

Sunday, June 8: St. Mary's Port, UK (Isles of Scilly)
Arrival 8:00 AM - Departure 5:00 PM

Tour Option A & B: Treseco Abbey Gardens Visit with Cream Tea

Tour Code: GBSCI307
Tour Type: Sightseeing Tour
Duration: 2 - 3 Hours
Minimum: 15 Guests - Maximum 100 Guests

Tour Option A: Departure 1 Timing: 9:00AM – 12:00PM (subject to change)
Tour Option B: Departure 2 Timing: 9:15AM – 12:15PM (subject to change)

Meals: Cream Tea

Activity Level: W2: Moderate activity. Requires intermittent effort throughout, including walking medium distances over uneven surfaces and/or on steps.

Price: \$0 - included tour

Tour Description:

As you step ashore to Treseco, Scilly's second-largest island, you'll be met by a local gardener. Walk to the world renowned Treseco Abbey gardens, an incredible subtropical botanical paradise created during the mid-1830s in the ruins of a Benedictine priory. Be amazed by the 20,000 plant species that call these gardens home, originating from as far as New Zealand, South America, and South Africa. The mild climate and high number of sunshine hours in Scilly have allowed these plants to flourish like nowhere else in the world. The walls of the priory ruins act as a windbreak, providing protection from the powerful Atlantic weather during the winter months. Here, you'll be able to spot red squirrels and bees, both thriving in this safe and beautiful sanctuary. Take your time to explore the gardens and discover its many treasures, including a collection of shipwrecked figureheads and decorative carvings. Most of these date from the 19th-century merchant sailing vessels and steamships that met their fate off the shores of Scilly. End your visit with a delightful cream tea before returning to the quay.

Please note: The walk to the gardens takes approximately 10 minutes from Carn Near Quay and 30 minutes from New Grimsby Quay. The quay used depends on tidal and weather conditions on the day. Vehicles are available to help transport guests with mobility issues."

Tour Option C: St Martin's Vineyard & Winery

Tour Code: GBSCI306
Tour Type: Sightseeing
Duration: 2 Hours
Minimum: 20 Guests – Maximum 30 Guests
Timing: 2:00PM – 4:00PM (subject to change)
Meals: Wine

Activity Level: W2: Moderate activity. Requires intermittent effort throughout, including walking medium distances over uneven surfaces and/or on steps.

Price: \$0 - included tour

Tour Description:

Get ready to discover the hidden gem of St. Martin's, a peaceful island that boasts some of the world's most stunning beaches, where shimmering seas caress pristine white sand. Immerse yourself in St. Martin's rich natural beauty and meet the enterprising residents who are making the most of their idyllic surroundings. One of these thriving local businesses is St. Martin's Vineyard, the UK's most southwesterly vineyard, established on a former flower farm in 1996. The vineyard produces four varieties of wine, two whites, one rosé, and one red, and is a prime example of a thriving vineyard in action. The owners, moved to the island in 2020 to preserve the traditional management of the vineyard while focusing on biodiversity and sustainability, including a move toward organic production. During your visit, you can meet the owners if they are available and take a self-guided tour of the vineyard at your own pace. And, of course, you won't want to miss the opportunity to taste some of the fantastic wines. After some free time to explore, enjoy your scenic walk back to your yacht.

Please note: Expect to navigate steep, uneven ground. Due to tides and environmental conditions, the tour's duration is subject to change.

Monday, June 9: Bantry, Ireland
Port Times: Arrival 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tour Option A, B & C: Scenic Gougane Barra

Tour Code: IEBYT305
Tour Type: Sightseeing/Active Tour
Duration: 3 Hours
Minimum: 20 Guests - Maximum 70 Guests

Tour Option A: Departure 1 Timing: 9:45AM – 12:45PM (subject to change)
Tour Option B: Departure 2 Timing: 12:45PM – 3:45PM (subject to change)
Tour Option C: Departure 3 Timing: 1:45PM – 4:45PM (subject to change)

Meals: Irish Coffee

Activity Level: W1: Minimal walking but ascending and descending coach steps for photo stops.

Price: \$0 – Included Tour

Tour Description:

Travel to the enchanting Gougane Barra Forest Park, perched in the Shehy Mountains above Bantry Bay. As you veer north through the quaint town of Ballylickey, the scenic route unfolds through Kealkill, leading you to the tranquil Gougane Barra, a place where nature's drama meets serenity. Gougane Barra captivates with its sheer cliffs and the mysterious waters of the lake. At its heart lies a sacred isle, once the retreat of St. Finbarr, Cork's patron saint. While his ancient hermitage has vanished, the spirit of pilgrimage lives on with a little 18th-century church. Your exploration takes you through Forest Park, a verdant expanse of towering lodge pole pines and Sitka spruces, alongside the resilient Japanese larch. Pause at a local hotel for an indulgence in the warmth of a traditional Irish coffee. Following this delightful interlude, seize the chance to stroll and capture the serene beauty of St. Finbarr's Oratory on the isle, a gem set amidst this rugged landscape.

Please note: Expect minimal walking except to get on and off the coach at photo stops. This tour is suitable for guests in foldable wheelchairs or with mobility issues that can get on and off the coach unassisted or with the help of a companion. The order of sites visited may vary.

