

YOUR ITINERARY

During your stay in London you will have the services of our Trafalgar Local Host who will visit your hotel daily. You will meet your Travel Director on the day your trip departs from London.

DAY 1 DEPART HOME

Overnight flight to London

DAY 2 ARRIVE LONDON

Welcome to London! Relax or spend time exploring this fascinating city.

DAY 3 LONDON – STRATFORD – YORK HARROGATE

A scenic drive through beautiful countryside brings you to Stratford-upon-Avon. Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and Visitor Centre and see Anne Hathaway's cottage. Later, in the Viking town of York, enjoy a walk along historic streets. View the cobbled Shambles, the ancient city walls and the magnificent York Minster. This evening, get to know your companions and your Travel Director at a **Welcome Pub Reception**, which includes a typical British pub meal and drinks. (FB WR)

DAY 4 HARROGATE – LAKE DISTRICT GLASGOW (2 NIGHTS)

From quaint villages around the Yorkshire Dales National Park to the scenic glory of the Lake District, your journey north is impressive. Travelling along the shores of England's largest lake, Windermere, and through countryside that inspired the Romantic poets, you reach Grasmere. View the grave of William Wordsworth, buried at St. Oswald's Church. We cross the Scottish border and visit Gretna Green, where eloping couples would say their vows over the anvil. This afternoon, your orientation tour of Glasgow includes views the Cathedral, the magnificent George Square and the River Clyde, former heart of the shipbuilding industry. (FB)

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DAY 5 EDINBURGH EXCURSION

Today, visit Edinburgh. Your **Local Guide** takes you on a sightseeing tour of this wonderful city, including a visit to Edinburgh Castle, perched high above the city. See the Royal Mile, the elegant Holyrood House in the shadow of Arthur's Seat and the new Scottish Parliament building. Admire the elegant Georgian architecture in the New Town. En route back to Glasgow this afternoon, visit the Falkirk Wheel Visitor Centre to see this modern technological marvel in action. This evening you will enjoy a delicious meal at a local restaurant in Glasgow. (FB HD)

DAY 6 GLASGOW – BELFAST – DUBLIN (2 NIGHTS)

Follow the rugged Ayrshire coast past the island of Ailsa Craig, the stepping stone from Ireland to Scotland, to board the ferry to Northern Ireland. View City Hall, Queen's University and the dock where the Titanic was built with your **Local Guide**. Travel further south and cross the River Boyne at Drogheda to enter the Irish capital, Dublin. (FB)

DAY 7 DUBLIN SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

See Trinity College, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Phoenix Park and the stately Georgian Squares with your **Local Guide**. Enjoy an included visit to the **Guinness Brewery** for a Storehouse tour and pint-pulling demonstration. Spend the rest of the day as you please, why not explore Temple Bar or Grafton Street, famous for its street performers. This evening consider joining an excursion to an Irish cabaret. (FB)

DAY 8 DUBLIN – KILDARE – KILKENNY WATERFORD

Visit the **Irish National Stud Farm** dedicated to rearing world-class thoroughbreds since 1946. After a guided walk through the farm, take some time to stroll through the tranquil Japanese Gardens, regarded as the best in Europe, or visit the Horse Museum. In Kilkenny, see the imposing medieval castle and enjoy free time for lunch. This afternoon, visit the **House of Waterford Crystal**. Watch the master craftsmen at work during your tour of the workshop, and see the exquisite completed pieces in the showroom. (FB)

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DAY 9 WATERFORD – CARDIFF

Cross the Irish Sea to Wales, and continue your journey to Cardiff Bay to view the Millennium Centre and the National Assembly. View the historic Cardiff Castle and see the Millennium Stadium before arriving at your hotel. Tonight, join your Travel Director and travel companions for a memorable **Be My Guest Farewell Dinner**. (FB BG)

DAY 10 CARDIFF – BATH – STONEHENGE LONDON

Cross the Severn Estuary into England and the glorious city of Bath. See splendid Georgian architecture during your orientation. Enjoy an included visit to the Roman Baths from which the city derives its name. In Wiltshire, visit the mysterious monolithic stone circle at Stonehenge. Later, return to London. (FB)

DAY 11 LONDON - HOME

After a hearty breakfast bid farewell to London as your vacation comes to an end. (FB)

Meal Plans: In cities with more than one-night stay meal plans may vary sometimes from one night to the other.

