



# **Dublin, Edinburgh & London**

## 8 days | 10 days with London extension

Some cities just beg to be explored. Dublin, Edinburgh, and London certainly make that list. After a local gives you the lowdown in each capital, leading you through landmarks and hidden hotspots, you'll be free to explore. Whether you spend your time riding double-decker buses, staking out museums, or simply sitting back in pubs is entirely up to you.



## Your tour package includes

6 nights in handpicked hotels 6 breakfasts 3 dinners with beer or wine 3 sightseeing tours Expert Tour Director & local guides Private deluxe motor coach 1 on-tour flight 1 train ride

## Included highlights

St. Patrick's Cathedral Temple Bar district Edinburgh's Royal Mile Edinburgh Castle Trafalgar Square Big Ben Buckingham Palace

### Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 1 hour daily across mostly flat terrain, including cobblestone streets and paved roads, with few hills or stairs.

### Group size

15–38

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## **Overnight Flight** $\rightarrow$ 1 night

## Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Dublin today.

## $\textbf{Dublin} \rightarrow 2 \text{ nights}$

## Day 2: Arrival in Dublin

Included meals: welcome dinner Welcome to Ireland! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

## Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Dublin

Included meals: breakfast

Take a comprehensive tour of Ireland's capital city with a local expert leading the way.

- Stop in Phoenix Park, site of the presidential residence, and pass by the Guinness Brewery
- Step inside the soaring St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ireland's largest church
- Pass St Stephen's Green and admire the Georgian architecture of Merrion Square as you go
- See Trinity College and walk past the entrance of Grafton Street to the Molly Malone statue and the Temple Bar district

Enjoy a free afternoon in Dublin or add an excursion.

+ Glendalough

## $\textbf{Edinburgh} \rightarrow 2 \text{ nights}$

## Day 4: Flight to Edinburgh

Included meals: breakfast, dinner Fly to Edinburgh, Scotland this morning. Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

### Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Edinburgh

Included meals: breakfast

Get to know Edinburgh in all its medieval beauty on a tour led by a local expert.

- View the elegant Georgian New Town and the Royal Mile, two UNESCO World Heritage sites
- Pass the Sir Walter Scott monument
- Enter Edinburgh Castle to view the Scottish crown jewels and Stone of Scone

Spend a free afternoon in Edinburgh or add an excursion.

+ Palace of Holyroodhouse & Afternoon Tea

## $\textbf{London} \rightarrow 2 \text{ nights}$

## Day 6: Train ride to London

Included meals: breakfast Journey by train to London, England, passing the lochs and hills of Scotland and the English countryside.

## Day 7: Sightseeing tour of London

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner View the regal landmarks of England's vibrant and cosmopolitan capital on a guided sightseeing tour.

- Pass the grand Trafalgar Square and Baroquestyle St. Paul's Cathedral, perched atop Ludgate Hill
- See Westminster Abbey, the setting for royal coronations, weddings, and funerals
- View icons like Big Ben, the London Eye, Tower Bridge, and the Tower of London
- Stop by Buckingham Palace, where you may catch the Changing of the Guard

Enjoy a free afternoon in London or add an excursion.

Tonight, celebrate your trip with your group at a farewell dinner.

+ Windsor Castle

## **Flight Home**

### Day 8: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures) Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay to continue exploring London.

## + London extension

Extend your stay in London and your next quintessentially British experience will be just a Tube (that's what the Brits call the subway) ride away. Lean on your Tour Director to point you toward the city's best, and set off to chase your own sense of adventure.

## **London** $\rightarrow$ 2 nights

## Day 8: Free day in London

Included meals: breakfast Spend a free day in London or add excursions. + Thames River Cruise & Pub Dinner + Tower of London

## Day 9: Free day in London

Included meals: breakfast Enjoy a free day in London or add an excursion. This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.