Tour Option D: The Whiddy Island Experience (ferry)

Tour Code: IEBYT304
Tour Type: Sightseeing, Active
Duration: 3 Hours
Minimum: 15 Guests – Maximum 24 Guests
Timing: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM (subject to change)
Meals: 1 glass of Guinness or Beer. Mussels and homemade brown bread with smoked mackerel

Activity Level: W3: Strenuous activity. This tour requires physical effort, including walking long distances over uneven or steep terrain or steps. Guests must be able to participate without discomfort or difficulty in breathing. Due to the terrain and steps, wheelchairs are not permitted.

Price: \$40

Tour Description:

Sail to tranquil Whiddy Island, nestled in the heart of Bantry Bay, an area renowned for its deep-water harbor and rich maritime heritage. From its pivotal role as a US navy seaplane base in WWI to its days as a bustling oil terminal, Whiddy Island whispers stories of bygone eras against a backdrop of stunning seascapes. Today, the island is a sanctuary for nature enthusiasts eager to spot an array of birdlife, and a paradise for those seeking solace in its quiet beauty. Step ashore to be warmly welcomed by Tim, the island's jack-of-all-trades. As the local publican, postman, and unofficial ambassador of Whiddy, Tim's pub by the shore is a hub of island life. Here, you'll savor the taste of locally farmed mussels, while Jeffrey, the island's storied feline resident, might just curl up nearby. Witness the magic of traditional baking brought to life in a demonstration that will tantalize your senses. Then, relax with a drink in hand, letting the serene ambiance and the delightful favors of the day wash over you. Upon returning to Bantry, the quaint town invites you to wander its streets and take in the local culture before you conclude your journey at the pier.

Please note: Expect to walk for approximately 164 yards, including navigating over uneven surfaces, steps and steep inclines. This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs or with mobility issues. The order of sites visited may vary.

Tuesday, June 10: Galway, Ireland
Port Times: 8:30 AM - Departure 5:00 PM

Tour Option A & B: Galway Through the Ages

Tour Code: IEGWY303
 Tour Type: Sightseeing Tour
 Duration: 3 Hours 45 Minutes
 Minimum: 25 Guests – Maximum 70 Guests

Tour Option A: Departure 1 Timing: 9:30AM – 1:15PM (subject to change)
 Tour Option B: Departure 2 Timing: 12:45PM – 4:30PM (subject to change)

Meals: Tea, coffee, scones

Activity Level: W1: The coach is not wheelchair accessible. Minimal walking but ascending and descending coach steps for photo stops. This tour is suitable for foldable wheelchairs or those with mobility impairment, however guests should be able to board the coach (approx. 3 steps) unaided as the driver or guide are unable to assist with this.

Price: \$0 – included tour

Tour Description:

A scenic drive along the shores of Galway Bay brings you to the picturesque town of Kinvara. Here, you will photograph Dunguaire Castle -- a small 17th-century castle set on a rocky promontory. The castle was built by the Hynes clan in 1520 -- a family who may have been associated with the area since AD 662. From Kinvara you will turn inland to visit the welcoming Rathbaun Farm. Rathbaun boasts a picturesque 150-year-old farmhouse. This is the perfect spot for enjoying traditional homemade scones and a hot cup of tea while your hosts take you on a narrative journey through Irish farming history. The Connolly family, still farming to this day, will introduce the many phases this land has seen over the centuries, from famine to prosperity to the Ireland of today. Afterwards, you will be invited to hand-feed the newborn lambs (in season) and watch the farmer maneuver his flock with the help of his trusty sheepdog.

Re-join your motorcoach and return to Galway -- capital city of County Galway -- located on the northeastern corner of Galway Bay. The Corrib River runs through the city. Galway is known as the city of the Tribes, because fourteen Celtic tribes led the city to prominence early in its history. They were the merchant families of Athy, Blake, Bodkin, Browne, Darcy, Deane, Font, French, Joyce, Kirwin, Lynch, Martyn, Morris and Skerrett. Enjoy a short panoramic drive through this famous city, and a stop to photograph Galway Cathedral, before returning to the pier.

Please note: Wear comfortable walking shoes. Dress warmly in layers. Order of tour may vary.

Tour Option C: Spectacular Cliffs of Moher

Tour Code: IEGWY304
 Tour Type: Sightseeing
 Duration: 5 Hours 45 Minutes
 Minimum: 15 Guests – Maximum 69 Guests
 Timing: 10:45AM – 4:45PM (subject to change)
 Meals: Lunchbox from ship

Activity Level: W2: Moderate activity. Requires intermittent effort throughout, including walking medium distances over uneven surfaces and/or on steps.

Price: \$104

Tour Description:

Take a journey to the Cliffs of Moher, which will take you through charming towns and 'The Burren' region, where you can admire the unique natural beauty of limestone landscapes. As you arrive at the Cliffs, you'll see why they are one of Ireland's most spectacular sights. The rugged cliffs rise from the Atlantic Ocean to a height of nearly 200 meters and extend for a distance of 8 kilometers. As well as admiring the outside views, you'll also visit the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience which is housed within an underground building. Here you can see images, exhibits and interactive displays and there is an audio-visual theatre that allows visitors to experience life at the cliff face both above and below sea level. Your visit to the Cliffs of Moher will allow free time to perhaps have a hot cup of tea and a snack in the onsite café or browse the souvenir store. Your tour will round off with the return drive to Galway, where you can enjoy the lovely scenery once more.

