

A Celtic Adventure

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- Day 1 Fri 18 Jun **DUBLIN**
After your international flight meet your Blue Badge guide at Dublin Airport and transfer to your city hotel. After check-in the rest of the day is at leisure. Dinner at the hotel tonight. **(D)**
STAY: Castle Hotel (or similar)
- Day 2 Sat 19 Jun **DUBLIN**
Full day sightseeing in Dublin including a visit to St Patrick's National Cathedral, St Mary's Cathedral, Trinity College-Book of Kells and Dublin Castle. **(B,D)**
STAY: Castle Hotel (or similar)
- Day 3 Sun 20 Jun **DUBLIN – MONASTERBOICE - ARMAGH**
Attend Sung Eucharist at Christ Church Cathedral - 11:00hrs (optional). Our Blue Badge guide will meet us after lunch in Dublin (approximately 13:30hrs) then set out to visit Glendalough (St Kevin), see the Round Tower, the Monastic City Gateway, St Ciaran's Church and St Mary's Church. Continue on to Monasterboice near Drogheda. See the West Cross, Muirdeach's Cross, the Hill of Slane and the Hill of Tara. Cross the border into Ulster and on to Armagh for overnight. **(B,D)**
STAY: The Armagh City Hotel (or similar)
- Day 4 Mon 21 Jun **ARMAGH – PORTADOWN – DOWNPATRICK - BELFAST**
Visit both of Armagh's Cathedrals accompanied by our guide before continuing to Portadown for lunch. Depart for Downpatrick where on arrival you will attend St Patrick's Centre followed by a visit to Down Cathedral (Holy Trinity) before continuing to Belfast. On arrival enjoy a sightseeing tour to include St Anne's Cathedral. **(B,D)**
STAY: Jury's Inn Hotel (or similar)
- Day 5 Tue 22 Jun **BELFAST**
A day of sightseeing including visits to the Abbey at Bangor and the tiny Church of Saul before continuing to visit the Giants Causeway - a World Heritage Site - and Dunluce Castle. Return to Belfast for overnight. **(B,D)**
STAY: Jury's Inn Hotel (or similar)
- Day 6 Wed 23 Jun **BELFAST - OBAN**
Breakfast will be served approximately 06:00hrs for a 06:30hrs departure from the hotel. Our coach will transfer us to the ferry check point for the crossing from Belfast to Stranraer (depart 07:25 arrive 09:25) on HSS Stena Voyager. On arrival at Stranraer we meet our new coach and driver and transfer to our hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. **(B,D)**
STAY: Queen's Hotel (or similar)
- Day 7 Thu 24 Jun **OBAN – IONA**
Accompanied by a local guide we enjoy a morning sightseeing tour of Oban including the Cathedral of St John The Devine. The journey from Oban to Iona includes two short ferry crossings from Oban to Craignure (10mins) and Fionnphort to Iona (9mins). **(B,D)**
STAY: St Columba Hotel (or similar)
- Day 8 Fri 25 Jun **IONA**
Full day at leisure on Iona **(B)**
- Day 9 Sat 26 Jun **IONA – EDINBURGH**
Depart Iona for Edinburgh via Oban. Upon arrival in Edinburgh continue our hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. **(B,D)**
STAY: Ballantrae Hotel (or similar)

