



### Best of Ireland and Scotland

### **DAY 1: 17 OCTOBER 2026**

#### Welcome to Dublin

Explore the Celtic heritage and hospitality of Ireland and Scotland on this grand adventure through beautiful landscapes and enchanting cities. Our first day sees us delve into the Irish capital, before joining our fellow travelers and Travel Director for dinner.

Meal(s):Dinner

 $Hotel(s): The \ Address \ Hotel \ Connolly,$ 

Clayton Ballsbridge

#### **DAY 2: 18 OCTOBER 2026**

### **Discover Diverse Dublin**

Drive through the streets of Dublin, joining your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour past the stately Georgian Squares and St. Patrick's Cathedral, the tallest church in Ireland. Enjoy a leisurely day exploring the city. Stop for a pint of 'the Black Stuff' in Temple Bar, admire the colorful performers on Grafton Street or consider joining an Optional Experience this evening to tap your feet to the lively sounds of Irish music at an Irish cabaret.

Meal(s):Breakfast

Hotel(s): The Address Hotel Connolly,

Clayton Ballsbridge

### **DAY 3: 19 OCTOBER 2026**

### Journey to Waterford Dive Into Culture

Dive Into Culture and gain insights into Ireland's strong tradition of breeding world-class thoroughbreds at the Irish National Stud in Kildare. Enjoy a guided walk admiring the powerful steeds that have made racing history and stroll around the tranquil Japanese gardens. We travel to the House of Waterford Crystal this afternoon and Dive Into Culture yet again to witness this delicate craft, watching talented master crafters at work in their workshop.

Meal(s): Breakfast Hotel(s): Fitzwilton

### **DAY 4:** 20 OCTOBER 2026

### Onwards to Blarney and Killarney Connect with Locals

Bend over backwards and kiss the Blarney Stone and acquire the 'gift of the gab' before crossing the Kerry Mountains to County Kerry. We journey to 1930s Ireland this evening for an unforgettable experience, visiting the working farms of Muckross, where we'll learn about traditional farming and meet the families who ply the land. Your visit will help to preserve the heritage of rural Ireland and you'll Connect With Locals, savoring delicious local flavors during your Be My Guest visit to the Quilles Farmhouse against the scenic backdrop of the lakes of Killarney.

Meal(s):Breakfast, Dinner Hotel(s): Hotel Killarney

### **DAY 5:** 21 OCTOBER 2026

### A Day on the Ring of Kerry

The astounding beauty of the Iveragh Peninsula accompanies us on this soul-stirring coastal journey around the Ring of Kerry – a dramatic landscape of mountains, loughs and lakes which have inspired writers and poets for centuries. See Daniel O'Connell's Cahirciveen, the fishing village of Waterville, the Black Valley and Moll's Gap with the Macgillycuddy's Reeks peaks in the distance.

Meal(s):Breakfast Hotel(s): Hotel Killarney



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**DAY 6: 22 OCTOBER 2026** 

### Continue to Galway and Ballina

Drive to Adare, one of Ireland's prettiest villages, known for its thatched cottages. The imposing stone cathedral, built on the site of an old prison and Eyre Square on our next stop in Galway, where we'll enjoy some free time to explore the city before continuing our journey northward. This evening we dine in our hotel.

Meal(s):Breakfast, Dinner

**DAY 7: 23 OCTOBER 2026** 

Hotel(s): Great National Ballina

# Off to Donegal and on to Londonderry

Head north to Donegal with its 'Diamond' center before joining a Local Specialist in Londonderry to stroll along its 17th-century walls. See the neighborhood of the Bogside, known for its murals that depict events of the 'Troubles' like the Battle of the Bogside, which sparked the conflict.

Meal(s):Breakfast

Hotel(s): City Hotel Derry

**DAY 8: 24 OCTOBER 2026** 

# Admire the Giant's Causeway and on to Belfast Make Travel Matter Dive Into Culture

Tread in the footsteps of Finn McCool and along the other-worldly Giant's Causeway 'steps' that descend into the sea during your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Your visit will help to conserve this iconic landmark. We arrive in Belfast later and visit the Titanic Belfast Experience where we'll Dive Into Culture and gain insights into the tragic story of the famous ship that met its end in the Atlantic. The rest of the evening is yours to enjoy the vibrant nightlife of the capital of Northern Ireland.

Meal(s): Breakfast

Hotel(s): AC by Marriott , Stormont

### **DAY 9: 25 OCTOBER 2026**

### Cross the Irish Sea to Glasgow

Join your Local Specialist in Belfast this morning for an included city tour which will take you to Queen's University and the Baroque Revival-style City Hall. We board our ferry in Belfast and cross to Cairnryan in Scotland, driving through the Ayrshire countryside bound for Glasgow, our home for the next two nights.