Wednesday, June 11: Donegal (Killybegs), Ireland
Port Times: Arrival 9:00 AM - Departure 6:00 PM

Tour Option A, B & C: Wild Donegal & Glencolmcille

Tour Code: IEKBL302
 Tour Type: Sightseeing Tour
 Duration: 3 Hours 30 Minutes
 Minimum: 25 Guests – Maximum 70 Guests

Tour Option A: Departure 1 Timing: 9:30AM – 1:00PM (subject to change)
 Tour Option B: Departure 2 Timing: 1:00PM – 4:30PM (subject to change)
 Tour Option C: Departure 3 Timing: 2:00PM – 5:30PM (subject to change)

Meals: Tea, coffee, scones

Activity Level: W1: The coach is not wheelchair accessible. Minimal walking but ascending and descending coach steps for photo stops. This tour is suitable for foldable wheelchairs or those with mobility impairment, however guests should be able to board the coach (approx. 3 steps) unaided as the driver or guide are unable to assist with this. The ground is quite uneven at the site but there are ramps.

Price: \$0 - included tour

Tour Description:

County Donegal's appeal lies in the natural beauty of its coast with windswept peninsulas, precipitous cliffs and a host of golden beaches that rival any in Europe. Departing the fishing village of Killybegs, your tour heads in an easterly direction through wild and rugged countryside to Glencolmcille, a Gaelic-speaking area rich in folklore and traditional music. Here you visit the Glencolmcille Folk Village which opened in 1967, a monument to Father James McDyer, who came to the village in 1952 and immediately recognized the potential for tourism and the need to improve his parish's finances. Steeped in culture, tradition and language, the Glencolmcille Folk Village depicts bygone lifestyles through an interpretive center, schoolhouse and craft shop. You will visit thatched cottages which are replicas of dwellings used by local people in 1750, 1850 and 1900. The dank, musty smells remain to remind you of a time before insulation and central heating.

Donegal is also renowned for its tweed, and you will be given a demonstration in the art of spinning and weaving. During your visit to the Folk Village, coffee or tea together with scones will be served in the tea rooms, whilst musicians entertain you with some live Irish music. At the end of the visit, you will leave this unique village, having received a fascinating insight into a traditional way of life that you will long remember.

Tour Option D: Spectacular Slieve League Cliffs

Tour Code: IEKBL305
 Tour Type: Sightseeing
 Duration: 3 Hours 15 Minutes
 Minimum: 15 Guests – Maximum 34 Guests
 Timing: 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
 Meal: Tea, coffee, scones

Activity Level: W1: The coach is not wheelchair accessible. Minimal walking but ascending and descending coach steps for photo stops. This tour is suitable for foldable wheelchairs or those with mobility impairment, however guests should be able to board the coach (approx. 3 steps) unaided as the driver or guide are unable to assist with this.

Price: \$60

Tour Description:

Depart from the fishing village of Killybegs and travel through the small scenic villages of Kilcar and Carrick along your drive to the Ti Linn Café & Craft shop. Arrive at the Ti Linn Centre and transfer to a minibuss, which will take you to the viewing point for the Slieve League Cliffs. Slieve League is Ireland's ultimate sea cliff experience and a signature point on the Wild Atlantic Way coastal touring route. The Slieve League Cliffs are believed to be Europe's Highest accessible sea cliffs, where the cliff face rises over 600m from the ocean below. The viewpoint offers unspoiled views of the roaring Atlantic and Donegal's dramatic coastline. Due to its remote setting, Slieve League can boast a raw landscape and your trip to this location will be more than worth it when the breath-taking expanse of natural beauty comes into view. Upon arrival at the viewing point, stop to capture exceptional photographs of the spectacular scenery that you will not want to forget.

Re-joining the mini-bus, travel back to the Ti Linn café and craft shop for tea/coffee and scones. You will have time to browse in the craft shop, newly featuring a unique variety of gifts from Triona Design, an international tweed brand and Irish family-owned business. From authentic Irish clothing to fine art and jewelry, you'll have plenty to choose from when selecting the perfect memento. Arrive back at the pier to join your awaiting ship.

Thursday, June 12: Londonderry, Ireland
Port Times: Arrival 9:00 AM - Departure 6:00 PM

Tour Option A: Panoramic Derry
 Tour Code: GBLDY301A

Tour Type: Sightseeing
 Duration: 2 Hours 45 Minutes
 Minimum: 20 Guests – Maximum 140 Guests
 Timing: 9:45 AM - 12:30 PM (subject to change)
 Meals: Irish coffee or soda

Activity Level: W1: The coach is not wheelchair accessible. Minimal walking but ascending and descending coach steps for photo stops. This tour is suitable for foldable wheelchairs or those with mobility impairment, however guests should be able to board the coach (approx. 3 steps) unaided as the driver or guide are unable to assist with this.

Price: \$0 – included tour

Tour Description:

This half-day guided tour is a great introduction to Derry and offers a little bit of everything you look for while on vacation: amazing scenery, fascinating history, enchanting culture, and plenty of photo-worthy landmarks (so be sure to bring your camera). After boarding your comfortable coach it's just a leisurely 45-minute drive to the heart of Derry. Also known as Londonderry, Northern Ireland's second largest city lies tucked inside a 400-year-old wall, the best-preserved city fortifications in the Western world and the last to be built in Europe. Built between 1613 and 1619 to protect Derry from invasion, the walls rise to a height of 26 feet and, in places, stand 30 feet wide. In its entire history, the walls have never been breached, giving the city the nickname, "The Maiden City." Today, with 'the troubles' over, Derry enjoys the freedom of a small, compact and developing city. Your guide will share his or her knowledge of the city with you as you make your way around each notable landmark. Arriving in the city, a stop will be made for you to view the exterior of the beautiful stone structure of St Columb's Cathedral. This Gothic Cathedral, which was completed in 1633, has a fine spire, vivid stained-glass windows and a total of 13 bells. Among the sights is the Guildhall, a late Gothic-style building with stained glass windows illustrating the city's history. Continuing, history takes center stage as you pass a former workhouse for the poor, a former barracks for the British army and a number of political murals painted by Republicans protesting British policies. You will also glimpse the old shipyard and embarkation point for Irish emigrants during the Great Famine. A stop will be made for an Irish Coffee in a local bar. At the end of your delightful tour, you'll embark on the scenic ride back to your ship.