+ Stonehenge & Oxford

## **Flight Home**

## Day 10: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures) Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

## Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.\* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: **goaheadtours.ca/ESI | 1-800-754-5066** 

### Day 3: Glendalough

\$69CAD/\$79CAD\* (5 hours, departure time varies) County Wicklow has some of the wildest and most spectacular mountain scenery in Ireland, as well as many of the country's most important historic sites. Journey through Wicklow's captivating landscapes to Glendalough, which became famous throughout Europe as a center of Christian learning. Saint Laurence O'Toole became the Abbot of Glendalough in 1154 and worked to bring the Irish Church closer to the Roman Church. You'll learn more about O'Toole, who went on to become the Archbishop of Dublin, and his work in Glendalough as you visit St. Kevin's Cross, the remains of the sixth-century cathedral, and the remarkable Round Tower. Your Tour Director will lead you on a tour of the site, and then you'll enjoy free time.

#### Day 5: Palace of Holyroodhouse & Afternoon Tea

\$185CAD/\$195CAD\* (5 hours, departs in the morning) Make your way down the Royal Mile to pop by the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the King's official residence in Edinburgh. This 16th-century retreat has been the Scottish home to British monarchs for more than 600 years. Take a self-guided audio tour of the palace and gardens to learn more about the royal family. You'll walk through the state apartments, throne room, and portrait gallery, before heading outside to stroll along the pathways that wind through the manicured grounds. Then, enjoy a spot of afternoon tea complete with unlimited tea, sweet and savory pastries, plus scones served with clotted cream and jam. Please note: Photography is not permitted inside the palace.

#### Day 7: Windsor Castle

\$175CAD (5 hours, departs in the afternoon) Led by a Blue Badge Guide, you'll travel to Windsor for a guided tour of the world's largest and longestinhabited castle. Founded by William the Conqueror in 1070, Windsor has been the British Royal Family's preferred retreat for the past 900 years. Step inside the State Apartments and St. George's Chapel, where knighting ceremonies of the Most Noble Order of the Garter take place. View the exhibit of royal treasures within the castle. You'll then have time to stroll through the town of Windsor and have a look at Eton College, a prestigious prep school attended by Princes William and Harry. Please note: When the Windsor Castle excursion falls on a Wednesday, entrance will be replaced by an excursion to Hampton Court. For any departures where the Windsor Castle excursion falls on a Tuesday, the excursion will be moved to another day on tour or cancelled. Additionally, St. George's Chapel is closed to the public on Sundays. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

#### included)

Step aboard a riverboat for a cruise down the Thames and take in views of the London skyline, Tower Bridge, Southbank, and more from the water. As you travel from Tower Pier to Westminster Pier, you'll snap photos of Shakespeare's Globe, the National Theatre, and Jubilee Gardens before disembarking and taking a tour through the Covent Garden area of the West End. Then, sit down for a three-course dinner including beer or wine at a local pub. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

#### Day 8: Tower of London

\$149CAD (3 hours, departs in the morning) Enter the Tower of London, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for its dark history of treason, imprisonment, and beheadings. With a local Blue Badge Guide leading the way, you'll explore the nooks and crannies of this royal castle, seeing ancient coin collections, suits of armor, and the glittering Crown Jewels as you go. Explore exhibitions about the Royal Mint and old armaments before watching a live historical reenactment and visiting the White Tower. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

#### Day 9: Stonehenge & Oxford

\$190CAD (9.5 hours, departs in the morning) Pay a visit to Oxford, home to one of the most prestigious universities in the world. You'll admire the charming city's spire-studded architecture and learn more about its academic legacy during a visit to New College at Oxford University. Founded in the 14th century, this college is one of the oldest institutions in the city, and you'll discover its extensive history during your visit. Then, enjoy free time for lunch before continuing on to Stonehenge, perhaps England's most mysterious landmark. The origin and purpose of this ring of stones, which dates back an estimated 5,000 years, is unknown, though most believe it was a temple and observatory. Take some time to explore the intriguing stone formations and visit the newly opened exhibition and visitor center before heading back to London. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

**Extension excursion options** 

#### Day 8: Thames River Cruise & Pub Dinner

\$175CAD (5 hours, departs in the afternoon, dinner

\*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.ca/terms