- Day 10 Sun 27 Jun **EDINBURGH**
Full day sightseeing with your local guide in Edinburgh to include Edinburgh Castle and St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral. **(B)**
STAY: Ballantrae Hotel (or similar)
- Day 11 Mon 28 Jun **EDINBURGH – LINDISFARNE – HOLY ISLAND**
Transfer from Edinburgh to the Berwick-upon-Tweed area and visit Lindisfarne, Grace Darling Museum and Alnwick Castle. After general sightseeing of this region continue to Holy Island (to arrive early afternoon) crossing the narrow causeway to visit some of its famous Christian monastic heritage. **(B,D)**
STAY: The Manor House & Lindisfarne Hotel (group will be split between hotels)
- Day 12 Tue 29 Jun **LINDISFARNE**
An organised 'Quiet Day' with religious meditation mixing with people associated with the Northumbria Community, Nether Springs and Chatton. **(B)**
STAY: The Manor House & Lindisfarne Hotel
- Day 13 Wed 30 Jun **LINDISFARNE – DURHAM - YORK**
Depart Lindisfarne and travel to the City of Durham and visit the Cathedral. Continue to Whitby, the home of Captain James Cook and St Hilda. Continue to York for overnight. **(B,D)**
STAY: Park Inn Hotel (or similar)
- Day 14 Thu 01 Jul **YORK**
Attend a Eucharist at York Minster followed by a walking tour of the city with a local guide. Free time this afternoon for independent sightseeing and/or shopping. **(B)**
STAY: Park Inn Hotel (or similar)
- Day 15 Fri 02 Jul **YORK - NORWICH**
Transfer from York to Norwich. On arrival visit the Cathedral and St Julian's Church and Shrine before continuing on to our hotel. **(B,D)**
STAY: George Hotel (or similar)
- Day 16 Sat 03 Jul **NORWICH - CAMBRIDGE**
Enjoy a morning sightseeing tour of Norwich accompanied by a local guide before continuing our journey to Cambridge. Opportunity to attend Evensong at Kings College or St John's College. **(B,D)**
STAY: Arundel House Hotel (or similar)
- Day 17 Sun 04 Jul **CAMBRIDGE – LONDON**
Morning sightseeing tour in Cambridge with a local guide before continuing to London. **(B,D)**
STAY: Royal Eagle, Bayswater
- Day 18 Mon 05 Jul **LONDON**
Enjoy a full day at leisure in London. Optional sightseeing tours will be available. Farewell dinner this evening, **(B,D)**
STAY: Royal Eagle, Bayswater
- Day 19 Tue 06 Jul **LONDON** Dep:
Transfer from your hotel to London Heathrow Airport for your flight home. **(B)**

INCLUSIONS:

- **Accommodation** – hotels are 3/4* category with private facilities. Tour based on share twin accommodation. Supplement is payable for passengers requiring single rooms.
- **Meals** – breakfasts (Continental) throughout. Additional meals as indicated above – **L = Lunch; D = Dinner**
- **Entrances** – we have arranged for pre-payment of entrances as follows:
St Patrick's National Cathedral, St Mary's Cathedral, Trinity College – Book of Kells, Dublin Castle, Glendalough Cathedral, Glendalough Round Tower, St Ciaran's Church, St Mary's Church, St Patrick's Centre, Down Cathedral, Monastic Gateway, Bangor Abbey, Giant's Causeway, Armagh Cathedral, St Anne's Cathedral, Trinity Church of Saul, Dunluce Castle, Cathedral of St John, Edinburgh Castle, St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Grace Darling Museum, Alnwick Castle, Durham Cathedral, Norwich Cathedral, St Julian's Church & Shrine.
- **Touring** – in air-conditioned coach with driver and English speaking guide throughout Ireland. On arrival in Scotland we shall utilise the services of a different coach and driver. Local city guides will be utilised in Scotland and England. This is a private tour.
- **Porterage** – This is arranged throughout where possible.
- **Taxes** – Hotel and road taxes and service charges.
- **Ferry Services** – Seat on ferry as detailed in the itinerary (all included)

NOT INCLUDED:

