

The British Isles

A 15-day tour designed for John White

Revised: 29th August, 2002

Day 01, Saturday 24th May

Overnight: Plane

Depart the US this evening aboard your overnight British Airways flight to London.

Day 02, Sunday 25th May

Overnight: Lake District

In London we connect with our short flight to Manchester. A short drive brings us in to the heart of the Lake District for dinner and overnight. **(B, D)**

Day 03, Monday 26th May

Overnight: Edinburgh

Our morning panorama of the Lake District includes a visit to Wordsworth's home at Dove Cottage. This afternoon we drive north into Scotland, crossing the border at Gretna Green, before arriving in Edinburgh. **(B)**

Day 04, Tuesday 27th May

Overnight: Edinburgh

Morning sightseeing with a local guide includes a visit to Edinburgh Castle. In your free afternoon why not take a trip out to St. Andrew's. **(B)**

Day 05, Wednesday 28th May

Overnight: Inverness

We drive north this morning to Inverness, the capital of the Highlands. In the afternoon we visit Loch Ness for a cruise on the lake and stop at Culloden to see where hopes of Scottish independence were shattered in 1745. **(B)**

Day 06, Thursday 29th May

Overnight: York

This morning we take a spectacular train ride south through the Grampian mountains and back across the border into England. We arrive in the city of York early afternoon and take an excursion out to Fountain's Abbey before settling into our hotel. **(B)**

Day 07, Friday 30th May

Overnight: London

A morning walking tour of York introduces the city walls, the fabulous Minster and includes a visit to the Jorvik Viking Center. This afternoon we continue south by train to London. **(B)**

Day 08, Saturday 31st May

Overnight: London

Morning sightseeing with a local guide introduces this lively and cosmopolitan city. The afternoon and evening are free. **(B)**

Day 09, Sunday 1st June

Overnight: Carmarthen

Leaving London we head west, first stopping at Stonehenge, to the city of Bath where we visit the Roman Baths and have time for lunch. We cross into Wales in the afternoon and stop at Tintern Abbey before continuing to our hotel in Carmarthen. **(B)**

Day 10, Monday 2nd June

Overnight: Killarney

We cross the Irish Sea this morning by fast catamaran arriving in the port of Rosslare just after lunch. Our afternoon drive takes us to Killarney, stopping at Blarney Castle en route. **(B)**

Day 11, Tuesday 3rd June

Overnight: Killarney

Today we drive the Ring of Kerry – 112 miles of the most spectacular coastal scenery in the world. We return to Killarney mid-afternoon. **(B)**

Day 12, Wednesday 4th June

Overnight: Dublin

We drive across Ireland today to the capital city, Dublin. En route we make stops at Bunratty Castle and stop for lunch in the nearby town of Limerick. **(B)**

Day 13, Thursday 5th June

Overnight: Dublin

Morning sightseeing of Dublin with a local guide includes visits to St. Patrick's Cathedral, where Jonathan Swift lies buried, and Trinity College Library where we view the Book of Kells. The afternoon and evening are free. **(B)**

Day 14, Friday 6th June

Overnight: Ruthin

Our crossing of the Irish Sea this morning takes us to North Wales and the Isle of Anglesea, once the Holy Island of the Druids. We stop at Caernarfon Castle and drive through Snowdonia National Park before arriving at our genuine castle hotel in the village of Ruthin. This evening we attend a medieval banquet in the Great Hall of the castle. **(B, D)**

Day 15, Saturday 7th June

Overnight: Home

Transfer this morning back to Manchester airport for the return flights to Washington, via London. **(B)**

The NET cost of the above itinerary, based upon 30 passengers, double occupancy, is **\$2390** per person (single supplement \$390). This includes the following:

- i) Roundtrip airfare on British Airways, Washington-Manchester.
- ii) 13 nights' accommodation in superior tourist class hotels, all rooms with private facilities.
- iii) 13 full breakfasts.
- iv) 1 evening dinner, 3 courses + coffee (set menu).
- v) Medieval Banquet at Ruthin Castle.
- vi) Fully qualified Discover Europe courier for 14 days
- xiii) All ground transportation by private, luxury motorcoach as detailed in the itinerary.
- xiv) Round trip ferry crossings to and from Ireland.
- xv) Standard class rail tickets with reserved seats from Inverness to York and York to London.
- xvi) Entrance fees to all sites featured in the itinerary.
- xvii) Fully comprehensive travel insurance, including cancellation coverage.
- xviii) All airport taxes, customs fees, hotel taxes & service charges.

This itinerary is based upon the following hotels:

Lake District The Beech Hill Hotel.
Edinburgh The Learnmonth.
Inverness The Station Hotel
York To be advised.
London The Grafton.
Carmarthen The Ivy Bush Royal Hotel.
Killarney The Killarney International Hotel
Dublin The Central Hotel.
Ruthin Ruthin Castle

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