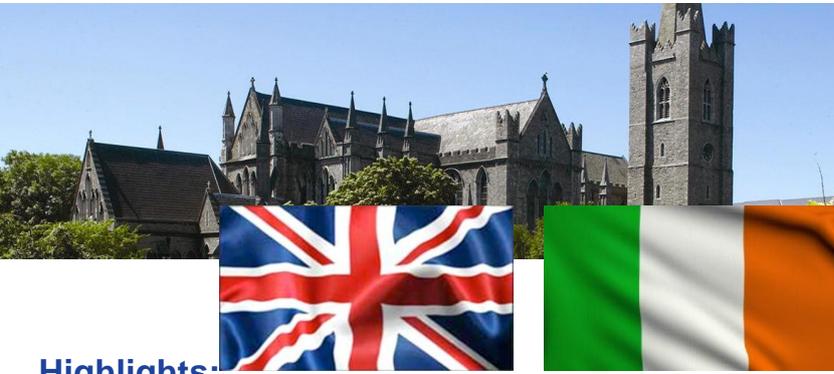


England, Ireland & Wales

June 6 – 24, 2018

30 Meals - 17 nights & 19 days



Highlights:

London
Westminster Abbey
Buckingham Palace
Thames River Cruise
The Tower of London
Roman Baths
Amesbury
Stonehenge
Oxford
Blenheim Palace
The Cotswolds
Stratford-upon-Avon
Shakespeare's Birthplace
Chester
Snowdonia National Park
Irish Sea
Dublin
Trinity College and the
Book of Kells
St. Patrick's Cathedral
Dublin Castle
Chester Beatty Library
Rock of Cashel
Killarney
Irish Countryside
Iveragh Peninsula
Blarney Castle
Waterford Crystal
Cardiff Castle
St Fagans National
History Museum
Windsor Castle
London's West End
Houses of Parliament
Trafalgar Square
St Paul's Cathedral
Piccadilly Circus
Hampton Court Palace
British Museum

This tour covers the best that England, Wales, and Ireland have to offer in one tour!

Day One: *Vancouver – London, England*

Depart late afternoon with our tour guide for an overnight flight with **Air Transat** to **London's Gatwick Airport**.

Day Two: *London*

Meals: **D**

Upon arrival, transfer to the **Copthorne Tara Hotel** located in London's **Kensington** neighborhood. Join the group for a welcome dinner.

Day Three: *London*

Meals: **B, L**

Start the day with a visit to **Westminster Abbey**, which played an integral part in the history of London and the UK for nearly 1000 years. Next, we see the **Changing of the Guard** at **Buckingham Palace**. After a stop for lunch enjoy a cruise on the **River Thames** to the **Tower of London** for a visit. Work commenced on this riverside fortress 900 years ago, and the structure we see today was completed in the 14th century. This evening will be free to have dinner in one of the many restaurants and pubs in London.

Day Four: *London – Bath – Amesbury – London*

Meals: **B, L**

Meet your local guide and private coach for the day and drive to **Bath**, a city so beautiful and special that it has been designated a World Heritage site. Visit the historic **Roman Baths**. Around Britain's only hot springs, the Romans built the finest religious spa in northern Europe. After lunch, head to **Amesbury** to visit the mystical and monumental site of **Stonehenge**. Return to London and overnight at the hotel.

Day Five: *London – Oxford – Stratford-upon-Avon*

Meals: **B, D**

Today you're leaving London for **Oxford**. The City of Dreaming Spires is famous the world over for its University and place in history. Leave the city for a visit to **Blenheim Palace**. It's called England's answer to Versailles. The Palace is home to the 11th Duke and Duchess of Marlborough and birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. Driving by **The Cotswolds** you continue your journey up north towards **Stratford-upon-Avon** - the birthplace of England's most famous poet – William Shakespeare. The town itself has been beautifully maintained and features some spectacular timber-framed houses. Your sightseeing will include a visit to Shakespeare's Birthplace which now has an adjoining museum with many mementos belonging to the bard. Dinner and overnight at the **Billesley Manor Hotel**.

Day Six: *Stratford-upon-Avon – The Cotswolds – Chester*

Meals: **B, D**

This morning you tour one of England's favourite destinations - the Cotswolds Area. Hidden here are hundreds of small towns and villages that combine into a harmonious and romantic place to visit. You will then travel on to **Chester**, a historic city on the border of Wales and England. Today Chester is a major tourist attraction and shopping location. The unique world-famous **Rows**, two-tier medieval galleries, offer superb shopping opportunities for the ladies. Meanwhile, the gentlemen can explore Chester city wall at their leisure. Dinner and overnight at the **Best Western Premiere Queen**.

Day Seven: *Chester – Wales – Dublin, Ireland*

Meals: **B**

Travel through **Wales** and pass **Snowdonia National Park**. Early afternoon you will leave Wales for the beautiful city of **Dublin**, taking the ferry as foot passengers from **Holyhead** on the Welsh Island of **Anglesey** to cross the **Irish Sea** to **Dublin Bay**. Say cheerio to your English guide. You will be greeted by your Irish guide in Dublin upon arrival. Overnight at the hotel in Dublin.

Day Eight: *Dublin*

Meals: **B**

Start the day with entrance to **Trinity College**, founded in 1592 by Elizabeth the 1st. A visit to the ancient library, containing over twenty thousand manuscripts, is often surprising by its splendour. The famous **Book of Kells**, an illuminated manuscript dating from the 9th century, is exhibited here. Later you visit **Saint Patrick's Cathedral**. Built in honour of Ireland's patron saint, the Cathedral stands adjacent to the famous well where tradition has it Saint Patrick baptized converts on his visit to Dublin. This afternoon and evening have free time at leisure.