Meal(s):Breakfast

Hotel(s): Hilton Garden Inn City Center,

Maldron

**DAY 10: 26 OCTOBER 2026** 

# Discover Glasgow's Rich Legacy Dive Into Culture

Delve into Scotland's intriguing cultural capital and stroll through the town to admire views of George Square and the River Clyde, once the heart of Scotland's shipbuilding industry. We head to a whisky distillery next where we'll Dive Into Culture and learn how to make Scotland's favorite honey-colored drink with a chance to sample a wee dram. We then have some free time to explore the city.

Meal(s):Breakfast

Hotel(s): Hilton Garden Inn City Center,

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### **DAY 11: 27 OCTOBER 2026**

### Continue Over the Sea to Skye

Journey along the famous bonnie banks of Loch Lomond to the tragic site of the 1692 massacre of the MacDonalds at the 'Glen of Weeping'. Continue to Fort William at the foot of Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis. Then, cross to the Isle of Skye, where we'll spend this evening dining in our hotel.

Meal(s):Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel(s): Dunollie

### **DAY 12: 28 OCTOBER 2026**

# Venture to Loch Ness and Culloden in the Scottish Highlands

We leave the rugged beauty of Skye behind and venture to the site where three lochs meet. View Eilean Donan Castle before traveling along the banks of Loch Ness in search of the elusive monster that bears its name. The bloody battlefield of Culloden is our next stop, where we spend a poignant moment reflecting on the many men who lost their lives in the brief but brutal battle between the Redcoats and Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobites. This evening we spend the evening dining at our hotel in the Scottish Highlands.

Meal(s):Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel(s): Highlander

### DAY 13: 29 OCTOBER 2026

### Journey to Enchanting Edinburgh

Traversing the dramatic landscapes of the Scottish Highlands, we pass Pitlochry before arriving in St. Andrews to see its famous golf course on which golfing greats have clamoured to play for centuries. We cross the scenic Firth of Forth to enchanting Edinburgh, our home for the next two nights. Tickets to see the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates.

Meal(s):Breakfast

Hotel(s): Novotel Center, Delta Hotels by Marriott.

### **DAY 14: 30 OCTOBER 2026**

### Uncover Edinburgh's Treasures

Join your Local Specialist for a guided sightseeing tour which includes a visit to Edinburgh Castle, surveying the city from the imposing Castle Rock. See the Royal Mile, the elegant Palace of Holyrood in the shadow of Arthur's Seat and the new Scottish Parliament building. As our memorable holiday comes to an end, we join our Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Farewell Dinner to reminisce over shared experiences.

Meal(s):Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel(s): Novotel Center, Delta Hotels by

Marriott.

### **DAY 15:** 31 OCTOBER 2026

#### Farewell Edinburah

For now it's time to say a fond farewell to Scotland and our newfound friends, after our unforgettable Celtic sojourn.

Meal(s):Breakfast

### **□** HIGHLIGHTS ¬

- Waterford: Learn how crystal is crafted at the House of Waterford Crystal during a workshop tour.
- Belfast: Discover the full story of the Titanic at the Titanic Belfast visitor attraction and monument in Belfast.
- Pitlochry: Warm your heart with a little Scottish whisky at a traditional distillery in the Scottish Highlands.
- Dublin: A Local Specialist will show you Dublin's elegant Georgian squares, O'Connell Street and the Custom House.
- Blarney: It is said that those who kiss the Blarney Stone are bestowed with the power to persuade, flatter and coax. But to do so, you must dangle from the ramparts! Visit Blarney Castle and see the famous Stone of Eloquence.





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### ☐ INCLUDED ☐

- An expert Travel Director and professional Driver
- Cherry-picked hotels, all tried and trusted
- All porterage and restaurant gratuities
- All hotel tips, charges and local taxes
- Breakfast daily and up to half of your evening meals
- Must-see sightseeing and surprise extras
- · Audio headsets for flexible sightseeing
- Luxury air-conditioned coach with Wi-Fi in most countries or alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)
- Ferry from Northern Ireland to Scotland
- Optional Experiences and free time
- On occasion, hotels of similar standard and location may be utilized.

#### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED: Airfares (unless otherwise stated), passports and applicable visa fees, charges imposed by third parties, laundry, phone calls, items of a personal nature, beverages, meals and sightseeing not detailed on the itinerary, excess baggage, travel insurance. Travel Insurance is highly recommended. Ask your Travel Advisor or Group Specialist for further details.

PRICE: The advertised price is in US dollars, per person twin share

**DEPOSIT:** A non-refundable deposit of \$200 PER PERSON is due at time of booking.

FINAL PAYMENT: Required 60 days prior to the group's departure date. Final payment due dates are based on trip type or region. See contract or brochure for details.

CANCELLATION FEES: In the event you have to cancel your booking, cancellation fees will apply. For full details of cancellation fees, contact your Travel Advisor or Group Specialist.

AMENDMENTS: Fees may apply to any change made to your booking once confirmed.REFUNDS: No refund is available if cancellations occur after the trip has commenced or in respect of any sightseeing, accommodation, meals or any other services not utilized.

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