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Durgan Travel *presents...*

13 Days/11 Nights

ENGLAND & IRELAND

September 23 – October 5, 2024

\$5629* for payment by credit card

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*Rates are per person, twin occupancy, and INCLUDE \$450 in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges (*subject to change*). Rates based on a minimum of 20 passengers on the departure. SUBJECT TO 2024 AIR CONFIRMATION.

DAY 1 – BOSTON-LONDON: Fly Boston to London (*via intermediate city*), with meal and beverage service available when in flight.

DAY 2 – LONDON: *Welcome to London!!* Arrive at London Airport Meet with your English-speaking guide and driver and transfer to central London. We will enjoy a panoramic city tour where we will discover the iconic landmarks, architectural and cultural diversity, and fascinating history that makes London the most visited city in the world. Your London sightseeing tour will take you on a non-stop procession of recognizable landmarks, including The Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Nelson's Column, and Marble Arch and much more. Then we'll check-in to our hotel, *Holiday Inn Kensington High Street (or similar)*. We will enjoy a welcome dinner and overnight. (D)

DAY 3 – LONDON: This morning after breakfast, we'll visit Westminster Abbey. The Gothic masterpiece of Westminster Abbey has been at the heart of British history since 1065 and became the coronation church for the English monarchy in 1066. It has been the venue for countless magnificent, joyous and sometimes unfortunate royal events including the marriage of Prince William and Kate Middleton, the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II and the funerals of the Queen Mother and Princess Diana. A visit of Westminster Abbey takes in such highlights as the Coronation Chair, the medieval Lady Chapel, museum containing a collection of royal effigies, and the Abbey Gardens which whisk visitors away from the hubbub of the city. Next, we'll make a photo stop at Buckingham Palace and see the Changing of the Guard. (starts at 11:00am and lasts for about 45 minutes). After, enjoy a Thames River Cruise from Westminster to the Tower of London. The river cruise gives you the chance to see the famous sights of London from a different angle. This short stretch of water contains eight eclectic bridges and views of some of London's most recognizable sights, including the Tower of London, the Houses of Parliament and St Paul's Cathedral. An entertaining commentary by your characteristically witty guide brings the sights to life with all the important facts and stories. Then we will visit the Tower of London with nearly 1000 years of history and intrigue. During a visit to the Tower, visitors can see crown jewels worth over £20 billion, meet the ravens who legends say have the fate of the Kingdom in their claws, talk to the distinctive Yeomen guards with their white ruffs, and learn about the gruesome torture that went on within the walls. Lunch and dinner are on our own today. Return to our hotel for overnight. (B)

DAY 4 – OXFORD: After breakfast, we'll enjoy a full-day excursion to Oxford. Upon arrival, we will go on a walking tour of Oxford. The city of Oxford grew up around the University of Oxford - one of the world's oldest and most prestigious seats of learning. The importance and wealth of the university is projected through the scale and grandeur of the college buildings throughout the city. Pass some of the oldest colleges such as the 13th Exeter College, the impressive Bodleian Library and Baliol College, which is something of an assembly line for British Prime Ministers. Other Oxford highlights include the pretty Bridge of Sighs which connects two parts of Herford College, the Eagle and Child Pub where famous authors JRR Tolkien and CS Lewis would regularly meet and the sights and smells of the 18th century Oxford Covered Market. Oxford was also the perfect setting for the Harry Potter film series – a real Hogwartsian inspiration. We will have some time to spend at leisure exploring Oxford with lunch on our own. Return to London in the afternoon. Dinner is on our own. Overnight. (B).

