



Enchanting Ireland & England *Including Scotland*

Adare • Killarney • Dublin • Glasgow
Inverness • Edinburgh • London

April 23 - May 6, 2014



- Cliffs of Moher
- Bunratty Castle
- Ring of Kerry
- St. Patrick's Cathedral
- Trinity College
- Colloden Battlefield
- Cruise on Loch Ness
- Edinburgh Castle
- City Tour of London
- Windsor Castle
- St. George's Chapel
- West End Show

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Wednesday, April 23, 2014 • Depart USA

Our Emerald Isle adventure takes us on a trans-Atlantic flight to Shannon, Ireland.

Thursday, April 24, 2014 • Shannon Area

Upon arrival in Shannon, we clear customs and then meet our coach and driver. Our scenic adventure through Ireland starts today as we drive through the lovely emerald green countryside to the Cliffs of Moher on the west coast. We visit O'Brien's Tower and the Atlantic Edge exhibition where we learn the story of the cliffs and the seabirds they protect. Next, we drive through the *Burren*, an eerie landscape filled with rock formations, monuments and boulders. Finally we stop at *Bunratty Castle and Folk Park*. While the castle contains furniture and paintings from the 15th and 16th centuries, the park consists of 25 acres of reconstructed farmhouses, cottages and shops from the 19th century. There is even a tiny village with a blacksmith, pub and post office. **D**

Friday, April 25, 2014 • Killarney

After breakfast we drive through Limerick, Ireland's third largest city. Our first stop is in *Adare*, one of Ireland's prettiest villages with thatched cottages and colorful gardens on the wooded banks of the River Maigue. We make stops along the way exploring the beautiful emerald isle as we head south. **B/D**

Saturday, April 26, 2014 • Killarney

After breakfast this morning, we will travel one of the most scenic roads in the world: the *Ring of Kerry*. Sites such as Ladies View, McGillycuddy's Reeks, Waterville and Cahersiveen will come to life as we negotiate narrow, winding roads with unforgettable views. In the afternoon, we explore part of **Killarney National Park** before returning to Killarney on a jaunting cart, an open horse-drawn carriage. Dinner tonight will be on our own. Perhaps tonight will be a night for an informal pub crawl! **B**

Sunday, April 27, 2014 • Dublin

Today we travel to Dublin. Our first stop will be to visit Blarney Castle. Of course, you will want to kiss the *Blarney Stone* and acquire the "gift of eloquence." Next we stop to see the **Rock of Cashel**, also known as St Patrick's Rock. Towering over the town from its perch on a 200 foot high outcrop of limestone, the Rock was once the seat of the Kings of Munster. It was visited by St. Patrick in 450 and Brian Boru, the last great High King of Ireland. Today the impressive stone walls enclose a round tower, the cathedral, a 12th century Romanesque chapel, high crosses and other structures. **B/D**

Monday, April 28, 2014 • Dublin

This morning our local guide takes us on a city tour of Dublin

to visit *St. Patrick's Cathedral*, home of Ireland's largest and most beautiful organ as well as the burial site of Jonathan Swift. We also visit the famed *Trinity College*, Ireland's oldest college founded in 1592 by England's Queen Elizabeth I. While at the college, we will see the Old Library that houses the *Book of Kells*, the ancient Latin manuscript of the four gospels dating back to the year 800. The remainder of the day is free to explore Dublin on our own. Options include a visit to Dublin Castle or the Natural History Museum, shopping on Grafton and O'Connell Streets or simply relaxing in the arts and entertainment area of Temple Bar. Tonight we will have dinner in the heart of Dublin at Oliver St John Gogarty's Irish Pub in the heart of Temple Bar. **B/D**

Tuesday, April 29, 2014 • Glasgow Area

Today we drive north past Belfast and board a ferry to Cairnryan. From there we again board the coach and drive to our hotel in the Glasgow area. We have dinner and overnight. **B/D**

Wednesday, April 30, 2014 • Inverness Area

Today we head north along Loch Lomond and Glencoe. At Fort William, we can view Ben Nevis. At 4406 feet, it is the highest mountain in the British Isles, and the vistas are breathtaking. Next we go to Fort Augustus, located at the southern edge of Loch Ness, where we board a vessel and do our own searching for Nessie, the friendly, but elusive, resident monster. **B/D**

Thursday, May 1, 2014 • Edinburgh

A full day of sightseeing and exploration awaits us. Today we begin by exploring the area of the savage clans and roving barbarians, including a visit to the Culloden Battlefield. We will learn about the Jacobite movement, the rise and demise of the clan system, local homes and battlegrounds, and discover many clues to the Celtic, and non-Celtic, ancestors of the Highlanders. Then we drive through the Grampian Mountains in the Highlands and venture down into the Cairngorms National Park, the largest in Britain. It covers almost 2300 miles of beautiful and unspoiled countryside including wild moorlands, soaring mountain peaks, granite Ice Age glacier heaves, and spectacular valleys, rivers and lochs (lakes) as well as a huge variety of wildlife. We take a break to enjoy cream tea. We arrive in Edinburgh in time for dinner. **B/D**

