

England, Ireland & Scotland

ITINERARY NIGHTS: Dublin (2), Edinburgh (2), York (1), London (2)

HIGHLIGHTS: Dublin City Tour • Dublin Castle • Trinity College • Kilkenny • Rock of Cashel • Waterford • Edinburgh City Tour • Hadrian's Wall • York Shambles Walk • Stratford-upon-Avon Tour • London City Tour • Westminster Abbey • British Museum • London Theatre

OPTIONS: Flight from Dublin to Edinburgh



DAY 1 Depart for Great Britain.

DAY 2 DUBLIN Welcome to the Emerald Isle! Your TSA Tours representative will greet you at the airport. On a **Dublin City Tour** see the National Gallery, the National Museum, and visit **Dublin Castle**. Constructed from 1204 to 1226, the castle features impressive state apartments and the Heraldic Museum. Continue to **Trinity College**, the oldest university in Ireland, founded in

1591, and the alma mater of Samuel Beckett, Jonathan Swift and Oscar Wilde among others. Here you can see the famous *Book of Kells* and other beautiful illuminated manuscripts of the Middle Ages displayed in the Colonnades Gallery.

DAY 3 DUBLIN Tour the narrow winding streets of **Kilkenny** to see Kilkenny Castle. Visit the **Rock of Cashel National Monument**. This limestone rock was the

seat of the **Munster Kings** from 370 AD until the 12th century. In 1101, the **Rock of Cashel** was adopted by the church as the

ecclesiastical seat of the Archbishops. Continue to the pretty little port of **Waterford**, home of the legendary crystal makers. Watch the master glass blowers, crystal cutters and engravers in action.

DAY 4 EDINBURGH Travel to Scotland by ferry. Edinburgh is one of Europe's great and beautiful cities, from the broad sweep of **Princes Street** to the striking view of **Castle Rock**, dominated by the ramparts of historic **Edinburgh castle**. **Option:** Enjoy more time in Edinburgh with a flight from Dublin.

DAY 5 EDINBURGH Discover the capital of Scotland on an **Edinburgh City Tour**. See **St. Giles Cathedral** and **Castle Rock**, and visit **Edinburgh Castle**. Then stroll along the **Royal Mile** to see **Holyrood House**, the official residence of the Scottish Monarch. The afternoon is free to continue

your explorations with your advisor. You may wish to visit **Greyfriars Kirk** to see the statue of **Greyfriar's Bobby** and learn the story of this faithful **Skye terrier** that has had a hold on public sentiment for more than a century.

DAY 6 YORK Transfer by way of **Hadrian's Wall**, built in AD 122 as a defense against the "barbarians" of the north. The ancient city of **York** is still surrounded by its medieval walls, and in places one can still see the Roman foundations upon which these walls were built. Ramble down the narrowest and best-known street with your courier this evening on **The Shambles Walk**.

DAY 7 LONDON Travel to London through **Stratford-upon-Avon**, the birthplace of **William Shakespeare**, and visit **Ann Hathaway's Cottage**. On your **London City Tour** see **Buckingham Palace**, **Trafalgar Square**, **St. Paul's**, **Tower**



Bridge, **Piccadilly Circus**, the **Houses of Parliament**, **Big Ben** and other highlights of the



largest city in Europe. Also visit **Westminster Abbey**, the historic site of numerous royal weddings and coronations. Highlights include the **Coronation Chair** and **Screen**, and **Poets' Corner** with its monuments to **Chaucer**, **Milton**, **Longfellow**, **Thomas** and other literary notables.



DAY 8 LONDON Visit the **British Museum** where the history of civilization awaits. Its vast collection includes **Egyptian**, **Assyrian**, **Greek**, **Roman**, **British**, **Oriental** and medieval antiquities. Highlights include the **Rosetta Stone** (196 BC), the **Lewis Chessmen**, the **Parthenon Sculptures**, the new galleries of **Egyptian funerary archaeology**, and an exhibit dedicated to the **Beatles**. This evening "the play's the thing" when you attend a **West End Theatre Performance**.

DAY 9 DEPART Leave Great Britain behind but carry home many wonderful and historic memories.

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