Tour Option B: Giant's Causeway & Antrim Coast
 Tour Code: GBLDY302

Tour Type: Sightseeing
 Duration: 7 Hours
 Minimum: 15 Guests – Maximum 69 Guests
 Timing: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (subject to change)
 Meals: Lunch

Activity Level: W3: Strenuous activity. This tour requires physical effort, including walking long distances over uneven or steep terrain or steps. Guests must be able to participate without discomfort or difficulty in breathing. Due to the terrain and steps, wheelchairs are not permitted.

Price: \$184

Tour Description:

Take a journey to Northern Ireland's most famous landmark and only UNESCO World Heritage Site—the Giant's Causeway. Before you visit the Causeway, a short panoramic drive will introduce you to the historic city of Derry. From here, travel through the towns of Limavady and Coleraine to join the Antrim Coast at Portrush and arriving at the iconic Giant's Causeway. This remarkable landform takes its name from the legend of the giant Finn MacCool and it draws people from far and wide to this corner of North Antrim. For centuries, visitors have marveled at the majesty and mystery of the causeway—a natural rampart against the unbridled ferocity of Atlantic storms. The rugged symmetry of the columns never fails to intrigue and inspire the visitor. The visitor center at the Giant's Causeway interpretative facility allows you to decide for yourself which explanation of how the causeway's 40,000 basalt stones were formed is most likely (or simply most interesting). Stories about the area's rich mythology, history, geology, flora and fauna will paint the full picture causeway in your mind's eye before you make your way to the stones themselves. Following your memorable visit to Finn's pathway to Scotland, lunch will be served at a local hotel. Afterwards, relax and enjoy the magnificent scenery of the Antrim coast, with a stop to photograph Dunluce Castle—one of the most extensive ruins of a medieval castle in Ireland. Re-join your motor coach and begin the return journey to Derry and your awaiting ship.

NOTE: Guests must pay for the shuttle bus directly on the day. So, they must carry sterling. Alternatively, Guests will have to walk approx. 1mile (25 mins) on the Blue Route to reach the stones themselves and the return walk is uphill. Guest will need to be physically able for this walk. Alternatively, guests can avail of the Green Route which offers a viewing point looking out over the stones but does not reach the stones themselves.

Thursday, June 12: Londonderry, Ireland (continued)
Port Times: Arrival 9:00 AM - Departure 6:00 PM

Tour Option C: Peacemakers
Tour Code: GBLDY304

Tour Type: Sightseeing
Duration: 3 Hours
Minimum: 15 Guests – Maximum 40 Guests
Timing: 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM (subject to change)
Meals: Tea, coffee, pastry or scone

Activity Level: W1: The coach is not wheelchair accessible. Minimal walking but ascending and descending coach steps for photo stops. This tour is suitable for foldable wheelchairs or those with mobility impairment, however guests should be able to board the coach (approx. 3 steps) unaided as the driver or guide are unable to assist with this.

Price: \$74

Tour Description:

Derry, also known as Londonderry, is a historic city nestled on the banks of the River Foyle in Northern Ireland. Known for its well-preserved 17th-century city walls, Derry offers a captivating mix of history, culture, and scenic views. As you drive through the city, you'll pass the imposing city walls, offering views of both the old and new parts of town. The iconic Guildhall, with its striking neo-Gothic architecture, is another notable sight. You'll also see the Peace Bridge, a modern symbol of unity connecting the city's historic and contemporary sides before stopping to visit the Peacemakers Museum.

A guided tour of the Peacemakers Museum offers a powerful and insightful journey through the city's tumultuous history, focusing on the remarkable stories of peacebuilding and reconciliation. The museum showcases the struggles, challenges, and triumphs of individuals and groups who played a key role in promoting peace in Northern Ireland, especially during and after the conflict known as The Troubles. Visitors will explore exhibits, historical artifacts, and personal accounts that highlight the resilience of the Derry community in the face of division.

Following the tour, guests will have the unique opportunity to engage in a meaningful conversation with a local resident over a cup of tea or coffee. This intimate talk provides a personal perspective on the events that shaped the city and offers a chance to ask questions, hear first hand experiences, and discuss the ongoing journey of peace and healing in Derry. It's a thought-provoking and memorable experience, deepening understanding of both the city's past and its hopeful future.

Thursday, June 12: Londonderry, Ireland (continued)
Port Times: Arrival 9:00 AM - Departure 6:00 PM

Tour Option D: Derry: Past, Present & Future
Tour Code: GBLDY305

Tour Type: Sightseeing
Duration: 3 Hours 45 Minutes
Minimum: 15 Guests – Maximum 69 Guests
Timing: 1:30 PM - 5:15 PM (subject to change)
Meals: Glass of wine or soft drink

Activity Level: W2: Moderate activity. Requires intermittent effort throughout, including walking medium distances over uneven surfaces and/or on steps.