Friday, May 2, 2014 • Edinburgh

This morning we enjoy a panoramic tour of **Edinburgh**, a beautiful city, often referred to as the "Athens of the North!" Highlights will include the Walter Scott Monument, the elegant Prince's Street, architectural wonders, plus much more! We have an inside tour of Edinburgh Castle, with its foreboding ramparts and walls, amazing city views, Crown jewels, and the siege gun, Mon's Meg. The afternoon is open for options, an

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opportunity to visit museums or Queen Elizabeth II's Yacht "Britannia", explore botanical gardens or the zoo, or perhaps shop for that special "Scottish Tweed." **B/D**

Saturday, May 3, 2014 • Train to London

We board a train to London. The ride will be stunning as we go through a very beautiful part of England. Upon arrival we check in at our centrally located hotel. Dinner and the remainder of the day are on our own. Choices may include an evening at the theatre or perhaps take a sunset ride on the London Eye. This evening we enjoy a show in the West End. **B/D**

Sunday, May 4, 2014 • London

This morning we have a panoramic tour of London. We see Tower Bridge, the Parliament buildings, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and a lot more. Our local guide will point out a lot of places you may wish to see in depth later in the afternoon. Not to be missed is the prestigious British Museum with its incomparable section of antiquities. Art lovers will want to spend time in the Tate Britain Gallery, one of the world's greatest museums of art! An in depth visit of Westminster Abbey is also an excellent idea. Shoppers and non-shoppers alike would appreciate an hour or two spent exploring Harrods, the world's greatest department store. Britain's World War II "war room" has been preserved just as it was and is now open to the public. Our guide will have lots of suggestions for us as the possibilities are endless! **B**

Monday, May 5, 2014 • London

This morning we drive to Windsor, located on the opposite bank of the river Thames to Eton. It is famous for its centuries old school and antique shops, and of course, the Castle, Britain's oldest royal residence. Originally built of wood, it was built in 1070 by William the Conqueror. The Round Tower was built in the 11th century when the palace guarded the western approaches to London. We will visit the State Apartments, The Round Tower and St George's Chapel. We return to our hotel and have the remainder of the afternoon free to see and shop as much as we can before repacking our bags for our trip home. **B/D**

Tuesday, May 6, 2014 • Return

We drive to the airport for our return flight to the United States. We return, however, with memories of lovely landscapes, fabulous castles, and most importantly, a wealth of new friends! Cheerio! **B**

Abbreviations for Meals:

B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

Tour Price: \$3,399* per person, land only
Single supplement: \$675 (subject to availability)

**Price based on double occupancy with a minimum of 25 participants*

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach with ferry from Ireland to Scotland and train transportation from Edinburgh to London
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in superior tourist and moderate first class hotels
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- Services of a **professional tour guide** throughout the tour
- **Local step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities listed on itinerary
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- All **taxes and tips** except as indicated below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- **Airfare** and related taxes and fees
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages** except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for coach driver and tour guide
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees
(*Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional Insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation
(*This insurance is available and highly recommended.*)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with registration. Final payment is due 100 days before departure. Invoices will be sent out prior to final payment. Early registration is encouraged.

Currency:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing and the date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit up to 100 days before departure, a \$100 per person administrative fee (plus any airfare penalty, if applicable) will be charged for cancellation. From 99-14 days, a \$300 per person penalty plus any nonrefundable deposit to ground suppliers as well as any penalties imposed by the airlines (if applicable) will be assessed. Anyone canceling less than 14 days prior to departure, will receive **no refund**. Airline tickets (if applicable) once written are usually not refundable. **Purchase of health, baggage and trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.**

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Registration Form

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Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Full name must be exactly as it appears on your passport or passport application. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

First Name: _____

Middle Name(s) _____

Last Name(s) _____

(Nickname): _____ Gender _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Full name must be exactly as it appears on your passport or passport application. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

First Name: _____

Middle Name(s) _____

Last Name(s) _____

(Nickname): _____ Gender _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Work phone/cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Deposit Payment Information

(please fill out if paying by **check**):

Enclosed is my check made payable to **Ed-Ventures, Inc.** in the amount of: _____

Deposit Payment Information (please fill out if paying by *credit card*):

Credit Card Number: _____

Visa/MasterCard/Disc: _____ Card ID Code:* _____

Exp. Date: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds Roommate (name): _____

Single supplement is an additional (\$675): _____ Yes _____ No

Travel Insurance (please check one): Yes, sign me up No, I decline

Insurance Payment Information: Charge my card below Check enclosed

Credit Card Number: _____

Card ID Code: _____ Visa/MC/Disc: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions. Please sign me up for the trip!

Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____