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UK and Ireland



Day 1 – Sunday 28 July 2013

Depart Melbourne

Depart 10:10PM **MELBOURNE** on Etihad

Day 2 – Monday 29 July 2013

Arrive London

Arrive 6:30AM **ABU DHABI**

You are in transit

Depart 8:30AM **ABU DHABI**

Arrive 1:15PM **LONDON**

Welcome to England. On arrival at Heathrow Airport you'll be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. The Holiday Inn Kensington is situated in leafy Kensington and cafes and restaurants are on your doorstep. The hotel also has a traditional pub where you can enjoy a drink with friends. It's a 2-minute walk to Gloucester Road underground station and a short stroll from the Natural History Museum and brand-name shopping on bustling High Street Kensington.

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Kensington or similar

Day 3 – Tuesday 30 July 2013 (B, D)

London

Hot buffet breakfast at your hotel this morning.

Today take in all the famous London sights. View the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, the River Thames, the mounted horseguards, Number 10 Downing Street, Piccadilly Circus and Buckingham Palace. Entrance is included to Westminster Abbey and the Royal Chapels. View the Changing of the Guards at Buckingham Palace. Entrance is included to St Paul's Cathedral floor and crypt. A full day touring with a stop for lunch (own arrangements) before returning to your hotel later in the afternoon.

This evening you'll be collected and transferred to Bateaux London for a classic dinner cruise on the Thames. Start the evening with a complimentary welcome drink before cruising past some of London's famous attractions and take in the panoramic view of the Houses of Parliament, London Eye, Tower of London, Tower Bridge and St. Paul's Cathedral as you enjoy an excellent a la carte menu prepared on board.

A musical blend of jazz is performed during the dinner cruise by the resident band, which comprises of some of London's finest musicians. The highlight of a Thames river dinner cruise is the after-dinner dancing with music from the 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's and hits of today. (Dress is semi-formal). The coach will return you to the hotel after dinner.

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Kensington or similar

Day 4 – Wednesday 31 July 2013 (B) **Oxford/Stratford upon Avon/Warwick**

Hot buffet breakfast at your hotel this morning before checking out. The coach will first visit Oxford where you will tour on foot with a guide. Visit Trinity College and Christchurch College. Lunch is own Arrangements. This afternoon visit Anne Hathaway's Cottage in the village of Shottery. Visit the William Shakespeare exhibition before heading on to Warwick to check into your hotel. The Brook Honiley Court Hotel is situated in a peaceful location in the rural village of Honiley in Warwickshire. The hotel dates back to the 16th century when it was originally constructed as a farmhouse. The farm was transformed into a pub called The Boot Inn which is now incorporated into the Hotel, conserving features of the original building and maintaining the original character. Dinner tonight is own arrangements.

Accommodation: The Brook Honily Court Hotel or similar

Day 5 – Thursday 01 August 2013 (B, D) **Warwick/York**

Hot buffet breakfast at your hotel this morning before checking out. This morning tour the city of Warwick including a visit to the magnificent Warwick Castle. A thousand years of history to see when you visit here. After lunch (own arrangements) the coach heads for York. This afternoon visit York Minster - the Chapter House and entrance to the Roman excavation site is included. Check in to your hotel. The Mercure York Fairfield Manor is an 18th century Georgian manor house set in its own grounds. The hotel enjoys views of the beautiful Yorkshire countryside and is a few kilometres from York Castle.

This evening your guide will take you for a walk through The Shambles. The Shambles is an old street in York, England, with overhanging timber-framed buildings, some dating back as far as the fourteenth century. Dinner tonight will be a 3 course dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: The Mercure York Fairfield Manor or similar

Day 6 – Friday 02 August 2013 (B, D) **Hexham/Jedburgh/Kelso/Edinburgh**

Hot buffet breakfast at your hotel this morning before checking out and heading for Scotland. Today the coach will take you through Hexham, Jedburgh and Kelso. View the remains of the Roman fort at

Carrawburgh and visit Jedburgh Abbey. Lunch today is own arrangements. In Kelso you'll see the beautiful city and visit Floors Castle. Once in Edinburgh check into your hotel. The King James hotel in Edinburgh is located near the world-famous Princes Street, and a short walk from the historic Royal Mile. Tonight is a Scottish dinner and show at your hotel. Jigs, reels, fiddle playing and the Ceremony of the Haggis will have you tapping along.