Day Nine: *Dublin*

Meals: **B, L**

Take a tour of the **Chester Beatty Library** in **Dublin Castle**, an art museum and library which houses the great collection of manuscripts, miniature paintings, prints, drawings, rare books, and some decorative arts assembled by Sir Alfred Chester Beatty (1875-1968). After lunch, you will get informed at the **Guinness Storehouse**. You will have a private visitor tour and pint pulling tuition, finishing with a drink in the **Gravity Bar** where you will enjoy panoramic views of Dublin.

Day Ten: *Dublin – Killarney*

Meals: **B, D**

After breakfast, set off to visit the iconic **Rock of Cashel**. Cashel is one of the most spectacular and most visited tourist attractions in Ireland. The history of Cashel is reflected in its built heritage including mediaeval monasteries and fortified town houses, a Georgian cathedral, and a 21st century Library. Later continue to **Killarney**, a town renowned for its beauty and famed for the splendour of its scenery. Killarney is one of the world's best-loved tourist spots. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Killarney or Tralee area.



Day Eleven:**Killarney****Meals: B, D**

Depart on one of Ireland's most popular and beautiful drives, the **Ring of Kerry**. Travelling from Killarney, you come to the town of **Killorglin**, famous for the "Puck Fair." You then continue your drive along the coastline of the broad **Iveragh Peninsula**, through the towns of **Glenveagh, Cahirciveen, Waterville**, and **Sneem**. The scenery is spectacular, with wind-swept cliffs, still lakes, lost valleys and rocky mountains blending in awesome beauty. As one looks around it is easy to agree with the old Irish saying, "Even if a man has only a small bit of earth here, he has a lot of the heavens." From Sneem, your journey continues via "Ladies View" back to Killarney. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day Twelve:**Killarney – Waterford****Meals: B, D**

Today you visit **Blarney Castle** which was built nearly six hundred years ago by one of Ireland's greatest chieftains. Over the last few hundred years, millions have flocked to Blarney, making it a world landmark and one of Ireland's greatest treasures. After the visit you will drive along the beautiful coast through **Youghal** and **Cork**. Nearby, you will visit the **Waterford Crystal Showroom**. The new manufacturing facility will include highly skilled local craftsmen and will produce 40,000 crystal pieces per year using traditional methods. Dinner and overnight at the **Treacy's Hotel in Waterford**.

Day Thirteen:**Waterford – Cardiff, Wales****Meals: B, L, D**

Very early morning travel to **Rosslare** where you will board the ferry as foot passengers to **Fishguard** in Wales. Say cheerio to your Irish guide! You will be greeted by your English guide upon arrival and head towards **Cardiff**, capital of Wales, where you will be taken to your hotel. Lunch en-route. Dinner and overnight at the **Park Inn by Radisson Cardiff North**.

Day Fourteen:**Cardiff****Meals: B**

You're going on a full day sightseeing tour of Cardiff today. This young Capital city has more than a few surprises tucked up its sleeve. Cardiff Castle spans 2000 years of history with flamboyant neo-Gothic interiors designed by the eccentric genius William Burgess for the 3rd Marquess of Bute. Later, you will visit **St Fagans National History Museum**, one of Europe's most outstanding open air museums and the most visited heritage attraction in Wales. Here, you will see how the people of Wales have lived, worked, and spent their leisure time over the centuries. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day Fifteen:**Cardiff – Windsor – London****Meals: B, L**

After breakfast, depart Cardiff and stop in the small English town of **Windsor** on your way to London. Visit **Windsor Castle** - one of the three official residences of Queen Elizabeth II and home to the sovereign for over 900 years. The castle is the largest and oldest occupied castle in the world. The imposing towers and battlements of the castle loom large from every approach to the town, creating one of the world's most spectacular skylines. After lunch, have some free time at leisure to explore Windsor. Overnight at the Cophorne Tara Hotel.

Day Sixteen:**London****Meals: B**

This morning starts with a panoramic sightseeing tour of the **West End**, taking in most of the key sights such as the **Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, St Paul's Cathedral**, and **Piccadilly Circus**. After that, visit **Hampton Court Palace**. It is perhaps easiest to think of Hampton Court as the 'story of two palaces': a Tudor palace, established by Cardinal Wolsey and made even more magnificent by Henry VIII, alongside a baroque palace built by William III and Mary II. Overnight at the hotel.

Day Seventeen:**London****Meals: B**

This morning visit the **British Museum** on Great Russell Street in **Bloomsbury**. The museum is dedicated to human history, art, and culture. Its permanent collection, numbering some 8 million works, is among the largest and most comprehensive in existence and originates from all continents, illustrating and documenting the story of human culture from its beginnings to the present. Admission is free except for special/temporary exhibitions. Afternoon free at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

Day Eighteen:**London****Meals: B, D**

Today is your day to experience aspects of London that most appeal to you. You may want to visit the Tower of London and glimpse the crown jewels, poke around Harrods, wander the world's largest antiques market along Portobello Road or peruse modern art at the Tate. Enjoy a farewell dinner with the group in a local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel.

Day Nineteen:**London – Vancouver, BC****Meals: B**

This morning is the end of your fantastic journey when you transfer from your hotel to the airport for your flight home.

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