

# Exploring Britain & Ireland

featuring England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales



## Highlights....

London • Stonehenge • Bath • Cardiff • Waterford Crystal •  
Blarney Castle • Killarney • Ring of Kerry • Farm Visit Dublin  
• Wales • Lake District • Edinburgh • York • Stratford-Upon-  
Avon

**15 Days • 22 Meals: 13 Breakfasts • 9 Dinners**

### COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

- ★ Ponder the mysteries of mankind at the famous monument of Stonehenge.
- ★ Overnight in the capital cities of London, Cardiff, Dublin and Edinburgh.
- ★ Visit historic Blarney Castle where you can kiss the famous Blarney stone.
- ★ See majestic Caernarfon Castle, where the future King of England was crowned Prince of Wales.
- ★ Join in the festivities as a guest at a traditional Irish House Party.

Tour the new House of Waterford Crystal factory with a fascinating visitors center and retail store housing the largest collection of Waterford Crystal in the world. Next, travel to the historic Blarney Castle. Wind your way to the top of the castle, lie back and kiss the famous Blarney Stone where, legend has it, you will be blessed with the "gift of eloquence." *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 7: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney

Explore the Ring of Kerry where you'll find some of Ireland's most magical scenery. At the Gap of Dunloe, shop for traditional Irish goods handcrafted by local artisans. Marvel at the vistas created by windswept cliffs, rugged mountains, lakes and picturesque villages. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 8: Killarney - Rock of Cashel - Dublin

Today you have a chance to talk and laugh with a local family when you visit the Molanna Dairy Farm and meet its owners. Later, journey through the "Golden Vale" en route to the Rock of Cashel to visit the spot where St. Patrick preached. Your day ends in the "Fair City" of Dublin. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 9: Dublin

A locally guided tour of Dublin highlights the Bank of Ireland, O'Connell Street, Grafton Street, Phoenix Park and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Later, enjoy leisure time to explore the city independently. Tonight, join a fun-filled Irish House Party where everyone has the opportunity to join in song and dance. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 10: Dublin - Ferry Crossing - Wales

Ferry across the Irish Sea to Holyhead, Wales where you'll pass Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch, the town with the longest name in the world. Visit majestic Caernarfon Castle, where Charles was crowned Prince of Wales. Then, travel through Welsh countryside and discover some of the most fantastic scenery in all of Britain. Tonight, enjoy a traditional Welsh dinner and an introduction to Welsh Gaelic. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

#### Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in the capital city of London. Tonight, meet your fellow travelers at a welcome dinner. *Today dinner will be included.*

#### Day 3: London

During a locally guided tour of London see Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and the changing of the guard (if held). Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to further explore the city's sites. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 4: London - Stonehenge - Bath - Cardiff

Visit Stonehenge, the mysterious formation that dates back to the Stone Age. Journey to the elegant Georgian town of Bath to visit the Roman Bath Museum's 2,000-year-old elaborate spas. Continue to the Welsh capital of Cardiff. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 5: Cardiff - Ferry to Ireland - Waterford

Take in the beautiful countryside of Wales en route to the coastal village of Fishguard. Take a ferry across the Irish Sea to Rosslare, Ireland. Explore Waterford with an interesting walking tour before dinner. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 6: Waterford - Blarney - Killarney

**Day 11: Wales - Lake District - Gretna Green - Edinburgh, Scotland**

**Travel north into England's scenic Lake District to see charming Lake Windermere, Ambleside and Grasmere.** Crossing into Scotland, stop in the town of Gretna Green where generations of runaway couples came to be married. Continue to Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 12: Edinburgh**

A locally guided tour of Edinburgh includes entrance to the famous Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish crown jewels and the Palace of Holyroodhouse\*\*, the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary, Queen of Scots. The rest of the day is at leisure. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 13: Edinburgh - York, England**

En route to England visit Hadrian's Wall, built in AD 121, which served as the northern border of the Roman Empire. Continue to the historic city of York and explore its quaint narrow streets, including the famous "Shambles." You'll also visit the magnificent 13th-century Minster Cathedral. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 14: York - Coventry - Stratford-Upon-Avon**

Journey to Coventry and visit its famous modern Cathedral, completely rebuilt after World War II. Next, venture to charming Stratford-Upon-Avon. **Visit William Shakespeare's birthplace and Anne Hathaway's thatch-roofed cottage, the childhood home of the author's wife.** This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 15: Stratford-Upon-Avon - Tour Ends**

*Today breakfast will be included.*

**Experience It!**

**Irish House Party**

Step into a place where the welcome is warm and the craic is mighty. Craic (pronounced "crack") is an Irish word with no direct translation, but it roughly means "fun and good company." Experience great craic as a guest at an authentic Irish House Party. This quintessentially Irish tradition has been a part of the social fabric of the Emerald Isle for centuries. Join local musicians, dancers and storytellers for an evening of rollicking good fun. Learn a song in Irish with the help of a complimentary souvenir song book. Tap your toes to the unique rhythms of Celtic music. Become enraptured by the storyteller's tales. Step lively as you try some easy ceildh dancing and dancing games. Raise your voice in song in the sing-alongs. Let the spirit move you to perform your own poem, dance, story or song. A hearty four-course meal is included in tonight's festivities.

**YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2, 3	Park Plaza Riverbank, London
Day 4	Barcelo Angel Hotel, Cardiff
Day 5	Granville Hotel, Waterford
Day 6, 7	O'Donoghue Ring Hotels, Killarney
Day 8, 9	The Burlington, Dublin
Day 10	Devere St. Davids Park Hotel, Wales
Day 11, 12	Apex City Hotel, Edinburgh
Day 13	Park Inn, York
Day 14	Mercure Shakespeare Hotel, Stratford-Upon-Avon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

\*\*The Palace of Holyroodhouse may occasionally be closed when the Queen is in residence or for official state functions.

Passengers arriving into Edinburgh between August 7-29, 2011 will be provided with tickets to the Edinburgh Military Tattoo Show.

On day 15, due to flight schedules, you may require an early morning departure from your hotel. Return flights should not be booked prior to 11:30 AM.

Collette air passengers will arrive and depart from the London airport. On day 15, all Collette transfers will depart from Stratford-Upon-Avon for the London airport.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

**Please Note:**

Air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

## IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

### IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

**\*Airline Fuel Surcharges:** Our air inclusive vacations are priced including airline fuel surcharges valid at time of print. These fuel surcharges are assessed by the airlines and are subject to increase without notice. Government taxes and fees are additional.

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**Checked Baggage Charges:** Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies, as fees vary by airline and destination.

**Cancellation Charges for this tour:** After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 30% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If waivers have not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Purchase of Waiver and Insurance guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Waiver and insurance fee itself, made to Collette Vacations for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Waiver and Insurance does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's Traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be

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