

Tentative Itinerary



Welcome aboard Collins Tours' 16-day Best of Ireland & Scotland Tour! Outlined below is a thrilling itinerary built for this exceptional getaway to the Emerald Isle and Majestic Scotland. Get lost in the bustling cities and gaze in wonder at the natural beauty of the rolling green hills. With all the activities, excellent locations, premium and luxury hotels, and local professional step-on-guides included, I am sure you will agree we have put together an experience unlike any other to Ireland and Scotland! Carefully review the **"Important Information"** section (final page) to ensure you understand all the rules

for international travel. Your Tour Manager looks forward to meeting you and assisting in creating an exciting and well-managed tour of Ireland and Scotland.

– Sincerely, Greg Collins President & CEO

Day 1 – Wed, Sept 11 – Overnight flight Air Canada Toronto-Dublin

For those who purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Air, make your way to your local area airport for your assigned flight connecting with your Air Canada flight to Dublin at a Toronto's Pearson International Airport. **NOTE: 1st checked piece of luggage is free for international flights (up to maximum of 50lbs). 2nd bag is additional and based on weight. Additional fees apply for overweight bags. Carry-on luggage is free, with a maximum weight of 22lbs per bag. Visit www.aircanada.com for more details on luggage fees. Luggage payment is paid directly to Air Canada and not included in tour package. Fees are charged on both outbound & return flights.** Upon arrival in Dublin the following morning, each passenger will proceed through Irish Customs & Immigration and then to the luggage area to collect your luggage. Your Tour Manager will meet in the baggage claim area after you collect your own luggage. We make our way to our deluxe motorcoach, have all bags loaded on the coach and make our way to our first city centre hotel together.

Day 2 – Thu, Sept 12 – Arrive in Dublin, 4.5-Star Morrison Hotel (Welcome Reception)

- Once we arrive in Dublin, we will enjoy a drive to our hotel which is located city centre and is walking distance from many local attractions and Temple Bar area. Lunch will be on your own and not included, enjoy this time while we wait for our rooms to be ready for 3:00 pm check in.
- Take time to freshen up before our "Welcome Reception" including a glass of wine/beer and light appetizers, and a chance to meet your fellow traveling companions **(included)**.
- Following our reception, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure in fantastic and magical Dublin, Ireland. Sláinte!

Day 3 – Fri, Sept 13 – Morrison Hotel, Dublin (B, Welcome D)

- After some well-deserved rest, wake up to a delightful full hot Irish breakfast **(included)**.

- Today we will meet our step-on guide for a 4-hour tour of an overview of one of the best cities in Europe. Tour local attractions such as the St. Patrick's Cathedral, Temple Bar area and other local sights plus a tour of Guinness Brewery Storehouse and museum, including an included sample of Guinness!
- Enjoy lunch on own at the Guinness Brewery Storehouse.
- Explore the city this afternoon at your leisure and some time back at the hotel to freshen up before you meet the group for our "Welcome Dinner" with entertainment. **(Included)**. Enjoy this dinner complete with a complimentary glass of wine or a beer included. We will have an Irish toast, **"May you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night, and a smooth road all the way to your door"** to the beginning of a great tour with your new friends.



Day 4 – Sat, Sept 14 – Dublin – 5-Star Aghadoe Heights Hotel, Killarney (B)

- Another full hot Irish buffet breakfast is included this morning at your hotel **(included)**. Please have your tagged luggage ready for pick up this morning.
- Board your deluxe motorcoach as we make our way today to Blarney Castle, built over 600 years ago. Blarney Castle was built by one of Ireland's greatest Chieftains, Cormac McCarthy, and has become one of Ireland's greatest treasures. Kiss the famed Blarney Stone (depending on wait times), known for its gift of eloquence and you will never again be lost for words! We have allotted two and half hours for your visit at the Castle including time for lunch (your expense). Then travel to Killarney, in County Kerry.
- Our hotel for the next two nights is the luxurious 5-star Aghadoe Heights Hotel & Spa. The hotel has a spectacular location overlooking the world-famous Lakes of Killarney and magnificent MacGillycuddy's Reeks Mountain Range. Relax as your bags are taken to your room for you (included) and your Tour Manager distributes your room keys **(included)**.
- Tonight, enjoy this beautiful hotel with dinner on your own in one of the dining rooms, for formal Lake Room Restaurant or the more casual Height Lounge & Piano Bar.

Day 5 – Sun, Sept 15 – Killarney-Ring of Dingle-Killarney (B, D)



- Wake up and enjoy another delightful full hot Irish breakfast **(included)**. Today's highlight is travelling around the Ring of Dingle! Our local guide will meet us for an all-day tour. The amazing scenery will take us past Killorglin and onto Glenbeigh. We make our way along the cliff roads that offer up amazing panoramic views of the Dingle Peninsula and Dingle Bay. The Dingle Peninsula stretches 48 kilometers into the Atlantic Ocean. Take in this breathtaking scenery!

