

# Scotland & Northern Ireland

June 18 - 28, 2019

Join friends old and new on a delightful trip through two of the most beautiful and friendly countries in the world!

# Tuesday, June 18 (In-flight Dinner)

Our journey begins with an overnight flight to Glasgow, Scotland.

# Wednesday, June 19 (In-flight Breakfast, Dinner)

Arrive in **Glasgow, Scotland** and meet our **local guide**. We will travel directly to **Edinburgh**, Scotland's majestic capital city, for a panoramic **guided city tour** featuring **Old and New Towns**. Old Town is a labyrinth of cobbled streets, narrow alleyways and hidden courtyards contrasted by the neat and orderly elegance of New Town. Together they are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. **Royal Mile** is the center of Old Town and packed full of specialty shops for you to explore. A tour of **St. Giles' Cathedral**, with its inspiring stained glass windows and medieval history, will be a highlight of our day! Following our tour we will check into the **Apex Waterloo Place Hotel** in Edinburgh for one night and enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel.

# Thursday, June 20 (Breakfast, Dinner)

Our day begins with breakfast at the hotel before we depart for a visit to the iconic **Edinburgh Castle**, home to Scotland's Crown Jewels. Next we will tour the **Royal Yacht Britannia**, the Queen's vessel that has played host to numerous dinner parties around the world as well as the honeymooning Charles and Diana. Then we'll journey to the inspiring and historical city of **Stirling**. Across the valley stands a large memorial to Sir William Wallace and his great victory at **Stirling Bridge** in 1297. At **Stirling Castle** we'll step back in time to the richness of royal life in the 1500s. Our **guide** will captivate us with stories of knights, foreign ambassadors and nobles who once flocked to the castle to revel in its grandeur. This afternoon we'll check into the beautiful **Atholl Palace Hotel**, for four nights. Our hotel is located in Pitlochry, known as the *Gateway to the Highlands*, and offers award-winning gardens with scenic mountain and river views. After getting settled in our rooms, there is time to explore the hotel, gardens, and relax. We'll enjoy a superb dinner at the hotel with stunning views of the Tummel Valley.

## Friday, June 21 (Breakfast, Dinner)

After breakfast we depart for the **Scottish Highlands** traveling through breathtaking **Cairngorms National Park**. The Scottish Highlands are a mountainous region with **Loch Ness** at the center. We'll explore **Culloden Battlefield Visitor Center** located at the scene of Scotland's bloodiest battle, where the 1745 Jacobite Rising came to its tragic end. We arrive in **Inverness**, the



capital of the Highlands, for some free time and lunch on our own. This afternoon we'll enjoy a **Loch Ness cruise**, where we'll relish the scenery, historic monuments, intriguing tales surrounding a mysterious monster and the spectacular ruins of **Urquhart Castle**. We'll learn about the castle's dramatic history and view a collection of artifacts and historic replicas. Next, we'll watch an amazing **sheepdog demonstration** where a team of dogs, working together, maneuver sheep through various obstacles. As our day comes to an end, we return to the hotel and enjoy a delicious dinner.

## Saturday, June 22 (Breakfast, Dinner)

Our day continues with a scenic drive through **Trossachs National Park** which boasts some of the most stunning scenery in the world from breathtaking mountains and glens, to the vast tranquil beauty of Loch Lomond. We will visit the **Trossachs Woollen Mill** followed by time for lunch at your leisure in the charming town of Callander. Next we arrive at the **Glenturret Distillery**, home of *Famous Grouse Whisky*, for a tour and tasting. Dinner is included upon our arrival back at the hotel this evening.

## Sunday, June 23 (Breakfast, Dinner)

This morning we return to **Glasgow** for a **city tour** highlighting many of the historic sites of Scotland's biggest city. This afternoon we will board our flight to **Belfast**, **Northern Ireland**. Upon arrival we will be met by our driver/guide who will take us on a **tour of Belfast City** en route to **Titanic Belfast**, a new state of the art visitor center, which takes us through nine galleries, telling the story of **RMS Titanic**, from her conception in Belfast to her famous maiden voyage and tragic end. We'll check into the **Europa Hotel**, located in the heart of the city. Join your traveling companions tonight for dinner at the hotel.

