



Scotland & Ireland

October 3 - 17, 2026

Edinburgh Castle



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We journey through the heart of Scotland and Ireland, tracing ancient pathways, dramatic coastlines, and vibrant cities. From Edinburgh's medieval Old Town and the castles of Stirling, through the misty Highlands and legendary Loch Ness, to the storied streets of Belfast and Dublin, this thoughtfully paced itinerary balances guided sightseeing with time to explore independently. Along the way, we encounter UNESCO World Heritage Sites, sacred places, and landscapes that have shaped Celtic history, faith, and culture for centuries—while enjoying warm hospitality and shared meals together.

Day 1: Saturday, October 3, 2026 • Depart USA

We depart on our overnight international flight bound for Scotland, beginning our journey across the Atlantic. ***In flight Meals***

Day 2: Sunday, October 4, 2026 • Arrive Edinburgh

Upon arrival in Edinburgh, we meet our local guide and enjoy a panoramic introduction to Scotland's capital. Our walking and coach tour highlights Greyfriars Kirk, Victoria Street, Grassmarket, Calton Hill, and St. Giles' Cathedral, including its historic Thistle Chapel. We explore a bit on our own and then check into our hotel.

Day 3: Monday, October 5, 2026 • Edinburgh

This morning, we visit iconic Edinburgh Castle, dramatically perched atop an ancient volcanic rock. We explore its historic halls and enjoy sweeping views across the city below. We have lunch at a traditional Scottish Pub, our first shared meal together. The afternoon and evening are free to stroll the Royal Mile and/or explore museums on our own. **B, D**

Day 4: Tuesday, October 6, 2026 • Glasgow Excursion

We begin the day just outside Edinburgh with a visit to Rosslyn Chapel, one of Scotland's most intriguing medieval sites. During our guided visit, we learn about the chapel's fascinating legends and symbolism, including its reputed connections to the Knights Templar, and admire the extraordinary stone carvings and architectural details that have made Rosslyn famous around the world.

We then travel west to Glasgow, Scotland's largest city, for a guided city tour highlighting its rich industrial heritage and vibrant contemporary culture. Our sightseeing includes Glasgow Cathedral, the historic Necropolis overlooking the



Giant's Causeway

city, the grand City Chambers, colorful Merchant City murals, and views along the River Clyde, once the heart of Britain's shipbuilding industry. In the late afternoon, we return to Edinburgh for the evening. **B**

Day 5: Wednesday, October 7, 2026 •

Stirling & Scottish Heroes Excursion

Today we explore central Scotland, stopping at the dramatic Kelpies sculptures and the Falkirk Wheel – the world's only rotating boat lift. In Stirling, we tour Stirling Castle and learn the stories of William Wallace and Robert the Bruce. We return to Edinburgh for a relaxed evening. **B**

Day 6: Thursday, October 8, 2026 • Edinburgh at Leisure

A full day to enjoy Edinburgh at your own pace is on order today, perhaps visiting the National Museum of Scotland, strolling Princes Street Gardens, visiting Holyrood Palace or the Royal Britannia, or relaxing in a café along the Royal Mile. **B**

Day 7: Friday, October 9, 2026 • Edinburgh to Inverness

We depart early for the Scottish Highlands, crossing near the iconic Forth Bridges, which connect Fife and Edinburgh, and stopping in Pitlochry, a lovely town at the southern edge of the Highlands. Near Inverness, we visit ancient ruins at Clava Cairns and the Culloden area before checking into our Highland hotel. Tonight, we have dinner at a traditional Highland restaurant. **B, D**

Day 8: Saturday, October 10, 2026 •

Inverness & Loch Ness

Today is free to explore Inverness or relax along the River Ness. For those who choose to join us on an *optional* scenic Loch Ness cruise with views of Urquhart Castle (\$75, 1 day excursion). **B**

Day 9: Sunday, October 11, 2026 • Inverness to Belfast

We fly to Northern Ireland and enjoy a guided tour of Belfast, including the Peace Walls and city center highlights. This afternoon we visit the Titanic Belfast, an immersive museum telling the story of the ship and the city that built her. **B**

Day 10: Monday, October 12, 2026 •

Giant's Causeway Coast

A full-day excursion along Northern Ireland's dramatic Antrim Coast. We visit Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge, the UNESCO-listed Giant's Causeway, and view the ruins of

