

15 DAYS - HIGHLIGHTS OF UK & IRELAND

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Explore the finest highlights of the ever-popular UK & Ireland starting from London!

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DAY 1: Welcome to London

Welcome to one of the most exciting cities in Europe – London! After your arrival to the airport your driver will meet you at the arrival lobby and escort you to the car for your private transfer to your hotel. You can spend the rest of your day relaxing and recovering from your jet-lag, or in case you feel energetic enough you can hop on a double-decker or do some shopping on Oxford street. Private airport transfer. Overnight accommodation
Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

DAY 2: Bath – Cardiff

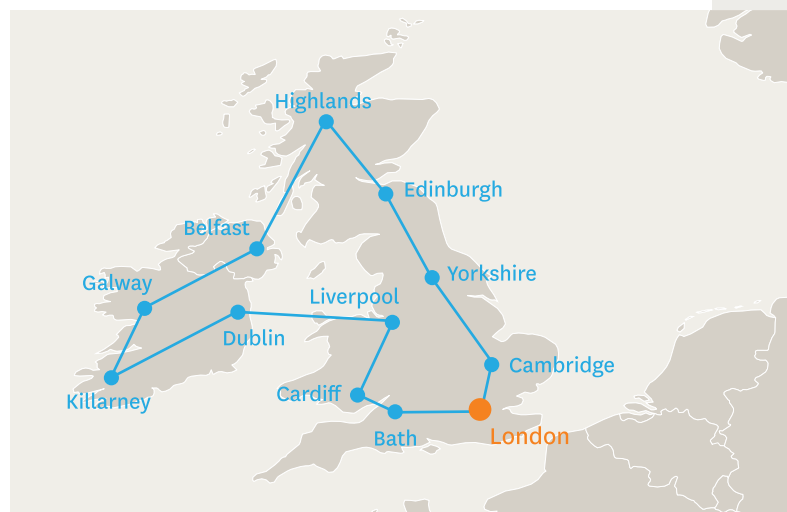
Breakfast at the hotel. Departing from London, we make our way to Stonehenge (optional), the ancient archaeological wonder that has stood for thousands of years in the countryside of south-west England. Ponder the mysteries of this ancient site for yourself and learn about the history of the area. Once we've had a chance to look around, we're off to the beautiful and historic city of Bath, famous of course for the Roman baths built here during the reign of the Empire. Heading into nearby Wales, Caerphilly Castle is our next stop, where you'll be able to snap a few photos of this ancient attraction, built in the 13th century by Gilbert de Clare, a red-headed Norman nobleman. Finally, we arrive in the Welsh capital of Cardiff, where we'll stop for the night. Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

DAY 3: Liverpool

Prepare for your second day of adventure! After breakfast in Cardiff, we make for Stratford, the hometown of William Shakespeare! A market town with more than 800 years of history, the town still has many buildings that would be familiar to Shakespeare if he was still around today. Then we're off to Liverpool! Liverpool is a famous British port city with a rich history; there's something for everyone here. Football fans will be delighted to be in the home city of Liverpool and Everton football clubs, while music fans will be enthralled to be in the home of The Beatles. Spot the famous sites with our driving tour of the city, and explore the city yourself during your free time this evening. Why not head to Mathew Street, the beating heart of the live music scene and home to the world-famous 'Cavern Club', where The Beatles first made their mark on modern music? Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

DAY 4: Dublin

Today, we catch the ferry across the Irish Sea to Dublin! Once we arrive, we'll take a drive tour of the city, and spot a few of the city's more famous highlights. Afterwards, enjoy some free time in this 1000 year old city. From the city's Viking past, its medieval castles and its cathedrals, to its many museums that illustrate some of the city's more



turbulent episodes, Dublin is big enough to keep you entertained, but small enough to get across town in no time at all.

Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

DAY 5: Dublin - Free day

Enjoy a free day in the city of Dublin! One of the city's most famous exports is, of course, Guinness, and today there's the option of visiting the Guinness Storehouse to see how this famous dark beer is made. Alternatively, visit the National Museums of Ireland, take a walk along the South Wall, visit the city's most famous park, St Stephen's Green, see the Irish Museum of Modern Art or try out the many pubs and eateries. Tonight, there's also the option to visit the Merry Ploughboy Music Pub for a taste of traditional Irish music! Definitely not to be missed – check our Optional Excursions for more information.

Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

DAY 6: Killarney

Leaving Dublin behind us, we travel onward to Waterford, the oldest city in Ireland! Founded by Vikings in 914, Waterford has a fascinating history and rich maritime tradition. Following our stop here, we'll travel on to the famous Blarney Castle, where you can kiss the Blarney Stone and hopefully gain the 'gift of the gab.' Built nearly 600 years ago by one of Ireland's most famous chieftains, Blarney Castle is one of Ireland's most famous attractions. After that, it's onward to the pretty town of Killarney in County Kerry, where we'll stop for the night.

Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

DAY 7: Ring of Kerry

Today you have a free day in Killarney. There are incredible trails to hike, amazing golf courses and beautiful churches to visit. Alternatively, join our free optional excursion as we drive the incredible Ring of Kerry. Keep your camera fully

charged and at the ready – it's going to be a day of stunning scenery! The Ring of Kerry is home to breath-taking coastal views, emerald-green pastures and charming villages, including Waterville, Kells & Derrynane, where we'll make comfort stops. Take the opportunity to amble down the high streets, explore the shops and try the culinary treats on offer from the cute cafes, bars and restaurants. We'll also drive through the picturesque town of Cahersiveen, and



stop at Killarney National Park and Moll's Gap, where you'll be blown away by the scenery of this beautiful green valley. Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

DAY 8: Galway

Today's another day for epic Irish scenery! Making our way up the 'Wild Atlantic Way', we'll be stopping in Adare and Limerick on our way to the famous Cliffs of Moher and the town of Galway. Adare is often called Ireland's prettiest village, and with its preserved 19th Century thatch-roofed cottages housing craft shops and fine restaurants, it's not hard

to see why. We'll travel on through the county of Limerick and make our way to the Cliffs of Moher, one of the best-known attractions in all of Ireland. These incredible cliffs rise over 200 metres from the frothing ocean below, and the views on a clear day are absolutely breath-taking. Finally, we'll arrive in Galway, a bright, bohemian city renowned for its oysters, its live music venues, cafes, weekend parties and contemporary vibe. Explore the city for yourself during your free time and experience all the charms that Galway has to offer.

Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

DAY 9: Belfast

Leaving Galway behind, we journey on to Northern Ireland, stopping first in Derry / Londonderry. Fresh from its makeover following its moment in the limelight as UK City of Culture 2013, Northern Ireland's second city has a lot to offer. Next, we'll stop at the Giant's Causeway, a famous natural oddity made up of around 40 000 interlocking basalt columns. Learn about the myths and legends surrounding the area, and then prepare for the final stop in the Irish leg of our adventure – Belfast! Here, we'll have a driving tour with a local guide, taking time to see some of the city's most famous attractions and learn more about the city's past. Having pulled off quite a transformation in recent years, Belfast is shaking off its reputation that lingered after the times of The Troubles, and the city's skyline is constantly changing as redevelopment continues. Fans of Game of Thrones will be pleased to know that a large portion of the series is filmed here, too!

Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

DAY 10: Highlands

Today, we make our way to Scotland! Boarding a ferry in Belfast, we'll arrive in Scotland and travel to Stirling, where we'll be able to admire the famous Wallace Monument. Built to commemorate one of William Wallace's most famous victories at The Bridge of Stirling, the monument is a tower standing on the summit of Abbey Craig, a hilltop near Stirling. Then, we're off into the Scottish Highlands! Admire the scenery as we travel to our accommodation.

Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

DAY 11: Edinburgh

Today, we set off into the Highlands to further explore this famous region of Scotland. We'll be stopping at the famous Loch Ness, reputedly the home of the Loch Ness monster! Go for a cruise on the Loch (optional) and see the ruins of Urquhart Castle. We'll then stop off at a local whisky distillery, where you'll have the chance to taste this most famous Scottish export! Heading out of the Highlands, we'll arrive finally in Edinburgh, and enjoy a walking tour of the Scottish capital. Apart from Holyrood House, the Royal Mile and Edinburgh Castle, keep in mind that this is the city where JK Rowling famously penned the first Harry Potter novel. Fans might find the city strangely familiar!

Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

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START DATE

END DATE

PRICE IN GBP

21-Dec-18

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European Guaranteed Tours Terms & Conditions

1. Guaranteed departures

All Comfort tours operated by Happy Tours are guaranteed departures and will operate unless force majeure circumstances arise or other unforeseen circumstances. Due to the traveller numbers on a specific tour, Happy Tours reserves the absolute right to change the type or style of transportation or other elements, to enable the tour to operate. Tours where Happy Tours acts as an agent on the behalf of the Principal operator in Turkey and Croatia are also guaranteed to operate unless force majeure circumstances arise or the Principal operator ceases trading. Under these circumstances an alternative tour of comparable standard or a full refund of monies paid will be offered.

Force Majeure: We will not pay you compensation if we have to cancel or change your travel arrangements in any way because of unusual or unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control. These can include, for example, war, riot, industrial dispute, terrorist activity and its consequences, acts of God, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, adverse weather conditions, epidemics and pandemics, unavoidable technical problems with transport.

2. Accommodation

a) All Tours

On any of our Comfort, Europe Short Trips, Turkey & Greece Tours and Croatia Tours, accommodation is provided in twin accommodation. Singles travellers will be accommodated in same-gender twin rooms. Two travellers booking together will be accommodated in a twin room. Three travellers booking together will be accommodated in one twin room, the third person will be accommodated in a same gender twin share room. Happy Tours will use astute discretion at allocating the third person to a room share; unless we are otherwise advised in writing as to who will be sharing with whom. Triple rooms can be requested, in writing, but cannot be guaranteed in every location in which event the above situation applies. In certain locations, particularly in Austria and Switzerland, a twin is commonly accepted as referring to two separate mattresses and duvets contained in one large frame. Most hotels have rooms that will take an extra bed if required. These extra beds may be bunk beds, fold-away beds or sofa beds. Where an extra bed is added this may limit the space available. Rooms with extra beds are still bookable for two person occupancy although, in this case, the hotelier may allocate a standard-sized twin bedded room without extra beds. Single rooms do not always match up either in size or facilities to twin bedded rooms. Please note that in some properties, lifts may not directly service all floors and access to and from these floors may be by stairway only.

b) Star Categories / Country Standards

We use a range of star rated accommodation establishments, and standards differ from country to country. The star ratings are primarily intended to give a guide to the range of facilities and services available in each property. 2 and 3 star properties generally have a more limited range of facilities and services. In general the overall standard of services and facilities can sometimes vary within star categories. For example, an officially rated 3 star property may only possess 2 star standards (and vice versa) despite having an extensive range of services and facilities. This is because of the many different criteria that are used from country to country to assess star ratings.

Please note these criteria can differ significantly to those used in the UK by motoring and other organizations and UK ratings should not therefore be compared to those overseas. In certain instances, hotels and pensions in Austria do not have official star ratings, mainly due to taxation reasons, rather than levels of standard.

3. Food

Meals are included as stipulated in the tour itinerary, check your specific tour itinerary for details of which meals are included. Vegetarians or those with special dietary needs can be catered for, so please inform us at the time of booking, as well as your tour leader at the start of the tour. Non-included meals are at your own expense. This allows you the opportunity to try the local cuisine. The food is delicious and varied with restaurants providing an important insight into local ways of life.