- Lunch today (on own) in a location along our route.
- This evening you will meet your fellow group members

before a fabulous group dinner **(included)** in our beautiful hotel.

Day 6 – Mon, Sept 16 – Killarney – Galway – Park House Hotel (B)

- Time for another Irish breakfast **(included)**. Be sure to cover any personal incidental hotel charges (ie movie rental, phone calls) before leaving the hotel.
- Meet your Tour Manager this morning before we make our way to Bunratty Castle **(entrance included)**.

- Built in 1425, it is the most complete and authentic medieval castle in Ireland. The Castle was restored in 1954 and now contains mostly 15th and 16th century furnishings.
- During your visit you have time for lunch before departing to make our way to Galway. Enjoy this scenic drive through Ireland's iconic Cliffs of Moher (**entrance and visit included**) and enjoy a photo stop to get that once in a lifetime picture before continuing to our hotel in Galway's city centre, the luxurious Park House Hotel!
- Spend the rest of the evening as you please. Dinner is on your own as many options are within walking distance of our fabulous hotel.



Day 7 – Tues, Sept 17 – Galway – 5-Star Markree Castle, Donegal (B, D)

- Another delightful Irish breakfast waits for you this morning (**included**). Take some time to get ready before today's highlight, the Corrib River Cruise.
- Sit back and enjoy this sailing complete with an authentic Irish Dancing demonstration and some world-famous Irish coffee (**admission & Irish coffee included**). Sip your coffee as we make our way past historical sites, castles, and local landmarks.
- Lunch break on route will follow (not included). We will then continue to today's destination, Donegal.
- Take time to freshen up at the beautiful 5-star Markree Castle, a 17th century authentic Irish castle, before joining your fellow travelers for another group dinner with a glass of wine or a beer in one of the hotel's elegant dining rooms (**included**).

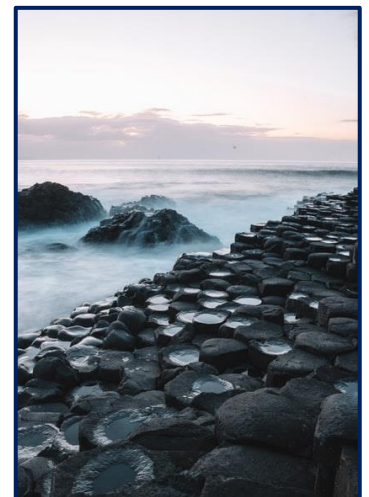
Day 8 – Wed, Sept 18 – Markree Castle, Donegal (B)



- Wake up and enjoy another delightful Irish breakfast (**included**).
- After breakfast, board the coach for a drive and a visit to the town of Sligo with time for lunch in one of the many restaurants (on own).
- After lunch, we head to the magnificent Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Admire this beautiful Romanesque style cathedral built during the 19th century.
- We then return to the beautiful 5-star Markree Castle.
- Spend the rest of the evening as you please. Dinner is on your own.

Day 9 – Thurs, Sept 19 – Donegal – Marine Hotel, Ballycastle, NI (B, D)

- Wake up and enjoy another Irish breakfast (**included**). Your tour manager will handle check out.
- We board the motorcoach for a drive north to the Giant's Causeway. The Giant's Causeway is a geological phenomenon formed over 60 million years ago! (**Entrance fee included**). This incredible landmark is one of Northern Ireland's most visited sites, and for good reason! Take time today to enjoy lunch on own at the Giant's Causeway before heading to our beautiful hotel.
- Upon arrival at the Marine Hotel in Ballycastle, your tour guide will handle check-in and have your bag sent to your room.
- Tonight, meet your group for another delightful dinner inside the hotel main dining room (**included**)!



- Following dinner, the rest of the evening is yours to spend as you choose. This evening enjoy a walk along the beach or the Irish sunset from your hotel (weather permitting).

Day 10 – Fri, Sept 20 - Ballycastle – Fitzwilliam Hotel, Belfast, NI (B)

- Following another full Irish breakfast, we depart Ballycastle and make our way to Belfast to visit the Titanic Museum that was built in Belfast harbour before its fateful journey. It tells the stories of the *Titanic*, which hit an iceberg and sank during her maiden voyage in 1912, and her sister ships RMS Olympic and HMHS Britannic. This afternoon you will have some free time for lunch and shopping.
- Tonight, we will stay at the 5-star Fitzwilliam Hotel, an elegant masterpiece located in the heart of the city centre.
- Dinner and the rest of the evening is yours to spend as you choose in Northern Ireland's fabulous capital city.



Day 11 – Sat, Sept 21 - Belfast – Radisson Red Hotel, Glasgow, Scotland (B)

- Another delightful full Irish breakfast waits for you this morning.
- After breakfast, we make our way to board our ferry for Cairnryan, Scotland.
- Once we dock and disembark the ferry, we will make the 2-hr drive to Glasgow, our home for the next night.
- After checking into our hotel, the tour manager will have bags sent to your room and you can enjoy the rest of the evening at your own leisure. Dinner is on your own.

