

# British Isles

## 2014 Excursions



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Princess is proud to offer organized shore excursions that allow you to experience the best that the ports have to offer in comfort and safety.

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- Provide Emergency Contact Information
- Specify medical needs and customize your dietary options
- Inform us of special occasions that you'll celebrate onboard
- Register your credit card for onboard purchases
- Pre-reserve your Shore Excursions

Following the instructions provided, you can determine the number of seats available for the tours you want to reserve. If adequate space is available, you can book and be confirmed on the tours of your choice. Otherwise, you can request to be waitlisted on an excursion and we will attempt to obtain more space and confirm you. If no additional space is available, Princess will schedule an alternate departure to correspond with your other tour selections and availability. While we make every effort to confirm your first choice, we will make these changes on your behalf to enhance your experience in every port.

Shore excursions are available on a first-come, first-served basis and space may be limited, so we highly recommend using our online booking system to avoid disappointment. You have access to real-time confirmation and status of your reservation.

# Discover the world with Princess®

Princess® welcomes you to your British Isles cruise and to the Shore Excursion program. All of our excursions involve some walking. We recommend passengers wear comfortable, low-heeled walking shoes while on tour. To assist in your tour selection, please note the symbol(s) accompanying each tour description. They represent the following:

## Icon Definitions



### Easy

Although primarily sightseeing tours, these excursions do include walking for short distances over relatively level terrain. They also may include getting into/out of a helicopter or floatplane.



### Moderate

Slightly more active, these excursions may include sitting for a period of time aboard a river raft or extended periods of standing, as while sportfishing, for example.



### Strenuous

For the adventurous, these are our most active shore excursions. Activities such as canoeing, biking, hiking or kayaking are examples.



### Wheelchair Accessible

This symbol indicates tours that can accommodate passengers who utilize a wheelchair. Most tour operators require that wheelchairs are collapsible. Space restrictions may preclude transport of electric wheelchairs and walkers.

Please notify the Shore Excursion Manager onboard your ship so that arrangements may be made prior to your arrival in port.



### Meal Included

A meal and beverage is provided.



### Snack Included

A snack is provided.



### Shopping Opportunity

Shopping opportunities will be available during this excursion.

## Categories

### Sightseeing & City Tours

Guided tours that show you many of the top highlights of our port city and/or the local area.

### Nature & Wildlife

Excursions that allow you to enjoy wilderness areas, view/interact with local fauna or marine life.

### Activities & Adventures

Fun, exciting explorations that get you outdoors in the sun or surf: hikes, rides, water sports, beach visits, ziplines, flightseeing and more!

### Special Interests

Focused excursions and walking tours that visit select highlights while exploring particular aspects of the port's appeal in greater depth: Cuisine, History, Art/Culture, Religion, or Guided Shopping.

### Exploring On Your Own

Resources that help you make the most of an independent exploration of the area.

## Badges

### Most Popular

Our TOP recommendation as the ONE most representative experience for each port, these tours are always among the most popular excursions we offer.

### Connoisseur

Intimate, exclusive experiences to groups no larger than 20 passengers. Each includes a special dining experience, special access or unique hard-to-duplicate experiences not offered on other tours.

### Kid-Friendly

Specially designed to be enjoyable for children under 12. Lasting no more than four hours, they visit a limited number of individual sites specifically chosen based on interest/appeal to kids, offer kid-oriented commentary, activities and meals – and are priced affordably.

### Off the Beaten Path

These excursions showcase distinctive, more unusual but less-frequented attractions of the port city or local area – perfect for return visitors or those looking for “something different.”

### World Heritage Site

These tours visit one or more UNESCO World Heritage List properties.



# London (Southampton), England

The south of England boasts a dramatic coastline that encloses some of the most beautiful countryside in Britain. The landscape of hills and heaths, downs and forests, valleys and dales, is without rival. Southampton serves as your gateway to the countryside - and to a wide variety of historic sites, national landmarks and charming. And of course, London is a two-hour drive by modern highway.

The United Kingdom's premier passenger ship port, Southampton was home for many years to the great transatlantic liners of yesteryear.

## Sightseeing & City Tours

### Royal Windsor (Disembarking / Heathrow)

**SOU-965 Approximately 5.75 hours / From \$139**



A perfect half-day tour for passengers who are due to fly, you will enjoy a unique tour of Windsor Castle, one of Britain's most treasured landmarks.