Price: \$104

Tour Description:

Ever since St Columb founded a monastery in the 6th century in what is now Londonderry, this city has seen its share of conflicts: Vikings in the Middle Ages, civil unrest and war in the 17th century, and the violent fight for independence 300 years later. Nowadays, this charismatic city is renowned as a thriving capital of culture having enjoyed an exciting transformation in recent years culminating with a place on the coveted Lonely Planet 'Top 10 Cities in the World' listing. From the pier in Greencastle a charming fishing village and home to some of Ireland's finest and freshest seafood, you will enjoy the tranquil landscapes of Co. Donegal and Lough Foyle as you make your way along the scenic route to Derry~Londonderry.

As you enter the city you will pass key landmarks such as the neo-Gothic 'Guildhall', and the iconic 'Peace Bridge'. Designed to form a handshake across the River Foyle and uniting historically separate communities on the two banks in the city of Derry, this impressive piece of architecture is widely recognized as symbol of Peace and unity throughout the island of Ireland. Not only is Derry the only remaining Walled city in Ireland, it's also one of the finest examples of a Walled city in Europe. Built between 1613 and 1619 to protect Derry from invasion, the walls rise to a height of 26 feet and in places stand 30 feet wide. In its entire colorful and complex history, the Walls have never been breached giving the city the nickname "The Maiden City." The Walls boast an impressive collection of original cannons including the famous 'Roaring Meg' located at the 'Double Bastion' overlooking the Bogside, named after her ferocious sound in battle and used during the Siege of Derry.

For a closer look at those turbulent times, you'll disembark at the Museum of Free Derry. Inside are over 25,000 items that focus on the civil rights campaigns of the 1960s and 1970s. View an artistic rendering of the conflicts with a stroll past the famous "People's Gallery" murals that stretch down the street in the Bogside area, site of the infamous Bloody Sunday massacre where British soldiers shot at and killed civilian demonstrators.

Follow the ancient city walls on foot to the Guildhall, home to the Derry City Council chamber. Built in 1887, it's been destroyed twice - by fire in 1908 and bomb attacks in 1972. But this 120-year-old landmark has recovered and today, boasts 23 beautiful stained-glass windows one of the largest collections of stained glass in Ireland. Once inside, His Honor, the Lord Mayor will warmly welcome you to the city with a wine reception. At the reception's conclusion, you'll rejoin your coach for the return trip to your ship with a camera full of pictures and the opportunity to meet "royalty."

NOTE: Attendance of the Lord Mayor is subject to availability. Nothing is confirmed until the new Mayor is elected each year.

Friday, June 13: Tobermory, UK
Port Times: Arrival 8:00 AM - Departure 5:00 PM

Tour Option A - F: Duart Castle
Tour Code: GBTOB301

Tour Type: Sightseeing
Duration: 3 Hours 30 Minutes
A, B, D & E: Minimum 25 Guests – Maximum 34 Guests, C&F: Minimum 20 Guests – Maximum 22 Guests

Tour Option A: Departure 1 Timing: 8:30AM – 12:00PM (subject to change)
Tour Option B: Departure 2 Timing: 8:45AM – 12:15PM (subject to change)
Tour Option C: Departure 3 Timing: 9:00AM – 12:30PM (subject to change)
Tour Option D: Departure 4 Timing: 12:45PM – 4:15PM (subject to change)
Tour Option E: Departure 5 Timing: 1:00PM – 4:30PM (subject to change)
Tour Option F: Departure 6 Timing: 1:00PM – 4:30PM (subject to change)

Meals: None

Activity Level: W2: Moderate activity. Requires intermittent effort throughout, including walking medium distances over uneven surfaces and/or on steps.

Price: \$0 – included tour

Tour Description:

You'll come ashore at the beautiful harbor of Tobermory, full of visiting yachts in the summer, and sheltered by the steep hills behind. This colorful town has fine stone houses in the main street, brightly painted offering a Continental atmosphere.

Your excursion itinerary will take you south from Tobermory along the coastal road which provides extensive views of the lovely coastline and across the water to the mountains of Morvern. The road is narrow and on several stretches, is single-track, as it passes through agricultural areas with their small neat farms and grazing cattle. Through the small community of Craignure, an important ferry connecting point to the port of Oban on the mainland of Scotland's west coast, to arrive at Duart Castle – a 13th century fortress and home of the 28th Chief of the Clan Maclean and his family.

Standing proudly on a cliff-top at the end of the peninsula guarding the Sound of Mull, Duart enjoys one of the most spectacular and unique positions on the west coast of Scotland. For over 400 years this has been the base of the Clan Maclean's formidable sea-borne power. Our visit will show us that Duart was originally a rectangular wall enclosing a courtyard. Later in the mid 17th century small vaulted cellars with a hall at first floor level and perhaps a small chamber above, were built within the courtyard. At the same time the defense to the gateway entrance to the courtyard was strengthened by a two story gatehouse. We see the principal parts of the castle, including the state rooms, and can even walk through the dungeons during our independent and leisurely exploration of Duart. We may decide to climb to the top of the keep from where it is easy to appreciate the strategic site of the castle. During our visit we also hear something of the ancient history of Duart and the Macleans who have continued to use the castle as their base since the earliest years. We then return towards Tobermory appreciating the magical island of Mull is one of those rare and fortunate places which seem untouched by the passage of time.



