

# SCOTLAND & NORTHERN IRELAND August 5-16, 2025

The beauty of Irish vistas and Scottish lochs and glens await! Beginning in Scotland, you will cruise Loch Ness, learn about the traditional art of malt whisky distilling, and experience the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. In Northern Ireland, visit an iconic castle, see the shipyards where the *Titanic* was built, and explore the mysterious stone columns of Giant's Causeway. Then end in Ireland with Guinness and exciting Dublin!

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Space is limited. Register today!



#### DAY 1 **TUESDAY, AUGUST 5**

**FLIGHT TO SCOTLAND** 

Today we will meet at the Omaha airport and depart on our overnight flight to **Edinburgh, Scotland**.

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6 **DAY 2**

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Upon arriving in Edinburgh, we will be met by our driver/guide and begin our adventure with a visit to Rosslyn Chapel. Founded in 1446 by Sir William St. Clair and described as a "treasure in stone," the chapel is shrouded in mystery and legend. Its unique architecture, intricate carvings, and the belief that it may have once been home to the Holy Grail have inspired, attracted, and intrigued writers, artists, and visitors for years. The chapel became world-famous as an important setting in Dan Brown's novel The Da Vinci Code, and some compelling scenes from the subsequent movie were filmed here. After the tour, we will check in to the centrally located **DoubleTree by** Hilton Edinburgh City Centre (or similar) for the next two nights and enjoy some free time before dinner. If you're looking to do a little shopping, take advantage of the cosmopolitan shops on Princes Street and the more traditional shops on the Royal Mile.

#### DAY 3 **THURSDAY, AUGUST 7**

Today's sightseeing includes a tour of the Palace of Holyroodhouse highlighting both the palace's dramatic past and its important role today as the official Scottish residence of King Charles. We'll hear stories of its most famous residents from the past and present and see the State Apartments used by the Royal Family. The palace's stone staircase and extraordinary treasures, from furniture and paintings to beautiful tapestries, are impressive! Interestingly, Scotland's national animal is the unicorn, so keep an eye out for these mythical creatures on gate posts and carved into walls and ceilings as we make our way around the palace and grounds. Our touring will then continue with the sights of the city along with a visit to Edinburgh Castle at the top of Castle Rock. Edinburgh Castle is alive with exciting tales of its time as a military fortress, royal residence, and war prison. As we climb Castle Hill, we'll be walking in the footsteps of soldiers, kings, queens, and even a pirate or two! After free time for dinner, we are in for an exciting evening at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Established in 1950, the tattoo draws hundreds of thousands of visitors for the variety of marching bands, traditional bagpipes and drums, and talented dancers and singers. It's a thrilling and patriotic display of music, dance, and culture!

#### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 8** DAY 4

Our day will begin with Scotland's Secret Bunker. This underground complex was built in 1953 during the Cold War in case of nuclear war. The entrance is hidden in an unsuspecting farmhouse with a Command Centre, dormitory, broadcasting studio, mess hall, and more located one hundred feet below! We will then make our way to St. Andrews, the beautiful seaside town and world-famous "home of golf" known for its medieval streets and historic university where Prince William met Kate Middleton. Golfers and non-golfers alike will thrill at the opportunity to drive through the famous Old Course and walk to the golf course's iconic Swilken Bridge (subject to course schedule). There will be time to do some shopping and grab a bite to eat in town before we depart for Fishers Hotel Pitlochry (or similar).

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 DAY 5

#### **PITLOCHRY, SCOTLAND** (Breakfast, Dinner) Following breakfast we will make our way to **Dalwhinnie Distillery**, home to a famous Highland single malt whisky renowned for its gentle flavors accentuated by notes of heather honey, citrus, vanilla, and sweet malt. Set in the splendid mountain scenery at the heart of Cairngorm National Park, Dalwhinnie is the highest distillery in Scotland at 1,164 feet above sea level. Here we will learn about the traditional art of malt whisky distilling. After lunch on our own, we will visit the villages of Spean Bridge and Fort Augustus before admiring the majestic beauty of the Scottish Highlands while cruising on Loch Ness. This freshwater loch is one of the best known in Scotland thanks to Nessie, the incredibly elusive Loch Ness monster that is said to call the deep waters home! Our day will come to an end with dinner as a group.

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 DAY 6

### **BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND**

### (Breakfast, Dinner)

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Enjoy breakfast this morning before our journey to Glasgow for a tour of its famous sites. Here, the legacy of centuries of wealth and achievement comes vividly to life in an architectural heritage recognized and celebrated worldwide. Our tour will include a stop at Glasgow Cathedral, one of Scotland's most magnificent medieval buildings. The cathedral has one of the finest collections of modern stained-glass windows in the United Kingdom. We'll then board the afternoon ferry to Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland, and settle into the **Europa Hotel** (or similar) in the city center before a lovely dinner together.

### **PITLOCHRY, SCOTLAND**

(Dinner)

(Breakfast)



#### DAY 7 MONDAY, AUGUST 11

#### BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND

#### (Breakfast)

After breakfast we will begin our day by visiting **Dunluce Castle**, one of Northern Ireland's most iconic historic monuments. Perched on the north Antrim coastline on a dramatic rocky promontory, most of the ruins that we see today date back to the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The castle was built by the MacQuillan family around 1500 and later seized by the rival MacDonnell family. The dramatic history of Dunluce is matched by tales of banshees, mermaids, and the castle kitchen falling into the sea one stormy night in 1639. *Game of Thrones* fans will certainly recognize this castle as the Seat of House Greyjoy! We'll then continue along the Antrim Coast to the **Giant's Causeway**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site consisting of 40,000 interlocking basalt columns rising from the Atlantic coast resulting from a volcanic eruption sixty million years ago. Upon our return to Belfast, time will be available to enjoy dinner on your own before we grab a **special cocktail at the highest bar in Belfast**!