Accommodation: The King James or similar

Day 7 – Saturday 03 August 2013 (B)

Military Tattoo

Hot buffet breakfast at your hotel this morning. Today is sightseeing in magnificent Edinburgh. Visit Edinburgh Castle and see onboard the former royal yacht Britannia (including an audio headset guide). Lunch is own arrangements. This afternoon view Arthur's Seat - the craggy mountain in Holyrood Park and visit St Giles Cathedral in The Royal Mile. Dinner tonight is own arrangements.

Tonight you have reserved seating for the famous Edinburgh Military Tattoo. This will be the 63rd extravaganza to be staged at the Scottish capital's ancient Castle - a spectacular and inspiring backdrop for this remarkable and internationally acclaimed event. With innovative production, heart-stopping sound, imaginative graphics, state-of-the-art lighting and specially commissioned fireworks, the 90-minute show will be one of the highlights of your trip. The line-up of nearly 1000 performers includes hundreds of musicians, pipers, drummers, singers and dancers.

Accommodation: The King James or similar

Day 8 – Sunday 04 August 2013 (B)

Fife/Braemar/Inverness

Hot buffet breakfast at your hotel this morning before checking out. Today you will drive through Fife to St Andrews whose Royal and Ancient Golf Club has given us the rules of golf, and visit St Andrews Castle. Lunch is own arrangements. Continue through Braemar – home of the Royal Highland Games and then visit Balmoral Castle - the highland home of the British royal family since 1852. (Entrance to the castle is included when available). Continue to Inverness where you check into the Ramada Encore Inverness. Situated in the City Centre of Inverness this is an ideal location - the hotel is located on Academy Street, a perfect base for visiting the shops and restaurants.

Dinner tonight is own arrangements.

Accommodation: Ramada Encore Inverness or similar

Day 9 – Monday 05 August 2013 (B)

Culloden/Loch Linnhe/Glencoe Tour/Tarbet/Glasgow

Hot buffet breakfast at your hotel this morning before checking out. Today is a fabulous day in the Highlands. Visit the Culloden Visitor Centre and Battlefield and hear why this famous battle that lasted only one hour changed the way of life of the Highlands and Islands forever. Also visit Drumnadrochit and its most famous loch – Loch Ness. Visit the Loch Ness Centre and Exhibition for a full audio presentation about the Loch's most famous 'resident'. Proceed to Fort William for lunch which is own arrangements. No visit to the Highlands would be complete without a wee dram so after lunch you'll

have a guided tour of the Dew of Ben Nevis Whiskey Distillery including a complimentary whiskey so you can savour the Uisge beatha - the water of life. On to Tarbet – a picturesque village on the shores of Loch Lomond. There is time for an hour long cruise on the loch before heading to Glasgow and checking into your hotel. The Thistle Hotel is centrally located in Scotland's largest city – right in the heart of the shopping area. Dinner tonight is own arrangements.

Accommodation: Thistle Hotel or similar

Day 10 - Tuesday 06 August 2013 (B, D)
Gretna Green/Grasmere/Liverpool

Hot buffet breakfast at your hotel this morning before checking out. This morning head south to Gretna Green – famous for its runaway marriages. Visit the old blacksmith's shop see a reenactment before crossing back into England. On to Grasmere for a guided tour of Dove Cottage – once home of William Wordsworth. Entrance to the Wordsworth museum before heading on to Liverpool. Once in Liverpool check into your hotel. The Atlantic Tower Hotel is situated near Albert Dock and is a short walk from the Royal Liver Building and shopping areas. Lunch is own arrangements.

Late this afternoon join in on a magical mystery tour to see how four young lads from Liverpool were propelled to the dizzy heights of worldwide fame and fortune to become the greatest band of all time. The Beatles Story Museum is a must see for anyone who has ever enjoyed The Beatles' music. Afterwards head for the Hard Day's Night Hotel and dinner at Blakes Restaurant before returning to your hotel.

Accommodation: Atlantic Tower Hotel or similar

Day 11 – Wednesday 07 August 2013 (B, D)
Bets-Y-Coed/Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll/Holyhead/Dublin

Hot buffet breakfast at your hotel this morning before checking out. Today travel through beautiful Wales. Through Betws-y-Coed - the principal village of the Snowdonia National Park to Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll – the shortened name for Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlantysiliogogogoch – the longest place name in Europe and on to Holyhead. At the port of Holyhead a ferry will take you across the Irish Sea to Dublin. On arrival in Dublin check into your hotel. The Hilton Dublin Hotel overlooks the historic Grand Canal and is a 10-minute walk from the famous St. Stephen's Green area and Grafton Street. Lunch is own arrangements.

