



Educational Tours

THE BRITANNIA / 2015 SAMPLE TOUR SCHEDULE

Day 1: Overnight flight to Europe

Depart North America on an overnight flight to Ireland.

Day 2: Arrive in Shannon | Walking tour of Killarney

Upon arrival at the airport the group should be prepared to wait up to 2 hours for consolidated groups to arrive. Transfer from the airport to Killarney for a Tour Director led walking tour. Continue by bus to the hotel for dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing of the Ring of Kerry

- Morning: Depart from the hotel for a full day bus excursion around the Ring of Kerry. Along the 110 mile journey, stop at the Bog Village (40mins) and the town of Sneem (30-40mins). There will be numerous scenic photo opportunities along the journey around the Ring of Kerry and free time for lunch. The Tour Director may offer the chance to see a sheepdog demonstration (for an additional fee).
- Afternoon: Enjoy free time in Killarney (1-2hrs) before transferring to hotel (time permitting).
- Evening: Dinner at the hotel.

Day 4: Transfer to Dublin via Blarney Castle and Cashel Rock

- Morning: Depart hotel to transfer to Blarney Castle (2hrs). Entrance to the castle is included. Free time to visit the castle, shopping and have lunch (2hrs 30mins).
- Afternoon: Continue by bus to Cashel (2hrs) for a 45 min stop. Group can buy their own tickets to visit the site as entrance is not included. Continue to Dublin (2hrs 30mins).
- Evening: Arrive at the hotel to check in. Dinner at hotel.

Day 5: Sightseeing of Dublin

- Morning: Depart the hotel and transfer to central Dublin. Meet guide for bus tour of Dublin (2hrs30mins). During the bus tour, group will exit bus for a guided visit inside St. Patrick's Cathedral (40mins). Continue on bus tour which will end at Trinity College for a self-guided visit to the Book of Kells in the Library.
- Afternoon: Free time for lunch and further exploration. Tour Director can help with directions to famous sites and other local information.
- Evening: Dinner at a restaurant in Dublin. After dinner, the Tour Director may offer the chance to attend a show featuring Irish music and dance (for an additional charge) (2hrs) Return to the hotel.

Day 6: Travel via ferry from Ireland to Wales

- Morning: Depart the hotel to transfer to the harbor to board the ferry. The ferry has lunch facilities on board and the ride across the Irish Sea is 3hrs.
- Afternoon: Arrive in Holyhead and transfer by bus to a Welch castle (Beaumaris or Conwy Castle) (1hr). Continue through Snowdonia National park to the hotel in North Wales or the Manchester region.
- Evening: Arrive at hotel for free time before dinner.

Day 7: Transfer to Edinburgh via Lake District

- Morning: Depart the hotel and transfer by bus to Rydal (3hrs 30mins). The Tour Director will lead a sightseeing tour of Rydal Mount (Wordsworth's last home) followed by a self-guided visit of the house and gardens (45mins).
- Afternoon: Transfer to Grasmere (10mins) for free time for lunch and further exploration (1hr). Depart the Lake District by bus and continue to Edinburgh (4hrs).

- Evening: Free time in Edinburgh before dinner at restaurant. Check into hotel.

Day 8: Sightseeing of Edinburgh | Night train to London

- Morning: Group will check out of hotel before leaving in the morning. Depart from the hotel by bus and transfer to central Edinburgh to meet the guide (45mins). The group will take a guided tour of Edinburgh (3hrs). The group will have a photo stop at Palace of Holyroodhouse and Scottish Parliament and the guided tour will end at Edinburgh Castle. The guide will walk the group through the castle grounds and the group can continue inside the castle for a self-guided visit.
- Afternoon: Free time for lunch and further exploration (1hr 30mins). Meet the Tour Director for a walking tour in old and new town areas (1hr). Free time before dinner.
- Evening: Group will meet the Tour Director in city center to go to dinner at a local restaurant. After dinner, the group will have free time. The group will transfer by bus to the train station to arrive at the station approximately one hour before departure. Luggage space is limited on trains; please pack lightly and have passport available for check-in.