Friday, June 13: Tobermory, UK (continued)
Port Times: Arrival 8:00 AM - Departure 5:00 PM

Tour Option G&H: Tobermory Walk
Tour Code: GBTOB303A

Tour Type: Sightseeing, Active
Duration: 2 Hours 5 Minutes
Minimum 8 Guests – Maximum 44 Guests

Tour Option G: Departure 1 Timing: 9:15AM – 11:30AM (subject to change)
Tour Option H: Departure 2 Timing: 1:00PM – 3:30PM (subject to change)

Meals: None

Activity Level: W2: Moderate activity. Requires intermittent effort throughout, including walking medium distances over uneven surfaces and/or on steps. Approximately 2 miles walking. Not suitable for guests with difficulty walking or those confined to a wheelchair.

Price: \$0 - included tour

Tour Description:

Tobermory was built as a fishing port in the late 18th century and is now the main village on Mull. It is a picture-postcard of a place with the brightly painted buildings along the main street to the pier and the high woodland-fringed hills surrounding the bay. Tobermory was selected for the BBC's children's TV program 'Balamory', because of its beautiful location, and its multi-colored houses. Our leisurely walk takes us through this picturesque village, passing Tobermory's first Power House and along Breadalbane Street – where many of the colorful houses featured in the program are located. From there, we make our way to St Mary's Well – an ancient holy well dedicated to the Virgin Mary from which the village name originates - Gaelic 'Tobar Mhoire' -meaning the well of Mary. We then continue along Argyll Terrace back in towards the village. Along the way we will have the opportunity to stop and view many points of interest including the Parish Church and the granite obelisk war memorial, before heading towards the waterfront and along the picturesque promenade - past Tobermory's famous distillery – and back to the quayside.



Saturday, June 14: Ullapool, UK
Port Times: Arrival 8:00 AM - Departure 5:00 PM

Tour Option A - D: Lochinver Scenic Drive
Tour Code: GBULA304

Tour Type: Sightseeing
Duration: 3 Hours 30 Minutes
A&C: Minimum 25 Guests – Maximum 70 Guests, B&D: Minimum 25 Guests – Maximum 35 Guests

Tour Option A: Departure 1 Timing: 8:45AM – 12:15PM (subject to change)
Tour Option B: Departure 2 Timing: 9:00AM – 12:30PM (subject to change)
Tour Option C: Departure 3 Timing: 1:00PM – 4:30PM (subject to change)
Tour Option D: Departure 4 Timing: 1:15PM – 4:45PM (subject to change)

Meals: None

Activity Level: W2: Moderate activity. Requires intermittent effort throughout, including walking medium distances over uneven surfaces and/or on steps.

Price: \$0 – included tour

Tour Description:

As you come ashore at Ullapool you will see the town is an important fishing port, with freshly painted houses lining the sea front, their upper windows sharply gabled. They look down on the jumble of quays and slipways, cluttered with small boats and fishing gear. The town is also a popular holiday resort and the ferry terminus for boats to Stornoway.

The road out of Ullapool offers fine views of mountains and peaks, rising above a landscape of moors. You continue through the Inverpolly National Nature Reserve, a remote, lonely stretch of moorland dotted with lochs, burns and great red sandstone peaks. Continuing through Ledmore and then a photo stop with views of Ardvreck Castle. It is a jagged fang of a ruin, dating from 1490, three stories high, and standing on lovely Loch Assynt.

Your scenic tour continues along the side of Loch Assynt. A lonely and picturesque loch, situated in the heart of the wild, rocky Sutherland mountains, which are dominated to the east by Ben More Assynt, 3,273 feet, the highest peak in the county. The area is also known for rare plants and ferns.

Arrive into Lochinver - a delightful small resort on one of the most beautiful stretches of coastline in Scotland, with heart-stopping views all round. It is one of the most charming of villages in the wild areas of the north-west Highlands, with a pier at the head of the small Loch Inver. Into the loch flows the River Inver, at the end of its short, but picturesque and partly wooded course from the western extremity of Loch Assynt. Lochinver is also well known for its fishing, being surrounded by a maze of numerous tiny lochans in all directions. You will have time to wander at leisure around this tranquil area, before rejoining the coach for the return drive to Ullapool.

Sunday, June 15: Kirkwall, UK
Port Times: Arrival 8:00 AM - Departure 5:00 PM

Tour Option A & B: Italian Chapel & Orkney Discovery
 Tour Code: GBKWL309

Tour Type: Sightseeing
 Duration: 3 Hours
 Minimum 20 Guests – Maximum 69 Guests

Tour Option A: Departure 1 Timing: 9:00AM – 12:00PM (subject to change)
 Tour Option B: Departure 2 Timing: 9:45AM – 12:45PM (subject to change)

Meals: None

Activity Level: W1: The coach is not wheelchair accessible. Minimal walking but ascending and descending coach steps for photo stops. This tour is suitable for foldable wheelchairs or those with mobility impairment, however guests should be able to board the coach (approx. 3 steps) unaided as the driver or guide are unable to assist with this.

