



THE BEST OF SCOTLAND & IRELAND

JUNE 14-27, 2020 (14 Days)

From their breathtaking scenery to their vibrant cities and small towns, this fascinating tour delivers the best of Scotland, England's Lake District, North Wales, and the Emerald Isle. We experience the Scottish Highlands, the Snowdonia National Park in Wales, and Ireland's 100-mile Ring of Kerry, a panorama of seascapes, colorful farmhouses, and the Lakes of Killarney. And we won't forget the spectacular 668-foot Cliffs of Moher or the awe-inspiring Giant's Causeway!

DAY 1

We depart Albuquerque on our overnight flight to Glasgow.

DAY 2 D

After checking into our hotel, there is free time to relax and enjoy the hotel's leisure amenities or explore the city. This evening, we meet our Globus Tour Director and traveling companions for a welcome dinner at our hotel.

DAY 3 B,D

Our morning begins with a **Glasgow city tour**, taking in the fine 12th-century cathedral, imposing university buildings, and elegant Georgian squares. On the way this morning: the "Bonnie Banks" of Loch Lomond. In the afternoon, look out for signs of the mysterious Loch Ness monster. One night's lodging in Inverness, the Highland capital.

DAY 4 B

At **Culloden Visitor Center**, we hear the story of the crushing Hanoverian victory over Bonnie Prince Charlie's Scottish clans. Then, a drive through the Cairngorms National Park to visit **Blair Castle**, the ancient seat of the Dukes and Earls of Atholl and home to Europe's last remaining private army, the Atholl Highlanders. Tonight in Edinburgh, don't miss an *optional* Scottish evening with Highland dancers, bagpipers, and the Ceremony of the Haggis!

DAY 5 B

A **local guide** gives us an **Edinburgh city tour** and introduces us to the 200-year-old "New Town" and the famous scientists, inventors, and novelists who lived there. In the "Old Town," we visit **Edinburgh Castle** to admire Scotland's Crown Jewels, then explore Holyrood Palace, if available. Later, a unique *optional* excursion: board the former Royal Yacht Britannia, once the perfect royal residence for glittering state visits and family holidays.



DAY 6 B

On the way through the history-steeped Lowland Hills, we stop at the village of Gretna Green. Then, leave the land of the Scots and journey into England through the tranquil Lake District, recently awarded UNESCO World Heritage status, to Grasmere, home of poet William Wordsworth, to try original Grasmere Gingerbread. In Liverpool, we visit *The Beatles Story*, the world's largest permanent exhibition devoted purely to the life, times, culture, and music of the "Fab Four."

DAY 7 B

We travel to lovely Betws-y-Coed, then through the incomparable landscapes of Snowdonia National Park and over breathtaking Llanberis Pass. After a stop at Caernarvon, we cross Britannia Bridge to the Isle of Anglesey for a photo stop at tongue-twisting Llanfair.... At Holyhead, we board our **ferry** and cross the Irish Sea to Dublin. For a first taste of Ireland, why not join an *optional* Irish cabaret evening including dinner, dance, song, and laughter?

DAY 8 B

Today begins with a **Dublin orientation tour** in the Irish capital that includes statue-lined O'Connell Street, elegant Georgian squares, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and Oscar Wilde's Trinity College. The afternoon is at our leisure. Tonight, we can consider an *optional* dinner outing to the Guinness Storehouse.

DAY 9 B,D

Horse-racing country awaits us this morning! We drive across the Curragh to visit the **Irish National Stud** at Kildare, whose thoroughbreds command respect on the racecourses of the world. On the way to Killarney, we stop at the **Rock of Cashel**, where St. Patrick preached, and in **Blarney**, renowned for its magical Kissing Stone.

DAY 10 B

We follow the road known as the **Ring of Kerry** for a spectacular 100-mile panoramic drive around the island's southwestern tip. We need to have our cameras ready for sparkling seascapes, colorful farmhouses, and a stunning view of the Lakes of Killarney. In the afternoon, we travel via quaint Adare to Limerick. For a very special night out, consider an *optional* medieval banquet at an historic castle.

DAY 11 B,D

Drive to the spectacular **Cliffs of Moher**, rising 668 feet above the Atlantic, and step on to the edge of the world to admire the awe-inspiring views and watch the birds glide along the rugged cliffs. Via the limestone plateau of The Burren, we reach **Galway**, a popular seaside destination and lively cosmopolitan. Then, spend the night in the coastal seaport and county town of **Sligo**.

DAY 12 B,D

Our first highlight today is **Derry**, situated on the banks of the Foyle River, and a **walking tour** on the Old Town walls in the company of a **local guide**. After lunch, we have time to take photographs of **Dunluce Castle**, then visit the awe-inspiring Giant's Causeway, composed of thousands of strangely symmetrical basalt columns jutting out to sea. We spend tonight in Belfast, Northern Ireland's seat of government.



DAY 13 B,D

On this morning's "**Living History**" tour in the company of a **local guide**, we learn more about this fascinating city where the *Titanic* was built. Then, we board a **ferry** for the crossing of the North Channel to Cairnryan, on the west coast of Scotland. Back in Glasgow, we celebrate our journey with a farewell dinner at our hotel.

DAY 14 B

After breakfast, we make our way to the Glasgow airport for our flight home. Once home, we will have magical stories and adventures to share.

Itinerary subject to change



TOUR INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare ABQ to Glasgow (not including airline baggage fees or in -flight charges)
- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- 12 nights' lodging at excellent hotels
- Baggage handling at hotels (for one piece)
- 12 breakfasts, 6 dinners
- Admission to all listed attractions
- Your professional European Tour Guide
- Your SUN TOURS Escort (with 20 or more travelers)
- All taxes and tips for included items (except hotel housekeeping)

****PASSPORT REQUIRED****

~~\$5,775~~ **Now \$5,275***

Double occupancy, per person

~~\$6,675~~ **Now \$6,175***

Single occupancy

DEPOSIT: \$250 per person now holds your place

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: February 11, 2020

CANCELLATION FEES:

None - Through February 11, 2020

\$250 - February 12 - March 9, 2020

\$3,400 - March 10 - May 9, 2020

100% - After May 9, 2020

TRAVEL PROTECTION IS AVAILABLE STARTING AT \$353

*\$500 savings per person if tour deposit received by November 20, 2019 and all payments made by cash or check. Savings will be applied when final payment is made.

