

London, Manchester, Dublin & Edinburgh

Day 1



Welcome to London, the capital of England and the United Kingdom, a 21st-century city with history stretching back to Roman times. At its centre stand the imposing Houses of Parliament, the iconic 'Big Ben' clock tower and Westminster Abbey, site of British monarch coronations. Across the Thames River, the London Eye observation wheel provides panoramic views of the South Bank cultural complex, and the entire city.

Upon arrival you will be met in the arrivals hall by your driver and taken to your hotel.

After checking into your hotel you will soar up to 135 metres into the sky to see breathtaking views of Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and more, then place yourself in the skyline.

Day 2

This morning, enjoy a half-day panoramic drive to see iconic Big Ben, magnificent Westminster Abbey, Downing Street; the official residence of the Prime Minister, Trafalgar Square, and the spectacular Royal Albert Hall and Albert Memorial.

In the afternoon why not indulge in some retail therapy, London has several distinct shopping areas and shopping streets, many of which have their own themes or specialities. Shopping in London is exciting and varied: from luxury goods in Mayfair to quirky finds in Covent Garden, to large shopping centres such as Westfield and famous London department stores including the likes of Harrods. You can easily spend an hour, an afternoon or a whole day browsing shops in London.

The heart of London shopping, bustling Oxford Street has more than 300 shops, designer outlets and landmark stores: here you can find some of the best shopping in London. Home to the legendary Selfridges, it also boasts a range of famous department stores

In posh Chelsea's King's Road you'll find an eclectic mix of chic boutiques, unique labels, designer shops and high-street staples, alongside a vast array of cafes and restaurants.



Visitors from around the world flock to Knightsbridge and Brompton Road to visit the illustrious shops and department stores. This is the place to go if you're looking for prestigious brands and up-to-the-minute trends from the world's fashion elite. Best known for Harrods and Harvey Nichols, you'll also find big-name fashion designers on Sloane Street, as well as high-street brands.



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Day 3

Today, we leave London behind for the city of Manchester, in the north west of England. The average train journey from London to the heart of Manchester takes a little over two hours, giving you time to leave your luggage at the hotel and explore the city centre.

Manchester was the cradle of the 'Industrial Revolution', a period in the late 18th and early 19th centuries when manufacturing using machinery – particularly of textiles – led to huge growth in the building of mills, factories, warehouses and canals as Britain became the world's leading commercial nation. Today, many former mills have been converted into apartments, but there is evidence of Manchester's Industrial heritage all around as you explore Manchester's streets. Take a stroll around the conservation area of Castlefield, a walkable area filled with canals and green spaces. Explore the city centre where you can visit the Alfred Waterhouse-designed Town Hall, with its mosaics of worker bees (the city's mascots) and enter the oldest public library in the English speaking world, Chetham's Library, which was founded in 1653.



Statistics show that the scale of growth of the restaurant and bar scene in Manchester is now more than double that of London. From pizzas, tapas and Malaysian cuisine to the Indian Restaurants on Rusholme's 'curry mile' (look up the highly-rates Mughli) and vegetarian restaurants such as Greens, you can find something in Manchester to suit every taste...

Day 4



Manchester is synonymous with football, and whether you are a fan or not, no visit to the city is complete without visiting Old Trafford, home of Manchester United, or The Etihad Stadium, home of Manchester City. These two football clubs, their stories and the rivalry between them are a powerful ingredient of the soul and identity of this city. Manchester City's Etihad Stadium is also known as Eastlands, and was built for the 2002 Commonwealth games. Stadium tours last approximately 70 minutes and

include a visit to the dressing room, players' tunnel, directors' box, press conference room and the dug outs. The Manchester United Museum & Stadium Tour offers an equally 'behind the scenes' experience, with a visit to the dressing room, the stands, a walk down the players' tunnel and a visit to the museum, where state-of-the-art interactive experiences stand alongside historical memorabilia and the club's stunning haul of silverware from decades of success.

If you haven't had enough of football by now, call in at the National Football Museum in Manchester city centre. It tells the story of the beautiful game, exploring football's past and present through the museum's extensive collection. Exhibits include the original rules of Association Football, written down when the Football Association was formed in 1863 in London; the ball from the 1966 World Cup Final; the oldest surviving FA Cup trophy and around 2,500 items of memorabilia in total. Admission is free.



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If football is not your thing,, Manchester offers a wealth of fascinating galleries and museums ranging from the Greater Manchester Police Museum to The Imperial War Museum North, the Whitworth Art Gallery and the Centre for Chinese Contemporary Art – to name but a few!

