

19 DAYS THE BEST OF THE UK



Day 1. York – Arrival & Minster

Arrive in the UK. Drive or train to York – the extraordinary walled medieval city with the world's finest Gothic Minster. York Minster, the Shambles, Clifford's Tower, the extraordinary National Railway Museum. Overnight in York.

Day 2. York to Edinburgh – Castle & Old Town

Train north to Edinburgh. Edinburgh Castle and Scottish Crown Jewels. Royal Mile. Holyrood Palace. Overnight in Edinburgh.

Day 3. Edinburgh – New Town, Whisky & Galleries

Georgian New Town. Scottish National Gallery. Scottish Whisky Experience. Overnight in Edinburgh.

Day 4. Edinburgh to Inverness – Loch Ness

Drive or train north to Inverness – the capital of the Scottish Highlands. Loch Ness cruise – searching for Nessie in the extraordinary dark waters of the world's most famous loch. Urquhart Castle ruins on the loch shore. Overnight in Inverness.

Day 5. Inverness – Culloden, Black Isle & Cawdor Castle

Culloden Battlefield – the extraordinary site of the final Jacobite uprising (1746), the last pitched battle on British soil, where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Highland army was destroyed. Cawdor Castle – the extraordinary 14th-century castle of Shakespeare's Macbeth. Black Isle. Overnight in Inverness.

Day 6. Inverness to Glasgow – Loch Lomond & Stirling Castle

Drive south via Loch Lomond – the most beautiful loch in Scotland, the centerpiece of the Trossachs National Park. Stirling Castle – the extraordinary royal fortress overlooking the battlefield of Bannockburn (1314). Arrive Glasgow. Overnight in Glasgow.

Day 7. Glasgow – Kelvingrove, National Piping Centre & Mackintosh

Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. National Piping Centre. Mackintosh at the Willow tea rooms. Riverside Museum. Overnight in Glasgow.

Day 8. Glasgow to Belfast – Ferry & Titanic Belfast

Ferry from Cairnryan to Belfast (2 hours). Titanic Belfast museum. Belfast Cathedral Quarter. Overnight in Belfast.

Day 9. Belfast – Black Cab Tour & Giant's Causeway

Black Cab Tour of Belfast murals. Giant's Causeway (UNESCO World

Heritage). Crown Liquor Saloon. Overnight in Belfast.

Day 10. Belfast to Dublin – Ferry or Drive

Ferry or drive south to Dublin. Temple Bar and evening in Dublin's pubs. Overnight in Dublin.

Day 11. Dublin – Trinity College, Guinness & Book of Kells

Trinity College Dublin and the Book of Kells. Guinness Storehouse. Kilmainham Gaol. Overnight in Dublin.

Day 12. Dublin to Limerick – Rock of Cashel

Drive south via the Rock of Cashel – the extraordinary high medieval ecclesiastical complex on a limestone outcrop. Arrive Limerick: King John's Castle, the Hunt Museum. Overnight in Limerick.

Day 13. Limerick to Killarney – Cliffs of Moher

Drive via the Cliffs of Moher – the extraordinary Atlantic cliffs rising 214 metres above the sea. The Burren – the extraordinary limestone karst landscape. Arrive Killarney: Muckross House and Gardens, Killarney National Park. Overnight in Killarney.

Day 14. Killarney to Waterford – Ring of Kerry

Scenic drive along the Ring of Kerry – the extraordinary Atlantic coastal route around the Iveragh Peninsula. Continue to Waterford – Ireland's oldest city, with the extraordinary Viking Triangle heritage quarter and the Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre. Overnight in Waterford.

Day 15. Waterford to Cardiff – Ferry from Rosslare

Drive to Rosslare. Ferry to Pembroke (4 hours). Drive to Cardiff. Cardiff Castle. Overnight in Cardiff.

