

Inspirational Ireland and Scotland

A 10-Day Tour to Ireland and Scotland

Suggested Tour (8 nights/10 days)

Day 1

Depart via scheduled air service. The destination is Dublin, Ireland

Day 2

Dublin

(D)

Arrive in Dublin

Meet your Faith Journeys Tour Manager who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a panoramic tour of Dublin. We will see Trinity College, Christchurch Cathedral, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and O'Connell Street. Late-afternoon hotel check-in
Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight

Day 3

Wicklow / Glendalough

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Enjoy a half-day tour of Wicklow and Glendalough, located south of Dublin in County Wicklow. The steep wooded slopes of Glendalough the "valley of the two lakes" harbor one of Ireland's most atmospheric monastic sites — established in the 6th century. Here we see the Round Tower, Cathedral, St. Kevin's Cross and Kitchen, and Gatehouse

Lunch, on own

Return to Dublin for time at leisure for additional sightseeing, shopping, or other activities

Evening dinner and overnight

Day 4

Belfast

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Belfast, stopping at Mellifont Abbey en-route, the first Cistercian monastery in Ireland, founded in 1142

Enjoy a walking tour of Drogheda, led by a guide from the homeless community (alternative visits could include Hillsborough Castle and Gardens, St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral and Church of Ireland Cathedrals in Armagh, or the St. Patrick's Center and Downpatrick Cathedral)

Lunch, on own

Continue to Belfast and enjoy a panoramic tour of the city. The tour will take in the leaning Albert Memorial Clock tower, the Opera House, City Hall, the Crown Bar (Dates from 1885), Queens University, and the Botanic Gardens.

Evening dinner and overnight

Day 5

Irish Sea / Scotland

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

This morning we will take the ferry from Belfast to Cairnryan. Upon arrival, we will transfer to Glasgow, Scotland, which occupies a beautiful setting in the Firth of Lorn.

Lunch, on own

Evening dinner and overnight



Day 6**Glasgow to Oban****(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
 Enjoy a panoramic tour of Glasgow including Glasgow Cathedral
 Lunch, on own
 Afternoon transfer from Glasgow to Oban
 En-route, enjoy a cruise on Loch Lomond
 Evening dinner and overnight in Oban

**Day 7****Isles of Mull & Iona****(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
 This morning we will take an excursion to the Isles of Mull and Iona beginning with a ferry ride to Craignure on the Isle of Mull. Minke whales, porpoises, and dolphins are among the sea life visible from the boat tours off the coast of Mull. Another ferry will take us to the Isle of Iona, center of Irish monasticism for centuries and presently known for its tranquility and natural beauty.
 Lunch, on own
 Visit Iona Abbey, the best-preserved ecclesiastical building surviving from the Middle Ages in the Western Isles of Scotland. Known as a great center of learning with a hugely successful scriptorium, the religious settlement of Iona played a crucial role in Scotland's conversion to Christianity. The abbey graveyard contains the graves of many early Scottish Kings (including Macbeth), as well as kings from Ireland, Norway, and France
 Return to Oban for evening dinner and overnight

**Day 8****Edinburgh****(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
 Morning transfer Edinburgh
 Lunch, on own
 Upon arrival in Edinburgh, enjoy a half-day guided sightseeing tour of Edinburgh Castle, which along with its rock, is probably the best-known view in Edinburgh. Also visit the Honours of Scotland, known as the Scottish regalia and Scottish Crown Jewels which date from the 15th and 16th centuries and are the oldest set of crown jewels in the British Isles
 Visit Charlotte Square, the Royal Mile, Sir Walter Scott Monument, St. Andrew Square, and St. Giles (where John Knox preached his first sermon)
 Evening dinner and overnight

**Day 9****Lindisfarne****(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
 This morning we will travel to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne, known as the fountain head of England's Christian heritage. Lindisfarne was the home of St. Cuthbert and the birthplace of the Lindisfarne Gospels, a unique illuminated Latin manuscript of the gospels of Mark, Luke, and John.
 Lunch, on own
 Visit Lindisfarne Castle – a small fortress first built in 1550. Explore the fascinating history of the visitors center and story of the monks who lived on Holy Island.
 Farewell Dinner and overnight

**Day 10****Depart for home****(B)**

Breakfast at the hotel
 Transfer to Edinburgh's airport for return flight



This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable

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