



**VALID
PASSPORT
REQUIRED**

Must be valid for 6 mos.
beyond return date

Durgan Travel Service *presents...*

9-Days/7-Nights

ENGLAND & IRELAND YOUR CHOICE OF DATES

\$TBA if group size is 15-19 passengers

\$TBA if group size is 20-24 passengers

\$TBA if group size is 25-plus passengers

Rates are for payment by cash/check. See back for credit card rats. Rates are per person, twin occupancy & INCLUDE \$TBA in departure taxes & fees (subj. to change).



OUR ENGLAND & IRELAND ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

DAY 1: BOSTON-LONDON: Depart Logan International Airport on a flight to London (possible intermediate stop). Meal and beverages will be served en route.

DAY 2: LONDON, ENGLAND: Upon landing in London, meet your driver and guide and transfer to central London. We'll enjoy a panoramic tour of the capital including all the major landmarks- Parliament, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Nelson's Column, the Marble Arch and more. We'll also visit Kensington Palace. Following that highlight, we'll check in at our hotel, the Crowne Plaza King's Cross (or similar). Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (D)
Hotel website: <https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/london/lonkc/>

DAY 3: LONDON: After breakfast, we will enjoy a full day of London sightseeing. We begin with a tour of Westminster Abbey, the heart of British history since the formation of the Abbey in 1065 AD. A visit to Westminster Abbey takes in highlights like the Coronation Chair, the medieval Lady Chapel, a museum containing a collection of royal effigies, and the Abbey Gardens. It may be possible to view a changing of the guard, time and date depending. Then we'll enjoy a cruise on the River Thames. Following that, we visit the Tower of London, a site with nearly 1,000 years of history and intrigue. See the crown jewels, valued at over 20 billion pounds. The rest of the day is at leisure, with dinner included tonight at a local pub. Overnight at our London hotel. (B, D)

DAY 4: OXFORD: Following breakfast at our hotel, we will take a day trip to Oxford. From humble beginnings as a small Saxon town, Oxford has grown into a world-renowned center of learning. Our walking tour will pass a number of Oxford University's most notable buildings. The Venetian-inspired Bridge of Sighs connects two parts of Hertford College, and the Bodleian Library is one of the oldest libraries in Europe. Time at leisure to enjoy Oxford, and perhaps find lunch at the bustling covered market in town. Return to London with time for dinner out on your own this evening. Overnight at our hotel in London. (B)

DAY 5: LONDON-SHANNON-GALWAY: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will transfer to one of London's airports for our flight to Shannon in Ireland. Upon arrival, we will travel north to Galway and enjoy a walking tour of the famed city. The city center is mainly pedestrian, which will add to the enjoyment of our tour, which will include Eyre Square, Lynch Castle, St. Nicholas Church, and the Spanish Arch. We'll also learn about the claddagh ring, which was invented in the area. We'll also enjoy an "Irish Food Trail" tour giving you the flavors of Galway through a special guided tour to restaurants and cafes where you will sample Irish cuisine, and maybe even Irish beer with the local people. Check in to your Galway hotel, the Galway Bay hotel (or similar) for overnight. (B, D) Hotel website: <https://www.galwaybayhotel.net/>

DAY 6: CONNEMARA-KYLEMORE ABBEY: (B, D) Following breakfast, we will explore the Connemara region- a land of lakes, rivers, bogs, and mountains. We'll see land where little has changed since the beginning of time, and small villages where Gaelic is still the spoken

language. The southern portion borders Galway Bay and is famous for its stone walls and thatched cottages while the northern shore is harsher and more secret, with spectacular ocean views, steep mountains, and the beautiful fjord of Killary Harbor. We'll also have a visit to beautiful Kylemore Abbey. You may not know its name but you have most certainly seen pictures of it, poking out of the Irish wilderness on a hillside. We will have a tour of the Abbey and, time willing, time to enjoy the Abbey's gardens. Then it's off to a scones making demonstration at Dan O'Hara's Homestead prior to returning to our Galway hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 7: DUBLIN: Check out of our hotel after a sumptuous Irish breakfast. Today we head east across Ireland to the capital, Dublin. Upon arrival we will have a panoramic tour including the historically-significant General Post Office, O'Connell Street, the Custom House, Phoenix Park (the largest park in Europe!), Merrion Square with its colorful painted doors (home to the literary great Oscar Wilde), Grafton Street, and St. Steven's Green. We'll also visit Dublin's beautiful Trinity College and visit their library with its breathtaking Long Room (inspiration for settings in both *Harry Potter* and *Star Wars*) to see the Book of Kells. Changing gears, we'll then visit the Teeling Distillery for a whiskey tasting and a tour. Finally, we'll check in at our hotel, Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham (or similar). Overnight at our hotel. (B) Hotel website: <https://www.gresham-hotels-dublin.com/>

DAY 8: WICKLOW MOUNTAINS-GLENDALOUGH: After breakfast at the hotel, we will head to the nearby Wicklow Mountains, where we'll first visit the Powerscourt Estate, originally built as a castle in 1300 and later redesigned as a Palladian-style mansion. From there, it's on to the Glendalough Visitor Center and Monastic Site, where we will have free time to walk around and enjoy the peace and serenity of the area. (Entrance to the Visitor's Center is additional). Return to Dublin. Tonight, to wrap up our tour, we'll have a special treat- a night of dinner, storytelling, and music at the Brazen Head Pub, Ireland's oldest and best-known pub, which has been continuously operating at its location since 1198. Return to our hotel for overnight. (B, D)

DAY 9: DUBLIN-BOSTON: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will transfer to the airport for our transatlantic return flight to Boston (possible intermediate stop), which arrives the same day. (B)

OUR ENGLAND & IRELAND TOUR INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ❖ Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Representative.
- ❖ Round trip regularly scheduled flights Boston-to-London, London-to-Shannon, and Dublin-Boston, with meal and beverage service en route (possible intermediate stop on transatlantic routes).
- ❖ 7-nights hotel accommodations as indicated in the itinerary. All hotels during your stay include rooms with private bath or shower. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA per single. *ONLY 4 singles per trip.* Triples are available at the twin rate.
- ❖ Breakfasts (B) daily, 1 lunch (L), and 5 dinners (D).
- ❖ All transfers and sightseeing aboard a private, deluxe motorcoach.
- ❖ Comprehensive sightseeing program as illustrated in the itinerary, including entrance fees where applicable.
- ❖ Expert local tour guides where applicable during our sightseeing.
- ❖ Portfolio of travel documents.
- ❖ Complimentary Durgan Travel Service travel accessory.

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

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