Day 12 – Sun, Sept 22 – Glasgow (B) – Best Western Hotel & Spa, Inverness (B, D)



- After breakfast full buffet breakfast (**included**), this morning we are greeted by our local step-on guide for a morning tour enjoying the highlights of what Glasgow has to offer.
- We expect a late afternoon arrival to our hotel for the next two nights – The Best Western Hotel & Spa in Inverness. The tour manager will have bags sent to your rooms where you will have time to freshen up before dinner.
- Tonight, enjoy a group dinner (**included**) in the company of fellow travelers. Tonight, discuss the folklore of the Loch Ness Monster and all the highlands natural beauties!

Day 13 – Mon, Sept 23 – Inverness (B)

- After another Scottish buffet breakfast, we travel to the Scottish Highlands touring the area known for its mysterious folklore as well as its mountainous peaks!
- We will begin our day with a stop at a local distillery and see the world-renowned process of whiskey making (**distillery and Scotch tasting included**).
- We then visit Urquhart Castle (**Entrance fee included**), for some pictures overlooking Loch Ness. We have allotted two hours for your visit at the Castle including time for lunch (your expense).
- We return to our hotel this afternoon where you have time to relax or enjoy Inverness at your own pace.
- Dinner this evening, is on your own.



Day 14 – Tues, Sept 24 – Inverness – Radisson Blu Hotel, Edinburgh (B)

- Enjoy another Scottish Buffet breakfast this morning **(included)** before we check out of our hotel. Please remember to cover any personal incidental charges.
- Today we travel to Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city, with a stop in historic St. Andrews, considered the birthplace of modern golf and home to the famous "Old Course", along the way.
- After our visit and lunch in St. Andrews, we continue south to the capital of Scotland, Edinburgh. We arrive late afternoon to the beautiful Radisson Blu Hotel where the Tour Manager will take care of check in and the bag service.
- Dinner this evening is on your own.

Day 15 – Wed, Sept 25 – Edinburgh (B, Farewell D)

- After breakfast this morning **(included)**, join our local step-on guide as they show us Edinburgh Castle (entrance fees to Castle not included), Old Town, Royal Mile and more! Time for lunch on the Royal Mile after our morning tour on own.
- Explore the city this afternoon and take in the sites of the historic centre. Perhaps a visit to Holyrood House or a difficult but rewarding hike to the top of Arthur's Seat is on your bucket list.
- Tonight, join us for a highlight of our trip – a traditional Scottish dinner theatre and return transportation! **(included)**.



Day 16 – Thurs, Sept 26 – Edinburgh to Canada (B)

- After a final breakfast **(included)**, those who purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Air will be transported to Edinburgh International Airport for flights back to Canada.
- Thank you for joining Collins Tours for what has been a wonderful experience throughout Ireland and Scotland. We hope to see you again soon!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Tour itineraries are a **guideline and may need to be adjusted** by Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd, or your tour manager to ensure proper flow of your tour. All times on tour itineraries are only estimates as various unforeseen factors, such as weather, traffic, mechanical issues, emergencies, event closures, and/or other "Acts of God," can influence tour timing or missed events altogether. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd. is not responsible or liable, in any way, for delays caused by such unforeseen events described or other similar events not described yet may cause similar outcomes or delays. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for refunds, reimbursements, or credits in the event of any such occurrences.
- The tour price does NOT include incidental room charges e.g. movie rentals, Internet connections, phone calls, etc. Please be sure to give the front desk your credit card information to cover these fees.

Hotel Contact Information:

Sep 12 & 13 – Morrison Hotel, Ormond Quay Lower, North City, Dublin, Ireland. Ph: +353 1 887 2400

Sep 14 & 15 – Aghadoe Heights Hotel, Lakes of Killarney, Nunstown, Co. Kerry, PH: +353 64 663 1766

Sep 16 – Park House Hotel, Galway, 18 Forster St, Eyre Square. Ph: +353 91 564 924

Sep 17 & 18– Markree Castle, Clooneenroe, Collooney, Co. Sligo, Ireland. Ph: +353 71 916 7800

Sep 19 – Marine Hotel, 1-3 North St, Ballycastle, Northern Ireland Ph: +44 28 2076 2222

Sep 20 – Fitzwilliam Hotel, 1-3 Great Victoria St, Belfast, Northern Ireland. Ph: +44 28 9044 2080

Sep 21 – Radisson Red Hotel, 25 Tunnel St, Finnieston Quay Ph: +44 141 471 1700

Sep 22 & 23 – Best Western Hotel & Spa - 8 Ness Walk, Inverness, Ph: +44 1463 223243

Sep 24 & 25 – Radisson Blu Hotel, The Royal Mile, 80 High St, Edinburgh, Scotland. Ph: +44 131 557 9797

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- Bus driver €4 - €6 per person per day.
- Private city tour guides €3 - €4 per person



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