Tonight's dinner is a traditional Irish Cabaret and dinner.

Accommodation: Hilton Dublin Hotel or similar

Day 12 – Thursday 08 August 2013 (B, D)
Book of Kells/Guinness Brewery

Hot buffet breakfast at your hotel this morning. Today an orientation of the Irish capital before visiting Oscar Wilde's Trinity College famous for the 1200 year old Book of Kells. Lunch is own arrangements.

This afternoon is free but be ready this evening when the coach will take you to one of Ireland's most famous tourist attractions - the Guinness Storehouse - for dinner at the Guinness Brewery.

Accommodation: Hilton Dublin Hotel or similar

Day 13 – Friday 09 August 2013 (B, D)
Kildare City/Cashel/Tipperary/Limerick

Hot buffet breakfast at your hotel this morning before checking out. Today first drive through County Kildare where you'll visit the Irish National Stud and have a guided tour. You'll also see the breathtakingly beautiful Japanese Gardens and visit the horse museum. On to Cashel where you'll tour the heritage town and visit the iconic Rock of Cashel. Lunch will be in Cashel and is own arrangements. On to Limerick where you'll drive past St Mary's Cathedral, King John's Castle and the stone where the Treaty of Limerick was signed in 1691. Check into your hotel right on the River Shannon – the Clarion Hotel is situated right on Steamboat Quay.

Dinner tonight is a medieval banquet at Bunratty Castle with entertainment provided by the world famous Bunratty Castle Entertainers.

Accommodation: Clarion Hotel or similar

Day 14 – Saturday 10 August 2013 (B)
Connemara/Moycullen/Ciffs of Moher

Hot buffet breakfast at your hotel this morning. Today enjoy the stunning unspoiled west coast of Ireland. Visit Clifden and the Connemara Heritage and History Centre for a guided tour and a turf cutting demonstration before going on the Celtic Crystal Factory for a factory tour glass cutting demonstration. Lunch today is own arrangements. This afternoon visit the beautiful Cliffs of Moher. Whilst you are there visit the Atlantic Edge Exhibition where a huge domed cave contains images, exhibits, displays and experiences.

Back to you hotel tonight and dinner tonight is own arrangements.

Accommodation: Clarion Hotel or similar

Day 15 – Sunday 11 August 2013 (L, D)
Ring of Kerry/Killarney/Tralee

Hot buffet breakfast at your hotel this morning before checking out. Today drive the Ring of Kerry (or Iveragh Peninsula to give it its correct name) a one hundred mile panoramic drive around the island's southwestern trip. Stop at Ladies View – an astoundingly scenic point where you can see the three Lakes of Killarney, Derrycunihny Oak Woods, the Eagles Nest, and Torc Mountain. Lunch today is own arrangements. Through the town of Killorglin and to Tralee where you'll check into your hotel. The Carlton Hotel is just minutes from the town centre but is surrounded by the beautiful Slieve Mish Mountains, the Kerry countryside and panoramic views of Tralee town.

Dinner tonight is a 3 course dinner at your hotel.

Accommodation: Carlton Hotel or similar

Day 16 – Monday 12 August 2013 (B)
Blarney/Cork/Waterford

Hot buffet breakfast at your hotel this morning before checking out. This morning visit Blarney Castle built nearly 600 years ago by one of Ireland's greatest chieftains, and see the famous Blarney Stone – the Stone of Eloquence. Lunch is own arrangements. In County Cork today visit the Midleton Whiskey Distillery which is responsible for the majority of all Irish whiskey produced in Ireland today. In Waterford check into your hotel. The Fitwilton Hotel is centrally located and a great place to explore this lovely city. Dinner tonight is own arrangements.

Accommodation: Fitwilton Hotel or similar

Day 17– Tuesday 13 August 2013 (B, D)
Rosslare/Pembroke/Cardiff

Hot buffet breakfast at your hotel this morning before checking out. Today take the ferry back across the Irish Sea from Rosslare to Pembroke. Once on the other side continue sightseeing of Cardiff before checking into your hotel. The Holiday Inn Cardiff City Centre is a short walk from the main city centre and a great place to stay in the Welsh capitol.

