11 DAYS
HIGHLIGHTS OF IRELAND AND SCOTLAND

Day 1. Dublin – Arrival & Evening

Arrive in Dublin. Temple Bar evening. Traditional Irish music pub. Overnight in Dublin.

Day 2. Dublin to Galway – Cliffs of Moher & Burren

Drive west via the Cliffs of Moher and the extraordinary limestone Burren landscape. Arrive Galway — the extraordinary "City of the Tribes," the most vibrant city in the west of Ireland, with an extraordinary medieval city centre, traditional music sessions and the extraordinary Galway Races. Overnight in Galway.

Day 3. Galway – Connemara & Kylemore Abbey

Full day in Connemara — the extraordinary wild Atlantic landscape of mountains, bog and fjord-like inlets. Kylemore Abbey — the extraordinary Victorian castle-abbey on the shores of Kylemore Lough. Clifden — the capital of Connemara. Overnight in Galway.

Day 4. Galway to Donegal – Yeats Country

Drive north via Yeats Country: Sligo town — the extraordinary town of WB Yeats's childhood imagination; Lough Gill; Drumcliff churchyard (Yeats's grave). Continue to Donegal Town. Overnight in Donegal.

Day 5. Donegal – Glenveagh National Park & Slieve League

Morning: Glenveagh National Park — the extraordinary highland wilderness of Donegal, with Glenveagh Castle. Afternoon: Slieve League — the highest sea cliffs in Europe at 601 metres, three times higher than the Cliffs of Moher. Overnight in Donegal.

Day 6. Donegal to Belfast – Ferry from Larne & Black Cab Tour

Drive to Belfast via the extraordinary Antrim coast road — one of the most beautiful coastal drives in the British Isles. Giant's Causeway. Black Cab Tour of Belfast murals. Overnight in Belfast.

Day 7. Belfast – Titanic Museum & Crown Liquor Saloon

Titanic Belfast museum. Ulster Museum. Crown Liquor Saloon — the extraordinary Victorian gin palace (National Trust). Overnight in Belfast.

Day 8. Belfast to Glasgow – Ferry & Kelvingrove

Ferry from Belfast to Cairnryan. Drive to Glasgow. Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. National Piping Centre. Overnight in Glasgow.

Day 9. Glasgow to Newtonmore – Loch Lomond, Glencoe & Loch Ness

Drive north: Loch Lomond, Glencoe (the extraordinary valley of the 1692 massacre), Fort William (Ben Nevis — Britain's highest mountain), Loch Ness. Arrive Newtonmore in the Cairngorms. Overnight in Newtonmore.

Day 10. Newtonmore to Edinburgh – Pitlochry & Highlands

Drive south via Pitlochry: Blair Castle, extraordinary Highland scenery. Arrive Edinburgh. Royal Mile evening. Overnight in Edinburgh.

Day 11. Edinburgh – Castle, Old Town & Departure

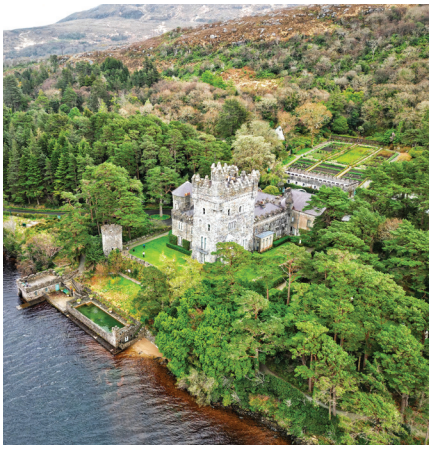
Edinburgh Castle and Scottish Crown Jewels. Transfer to Edinburgh Airport for onward travel.

Must see ATTRACTIONS

Galway

Connemara National Park

Kylemore Abbey, County Galway



Glenveagh Castle, County Donegal

The Slieve League, County Donegal

The Antrim Causeway Coastal Route

Loch Lomond

Glencoe

Fort William

ACCOMMODATION *Options*

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
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Maldron Hotel Smithfield Dublin

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
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Maldron Hotel Belfast City

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

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

Must try FOOD

Dublin Bay Prawns

Regarded as one of Ireland's finest seafood products, these small, slender crustaceans have long featured in both domestic and restaurant cooking; they can be served boiled, grilled, pan-fried in butter or olive oil or in refined dishes such as bisques, salads and cold platters with mayonnaise or lemon wedges.

Boxty

Sometimes referred to as 'poundy', this Irish classic 'pancake like' dish usually comprises a mixture of mashed and grated raw potato, flour, buttermilk, baking powder and salt and pepper, which is then cooked together in a skillet; the basic dish can be varied with the addition of ingredients such as spices and meat.

Neeps and Tatties

A traditional Scottish dish of yellow turnips or swedes, which are peeled, boiled, and coarsely mashed with butter, salt, and pepper ('neeps') and potatoes, which are peeled, boiled and smoothly mashed with butter and milk ('tatties'), most famously served alongside haggis;

RESTAURANT *Options*

Halal Certified

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

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

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

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