Kilkenny Castle



medieval Dunluce Castle before returning to Belfast. **B**

Day 11: Tuesday, October 13, 2026 • Belfast to Dublin

We travel south into the Republic of Ireland, stopping at the prehistoric Newgrange Visitor Centre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site older than Stonehenge. We continue to Dublin and stop at Ireland's national cathedral – 1500-year-old St Patrick's Cathedral before hotel check-in. **B**

Day 12: Wednesday, October 14, 2026 • Dublin

A guided city tour introduces us to Dublin's rich literary, religious, and civic heritage. We visit Trinity College where we are amazed at the Book of Kells Experience. Afterwards there is a choice of an *optional* experience at the Guinness Storehouse and museum (\$60) or free time.

This evening, we gather for a festive dinner in a traditional Irish pub, complete with music and plenty of craic, as we celebrate the journey and friendships we have shared together. **B, D**

Day 13: Thursday, October 15, 2026 • Dublin at Leisure

We have a full free day to enjoy Dublin—explore museums, shop along Grafton Street, or enjoy live Irish music in Temple Bar. **B**

Day 14: Friday, October 16, 2026 • Irish Countryside Excursion

We venture into the Irish countryside, enjoying the rolling hills and dramatic landscapes of the Wicklow region. Our journey includes time in Glendalough, where we explore the evocative remains of the early Christian monastic settlement, including the iconic round tower and ancient Celtic crosses, all set amid serene lakes and wooded valleys. Continuing south, we visit the medieval city of Kilkenny, known for its rich Norman heritage. We enjoy time to explore Kilkenny Castle and stroll through the charming streets of this vibrant town, with its colorful shopfronts, historic buildings, and lively atmosphere. **B**

Day 15: Saturday, October 17, 2026 • Return Home

We transfer to the airport for our return flight home. **B**

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast, **D**=Dinner

TOUR COST:

\$5,579 per person, double occupancy
with a minimum of 15 participants

\$6,069 per person, double occupancy
with 12-14 participants

Single Supplement: \$1,700

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in moderate 4 star hotels
- **Meals** per the itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Services of **professional tour manager**
- Local **step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person where available
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services on land tour, except as noted below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- **Estimated Roundtrip Airfare** and related taxes, fees and fuel charges (*estimated at \$1,600*) Seat assignment fees may be in addition.
- Meals other than indicated above
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- End of tour gratuity for coach driver and tour manager
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (*This insurance is available and recommended.*)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$1000 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure date (June 6, 2026). Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. 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.

Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. Insurance premiums once purchased, are non-refundable. Credit card fees are non-refundable. 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 to 120 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee plus any airfare penalties will be assessed. From 119 days until 461 days before departure, a \$300 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling 45 days or less prior to departure will receive **no refund**.

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

Terms and Conditions

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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- JGIS26: Oct. 3 - 17, 2026 • \$5,579 Land Only
- Single Supplement • \$1,700
- Loch Ness cruise with views of Urquhart Castle • \$75
- Guinness Storehouse and museum • \$60

Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information **exactly as it appears on your passport**. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Include a copy of the photo page of your passport.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: (required by airline) Male Female

Dietary Needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Please record information **exactly as it appears on your passport**. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Include a copy of the photo page of your passport.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: (required by airline) Male Female

Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

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

Work phone/cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds

Roommate name: _____ OR Single supplement: Yes No

Travel Insurance (7.2% of tour cost; policy must be purchased at time of initial deposit to cover pre-existing medical conditions)

- I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel insurance offered. I understand I am solely responsible for any cancellation penalties and out of pocket expenses occurred should I have an emergency before or during the tour.

Deposit Payment Information (please check one)

- Enclosed is my \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make check payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.**
- Please charge \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa.

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Card ID Code:* _____ *last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card

If calling in your number, please provide the last 4 digits of your card number, and sign that we have permission to run it.

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Prices in this brochure were effective on 1.14.26. By signing below, I understand that price changes are possible at the time of final invoicing, due to exchange rates, an increase in carrier charges, fuel costs, taxes and tariffs, and the number of passengers traveling in the group. I agree to the terms and conditions of this tour.

Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____



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