#### DAY 8 TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

#### ENNISKILLEN, NORTHERN IRELAND (Breakfast, Dinner)

Up first today is **Titanic Belfast** to explore the center's nine interactive galleries filled with priceless artifacts, full-scale reconstructions, and special effects. The stunning displays tell the ship's story in a fresh and insightful way, from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, to her construction and launch, and ending with her infamous maiden voyage and sinking on April 14, 1912. After this fascinating look at *Titanic* history, we will make our way to **Derry** for lunch on our own followed by a **guided walking tour** of this historic city. Derry is the only remaining city in Ireland that is completely surrounded by a wall. The walls were built as defenses for early seventeenth-century settlers from England and Scotland. We will end our day at the **Lough Erne Resort** to settle in for a two-night stay and freshen up for dinner as a group.

### DAY 9 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

### ENNISKILLEN, NORTHERN IRELAND (Breakfast, Dinner)

We will depart for the vibrant hub of Enniskillen for a bit of free time before we **board The Lady of the Lake for a cruise on Lough Erne**. The cruise offers a scenic and relaxing way to experience the natural beauty of the area. As the boat glides across the calm waters, we will take in views of lush green islands dotted with historical monasteries and castles nestled among rolling hills. After a relaxing day, we'll return to the resort for dinner together.

### DAY 10 THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

#### DUBLIN, IRELAND

#### (Breakfast)

Enjoy the crisp morning air as we make our way south into Ireland to the heart of **Dublin**. Our first stop will be at the **Palladian House**, a grand estate nestled on the outskirts of the city. Our guided tour will unveil the rich history and architectural beauty of the mansion and showcase its elegant rooms adorned with exquisite artwork and period furniture. Next, we'll embark on a poignant journey to the **National Famine Museum**. As we walk through its halls, we will be transported back in time to one of the darkest chapters in Irish history. The museum's exhibits and displays offer a sobering insight into the Great Famine, highlighting the resilience and suffering of the Irish people during that time. Up next is **Strokestown Park House and Gardens**, an estate that offers a tranquil retreat from the bustling city. The highlight of this visit is the magnificent mansion steeped in history. As we step into its hallowed halls, we will see period furnishings and family portraits and hear stories of the estate's illustrious past. The remainder of the evening is yours to enjoy at leisure. **Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham** is surrounded by the main shopping area on Grafton and Henry Streets and some of the most famous places in Dublin!

### DAY 11 FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

### DUBLIN, IRELAND

### (Breakfast, Dinner)

Today our Dublin step-on guide will lead us on a **panoramic sightseeing tour** including O'Connell Street, Phoenix Park, and Leinster House. Next up is the **Guinness Storehouse** originally built in 1904 to house the Guinness fermentation process. Our tour will introduce us to the history, heart, and soul of Ireland's most iconic beer as we learn about the brewing process and enjoy a pint at the **Gravity Bar**. A highlight of the Dublin tour will be **Christ Church Cathedral**, an architectural masterpiece with vaulted ceilings, medieval tiled floor, and hidden treasures around every corner – Strongbow's final resting place, the heart of St. Laurence O'Toole, and a rare copy of the Magna Carta. Tonight we are in for a real treat with dinner and a show at **The Merry Ploughboy**, widely regarded as the best traditional Irish music show in Dublin, with singing, dancing, and fresh Irish food.



## INCLUSIONS

- Round-Trip Air to Edinburgh & Return From Dublin (air allowance of \$1,500)
- Private Motorcoach Transportation
- 10 Nights' Accommodations
- 17 Meals (10 Breakfasts, 7 Dinners)
- Admission to Affractions a Stated on Itinerary
- Porter Service of One Bag Per Person at Hotels
- Taxes & Gratuities for Included Services
- Audio Listeners
- Professional Tour Manager

Not included in the price of this tour: local airport transfers, meals other than those listed on the itinerary, beverages other than tea/coffee/water with included meals, items of a personal nature/souvenirs, phone calls and faxes from hotels, travel protection plan, passport fees, visa fees (if applicable), current baggage fees at the airport as assessed by the airline, fees related to any COVID-19 requirements for this destination, and any service not listed in the above inclusions.

#### Activity Level: Moderate

In order to participate in this tour, **you must**:

- Be able to walk/stand 3-4 hours at a time at an easy pace in all weather conditions
- Be able to regularly maneuver stairs, inclines, and uneven surfaces without assistance

# TOUR PRICING\*\_

#### \$6,465 per person, Double Occupancy \$7,979 per person, Single Occupancy

\*Tour cost subject to 3% credit card transaction fee \*No transaction fee if paid by check or ACH

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> A \$500 deposit per person is required with your registration form in order to reserve your spot. (\$150 becomes non-refundable January 30, 2025)

# FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE: MARCH 25, 2025

To register online, visit: www.stardestinations.com/unlolli

Tour requires a minimum of 25 passengers to operate.

For further information or questions, please contact: Star Destinations at (712) 792-9793 or info@stardestinations.com

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