DAY 5 – WINDSOR CASTLE: Today after breakfast, we will visit Windsor Castle. Windsor Castle is the largest inhabited castle in the world and has been the home to over 40 British Kings and Queens since 1236. Located in the Royal Borough of Windsor just outside London, Windsor Castle sits in 13 acres of grounds and welcomes over one million visitors per year. The castle today is still very much a working royal palace with many of official state visitors being dined, accommodated, and entertained by the royals and 150 members of staff within the grounds of the castle. The opulent State Apartments, furnished by some of the finest works of art from the Royal Collection, such as paintings from Rembrandt, Rubens and Canaletto, are

open to the public. We will enjoy some free time in Windsor before returning to London in the afternoon. Spend the balance of the day at leisure with lunch and dinner on our own. Overnight. (B)

DAY 6 – LONDON~GALWAY: After breakfast and check-out, we will transfer to London airport and fly to Shannon where we'll meet with our new English-speaking driver and guide. On our journey to Galway, we'll visit the Cliffs of Moher. Situated on the Atlantic Ocean and bordering the Burren region, the Cliffs of Moher are one of Ireland's most spectacular sights. Standing 230 metres above the ground at their highest point and 8km long, the Cliffs boast one of the most amazing views in Ireland. On a clear day, the Aran Islands are visible in Galway Bay as well as the valleys and hills of Connemara. The cliffs reach their highest point just north of O' Brien's Tower. A visit of the tower is also possible. The sweeping view across the Atlantic has recently been ranked the best 'cliff-view' on the planet by Conde Nast Traveler. Then we'll continue onto Galway where we will check-in to our hotel, *Galmont Hotel (or similar)*. Lunch and dinner on our own today. Overnight. (B)

DAY 7 – CONNEMARA DAY TOUR: This morning after breakfast, we will enjoy a day tour of Connemara. We will visit Kylemore Abbey, stunningly located in the Kylemore Pass in Connemara. Mitchell Henry built the House in 1868, after having spent his honeymoon in the area. One of Kylemore Abbey's most famous features is its miniature cathedral, built in 1870 and known locally as the Gothic church. Today, the abbey is home to the Irish order of Benedictine nuns. Facilities at Kylemore include a visitor center, an exhibition housed in the main reception rooms of the house and a video which takes the visitor through the history of the house and its occupants. The Gothic church is available to visit and as a venue for choir groups to sing in. If time allows guests can also visit the Kylemore Abbey Victorian Walled Garden was laid out in 1867 and took three years to complete. A bus service provided from the front door of the Abbey directly to the garden and is the only permitted means of access. Upon return to Galway, we will visit the Micil Distillery. Here's a chance to explore the real history of whiskey and poitin in Ireland. You'll learn how whiskey is traditionally made and discover what makes Micil Whiskey so unique, while experiencing the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of a working distillery. Lunch and dinner on our own. Overnight. (B)

DAY 8 – GALWAY~KILLARNEY: After breakfast, we'll check-out of our hotel to depart Galway and transfer to Killarney. En route we will visit Bunratty Castle. Then we'll continue on to Killarney and enjoy a jaunting car ride with a visit to Muckcross House. This nineteenth century Victorian mansion is set against the stunning beauty of Killarney National Park. The house stands close to the shores of Muckcross Lake, one of Killarney's three lakes, famed world-wide for their splendor and beauty. As a focal point within Killarney National Park, Muckcross House is the ideal base from which to explore this landscape. We will then check-in to our hotel, *Killarney Plaza (or similar)*. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 9 – RING OF KERRY: After breakfast, we'll go on a full day tour of the Ring of Kerry. One of Ireland's most famous visitor attractions, the Ring of Kerry is a panoramic road that circles the Iveragh Peninsula in Ireland's southwest for almost 112 miles. For the most part, the circular road runs along the coast through a spectacular, almost mystical landscape. There is a wealth of sights along the route. Lunch and dinner on our own today. Overnight. (B)

