



Highlights of Scotland & Ireland: Edinburgh to Dublin

10 days | 12 days with Edinburgh extension

In just a short time, this trip through Scotland and Ireland takes you from the medieval city of Edinburgh to the bustling capital of Dublin. Plus, you'll make scenic stops along the way in interesting smaller cities like Glasgow and Galway and iconic natural wonders like the Burren and Cliffs of Moher.



Your tour package includes

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

Included highlights

- Edinburgh Castle
- Stirling Castle
- Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum
- Local pub culture
- St. Patrick's Cathedral
- The Burren
- Cliffs of Moher

Tour pace

You will walk for at least 1.5 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with few hills or stairs.

Group size

15–38

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Edinburgh today.

Edinburgh → 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Edinburgh

Included meals: welcome dinner

Welcome to Scotland! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: 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-style New Town and the Royal Mile, two UNESCO World Heritage sites.
- Pass the Sir Walter Scott monument, the largest monument to a writer in the world.
- Enter Edinburgh Castle to view the Scottish crown jewels and Stone of Scone.

Spend a free afternoon exploring Edinburgh or add an excursion.

Please note: The order of today's activities are subject to change.

+ Abbotsford House & Melrose Abbey

Enjoy a free day in Glasgow or add an excursion.
+ Inveraray Castle & Trossachs National Park

Dublin → 2 nights

Day 6: Flight to Dublin

Included meals: breakfast

Fly to Dublin, Ireland. Spend free time exploring the Irish capital or add an excursion.

+ Traditional Irish Dinner & Show

Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Dublin

Included meals: breakfast

Take a tour of Ireland's charming capital city.

- Stop in Phoenix Park, site of the presidential residence, and then 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

Day 9: The Burren & Cliffs of Moher

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

This morning, explore two of the country's most dramatic landscapes.

- Travel through the limestone plateau called the Burren.
- Explore the Cliffs of Moher, which rise 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean.

After a free afternoon, gather together with your group for a final toast at your farewell dinner.

Flight Home

Day 10: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the Dublin airport for your flight home.

Please note: some transfers to the airport may leave very early in the morning to accommodate return flights.

Glasgow → 2 nights

Day 4: Glasgow via Stirling Castle

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Travel through the picturesque Scottish countryside to explore Stirling Castle, where King James VI once lived. Then, continue on to Glasgow for a tour with a local guide.

- Discover local highlights, including George Square and the River Clyde.
- Admire the city's university and medieval cathedral.
- Visit the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, which features everything from medieval suits of armor to a collection of works by Scottish artists.

Day 5: Free day in Glasgow

Included meals: breakfast

County Galway → 2 nights

Day 8: Transfer to Galway & sightseeing tour

Included meals: breakfast

Travel west to the Galway region. Upon arrival, get a feel for the local energy and living traditions of Galway, Ireland's third-largest city.

- Stroll past Lynch's Castle, the Druid Theatre Company and the broad expanse of Eyre Square.
- View the city's medieval walls and Spanish Arch.
- Peruse authentic Claddagh rings in a local shop.

Enjoy a free evening in Galway where, maybe hit up a local pub and listen to live traditional Gaelic music the city is famous for.

+ Edinburgh extension

Start your tour with a few extra days in Edinburgh. You'll have time to explore this historic, hilly city, and discover the charms waiting at the end of every close. Spend your days however you'd like, and lean on your Tour Director to point you toward the most exciting sites.

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Day 3: Free day in Edinburgh

Included meals: breakfast

Spend a free day in Edinburgh or add an excursion.

+ Coastal Scotland & St Andrews Pub Lunch

Day 4: Free day in Edinburgh

Included meals: breakfast, welcome dinner

Meet up with the rest of your tour group today and get to know everyone during tonight's welcome dinner (day 2 of the regular itinerary).

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/SCI | 1-800-754-5066

Day 3: Abbotsford House & Melrose Abbey

\$145CAD/\$155CAD* (5 hours, departs in the afternoon with lunch)

Travel through the Scottish Borders region to Abbotsford, where you'll enjoy an included lunch. Continue on to Abbotsford House, the 19th-century estate of Sir Walter Scott. The poet designed his home in the Romantic style to imitate the elaborate baronial estates of British aristocrats. Today, it serves as a museum for Scottish memorabilia and artifacts that Walter Scott collected throughout his lifetime. Later, visit the ruins of Melrose Abbey, one of the most impressive of the four Borders abbeys. Please note: Due to renovation projects, groups will visit Dryburgh Abbey through the end of 2024. Dryburgh is regarded as the most peaceful of the four Borders abbeys thanks to its location set within the woods along the River Tweed.

Day 5: Inveraray Castle & Trossachs National Park

\$159CAD/\$169CAD* (6 hours, departs in the morning)

Admire striking scenery as you spend the day in the Scottish Highlands. Start off by journeying to Inveraray Castle, one of the most famous castles in Scotland. This iconic site has been featured in the popular television show Downton Abbey, and its history as an ancestral home on the shores of Loch Fyne stretches back to the 15th century. Join a local guide for a tour of the castle before enjoying free time for lunch in the town of Inveraray. Then, make your way to Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, Scotland's first national park, for a scenic drive. Stop along the way to admire striking lake and mountain scenery before heading back to Glasgow. Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs from April through mid-October.

Day 6: Traditional Irish Dinner & Show

\$159CAD/\$169CAD* (5 hours, departs in the evening with dinner)

Enjoy this special evening of Irish food, music, and live entertainment. Dinner will be served first, giving you a taste of the country's traditional dishes. You'll then be treated to a live show of Irish music and dance. Join in the fun as you enjoy a merry and memorable night. Please note: The specific venue and day of the week for this excursion may change due to availability. This excursion is seasonal and runs from April through October.

Day 7: 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.

Extension excursion options

Day 3: Coastal Scotland & St Andrews Pub Lunch

\$199CAD/\$209CAD* (8 hours, departs in the morning with lunch)

Travel from Edinburgh to the beautiful Scottish coast, stopping to explore the traditional fishing village of Anstruther in East Neuk. Then, join a local guide for a visit to St Andrews, famous for being the birthplace of golf—as well as the location of Scotland's oldest university. When you arrive, sit down to a traditional pub lunch of fish and chips—a local favorite. Then, pass by the 16th-century grounds of St Andrews University, the alma mater of Prince William, who met Kate Middleton here. You'll also enter the ruins of the town's medieval cathedral and 13th-century castle, which overlooks the North Sea. After your tour, enjoy free time to explore the town before returning to Edinburgh.

*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