There is always an excellent range of restaurants to choose from. You will also need to purchase drinks and snacks for long bus or coach journeys as there may not be the opportunity once on board. Please be aware that in many parts of the world vegetarian meals are classified as meals without meat or fish, and may not be what you are used to.

4. Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is mandatory for all clients whilst on a tour organised by Happy Tours. Clients together with their personal property including baggage are at all times solely at their own risk. Clients are wholly responsible for arranging their own insurance. A suitable insurance policy should provide adequate cover for medical expenses arising through illness or accident prior to or during the holiday and loss of holiday monies through cancellation or curtailment of the holiday or other insurable reasons. Clients should ensure that there are no exclusion clauses limiting protection for the type of activities in their tour. The travel insurance cover automatically provided with credit card purchases does not provide adequate cover as standard.

5. Passports, Visas and Vaccinations

It is the responsibility of the client to be in possession of a valid passport, visa permits, vaccination and preventative medicines as may be required for the duration of the tour. Information about these matters or related items is given in good faith but without responsibility on the part of Happy Tours. Visa support documents can be provided if the request is received in writing - please email us after your booking has been confirmed, allowing 5 working days for the documents to be produced. Visa support documents do not supplement or replace tour documents which can be found on the website.

Please allow sufficient time to complete the visa process (at least 4 weeks). Should your visa application be unsuccessful, you will be able to change or cancel your tour, but standard terms and conditions (and therefore fees) will apply. Please see sections 3a. Changes by you and 4. Cancellation by you.

The Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) provides travel advice for each destination we visit – each country has a summary and general information as well as advice on safety & security, local laws & customs, entry requirements and health.

6. Age, Fitness and Participation

All clients are expected to satisfy themselves prior to booking that they are fit and able to complete the itinerary of their chosen tour as described in the itinerary.

Clients are also expected to accept that the components described constitute "Adventure Travel" and that travel to and facilities in developing countries will not be to similar standards which they may be accustomed to at home. Persons over 65 years of age may be asked to provide medical evidence of fitness to travel on certain itineraries. Minors (those under 18 years of age) are accepted on some group tours operated by Happy Tours at our discretion provided they are accompanied by a parent or guardian who accepts full responsibility for them. Unaccompanied minors will not be accepted. Happy Tours has recommended ages for participation in group tours which act as a guide only.

Clients agree to accept the authority and decision of Happy Tours employees, tour leaders, and agents whilst on tour with Happy Tours. If in the opinion of such person that the health or conduct of a client before or after departure appears likely to endanger the safe, comfortable or happy progress of a tour, the client may be excluded from all or part of the tour, without any refunds. In the case of ill health Happy Tours may make such arrangements as it sees fit and recover the costs from the client.

If a client is excluded from the tour as above or chooses to leave the tour of their own free will or leaves the tour due to ill health or any other reason there will be no refund of the tour price, extra services, surcharges, local payments/funds or any local surcharges. All services forming part of the whole package booked will be forfeited though may be recovered through travel insurance in some circumstances.

7. Local Laws

All participants in tours operated by Happy Tours are expected to obey the laws and regulations of the countries visited and any failure to do so will relieve Happy Tours of any obligation that they may otherwise have under these booking conditions.

8. Illness or Disability

Anyone suffering from illness or disability or undergoing treatment for any physical or medical condition must declare the true nature of such condition at the time of booking and make arrangements for the provision of any medication or other treatment which may be required during the tour. Failure to make such disclosure will constitute breach of these booking conditions and result in such persons being excluded from the tour in which case all monies paid will be forfeit. If you or any member of your party have any disabilities it is extremely important that you contact our offices by email via this link before completing any reservation to ensure compatibility for the holiday that you choose.

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