After collecting your luggage, you will board the motorcoach at Southampton Docks for a gentle ride through England's most beautiful countryside. Everything you've seen in photographs will come to life; the hedgerows, the thatched cottages and rolling green fields will be a feast for the eyes.

Your guide will narrate your tour as you head to Windsor Great Park, 1,000 glorious acres of stunning woodland, eventually arriving at one of Queen Elizabeth's favorite homes, Windsor Castle.

Here you will enter the courtyard of Lower Ward, which is flanked by pretty St. George's Chapel, and leads to the Round Tower. Your guide will show you around the majestic State Apartments, which boast painted ceilings, panelled walls, enormous fireplaces, antique furniture and paintings. This unique and magnificent suite of ceremonial rooms are still used by the present Queen to entertain visiting Heads of State.

After strolling around this spectacular building you will then cross the courtyard to view one of the most beautiful religious buildings in England, St. George's Chapel. Building began on this striking chapel in 1475 by King Edward IV and took 51 years to complete.

Leaving the castle grounds you will then have a brief amount of free time to explore the main part of Windsor town, which was established back in the Middle Ages. Browse the many shops and boutiques that line the quiet streets of this ancient town before boarding the motorcoach for the airport.

Along the way you will also catch a glimpse of the River Thames, the river that snakes through most of southern England, as well as the country's green rolling fields and cows grazing in the pastures.

#### Child Price

12 years & under only

#### Special Notes

This tour is available to passengers disembarking in Southampton with flights departing Heathrow after 4pm.

Passengers with Princess Air should book a customized air flight ticket to be sure they can participate on a tour the day of disembarkation. Passengers without a customized air flight may not be booked on a flight which will permit them to participate on a tour on the day of disembarkation.

Dress in comfortable layered clothing and wear walking shoes. There is a moderate amount of walking required to visit the various parts of Windsor Castle. Windsor can be closed without notice for Royal functions.

This tour does not include a meal. There is free time to purchase refreshments whilst in Windsor. Local currency is required.

The drive between Southampton and Windsor is approximately 1 1/2 hours.

St. George's Chapel is closed on Sundays for religious services.



# Guernsey (St. Peter Port), England

The British isle of Guernsey lies just eight miles off the coast of France. The second largest of the Channel Islands, Guernsey possesses a mild climate, breathtaking scenery and a peaceful, unspoiled ambience. All these attributes combine to make it a popular destination for British and French vacationers. Once the haunt of sea dogs and pirates, St. Peter Port is one of the prettiest harbors in Europe.

Castles and forts dot the Guernsey coastline, including German fortifications from World War II. The Channel Islands were the only part of the United Kingdom to be occupied by the Nazis.

Note: St. Peter Port is an anchorage port. Passengers transfer to shore by ship's tender.

## Sightseeing & City Tours

### Most Popular

#### **Guernsey Island Drive, Little Chapel & Workshops** **GCI-200 Approximately 2.5 hours / From \$119**



Board your motorcoach and drive out of St. Peter Port. Cross the island and head towards the dramatic western coast. Here, rocky cliffs alternate with stretches of beach and sand. Travel through the island's center and pass the greenhouses that produce Guernsey's major agricultural exports: carnations and cut flowers. View scenic villages, stone-built farmhouses and picturesque, narrow country lanes.

Visit the famous Little Chapel of Guernsey. Set in quiet countryside along a tree-lined path, lays a miniature church. The Little Chapel was built by hand over many years by Brother Deodat of the Christian Brothers. The church was constructed to resemble the grotto at Lourdes. Made of simple materials, it is beautifully decorated with pebbles, shells and numerous pieces of colorful broken china. The intricate construction of the chapel reflects the skill and devotion displayed by the builder to his faith, and the creation of this historic holy site.

Continue on to the Gold and Silversmiths Workshops. The workshops are situated in a converted barn which dates back to 1582. Take in a close-up view of the traditional craft being carried out before your eyes. The jewelry, featuring exquisite craftsmanship and traditional designs, is on display in the showroom next door, where you will have time to browse for gifts.

#### **Child Price**

12 & under reduced

#### **Special Notes**

Participation is very limited; book early to avoid disappointment. This tour normally sells out in advance of the cruise.

Tour is operated by motorcoach or minibus with a driver/guide combination.