Price: \$0 – included tour

Tour Description:

This scenic drive takes you on leisurely exploration of Orkney, from fascinating First World War and Second World War relics on the South Isles to remarkable West Mainland World Heritage. Discover an island haven abounding with captivating history and astonishing ancient wonders. Departing quayside Kirkwall, you will travel through the pastoral landscape of Orkney's East Mainland and along the southeast shore of historic Scapa Flow, the chief base of the British naval fleet in World War I and World War II, that you can see from a distance during a short bus stop. You will cross the first of the four Churchill Barriers, causeways built during World War II to protect the eastern approaches of Scapa Flow and to connect the South Isles to the Orkney Mainland. On the tiny island of Lamb Holm, you will visit the beautifully hand-painted Italian Chapel. Built by Italian prisoners of war during World War II, the Chapel has been preserved as a symbol of peace and hope in times of strife, and Orkney's enduring friendship with the soldiers from Italy. Following the coast of Scapa Flow head to Stromness, Orkney's second largest Town, where guests have a chance to stretch their legs, before continuing to the West Mainland and into the Heart of Neolithic Orkney; designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1999. Enjoy a photo stop at the imposing Standing Stones of Stenness. Dating back more than 5000 years, this archaeological treasure is one of the earliest stone circles in Britain. Finally, return to the ship at Kirkwall.

Tour Option C: Maeshowe & Ring of Brodgar
 Tour Code: GBKWL305B

Tour Type: Sightseeing
 Duration: 3 Hours
 Minimum 10 Guests – Maximum 14 Guests
 Timing: 1:15PM – 4:15PM (subject to change)
 Meals: None

Activity Level: W3: Strenuous activity. This tour requires physical effort, including walking long distances over uneven or steep terrain or steps. Guests must be able to participate without discomfort or difficulty in breathing. Due to the terrain and steps, wheelchairs are not permitted.

Price: \$84

Tour Description:

Depart the port for a panoramic coach trip along the North Sea coast to the Heart of Neolithic Orkney, nominated as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1999, that includes a series of Neolithic monuments found in this area. It is time to make your way to Maeshowe, a Neolithic chambered tomb covered by a carpet of grass. At more than 5,000 years old, it is considered one of the finest prehistoric works of architecture. Inside is the fascinating runic graffiti, left in the 12th century by the Viking warriors who used it as a shelter. With 30 inscriptions, Maeshowe boasts the largest collection in Europe.

Following your visit you will depart for the Ring of Brodgar. En route you will pass by the Standing Stones of Stenness. Dating back more than 5,000 years, this archaeological treasure is one of the oldest stone circles in Great Britain. The Ring of Brodgar is the third largest monolithic stone circle in the British Isles. Probably an important burial place and religious site, archaeological studies suggest that it was built before the more famous circle of Stonehenge. Only 27 stones remain today of what is thought to have been a perfect circle of more than 60 stones that are over 4,500 years old. At the end of your visit, return to the ship.

Sunday, June 15: Kirkwall, UK (continued)
Port Times: Arrival 8:00 AM - Departure 5:00 PM

Tour Option D: Kirkwall on Foot
Tour Code: GBKWL306

Tour Type: Sightseeing, Active
Duration: 2 Hours 30 Minutes
Minimum 10 Guests – Maximum 19 Guests
Timing: 1:30PM – 4:15PM (subject to change)
Meals: None

Activity Level: W2: Moderate activity. Requires intermittent effort throughout, including walking medium distances over uneven surfaces and/or on steps. Not recommended for wheelchair users or those with limited mobility due to distance and terrain type covered.

Price: \$30

Tour Description:

We transfer by shuttle to Kirkwall where we take a leisurely stroll together through the historical Old Town of Kirkwall, the Viking Capital of the Orkney Islands. Our first stop is the magnificent 12th century, red sandstone Cathedral of St Magnus, known locally as the 'Light of the North'. It is the finest medieval building in northern Scotland. Nearby there are many narrow, winding streets and lanes, which have hardly altered at all over the centuries.

Afterwards, our tour continues to the ruined Bishop's Palace (a good view of the town can be gained from the top of the 'Moosie Toor') and then on to the Earl's Palace, one of Scotland's most elegant Renaissance buildings. Both lie in the heart of modern Kirkwall and throughout the buildings there are colorful tales of the tyrannical Stewart Earls which bring the history to life. We then finish at the Tankerness House Gardens, where we have free time to explore the museum or take a stroll around the town, before returning to the ship.

Monday, June 16: Leith (Edinburgh), UK
Port Times: Arrival 2:00 PM - Overnight

Tour Option A: Panoramic Edinburgh
 Tour Code: GBLEI305

Tour Type: Sightseeing
 Duration: 3 Hours 30 Minutes
 Minimum 20 Guests – Maximum 105 Guests
 Timing: 3:00PM – 6:30PM (subject to change)
 Meals: None

Activity Level: W1: The coach is not wheelchair accessible. Minimal walking but ascending and descending coach steps for photo stops. We request that any wheelchair users be accompanied as the guide cannot undertake responsibility for them during the tour. Alternative viewpoint in event of Holyrood Park is closed, the viewpoint is only accessible on foot up an incline.

Price: \$0 – included tour

Tour Description:

Enjoy a panoramic tour of Edinburgh, one of the most scenic and historically rich capital cities in the world. Admire the impressive Georgian architecture of the New Town, charming Princes Street with its civic gardens, and parts of the medieval Royal Mile, which links imposing Edinburgh Castle with the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Situated atop an extinct volcano, Edinburgh Castle is a powerful symbol of Scotland's colorful history. As you tour the stronghold, you'll see the many different architectural styles that reflect its importance throughout Scottish history, with the oldest section dating back to the 12th century. You'll also have the opportunity to view the Crown Jewels of Scotland and the Stone of Destiny.