Day 9: Sightseeing of London | Optional London Eye and Thames River cruise

- Morning: The night train will arrive into London and breakfast will be served on the train. Meet bus and guide for the sightseeing tour of London (3hrs). The tour will include driving by the major sights in the city and a photo stop at St. Paul's Cathedral. The tour will end at the hotel to drop off luggage.
- Afternoon: The Tour Director will bring the group back to central London by public transportation for free time for lunch (1hr). The Tour Director will then lead a walking tour around either the West End, or Westminster (1hr).

Add this in-depth excursion: London Eye and Thames River cruise

See London from two unique vantage points on this unforgettable excursion! Soar into the sky aboard the London Eye, a 40-story, 32-capsule observation wheel that offers spectacular views of the city. Also enjoy a 4D Experience, a 3-D film complete with in-theater special effects like wind, snow and mist. Afterward, cruise down the River Thames and see London's landmarks from the water. [Those not participating in the optional will have free time.]

- Evening: Dinner at a restaurant in central London. After dinner, the Tour Director can assist in purchasing tickets to theater shows in London (for an additional cost). Use public transportation to return to hotel.

Day 10: Free day in London | Optional to Windsor

- Enjoy a free day in London.

Add this in-depth excursion: Windsor Castle

Transfer 45 minutes to Windsor for a guided tour of Windsor Castle and St. George's Chapel. There is time for a self-guided visit to Queen Mary's Dolls' house and the State Apartments, as well as some free time. Return to London for dinner at a local restaurant. [Those not participating in the optional will have free time in London.]

- Evening: Dinner at a restaurant in central London. Use public transportation to return to hotel.

Day 11: Flight home

Transfer to the London airport for flight home.

3-Day Tour Extension

Day 11: Transfer to Bath via Oxford |Sightseeing of Bath

- Morning: Depart hotel by bus and transfer to Oxford (2hrs). The Tour Director will lead a walking tour of Oxford (40mins) Included is entrance to New College (30mins). Free time for early lunch (45mins).
- Afternoon: Depart Oxford by bus and transfer to Bath (2hrs). Meet local guide for a sightseeing tour of Bath that will end at the Roman Baths for an audio-guide visit (2hrs).
- Evening: Transfer to hotel (1hr) to check in and have dinner.

Day 12: Glastonbury | Wells | Cheddar Gorge

- Morning: Depart hotel by bus for a full day excursion to Glastonbury, Wells, and Cheddar Gorge. This day included entrance to Glastonbury Abbey.
- Evening: Return to the hotel by bus for dinner.

Day 13: Stonehenge | Salisbury Cathedral | London

- Morning: Depart hotel and transfer to Stonehenge (1-2hrs). Once there, the group will take a shuttle bus from the visitor center to the actual site. Please note that specific group reservations are now required for Stonehenge. The group will have a self-guided visit of the site (1hr). Transfer to Salisbury (20mins) and visit Salisbury Cathedral.
- Afternoon: Free time for lunch and further exploration (2hrs). Transfer by bus to London (2hrs 30mins).
- Evening: The bus will drop the group off at the hotel for a quick check in. The Tour Director will then lead the group into central London for dinner by public transportation.

Day 14: Flight home

Transfer to the London airport for flight home.

TIPPING

Tour Director: 10 days*\$6/day = \$60/traveler (add \$ 18 for extension)

Bus Driver: 10 days*\$3/day = \$30/traveler (add \$9 for extension)

Local guides: 3*\$2/guide = \$6/traveler (add \$2 for extension)

Total recommended per traveler = \$96 (\$125 for extension)

**DISCLAIMER: The above is an example of how this tour may run. All times and durations are subject to change, and the order of activities may be switched or substituted as needed based on availability. Tipping amounts are an estimate and do not include optional excursions.*