

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Highlights of Scotland & Ireland

Edinburgh to Dublin

10 DAYS: Saturday, June 13-Monday, June 22, 2020

Per person double occupancy \$4,009; Single reservations \$4,409

Includes round-trip airfare, fuel surcharge and all air taxes and fees. Fuel surcharge, air taxes and fees subject to change. Passport required. Per person deposit is \$450.

It doesn't take long to fall in love with these landscapes.

In just a short time, this trip through Scotland and Ireland takes you from the medieval city of Edinburgh to the bustling capital of Dublin. Plus, you'll make scenic stops along the way in interesting smaller cities like Glasgow and Galway and iconic natural wonders like the Burren and Cliffs of Moher.

Your tour package includes

- 8 nights in handpicked hotels, 8 breakfasts, 3 dinners with beer or wine, 6 guided sightseeing tours, Expert Tour Director & local guides, Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- Edinburgh Castle, Stirling Castle, Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, Local pub culture, St. Patrick's, Cathedral, the Burren, Cliffs of Moher



Overnight Flight | 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Edinburgh today.

Edinburgh | 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Edinburgh | Included meal: Dinner

Welcome to Scotland! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Edinburgh **Included meal: Breakfast**

Get to know Edinburgh in all its medieval beauty on a tour led by a local expert.

- View the elegant Georgian-style New Town and the Royal Mile, two UNESCO World Heritage sites
- Pass the Sir Walter Scott Monument, the largest monument to a writer in the world
- Enter Edinburgh Castle to view the Scottish crown jewels and Stone of Scone Spend a free afternoon exploring Edinburgh or add an excursion.



Optional Excursion Abbotsford House & Melrose Abbey (additional cost)

Travel through the Scottish Borders region to Abbotsford, where you'll enjoy an included lunch. Continue on to Abbotsford House, the 19th-century estate of Sir Walter Scott. The poet designed his home in the Romantic style to imitate the elaborate baronial estates of British aristocrats. Today it serves as a museum for the Scottish memorabilia and artifacts that Scott collected throughout his lifetime. Later, visit the ruins of Melrose Abbey, one of the most impressive of the four Borders abbeys.

Glasgow | 2 nights

Day 4: Glasgow via Stirling Castle **Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Travel through the picturesque Scottish countryside to explore Stirling Castle, where King James VI once lived. Then, continue on to Glasgow for a tour with a local guide.

- Discover local highlights, including George Square and the River Clyde
- Admire the city's university and medieval cathedral
- Visit the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, which features everything from medieval suits of armor to a collection of works by Scottish artists

Day 5: Free day in Glasgow **Included meal: Breakfast**

Enjoy a free day in Glasgow or add an excursion.



Optional Excursion Inveraray Castle & Trossachs National Park (additional cost)

Admire striking scenery as you spend the day in the Scottish Highlands. Start off by journeying to Inveraray Castle, one of the most famous castles in Scotland. This iconic site has been featured in the popular television show Downton Abbey, and its history as an ancestral home on the shores of Loch Fyne stretches back to the 15th century. Join a local guide for a tour of the castle before enjoying free time for lunch in the town of Inveraray. Then, make your way to Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park, Scotland's first national park, for a scenic drive. Stop along the way to admire striking lake and mountain scenery before heading back to Glasgow.

Dublin | 2 nights

Day 6: Flight to Dublin **Included meal: Breakfast**

Make your way to the airport and fly to Dublin. Spend free time to explore the lively city or add an excursion.



Optional Excursion Traditional Irish Dinner & Show (additional cost)

Enjoy this special evening of Irish food, music, and live entertainment. Dinner will be served first, giving you a taste of traditional Irish dishes. You'll then be treated to a live show of Irish music and dance. Join in the fun as you enjoy a merry and memorable night. Please note: The specific venue and day of the week for this excursion may change due to availability. This excursion is seasonal and runs from April through October.

Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Dublin Included meal: Breakfast

Take a tour of Ireland's charming capital city.

- Stop in Phoenix Park, site of the presidential residence, and then pass by the Guinness Storehouse
- Step inside the soaring St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ireland's largest church
- Pass St Stephen's Green and admire the Georgian architecture of Merrion Square as you go
- See Trinity College and walk past the entrance of Grafton Street to the Molly Malone statue and the Temple Bar district

Enjoy a free afternoon in Dublin or add an excursion.



Optional Excursion Glendalough (additional cost)

County Wicklow has some of the wildest and most spectacular mountain scenery in Ireland, as well as many of the country's most important historic sites. Journey through Wicklow's captivating landscapes to Glendalough, which became famous throughout Europe as a center of Christian learning before it was sacked by Viking raiders in the 10th century. Here, you'll see St. Kevin's Cross, marking the place where the saint lies buried. You'll also view the remains of the sixth-century cathedral and the remarkable Round Tower, thought to have been used by monks as a place of refuge. Your Tour Director will lead you on a tour of the site, and then you'll enjoy free time.

County Galway | 2 nights

Day 8: Transfer to Galway & sightseeing tour Included meal: Breakfast

Travel west to the Galway region. Upon arrival, get a feel for the local energy and living traditions of Galway, Ireland's third-largest city.

- Stroll past Lynch's Castle, the Druid Theatre Company and the broad expanse of Eyre Square
- View the city's medieval walls and Spanish Arch
- Peruse authentic Claddagh rings in a local shop

Enjoy a free evening in Galway or add an excursion.



Optional Excursion Castle Banquet Dinner (additional cost)

Enjoy a feast fit for a king inside walls of a nearby castle. Sip from a goblet of mead and learn the castle's history before proceeding to the banquet hall, where you'll enjoy a sumptuous, four-course dinner and an evening of live entertainment, including songs and stories.

Day 9: The Burren & Cliffs of Moher Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

This morning, explore two of the country's most dramatic landscapes.

- Travel through the limestone plateau called the Burren
- Explore the Cliffs of Moher, which rise 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean

After a free afternoon, gather together with your group for a final toast at your farewell dinner.

Flight Home

Day 10: Departure

Included meal: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.