Dinner tonight is at Cardiff Castle. First a tour of the Castle and then a traditional Welsh dinner.

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Cardiff City Centre or similar

Day 18– Wednesday 14 August 2013 (B)
Bath/Glastonbury/Plymouth

Hot buffet breakfast at your hotel this morning before checking out. The coach travels today through the city of Bath where you'll visit the Roman Baths Museum and the Pump Rooms. Lunch is own arrangements. In Glastonbury visit Glastonbury Abbey – once the richest and grandest abbey in England. See pretty Widecombe-in-Moor as you head across Dartmoor to Plymouth to check into your hotel. The Copthorne Hotel Plymouth is situated right in the heart of this bustling city only a few minutes' walk to the shopping and dining district. Dinner tonight is own arrangements.

Accommodation: Copthorne Hotel Plymouth or similar

Day 19– Thursday 15 August 2013 (B)
Cornwall

Hot buffet breakfast at your hotel this morning. Spend today touring the beauteous Cornwall Peninsular. Cross the River Tamar on your way to the pretty village and former smuggler's port of Looe. Lunch is own arrangements.

Dinner tonight is own arrangements.

Accommodation: Copthorne Hotel Plymouth or similar

Day 20 – Friday 16 August 2013 (B)
Stonehenge/Salisbury/London

Hot buffet breakfast at your hotel this morning before checking out. Today the coach travels to the Stonehenge site near Amesbury where you'll tour the famous site by foot. Lunch is own arrangements. On to Salisbury to visit the famous Salisbury Cathedral before heading back into London where you'll check into your hotel. Dinner is own arrangements.

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Kensington or similar

Day 21 – Saturday 17 August 2013 (B, D)
London at Leisure

Hot buffet breakfast at your hotel this morning. Today is yours to enjoy at leisure in the famous city. Lunch and Dinner today are own arrangements.

For your last night tonight the coach will collect you and take you to a musical show in the West End. Dinner will be a local restaurant before the show. Show details will be confirmed closer to departure.

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Kensington or similar

Day 22 – Sunday 18 August 2013
Depart London

An early transfer to the airport this morning to catch your flight home.

Depart	9:15AM	LONDON
Arrive	7:10PM	ABU DHABI

You are in transit

Depart	10:20PM	ABU DHABI
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Day 23 – Monday 19 August 2013
Arrive Melbourne

Arrive	6:10PM	MELBOURNE
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Prices:
\$9299 Per Person Twin Share*
\$1700 Per Person Single Supplement*

*To confirm tour a NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of \$800 Per Person is required with registration. Deposit Protection can be purchased for an additional \$30 Per Person. Terms and Conditions Apply.

Inclusions:

Return Economy Airfares and Taxes Melbourne London

20 Nights' Accommodation 4*

Long Distance Coach and Guide

Touring as Outlined/Ferries/Cruising

Porterage – 1 Bag per Person

20 Breakfasts

10 Dinners

Edinburgh Military Tattoo

1 West End Musical

Admission or Entrance to the following:

- Westminster Abbey and Chapels
- St Paul's Cathedral
- Trinity and Christchurch College
- Anne Hathaway's Cottage/Shakespeare Exhibition
- Warwick Castle
- York Minster/Chapter House/Roman Excavations
- Jedburgh Abbey
- Floors Castle
- Edinburgh Castle
- Royal Yacht Britannia
- St Giles Cathedral
- St Andrew's Castle
- Braemar Castle
- Balmoral Castle
- Culloden Visitor Centre and Battlefield
- Loch Ness Centre and Exhibition
- Ben Nevis Whiskey Distillery
- Glencoe Visitors Centre
- Old Blacksmiths Shop
- Dove Cottage/Wordsworth Museum
- Beatles Story Museum
- Trinity College Library/Book of Kells
- Irish National Stud Farm/Japanese Gardens
- Rock of Cashel
- Connemara Heritage and History Centre
- Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centre
- Blarney Castle
- Middleton Whiskey Distillery
- Cardiff Castle
- Roman Baths and Pump Rooms
- Glastonbury Abbey
- Stonehenge Site
- Salisbury Cathedral

Exclusions:

Tipping

Drinks and items of a personal nature

Meals other than outlined

Travel Insurance