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Over the course of thousands of years on the British Isles, kingdoms have come and gone, borders have been erased and rewritten, countless battles have been fought. Discover the four countries that make up Great Britain, from Ireland's green landscapes to the medieval castles of Wales; from Edinburgh's Old Town to bustling Piccadilly Circus in London.

Everything you get:



Round-trip flights



Full-time Tour Director



Comfortable motorcoach; Ferry; Night train



8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (11 with extension); 1 night couchette accommodations



European breakfast and dinner daily



3 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides (4 with extension); 1 sightseeing tour led by your Tour Director (3 with extension); 2 walking tours



Entrance to: Bog Museum; Blarney Castle; Book of Kells at Trinity College; St. Patrick's Cathedral; Welsh castle; Rydal Mount; Edinburgh Castle; With extension: Brasenose College; Roman Baths; Glastonbury Abbey; Stonehenge; Salisbury Cathedral

Day 1: Fly overnight to Ireland

Days 2-3: Shannon | Killarney

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport
- Travel to Killarney
- Take an excursion to the Ring of Kerry
- Visit the Bog Museum

Day 4: Killarney | Dublin

- Visit Blarney Castle
- See Cashel Rock
- Travel to Dublin

Day 5: Dublin

- Take a guided tour of Dublin
- See the Book of Kells at Trinity College
- Visit St. Patrick's Cathedral

Day 6: Dublin | North Wales

- Take a ferry from Dublin to Holyhead
- Visit a Welsh castle
- Travel through Snowdonia

Day 7: Lake District | Edinburgh

- Travel through the Lake District
- Visit Rydal Mount
- Continue on to Edinburgh

Day 8: Edinburgh | Night Train

- Take a guided tour of Edinburgh
- Visit Edinburgh Castle
- Take a walking tour of Edinburgh
- Board a night train to London

Day 9: London

- Take a guided tour of London
- Take a walking tour of London
- Optional: London Eye and Thames River cruise (April-September)

Day 10: London

- Enjoy free time in London
- Optional: Windsor Castle
- Enjoy a fish and chips dinner

Day 11: Depart for home

3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Day 11: Oxford | Bath region

- Take a tour of Oxford
- Visit Brasenose College
- Take a guided tour of Bath
- Visit the Roman Baths

Day 12: Bath region

- Take an excursion to Glastonbury, Wells and Cheddar
- Visit Glastonbury Abbey

Day 13: Bath region | London

- Visit Stonehenge
- Visit Salisbury Cathedral

Day 14: Depart for home



You can add optional activities to your tour. Additional costs apply.

London

London has become one of the world's great melting pots while maintaining a distinct character that's all its own. From the London Bridge to the Houses of Parliament, Great Britain's royal tradition and rich history greet you at every turn. A local guide introduces you to Europe's largest city on your sightseeing tour. Admire 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 Hyde Park's urban greenery. You may even get a chance to witness the ceremonial Changing of the Guard. Finally, snap a picture of Big Ben from the banks of the River Thames.



Tower BridgeLondon, England



Dublin

Experience Ireland's capital, scenically situated between Dun Laoghaire (pronounced "dun leery") and Howth Head's rocky peaks. On your sightseeing tour, you'll pass by Phoenix Park and the presidential residence. Continue to bustling O'Connell Street. Playwright Samuel Beckett and satirist Jonathan Swift studied at Trinity College, your next stop. In the Long Room of the Old Library you'll view the Book of Kells. Irish monks created this calligraphic manuscript over 1,000 years ago. Then, visit St. Patrick's Cathedral, whose presence honors the patron saint of Ireland. When you ride through Dublin's elegant Georgian squares, remember to ask your guide about the colorful doors!

Riverside buildings Dublin, Ireland

Edinburgh

Perched atop an extinct volcano, Edinburgh Castle is the enduring symbol of Scotland's capital and home to many of the nation's storied events. Ownership of the fortress changed hands many times over the centuries, from Scottish to English and back again. Mary, Queen of Scots, gave birth here to James VI of Scotland, who would later rule England as James I. In addition to the castle, your sightseeing tour will take you past the homes of Alexander Graham Bell and Robert Louis Stevenson. For a sense of what it was like to live in Edinburgh in centuries past, stroll down the Royal Mile through the Old Town, a romantic jumble of medieval buildings.



Edinburgh Castle Edinburgh, Scotland

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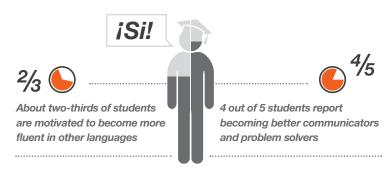
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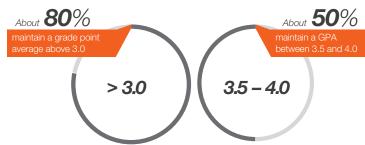
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