

ALKI TOURS PRESENTS

British Isles castles and countrysides- Scotland, England, Wales & Ireland



**TOUR PRICE:
STARTING AT**

\$3899.00

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September 12th-23rd, 2019/ 12 Days

Here's how your journey will unfold...

Day One & Two: Seattle to Scotland

The fun begins as we fly on our overnight
flight from Seattle to Scotland, where centuries
of history meet a vibrant, cosmopolitan city.
Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your
hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to
begin immersing yourself in the Scottish
culture.

Meals: Meals on own

Day Three: Edinburgh

The day begins with an included tour of this
capital city. See the delightful contrast of the
city between the 18th-century Georgian "New
Town" and the medieval "Old Town". The
famed Royal Mile, backbone of the Old
Quarter, runs from the Palace of Holyrood



House to Edinburgh Castle. See the iconic
sites of St. Giles Cathedral, Parliament Square
and John Knox House. During the visit of
Edinburgh Castle see the Scottish crown
jewels and the Stone of Destiny. The balance
of the afternoon is at leisure. This evening,
join your Tour Manager and traveling

companions for an evening of entertainment
with an included dinner and show.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Day Four: Edinburgh to Manchester, England via the Lake District

Today's adventure begins with the motorcoach
journey through the rolling hills of the Scottish
countryside en-route to England. Before
leaving Scotland, learn the local legends and
lore of the famous Gretna Green, known as the
'marriage capital of the UK', and see the
famous Blacksmiths Shop which is steeped in
history and magical charm. Enjoy the scenic
wonders of northern England with a visit to the
Lake District. A local guide may inspire you



while talking about William Wordsworth and
Beatrix Potter, each of whom resided in this
area. Relax aboard a cruise on Windermere, the
largest natural lake in England, as you enjoy
the tranquil setting and picturesque landscape.
The journey continues as you travel through
the countryside of Hadrian's Wall, part of the
UNESCO World Heritage Site 'Frontiers of the
Roman Empire' and considered Britain's
greatest Roman monument. This evening,
arrive in Manchester, home for the next two
nights.

Meals: Breakfast

It's Included:

- At home pick up from your Seattle area home to SeaTac Airport
- International airfare from Seattle
- 15 Meals (10 breakfasts and 5 dinners)
- Included visits to Edinburgh, Cardiff and Blarney Castles
- Discover the capital cities of Edinburgh, Cardiff and Dublin on included guided tours
- Visit Gretna Green, 'the marriage capital of the UK'
- Relax aboard a scenic cruise on Lake Windermere in England's famed Lake District
- Tour the medieval town of York and visit the Minster
- Tour the childhood home of William Shakespeare during the visit to Stratford-upon-Avon
- Enjoy a scenic journey through the Cotswolds, one of England's most picturesque areas
- Discover the ancient art of creating Waterford Crystal
- Kiss the Blarney Stone during the visit to Blarney Castle's mysterious grounds
- Included tour of Cork, Ireland
- See the Book of Kells at Trinity College in Dublin
- Local entertainment at dinner shows in Edinburgh and Dublin

Cancellation Policy

More than 90 days prior to the trips departure:

Full Refund

89-60 days prior to the trips departure:

75% Refund

59-41 days prior to departure:

50% refund

40-31 days prior to departure:

25% refund

30 days or few prior to departure

No Refund

There's no refund for any unused portion of the tour after the tour has started

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Information regarding a variety of travel insurance policies are available upon request. We recommend that sufficient insurance be purchased to cover the possibility of lost or damaged baggage, accidents or illness.

Day Five: York, England

Today's excursion takes you across the Pennines (the 'Backbone of England') to the Viking city of York. A local guide will lead you on a walk through the historic Shambles, a medieval shopping street filled with character and charm. See the Roman city walls and visit the spectacular York Minster, the largest



medieval cathedral in the UK. After the tour, free time will be available for your independent exploration before returning to Manchester this afternoon. This evening, dinner is included at a local restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Day Six: Manchester to Cardiff, Wales

Departing Manchester, continue to another capital city, Cardiff, Wales. En-route, a stop is made in the traditional English town of Stratford-upon-Avon with its typical oak-



beamed, gable-roofed houses. Visit the most famous house in town, the birthplace and childhood home of the Bard himself, William Shakespeare. You'll also see the school where he received his education, and the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, erected in his memory. In the nearby village of Shottery, see Anne Hathaway's cottage where the wife of Shakespeare lived as a child. Continuing on, experience the beauty of the Cotswolds - rolling hills ('wolds'), river valleys, and sleepy villages where houses made from the Cotswold Stone and cozy shops line the meandering streets. Enjoy a visit to one of these charming towns before arriving in Cardiff early this evening for an included dinner.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Day Seven: Cardiff

The day begins with a guided tour of Cardiff, the largest city in Wales. During the panoramic

portion, your local guide will point out architectural sites that range from historic to modern, as well as provide history of the city.



On the included visit to Cardiff Castle, whose walls conceal 2,000 years of history, you'll discover stories from the times of the Romans, Normans, Vikings, Victorian Era and even WWII. After the excursion, return to the hotel where the rest of the day is free of planned activities for your independent exploration of this capital city.

Meals: Breakfast

Day Eight: Cardiff to Waterford, Ireland

A late morning departure from the hotel takes you to the port for embarkation of the ferry and the journey across the Irish Sea to Pembroke, Ireland. Upon arrival, continue by coach to the seaport town of Waterford, the country's oldest city.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner



Day Nine: Waterford and Blarney

Today is a full day discovering the sites of Waterford, Blarney and Cork. On a visit to the House of Waterford Crystal, witness the master craftsmen at work as you watch the process of



transforming a ball of red-hot molten crystal into an elegantly crafted piece of art. Continue

on to Blarney where there is time for lunch on your own before visiting the famed Castle known the world over as home to the 'Stone of Eloquence' or the Blarney Stone.