Day 5



A new day, a new destination! Wave goodbye to Manchester as you fly across the sea to the Emerald Isle.

Fáilte go hÉirinn /Welcome to Ireland and its capital Dublin, situated on east coast of Ireland at the mouth of the River Liffey.

Once your flight has landed you will meet in the arrivals hall by your driver who will whisk you through the streets of Dublin to the city centre. With its historic buildings include Dublin Castle, dating to the 13th century, and imposing St Patrick's Cathedral, founded in 1191. City parks include landscaped St Stephen's Green and huge Phoenix Park, containing Dublin Zoo. The National Museum of Ireland explores Irish heritage and culture.

Once you have checked into your hotel, the rest of day will be at your leisure to explore the city.

Day 6

After collecting your Dublin Pass, your day you will begin the adventure and hop on the open-top bus to see some of the most fascinating landmarks and buildings which make Dublin a very unique city. Visit two of the most well-known cathedrals in Ireland. The Christ Church Cathedral, one of Dublin's oldest building, a place of pilgrimage for almost 1,000 years. Renowned for its beauty and architecture, it is home to a famous 12th Century crypt, one of the oldest in Britain and Ireland and St Patrick's Cathedral has been part of Ireland's history for over 800 years and today is one of the most popular visitor attractions in Dublin. Built in honour of Ireland's patron saint between 1220 and 1260 Saint Patrick's Cathedral offers visitors a rich and compelling cultural experience and is one of the few buildings left from medieval Dublin. It is the National Cathedral of the Church of Ireland and is the largest Cathedral in the country.



This bus tour allows you to hop on and off any line whenever you want to, so plan your journey at a pace.



Don't forget to experience the Dublin lifestyle, at the Guinness Storehouse. The Guinness Brewery in Dublin is Europe's largest stout producing brewery and home to the Guinness Storehouse. Opened in 1904, the Storehouse was an operational plant for fermenting and storing Guinness. Today it houses a very fine exhibition dedicated to the Guinness story. Visitors will discover what goes into the making a pint of Guinness - the ingredients, the brewing process, the time, the craft and the passion. The exhibition shows how the brew has been

marketed and how it is today sold in over 150 countries. Once the tour has finished your group is invited to the Gravity Bar to enjoy their pint of Guinness. Regular demonstrations on the art of pulling a pint of Guinness also take place in the Storehouse.



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Day 7



Jumping back on the bus today, travelling just outside Dublin is Glasnevin Cemetery and Museum, the world's first cemetery museum, the grounds are final resting place of Daniel O'Connell, politician, Lord Mayor and human rights activist. He achieved Catholic emancipation and fought for the repeal of the Act of Union between Great Britain and Ireland. One of the most visited graves is that of Michael Collins, an Irish revolutionary, soldier

and politician who was a leading figure in the early-20th-century Irish struggle for independence.

Next store to the cemetery you will find The National Botanic Gardens of Ireland, an oasis of calm and beauty, and with free entry. A premier scientific institution, the gardens contain important collections of plant species and cultivars from all over the world

Day 8

Sadly it is time to leave the Emerald Isle, your driver will collect from your hotel and take you to the airport in plenty of time for your flight to the next destination Edinburgh, consisting of a medieval Old Town and elegant Georgian New Town with gardens and neoclassical buildings. Looming over the city is Edinburgh Castle, home to Scotland's crown jewels and the Stone of Destiny, used in the coronation of Scottish rulers. Arthur's Seat is an imposing peak in Holyrood Park with sweeping views, and Calton Hill is topped with monuments and memorials.



Upon arrival in Edinburgh you will be collected from the airport and taken to your hotel.

Day 9



A half day guided panoramic tour experience awaits today, you get a feel for the centuries of history and architecture in and around Scotland's Capital.

See the Castle, dating back to the Iron Age, home of several Monarchs and to the Scottish Crown Jewels & Stone of Destiny.

Drive down the Royal Mile and experience ancient Edinburgh. At the bottom of The Royal Mile sits The Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of the Monarch which was built in the 16th Century. Your tour will take you past the Scottish Parliament and round Edinburgh's extinct volcano, "Arthur's Seat" and then into the "New Town" to see the difference between the old medieval and "New" Georgian cities

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Before returning to your hotel, indulge your taste buds with afternoon tea at Edinburgh Castle, with its dainty sandwiches, home-made jam and scones as well exploring Edinburgh Castle.

Day 10

Your trip has come to end and time to head to the airport, your driver will collect you in plenty of time for your check in and departure.



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