- **Airfares** – As international airfares are unpredictable in the present economic climate, passengers will be offered the option of being part of a group fare booking, or may prefer to avail themselves of promotional and/or early bird fares that may be in the marketplace in early 2010. The group flights may be reserved in conjunction with this tour. Flight departs from Brisbane. Canterbury Tours reserves the right to change bookings to an alternative carrier if necessary, depending on costs and schedules. Upgrades to Business and/or First Class on one or more sectors may be available – we will be happy to provide details of additional costs required.
NB: Should passengers wish to utilise the services of alternative carriers, arrival and departure transfers at the beginning and/or end of this tour may not be provided. Passengers arriving at different times/days/airports may be required to pay a supplement for transfer to join the tour.
- **Airline taxes / airport charges** – These taxes change daily and the calculation of them is as will prevail on the date of payment.
- **Optional Extras:** A small number of optional tours/visits will be available as follows:
London: Full day and half day sightseeing tours, including Thames Cruise
London: Windsor Castle tour
- **Tips** – to driver and guide, and anywhere else you have received good service.
- **Insurance** – Travel Insurance is extremely important. Travelmarket Brisbane, in association with Canterbury Tours, will be happy to arrange this on your behalf. Alternatively, you are at liberty to arrange insurance independently.
- **Passport and visa fees** - currently, there are no visa requirements for passengers on Australian passports visiting the United Kingdom and Ireland.
- **Items of a personal nature** – this goes without saying!

ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Canterbury Tours is a tour wholesaler and utilises the retail services of Travelmarket Brisbane.

Travelmarket Brisbane, will be happy to arrange any extensions to your tour. Hotels, touring, flight reservations, car hire, rail travel, cruising etc may be booked at the end of your tour. Your airline ticket is generally valid for 12 months, except in the case of promotional airfares.

Additional nights in London may be booked to allow for personal sightseeing.

IMPORTANT – PLEASE NOTE:

While every effort has been made to assess the cost of this tour as a whole, should there be variances to currency exchange rates and/or increases in airline fares, Canterbury Tours reserves the right to impose a surcharge to the quoted cost.

Should the tour numbers not reach the minimum required to obtain the quoted price, the tour may have to be cancelled. In this case a full refund of monies paid would be offered, or alternatively, the group as booked would be offered the option to proceed with the tour at a price to cover the reduced numbers.

Deposit

A deposit of \$500 per person is required to confirm a place on the tour. Please consider Cancellation Insurance at this time, as this deposit is non-refundable except under extreme circumstances.

Balance of Payment

Full payment of the balance of the tour cost will be due and payable by 01 April 2010. After 31 March all unused accommodation will be released to the overseas suppliers, and late applications to join the tour will be possible only upon request and in consultation with the various overseas suppliers and the airline concerned.

Airline Schedules

As the operation of airline schedules is beyond our control, should we be notified of a change to our reserved flights we will immediately advise all passengers and either (a) arrange bookings with an alternative carrier; or (b) make adjustments to the itinerary to accommodate the flight changes.

Health

This tour is not strenuous, though there are days when quite a deal of walking is required, and often on cobblestoned streets – please consider your individual capabilities in this regard. The tour is not rushed and will be conducted to please all passengers if possible. If you require any information regarding the performance of sightseeing etc on this tour, we would be happy to clarify.

Tour Cost: **AUD 7430 (share twin – land only)#**
 Single Supplement AUD 1420
 Group airfare supplement (ex Brisbane) AUD 2563 *

Price subject to change. Unexpected currency fluctuation, fuel surcharges, increases imposed by overseas suppliers

*Airline taxes not included.

NB:

- This tour is quoted on a 'land only' basis. Passengers may choose to purchase the group airfare in conjunction with the tour.
- The group airfare is available only for those passengers who will depart from Brisbane. The group airfare is based on the schedules of Singapore Airlines and permits passengers to return to Australia at a date of their own choosing, and from any other European city serviced by Singapore Airlines. Travel from London to such an alternative city will be at passenger's expense.
- The group airfare does not include applicable airline taxes. Please allow at least \$550 to cover these taxes which can be quoted only at the time of payment of your airline ticket.
- The 'land only' tour cost is based on a minimum of 20 passengers travelling on this tour. Should this minimum number (20) not be achieved, it will be necessary to impose a supplement of \$700 per person.