enjoy a drive through the beautiful Cotswolds, followed by [LF] DINNER at a local pub. Today’s Distance: 162 mi / 260 km (B,D)

Day 23 STRATFORD-UPON-AVON–LONDON. Today’s highlight is the visit to magnificent BLENHEIM PALACE, birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, and there is also time to explore the landscaped parkland. Return to London around 3:30 pm. How about celebrating the success of your vacation by taking in a West End show? Today’s Distance: 98 mi / 159 km (B)

Day 24 LONDON. Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (B)