#### **Guernsey Island Drive & Sausmarez Manor** **GCI-205 Approximately 3 hours / From \$119**



Board your motorcoach and drive out of St. Peter Port. Cross the island and head towards the dramatic western coast. Here, rocky cliffs alternate with stretches of beach and sand. Travel through the island's center and pass the greenhouses that produce Guernsey's major agricultural exports: carnations and cut flowers. View scenic villages, stone built farmhouses and picturesque narrow country lanes.

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Continue on to Sausmarez Manor. Enjoy a guided tour of the Manor, and experience a time capsule of Guernsey's changing fortunes over the last seven centuries. The first mention of the de Sausmarez family in relation to Guernsey is in a letter dated 1254 from Prince Edward. The present Manor contains a wealth of fascinating items, including the log from a voyage around the world in the mid-eighteenth century, which culminated in the capture of the world's richest treasure ship. View the Tapestry Room and the bow-shaped Dining Room, which holds a collection of family portraits.



**Child Price**

12 & under reduced

**Special Notes**

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Tour is operated by motorcoach or minibus with a driver/guide combination.

**Off the Beaten Path****Sark Island & Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride**

**GCI-220 Approximately 6 hours / From \$169**



Get ready for an half-day journey exploring the island of Sark. Catch the ferry at St. Peter Port for the 45-minute cruise. Sark is the smallest of the four main Channel Islands, located about 80 miles south of the English coast. Only three miles long and a mile-and-a-half wide, the island rises 350 feet above sea level and boasts 40 miles of the scenic coastlines anywhere in the world. Sark is the most fascinating of the Channel Islands, free of cars and all the trappings of modern life.

From the jetty, ascend Harbor Hill via tractor bus to the village of La Maseline. Upon arrival in the village you will be split into three different groups before boarding your horse-drawn carriage for your transfers around the island. Your route passes Sark's small Post Office, the prison, a small stone building with just two cells, and the parish church.

Continue on to explore the gardens surrounding La Seigneurie, the home of Sark's hereditary lord since the 18th century. La Seigneurie was built on the site of the 6th-century monastery of St. Magloire. The present house has been altered and extended over the years with a large Victorian watchtower erected to facilitate signaling between the island and Guernsey. The formal Royal Horticultural Society-recognized gardens are amongst the finest in the Channel Islands.

Return to the village of La Maseline for free time to explore on your own or browse the shops.

**Child Price**

12 & under reduced

**Special Notes**

Participation is very limited; book early to avoid disappointment. This tour normally sells out in advance of the cruise.

This excursion may operate in reverse.

Some shops are closed on weekends.

**Special Interests****German Occupation Museum & Underground Hospital**

**GCI-210 Approximately 3 hours / From \$119**



Board your motorcoach and drive out of St. Peter Port. Cross the island and head towards the dramatic western coast. Travel through the island's center and pass the greenhouses that produce Guernsey's major agricultural exports. Pass scenic villages, stone-built farmhouses and picturesque, narrow country lanes.

Your first stop on this tour will be the Occupation Museum. Starting in June 1940, half of Guernsey's population and most of the school children were evacuated. View a selection of musical instruments, used by some of the 12,000 troops stationed in Guernsey, together with uniforms, weapons and equipment. In the civilian room, the daily life of the remaining islanders can be gleaned from reading the various orders, permits and censored newspapers, complemented by entries from the diaries they kept. Take in a display of a town household in late 1944 represented by a model of an occupation kitchen, and see a horse-drawn ambulance from the same period.

Continue on to the Underground Hospital and Munitions Store. This complex is the largest structural reminder of the German Occupation existing in the Channel Islands. The complex contains a maze of tunnels which cover an area of about 75,000 square feet. Almost invisible from the surface, this vast concrete maze is built under a low hill in the heart of the Guernsey countryside. The hospital was equipped with an operating theatre, kitchen, cinema, staff quarters and wards for 500 patients. In an emergency, the hospital could hold up to 1,000 patients.

Empty today, one can still see some signs of the hospital's previous existence. View the remains of the heating plant, encounter abandoned hospital beds, and see the remains of the cooking arrangements. Along the two main corridors, one can also see the X-ray room, laboratory, staff sleeping quarters, store rooms, cinema and mortuary.

**Child Price**

12 & under reduced

**Special Notes**

Participation is very limited; book early to avoid disappointment. This tour normally sells out in advance of the cruise.

Tour is operated by motorcoach or minibus with a driver/guide combination.

The order of visits may be reversed to avoid congestion.