WR = Welcome Reception

BG = Be My Guest Experience

FB = Full Breakfast

HD = Highlight Dinner

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

To complement your itinerary, we have pleasure in offering you a list of Optional Excursions. A selection of those listed below will be offered to you by your Travel Director at the beginning of your trip. Operation of these excursions is subject to traffic, weather and local conditions, as well as opening days and times. Payment for Optional Excursions can be made in cash, or by Visa, Mastercard and American Express. Please note that credit/debit cards can only be processed in Pounds Sterling, however cash can be accepted in most major currencies. **Please be sure to advise your credit card provider that you will be travelling in Europe, before you leave home. Optional credit card payments are processed through a bank in the United Kingdom.**

BUDGETING: To help you with your budgeting we suggest you allow approximately £35 per person per day for optional excursions. Prices are correct at the time of going to press. All optionals are priced in Pounds Sterling (£), with the exception of those operated in the Republic of Ireland, which are priced in Euros. Your credit card will be charged in Pounds Sterling.

WINDERMERE

You will be offered one of the two cruise optionals below during your visit to Windermere.

LKDT01 WINDERMERE CRUISE AND STEAM TRAIN RIDE

A chance to view the glorious scenery of the lake district as we cruise across England's largest lake. Then step back in time as we board the steam train for a short journey from Lakeside to Haverthwaite. £ 15

LKDT120 PRIVATE CRUISE ON WINDERMERE

Enjoy an exclusive cruise on a private boat on England's most beautiful lake taking in the northern coastline, many beautiful houses and gardens and Wray Castle. We also see deserted islands, boats, birdlife and have a chance to breath in the local air and appreciate the area so loved by Beatrix Potter and William Wordsworth. A photographers' paradise. £ 14

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

GLASGOW

GLAT02 GLASGOW EVENING

Join your Travel Director for an evening of good food and enjoyment. One drink included. £ 31

DUBLIN

DUBT04 GLENDALOUGH THE GLEN OF THE TWO LAKES

This is one of the most important monastic sites in Europe dating back to the 7th century. This sacred site is famous for its tranquil beauty - set amidst the rolling countryside of County Wicklow, the garden of Ireland. Your local guide will enthral you with tales of this beautiful place. . . . EURO 19

DUBT01 DINNER AND CABARET

Over an excellent dinner you'll enjoy a non-stop show featuring comedy, dance, song, music and fine food. Ireland's musical history unfolds in a cabaret that will delight you long after the night has ended. The cast will have you tapping your toes and joining in the fun, and it's all wrapped up in the spirit of Irish humour. We will even serve you an Irish Coffee at the end of dinner, it will put you in the mood for Ireland's best night out. EURO 67

WATERFORD

You will be offered one of the following two evening optionals in Waterford.

WATT01 WALKING TOUR AND VISIT TO AN IRISH PUB

Waterford history goes back to the Vikings and there is no better person to bring it to life than the local guide. More than a guide, he is a seanachie or storyteller, entertaining, informative and funny he will bring Waterford history live for you on this walking tour which finishes in an ancient pub. A drink is included. One guest described this as the 'Best History Lesson Ever'. EURO 22

WATT77 AN EVENING OF IRISH ENTERTAINMENT

A chance to experience Irish hospitality in the best Folk tradition. Enjoy a drink whilst being entertained by the people who live and work in the area. EURO 25

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CARDIFF

CWLT12 CASTLE TOUR

Take an 'insider' look at this unique Castle started by the Romans 2000 years ago where we have our own private tour. The refurbishments done in the 1800s have been described as outrageous to opulent, bogus to brilliant and some even say the architect, William Burgess smoked his opium pipe too much! His influences include Arab and Islamic art, Hans Christian Anderson's fairy tales and even Aesop's fables. In addition, we can walk on the battlements and climb the 1000 year old Norman keep for superb views over Cardiff. £ 16

Many Optional Excursions are operated by independent third party suppliers, not Trafalgar. Occasionally these excursions involve outdoor activities and/or can be physically demanding. You should make your own decisions about these excursions and only participate in activities that you feel are suited to your own physical ability. We recommend you check that the insurance you have taken out also includes your participation in any adventure activities you may/will undertake during your overall trip.