Day 16. Cardiff – Castell Coch & Caerphilly Castle

Castell Coch. Caerphilly Castle. St Fagans National Museum of Welsh Life. Overnight in Cardiff.

Day 17. Cardiff to London – Train & Westminster

Train to London Paddington (2 hours). Afternoon: Westminster, Buckingham Palace, St James's Park. Evening: West End show. Overnight in London.

Day 18. London – British Museum & South Kensington

British Museum: Rosetta Stone, Elgin Marbles. Victoria and Albert Museum or Natural History Museum. Hyde Park. Overnight in London.

Day 19. London – Departure

Transfer to Heathrow, Gatwick or St Pancras for onward travel.

Must see ATTRACTIONS



York Minster



The Royal Mile, Edinburgh



Loch Ness



Loch Lomond



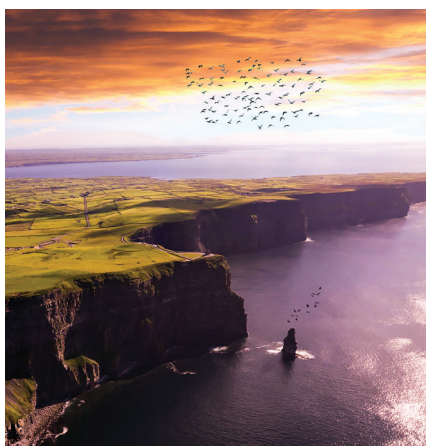
Stirling Castle



Belfast Cathedral



King John's Castle, Limerick



Cliffs of Moher



London West End Show

ACCOMMODATION

Options

London

- ★★★★★ The Savoy London
The Ritz London
Claridge's London
- ★★★★★ Park Plaza Westminster Bridge London
Leonardo Royal London City
Hyatt Regency London The Churchill
- ★★★ Hub by Premier Inn London King's Cross
Travelodge London Central City Road
ibis London Blackfriars

Edinburgh

- ★★★★★ The Balmoral Hotel Edinburgh
Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh The Caledonian
Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa Edinburgh
- ★★★★★ Radisson Blu Hotel Edinburgh
Marriott Edinburgh
Leonardo Royal Hotel Edinburgh
- ★★★ ibis Edinburgh Centre Royal Mile
Travelodge Edinburgh Central
Premier Inn Edinburgh City Centre

Glasgow

- ★★★★★ Blythswood Square Hotel Glasgow
Kimpton Blythswood Square Glasgow
Grand Central Hotel Glasgow
- ★★★★★ Radisson Blu Hotel Glasgow
AC Hotel by Marriott Glasgow
Hotel Indigo Glasgow
- ★★★ ibis Glasgow City Centre
Premier Inn Glasgow City Centre
Travelodge Glasgow Central

Belfast

- ★★★★★ The Merchant Hotel Belfast
Europa Hotel Belfast
Grand Central Hotel Belfast
- ★★★★★ Radisson Blu Belfast
AC Hotel by Marriott Belfast
Bullitt Hotel Belfast
- ★★★ Premier Inn Belfast City Centre
ibis Belfast City Centre
Maldron Hotel Belfast City

Dublin

- ★★★★★ The Shelbourne Dublin
InterContinental Dublin
The Merrion Hotel Dublin
- ★★★★★ Westin Dublin
The Fitzwilliam Hotel Dublin
Radisson Blu Royal Hotel Dublin
- ★★★ Premier Inn Dublin City Centre
ibis Dublin City
Maldron Hotel Smithfield Dublin

Cardiff

- ★★★★★ St David's Hotel Cardiff Bay
Park Plaza Cardiff
Voco St David's Cardiff
- ★★★★★ Marriott Hotel Cardiff
Clayton Hotel Cardiff
Hilton Cardiff
- ★★★ Premier Inn Cardiff City Centre
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Holiday Inn Cardiff City

Must try FOOD



Fish and Chips

A classic hot meal of crispy, golden battered white fish and thick-cut fried potatoes; originating in 19th-century England, it remains a beloved staple of British culture, traditionally served with salt, malt vinegar and side dishes like mushy peas.