DAY 10 – KILLARNEY~CORK: This morning after breakfast, we'll check-out and depart Killarney and journey to Cork. En-route, we will visit Blarney Castle. An ancient stronghold of the McCarthy's, Lords of Muskerry, it is one of Ireland's oldest and most historic castles, and one of the strongest fortresses in Munster. Built in 1446, Blarney Castle is famous for its Blarney stone, the Stone of Eloquence, which is traditionally believed to have the power to bestow the gift of eloquence on all those who kiss it. Many legends tell the story of the Stone, but why not kiss it and find out the truth behind the legend. The Castle gardens covering 60 acres of land are under constant change and over the past few years, a water garden, fern garden and poison garden have been developed and are all open to visitors. After, we will continue on to visit the Titanic Experience in Cobh. The Titanic Experience Cobh is at the original White Star Line Ticket Office, a building steeped in history dating back to the early 19th century and the departure point for many thousands of White Star Line passengers. Upon check-in you will receive your boarding card which will have the details of one of the 123 passengers who came to the White Star Line Ticket Office on Thursday April 11, 1912. These were the final passengers to join Titanic at her last port of call in Queenstown, Ireland. Your personal tour-guide will take you on a virtual journey to board the tenders and join Titanic for her maiden voyage to New York. Along this journey you will view the original pier also known as Heartbreak Pier, which was the last point of land contact for the Queenstown passengers. Upon arrival in Cork, we will check-in to our hotel, *Maldron Hotel (or similar)* and the night is at leisure with dinner on our own. Overnight. (B)

DAY 11 – CORK~DUBLIN: After breakfast we will check-out of our hotel and journey to Dublin. En route, we will visit the Rock of Cashel. Possibly the most photographed site in Ireland, the Rock of Cashel towers over the town of Cashel from its perch on a 200-foot-high outcrop of limestone. St. Patrick visited the rock in 450 AD, while Brian Boru was crowned the first high King of Ireland here in the tenth century. Granted to the church in the twelfth century, by the O'Brien clan, today the impressive stone walls enclose a round tower, a cathedral, a twelfth century Romanesque chapel and high crosses. The Vicars Choral has been recently restored and its basement houses a small museum of artefacts found on the site. Upon arrival in Dublin, we will enjoy a short panoramic tour of the city, then check-in to our hotel, *Camden Court Hotel (or similar)*. Dinner on own and overnight. (B)

DAY 12 – DUBLIN: After breakfast this morning, we'll visit Trinity College and The Book of Kells. Trinity College, the oldest university in Ireland and the famous Book of Kells exhibited in its library. This university was built to further the education of the ruling Anglo-Irish families, restrictions were imposed to prevent Catholic from attending courses until the restrictions were fully lifted in the 1970's. Trinity however admitted women in 1902, earlier than most British universities. Within its walls, visitors will be able to admire Parliament Square and its 18th Century edifices. The inter-denominational Church is very much worth a visit. We will stop for lunch (on our own) and have a chance to enjoy the beautiful scenery. After lunch, we will then visit EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum, a state-of-the-art interactive experience located in the beautiful vaults of the 1820 Custom House Quarter building in Dublin's Docklands, the original departure point for so many of Ireland's emigrants. It will inspire and guide you on a journey to discover the stories of Irish emigration around the world, from early times to the modern day. At EPIC you can step through 20 themed galleries to find out why people left, see how they influenced the world they found, and experience the connection between their descendants and Ireland today. Immerse yourself in the stories of some of the most remarkable tales of sacrifice, endurance, adventure, and discovery the world has ever known. EPIC brings these amazing stories to life in a unique and spectacular way. Next, we'll visit Pearse Lyon Distillery. Discover over 800 years of history and awaken your senses with whiskey tours and tastings at Pearse Lyons Distillery. Located in the former St. James' Church in Dublin's city center, this small and intimate family-owned distillery offers guests a unique blend of Irish history, culture and the very best of whiskeys.

