



Day 1: Fly to Ireland

Meet your group and travel on an overnight flight to Shannon.

Day 2: Shannon | Killarney

Arrive in Shannon: After clearing customs, you'll meet your Tour Director and travel to Killarney, located in County Kerry, where you'll spend the night. Depending on your arrival time, you may have free time to explore the town on your own.

Dinner: Enjoy dinner with your group in Killarney.

Day 3: Killarney

Ring of Kerry: Traverse the Ring of Kerry and encounter Ireland's famed mystical beauty. This stunning coastal route wraps around the Iveragh Peninsula. Here you can experience everything from the Old Monastery to unspoiled beaches to Killarney National Park. On your visit, take in magnificent views of the Atlantic Ocean and the placid Lakes of Killarney. You'll also pass by the misty peaks of Macgillycuddy's Reeks. This range reaches its zenith at Carrauntoohil, Ireland's tallest mountain.

Kerry Bog Village Museum: Check out the Kerry Bog Village Museum, a winner of the prestigious National Heritage Award. Wander through a re-creation of an Irish village from the early 1800s as costumed guides demonstrate the way of life that prevailed in 19th-century rural Ireland.

Day 4: Killarney | Blarney | Dublin

Blarney Castle: At this medieval fortification, join the Castle's visitors in kissing the Blarney Stone, which is said to grant the gift of eloquence.

Rock of Cashel: Set on rolling Irish hills, the Rock of Cashel—the former seat of the Kings of Munster—is home to a stunning array of medieval architecture. Be sure to check out Cormac's Chapel and the Round Tower.

Travel to Dublin: Head to Dublin, the largest city in Ireland.

Dinner: Refuel with a hearty Guinness stew before turning in for the night.

Day 5: Dublin

Sightseeing tour of Dublin: Experience Ireland's capital, scenically situated between Dun Laoghaire and Howth Head's rocky peaks. On your sightseeing tour, you'll pass by Phoenix Park and the presidential residence before continuing to bustling O'Connell Street. When you ride through Dublin's elegant Georgian squares, ask about the colorful doors lining the streets.

Trinity College: Playwright Samuel Beckett and satirist Jonathan Swift studied at Trinity College, your next stop. In the Old Library you'll view the *Book of Kells*. Irish monks created this calligraphic manuscript more than 1,000 years ago.

St. Patrick's Cathedral: Explore St. Patrick's Cathedral, whose presence honors the patron saint of Ireland.

Day 6: Dublin | Holyhead | British Midlands

Welsh castle: Take a ferry ride to Holyhead, where you will visit either Beaumaris Castle or Conwy Castle.

Continue through Snowdonia: Later, travel across the lush greenery and icy blue lakes of Snowdonia National Park.

Dinner: Enjoy dinner at the hotel tonight with your group.

Day 7: British Midlands | Stratford-upon-Avon | Oxford | London

Stratford-upon-Avon: Tour the half-timbered house that is Shakespeare's birthplace. Continue to Anne Hathaway's Cottage, a picturesque farmhouse where the Bard's wife spent her childhood. The cottage grounds include a classic English garden that boasts a variety of colorful flowers.

Lunch: Enjoy lunch in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Oxford: Explore the world's oldest university town and take in the spired city that generations of great thinkers called home. Centuries-old Oxford is the alma mater for many notable figures, including British prime ministers Tony Blair and Margaret Thatcher. Afterward, make your way to cosmopolitan London, where you'll spend the night.

Day 8: London

Sightseeing tour of London: From Big Ben to the Houses of Parliament, Great Britain's royal tradition and rich history greet you at every turn. Admire the city's architectural marvels, like the Baroque domes and spires of St. Paul's Cathedral, the 17th-century church designed by Sir Christopher Wren. Check out the lively five-way intersection at Piccadilly Circus as well as the urban greenery of Hyde Park. You may even get a chance to witness the ceremonial Changing of the Guard. Cap off your tour beside the River Thames and snap photos of the Tower of London.

🗨 **Windsor Castle:** On your trip to this former fortress, see priceless objects in the State Apartments, like paintings by Rubens and Holbein, and encounter the Gothic splendor of St. George's Chapel. Take a look into the miniature world of Queen Mary's Dolls' House, where castle items are replicated in 1/12th scale—including a working lighting system and functional plumbing.

Dinner: Enjoy a traditional fish and chips dinner with your group tonight.

Day 9: Depart for home

Transfer to the airport and check in for your return flight home.

🗨 2-DAY PROGRAM EXTENSION

Day 9: London

Stonehenge and Bath: Discover the United Kingdom's most mysterious landmark on your visit to Stonehenge. This configuration of massive boulders seems to rise out of nowhere on the misty hills of Wiltshire. Before returning to London, you'll also visit the acclaimed Roman baths, built by the Romans in the first century to enjoy the hot springs. Those who do not participate in this optional excursion will enjoy a free day in London.

Day 10: London

Free day in London: London is yours to explore as you see fit. Browse new and vintage wares at Notting Hill's Portobello Market or get lost in the Tate Modern's stunning collections of contemporary art.

Day 11: Depart for home

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