The Palace of Holyroodhouse has played a significant role in Scotland's history and is currently the King's official residence in Scotland. This majestic building was the home of Mary Queen of Scots when she returned to Scotland from France in 1561. During the tour, your guide will take you up to an ideally placed viewpoint for spectacular views over the city. Conclude your tour with up to an hour of free time to explore, shop, or relax over some refreshments.

Please note: In the event of the viewpoint being closed, another viewpoint will be visited that is only accessible via a path on an incline.

Tour Option B: The Royal Edinburgh Botanic Gardens
 Tour Code: GBLEI308

Tour Type: Sightseeing
 Duration: 3 Hours
 Minimum 15 Guests – Maximum 105 Guests
 Timing: 2:45PM – 5:45PM (subject to change)
 Meals: None

Activity Level: W1: The coach is not wheelchair accessible. The Garden is largely accessible to wheelchair users and public buildings have level or ramped ground floor access. There are tarmac paths around the Garden most of which are flat and accessible. Any steep paths which are not wheelchair accessible are sign-posted. We request that wheelchair guests are accompanied as the guide cannot undertake responsibility for them during the tour.

Price: \$0 – included tour

Tour Description:

Journey to the heart of Scotland's botanical heritage at the Edinburgh Botanic Gardens, an oasis of tranquility and natural wonder established over three centuries ago. Here, you'll meander through a living library of over 13,000 plant species, each with its own story. Your adventure begins with a glimpse of Edinburgh's storied past, as the imposing Edinburgh Castle looms above, a silent witness to the history of Scottish monarchs. Glide past the grandeur of Holyrood Palace, the Queen's esteemed Edinburgh residence, and onto the bustling Princes Street. Here, the Scott Monument stands as a tribute to literary greatness amidst the verdant Princes Street Gardens. As you venture into the Georgian New Town, admire the stately townhouses and hidden private gardens. The culmination of your journey is the Edinburgh Botanic Gardens, nestled over 70 acres with sweeping city skyline vistas. Discover the serenity of the Queen Mother's Memorial Garden and marvel at the plant collections amassed by George Forrest, a botanical explorer whose passion for southwest China's flora enriched these gardens immensely. Be enchanted by the Chinese-style garden, where a traditional pavilion overlooks a cascading waterfall, set within the most comprehensive collection of Chinese wild plants outside China. This green sanctuary in the northern reaches of Edinburgh is a testament to centuries of horticultural excellence and exploration.

Please note: This tour is suitable for guests in wheelchairs that have a companion to assist them, as most of the gardens are accessible.

Monday, June 16: Leith (Edinburgh), UK
Port Times: Arrival 2:00 PM - Overnight

Tour Option C: Rosslyn Chapel
Tour Code: GBLEI307

Tour Type: Sightseeing
Duration: 3 Hours
Minimum 10 Guests – Maximum 24 Guests
Timing: 2:30PM – 5:30PM (subject to change)
Meals: None

Activity Level: W1: The coach is not wheelchair accessible. No wheelchair access to crypt at Rosslyn Chapel. We request that any wheelchair users be accompanied as the guide cannot take responsibility for them during the tour.

Price: \$64

Tour Description:

Discover the intriguing history and legends of ornate Rosslyn Chapel. You'll be amazed by the intricate carvings in this intimate church, built in 1446 by Sir William St. Clair, thought to be a Grand Master of the Knights Templar. Originally planned as part of a much larger building, the chapel remains a captivating structure in its own right. During your visit, learn about the chapel's strong links with the Knights Templar and its place as a site of pilgrimage. Explore the musty, undisturbed vaults that some believe may contain holy relics such as early gospels, the Ark of the Covenant, and even the mummified head of Christ. Marvel at the fascinating and elaborate carvings adorning the pillars, walls, and roof of the chapel, and search for hidden codes and messages, including carvings that suggest America was discovered 100 years earlier than Columbus' arrival.

Tour Option D: The City of Edinburgh & Its Castle
Tour Code: GBLEI303

Tour Type: Sightseeing
Duration: 4 Hours
Minimum 10 Guests – Maximum 35 Guests
Timing: 2:30M – 6:30PM (subject to change)
Meals: None

Activity Level: W3: Strenuous activity. This tour requires physical effort, including walking long distances over uneven or steep terrain or steps. Guests must be able to participate without discomfort or difficulty in breathing. Due to the terrain and steps, wheelchairs are not permitted.

Price: \$114

Tour Description:

Begin your fascinating tour with a panoramic drive through magical Edinburgh. See the elegant Georgian architecture of the New Town and Princes Street, before continuing along the medieval Royal Mile. Marvel at the impressive Edinburgh Castle at one end and the 17th century Palace of Holyroodhouse at the other. The Palace was home to Mary Queen of Scots from 1561 to 1568 and was occupied by Bonnie Prince Charlie in 1745. Uncover the rich history of this iconic residence, which is a British Royal Crown residence in Scotland. Drive up to one of the city's highest vantage points for breathtaking views of the city before visiting Edinburgh Castle.

A true Scottish icon, Edinburgh Castle is the most visited historic building in Scotland. Perched on an extinct volcano, it offers stunning views and is part of Edinburgh's UNESCO World Heritage site. Once inside, discern its many different architectural styles, reflecting its importance throughout Scotland's history from the 12th century to the present day. You'll also have the opportunity to view the Crown Jewels of Scotland and the storied Stone of Destiny, where for centuries Scottish monarchs were crowned.

Please note: If you wish to bring personal belongings, please pack them in a small bag or purse, as large backpacks are not permitted in the castle.