Lorne Sausage

Also known as square sausage or slice sausage, this traditional Scottish dish is made from minced meat, rusk and spices; although termed a sausage, no casing is used to hold the meat in shape, hence it is usually served as square slices from a formed block; it is a common component of the traditional Scottish breakfast.



Irish Stew

A stew that is traditionally made with lamb, mutton or beef together with potatoes, onions, carrots and parsley; it is the product of a culinary tradition that relied almost exclusively on slow cooking for hours over an open fire and is considered a national dish of Ireland.

RESTAURANT

Options

Halal Certified

London

1. Dishoom – Celebrated Bombay-style café, halal-certified, branches across London, legendary bacon naan
2. Tayyabs – Legendary Pakistani halal restaurant in Whitechapel, famous lamb chops, always busy
3. Roti Chai – Indian street food, halal-certified, near Oxford Street, excellent lunch thali
4. Bayswater Grill – Lebanese and Arabic halal grill, Bayswater, popular with Gulf visitors
5. Ferdosi – Persian cuisine, halal-certified, Kensington, renowned for lamb koobideh and saffron rice

Edinburgh

1. Mosque Kitchen Edinburgh – Beloved halal canteen next to Edinburgh Central Mosque, legendary value
2. Kismot – Award-winning Sri Lankan-Indian halal restaurant, Newington, unique regional curries
3. Khushboo Indian Restaurant – Indian halal restaurant in Haymarket, popular with Muslim visitors
4. Istanbul Edinburgh – Turkish halal restaurant near the Old Town, grills and meze
5. Al-Baraka Edinburgh – Middle Eastern halal food near the university, generous portions

Glasgow

1. Shimla Pinks – Award-winning Indian halal restaurant in Glasgow's West End, innovative cuisine
2. Mother India's Café – Halal Indian food, West End, famous for unique thali-style sharing plates
3. Al Salam Glasgow – Lebanese halal restaurant, mezze and grills, popular with Muslim community
4. Istanbul Glasgow – Turkish halal grill in Glasgow city centre, doner and pide
5. Basmati Glasgow – Pakistani halal cuisine, highly rated, generous biryani and karahi dishes

Belfast

1. Al-Baraka Belfast – Middle Eastern halal restaurant near the city centre, shawarma and grills
2. Istanbul Belfast – Turkish halal grill in Cathedral Quarter, popular with local Muslim community
3. Anatolian Kitchen Belfast – Turkish and Levantine halal food near Queen's Quarter
4. Spice Village Belfast – Indian halal cuisine near the university area, good curry selection
5. Mediterranean Halal Belfast – Mixed halal Mediterranean menu, Victoria Square area

Dublin

1. Zaytoon Dublin – Popular Persian halal restaurant in Portobello, lamb koobideh and saffron rice
2. Istanbul Turkish Grill – Halal Turkish restaurant in Dublin 2, doner and grills, open late
3. Al-Baraka Dublin – Middle Eastern halal food near the city centre, mezze and shawarma
4. Bombay Pantry – Indian halal takeaway with multiple Dublin locations, generous portions
5. Biryani Bar Dublin – Halal Indian food near O'Connell Street, popular with Muslim residents

Cardiff

1. Mint & Mustard Cardiff – Award-winning Indian halal restaurant, South Asian fine dining
2. Al-Bab Cardiff – Middle Eastern halal cuisine near Cardiff Bay, mezze and slow-cooked meats
3. Istanbul Cardiff – Turkish halal grill in the city centre, large portions and good value
4. Spice Quarter Cardiff – Indian halal food in Cardiff Bay, balti and tandoor specialties
5. Mediterra Cardiff – Halal Mediterranean restaurant near the Principality Stadium, mixed grill