Winner of the Irish Tourism Industry Award for Dublin's Best Visitor Experience 2019, Pearse Lyons Distillery is a working distillery like no other. See how Pearse small batch Irish Whiskey is made and chat to the team of distillers. Each tour and tasting experience celebrates the Irish tradition of storytelling. Guests can choose from a wide range of tour and tasting experiences, to food pairing and blending experiences with the distillery team. In the evening we'll enjoy dinner and entertainment at Merry Ploughboy or *similar*. The show takes place in the ideal location, a pub owned and run by musicians who have been performing for audiences in Dublin since 1989. The show is a highly entertaining performance of live traditional Irish music, song, and Irish dancing. From start to finish, this is a show based on fantastic interaction between the performers and the audience. Transfer back to our hotel for overnight. (B, D)

DAY 13 – CORK~DUBLIN~BOSTON: *Farewell to Ireland!* After breakfast and hotel check-out, we'll transfer to Dublin Airport to board our return flight to Boston (via intermediate city), with meal and beverage service available while in flight. (B)

OUR 13-DAY/11-NIGHT ENGLAND & IRELAND TOUR INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ❖ Round-trip regularly scheduled flights Boston ~ Intermediate City ~ London, Intermediate flight London ~ Shannon, and return Dublin ~ Boston, with meal and beverage service available while in flight.
- ❖ All transfers and daily sightseeing aboard a private, deluxe, temperature-controlled motorcoach.
- ❖ 11 nights at 5 four-star hotels, based on double occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$1299 per single. *Limited availability – may be unavailable or subject to surcharge.* Triples same as twin.
- ❖ Porterage of 1 piece of luggage at the hotel.
- ❖ Comprehensive sightseeing package as described in the itinerary, including entrance fees, where applicable.
- ❖ Breakfast daily (B) and 3 dinners.
- ❖ Local expert English-speaking guides, where required.
- ❖ All room and meal taxes and gratuities to bellmen. A small per-night city tax may have to be paid directly to the hotel.
- ❖ Complimentary Durgan Travel Services travel accessory and a complete packet of required travel documents.

A DEPOSIT OF \$750 IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER. THE BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

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Single, add **\$1299** Twin Triple, same rate as twin

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Please choose **YES** or **NO** below:

YES, insure my trip with Trip Mate Travel Protection*! The Travel Protection plan will be added to the package at **\$529** premium per person twin/**\$629** single and will be prepaid from my deposit. (**See policy inclusions on Page 2.*) **The insurance premium is non-refundable and non-transferrable.**

NO, I do not wish to include the premium for **Trip Mate Travel Protection Plan**. I realize that I am **NOT** covered by **Travel Protection Plan**.

>Please find enclosed a deposit of **\$750** per person for ____ person(s) due as soon as possible, as space is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Make your check payable to **DURGAN TRAVEL SERVICE**. I/we understand that the balance is due 75 days prior to tour departure and that full refunds, minus a \$25.00 service fee and the cost of the travel protection plan, will be returned to passengers if cancellation is given up to 90 days prior to tour departure date. Between 89 – 76 days prior to departure, the full deposit is non-refundable. Between 75 – 60 days prior to departure, 25% of the total tour price is forfeited. Between 59 – 45 days prior to departure, 50% of the total tour price is forfeited. Between 44 – 36 days prior to departure, 75% of the total tour price is forfeited. Within 35 days of departure – no refund. * The Travel Protection Plan cost includes the plan premium and a fee for non-insurance assistance services. You may obtain information on the plan fees by emailing assistancefees@tripmate.com.

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Name (as it appears on passport): _____ M F

Passport #: _____ Place of Issue: _____ Citizenship: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Best Phone #: _____ HOME CELL WORK Alt. Phone #: _____ HOME CELL WORK

Date of birth: _____ E-mail: _____

In Case of Emergency, Notify: _____ Phone #: _____

Roommate #1: Name (as it appears on passport): _____ M F

Passport #: _____ Place of Issue: _____ Citizenship: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Best Phone #: _____ HOME CELL WORK Alt. Phone #: _____ HOME CELL WORK

Date of birth: _____ E-mail: _____

In Case of Emergency, Notify: _____ Phone #: _____

Roommate #2: Name (as it appears on passport): _____ M F

Passport #: _____ Place of Issue: _____ Citizenship: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

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Signature (required): _____ **Date:** _____