## Monday, June 24 (Breakfast, Dinner)

This morning we will continue our **tour of Belfast** before we depart on a journey along one of the most scenic coastal routes in all of Ireland, "**The Antrim Coast Road Drive**." We'll enjoy breathtaking views as we travel along the northern coastline. On a clear day, you can see the Mull of Kintyre in Scotland. Next, we travel through the picturesque villages of Glenarm, Carnlough and Cushendall. No visit to Northern Ireland would be complete without a visit to the **Giant's Causeway**, a remarkable basaltic formation made of approximately 37,000 columns and ranked as one of the natural wonders of the world. Following some time for lunch we continue to the historic Derry City and check into the **Maldron Hotel**, set within the city's ancient walls. A tasty dinner is included this evening.

## Tuesday, June 25 (Breakfast, Dinner)

After breakfast, we embark on a **walking tour** of **Derry City**. As you walk on the 17th century walls you will hear the history of this ancient city going back to 546 AD when St. Colmcille founded his first abbey here on the banks of the River Foyle. We'll also view the new **Derry Peace Bridge** over the River Foyle. This pedestrian bridge opened in 2011 and bridges a 400 year old physical and political gap between two sides of a once divided community. Following our tour we depart Derry City and travel to **Omagh** where we will visit the **Ulster American Folk Park**, an outdoor museum of emigration history, depicting emigrant life on both sides of the Atlantic. A ship and dockside gallery link the old world to the new. From here, it is on to **Donegal**, where we'll check into the **Mill Park Hotel** for a two night stay. Tonight, we'll gather together for delicious dinner.

## Wednesday, June 26 (Breakfast)

Today we tour **County Donegal**, the most north-westerly county in Ireland. Painters, poets and writers have never fully succeeded in conveying the varied beauty of this wonderland of mountains, lakes and coastline. We'll stop in **Ardara**, center of the Donegal homespun and knitting industry, where we'll view a **hand weaving demonstration** in the **Triona Design center**. Following free time for shopping and a complimentary **Irish Coffee**, our tour continues as we wind our way around the Blue Stack mountain range to **Leo's Tavern**, which is the family home of Ireland's international singing star Enya. There is time for you to enjoy lunch and refreshments in Leo's Tavern before returning to our hotel for a free evening.













# Thursday, June 27 (Breakfast, Dinner)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we depart and travel to **Belleek** for a **guided tour** of this world famous fine **Parian China manufacturing center**. Our journey continues along the banks of Lough Erne to Enniskillen, the capital of county Fermanagh, and through the counties of Cavan and Meath. We arrive in **Dublin**, Ireland's capital city, situated on the River Liffey, for an overnight stay at the 4-Star **Camden Court Hotel** situated in the heart of Dublin's City Center. Enjoy a farewell dinner at the hotel this evening and then get out and explore the area's pubs.

#### Friday, June 28 (Breakfast)

After breakfast we transfer to the Dublin airport for our flight home, filled with fond memories, newly acquired accents and many stories to relate to friends and family!

#### Per Person Tour Cost\*:

#### Double: \$4,149

Single: \$4,649

\* The tour cost is based on the value of the British Pound Sterling and Euro as of August 2018. Your final invoice may reflect a change based on the exchange rate. Credit card payments are subject to a 3% handling fee.

#### Tour Includes:

- Local round-trip airport transfers
- Round-trip air travel
- Deluxe motor coach transportation
- Nine nights hotel accommodations with baggage handling
- Seventeen meals in Scotland & Northern Ireland nine breakfasts and eight dinners
- All activities as listed in the itinerary
- All tour related gratuities
- All tour related taxes and fees
- Services of knowledgeable and friendly guides in Scotland and Ireland
- Services of a Citizens Tri-County Bank representative
- **Not Included**: Optional travel protection plan please contact Laura for details.

Travel Documents: All passengers must carry a passport valid for at least six months beyond the return date of the trip.

**Deposit**: \$200 per person to secure your reservation

Balance due: March 5, 2019

Reservations:Please complete a reservation form and mail it along with your \$200 per person deposit to:<br/>Citizens Tri-County Bank, Golden Club, Attn: Laura Barker, P.O. Box 697; Dunlap, TN 37327Phone: (423) 949-2173email: lbarker@ctcbonline.com<br/>Please make checks payable to Citizens Tri-County Bank.

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