Legend has it, if you climb to the top of the castle and kiss the stone, you will never be lost for words and will receive the 'gift of gab'. The grounds of the castle are a curious place of ancient trees and stones, by legend a garden of Druid origin. The park has an aura of magic and mystique with Wishing Steps, Witch's Kitchen, Druid's Cave and many other delights, telling a story of centuries past. Before returning to Waterford for the evening, enjoy a panoramic tour of Cork with the local guide where you see the hilltop steeple of 18th-century Shandon Church, a symbol of the city.



Meals: Breakfast

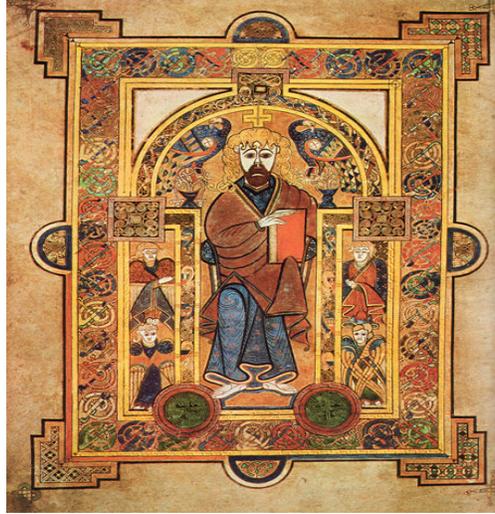
Day Ten: Waterford to Dublin

Leaving Waterford, travel to Dublin, the last capital city to be experienced on your journey through the British Isles. On the guided panoramic tour of this historic city, travel along O'Connell Street with its



monument to Daniel O'Connell and other figures from Irish History. See the General Post Office, one of Ireland's most famous buildings, that was the rebel headquarters in the 1916 Easter Rising. Cross over the

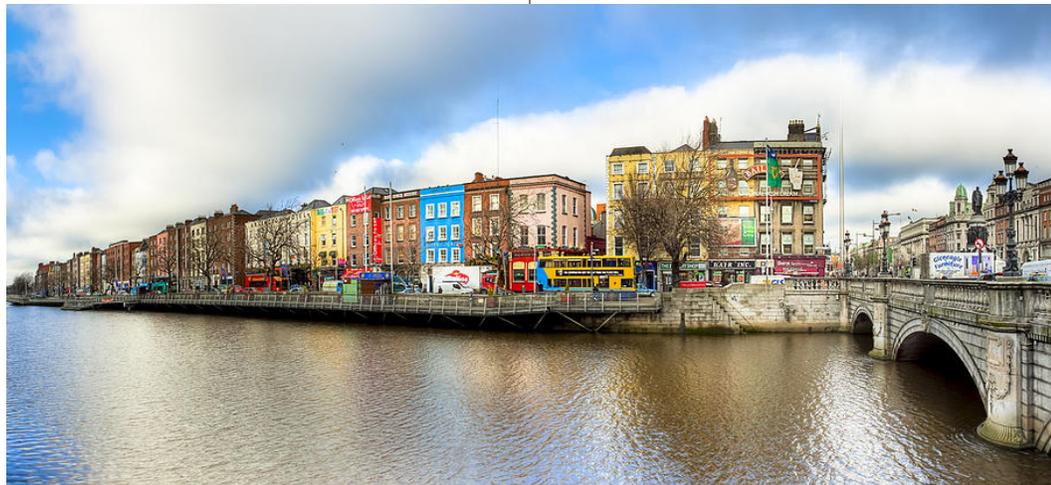
River Liffey which flows through the center of the city and catch a glimpse of the Temple Bar area. Visit Trinity College and see the Book of Kells, the famous 8th-century hand-



illuminated gospel manuscript. See Grafton Street, one of the main pedestrian-zoned shopping streets and drive through Georgian Dublin, with the beautiful 18th-century hous-



es and squares. Pass the National Museum, Parliament Building, St. Stephen's Green and visit St. Patrick's Cathedral before returning



to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure. A special treat is in store tonight with an included dinner and evening entertainment. Music, song and traditional Irish dancers take the stage during a show you're sure to enjoy!

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

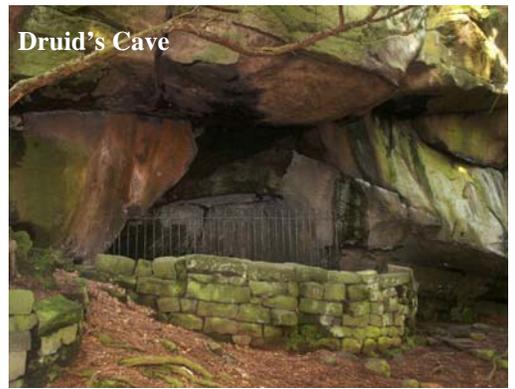
Day Eleven: Dublin

Your final day is left free of planned activities to enjoy as you please... continue sight-seeing, finish any last-minute shopping or just relax at a pub and mingle with the locals. Breakfast

Day Twelve: Dublin / USA

It's time to bid 'cheerio' to the British Isles as you depart for the Dublin Airport with warm memories of the castles, countryside and capital cities of your journey through these amazing countries.

Meals: Breakfast



Druid's Cave

Trinity College