**Castle Cornet & St. Peter Port**

**GCI-380 Approximately 3 hours / From \$79**



Enjoy a guided walking tour that takes you along the cobbled streets of historic St. Peter Port. Stroll along the waterfront as your guide regales you with tales of storms and shipwrecks, smugglers and privateers, and the deadly Black Plague that ravaged the island in the 14th century.

Explore the ancient Castle Cornet. Formerly a tidal island like Lihou on the west coast of Guernsey, Castle Cornet was first fortified between 1206 and 1256. In 1339, when a French force seized the island and occupied it for several years, Cornet was besieged and captured.

With the advent of cannons and gunpowder, the castle was remodeled to accommodate this new technology in weaponry. It served as official residence of the Governor of Guernsey until 1672 when a bolt of lightning struck the magazine of the castle, destroying the keep and a number of living quarters. During World War II, the castle became occupied by a small group of German troops. Finally, in 1945, Castle Cornet was presented to the people of Guernsey by the Crown.

Today, Castle Cornet houses the Maritime Museum, The 201 Squadron RAF Museum, and the Royal Guernsey Militia Museum. It also has a restaurant and hosts outdoor theatre performances during the summer months. After touring the castle and its museums, enjoy coffee or tea accompanied by gauche, a fruit bread which is an island specialty.

**Child Price**

12 & under reduced

**Special Notes**

Participation is very limited; book early to avoid disappointment. This tour normally sells out in advance of the cruise.

**Herm Island Walk**

**GCI-385 Approximately 5 hours / From \$79**



Get ready for an exciting half-day adventure to a peaceful island, nearly unspoiled by man. Travel to the islet of Herm by ferry and take part in an active walking tour to Manor Village. Following an uphill path past the shops and taverns, enjoy views across the fields and down to the pristine beach below. Continue on the exploratory walk and find distinctive turquoise signposts at junctions giving directions and approximate timings to the next point of interest. At the center of the island, you will arrive at the Manor Village. At the top of the hill above the village lies a cluster of islanders' homes. Here you will also find Herm school and St. Tugual's Chapel with its stunning stained glass windows, providing views of calm and tranquil surroundings, and of Guernsey in the distance.

Return to Harbor Village and enjoy free time to explore Herm's gift shops. The quaint and tiny Herm Post Office sells fascinating stamps which have become collector's items all over the world. Take the opportunity to sample local beer from one of the Channel Island breweries as you relax on the Islet of Herm.

**Excursion Length**

Varies 4 to 5 hours

**Child Price**

12 & under reduced

**Special Notes**

Participation is very limited; book early to avoid disappointment. This tour normally sells out in advance of the cruise.

This tour involves walking uphill over uneven and loose terrain. Passengers should be fit and able to complete 2-3 hours of continuous walking. Walking/Hiking boots and appropriate clothing is recommended.

**Sark Island & Bicycle Tour****GCI-425 Approximately 6 hours / From \$109**

Get ready for an exciting, athletic half-day journey exploring the island of Sark. Catch the ferry at St. Peter Port for the 45-minute cruise to Sark. Sark is the smallest of the four main Channel Islands, located about 80 miles south of the English coast. Only three miles long, and a mile-and-a-half wide, the island rises 350 feet above sea level and boasts 40 miles of the most picturesque coastlines anywhere in the world. Sark is the most fascinating of the Channel Islands, free of cars and all the trappings of modern life.

From the jetty, ascend Harbor Hill via tractor bus to the village of La Maseline. Collect your bicycle and set off on your independent tour. The island's routes and byways are well marked; it's hard to get lost. Cycle past Sark's small post office, the prison, a small stone building with just two cells, and the parish church. Continue along the Rue de la Moinerie to a vantage point overlooking Sark's wildflowers, dramatic cliffs and coastline.

Continue on to explore the superb gardens surrounding La Seigneurie, the home of Sark's hereditary lord since the 18th century. La Seigneurie was built on the site of the 6th-century monastery of St. Magloire. The present house has been altered and extended over the years with a large Victorian watchtower erected to facilitate signaling between the island and Guernsey. The formal Royal Horticultural Society-recognized gardens are amongst the finest in the Channel Islands.

Enjoy free time to explore the village or browse the shops.

**Child Price**

12 years and under

**Special Notes**

Participation is very limited; book early to avoid disappointment. This tour normally sells out in advance of the cruise.

Passengers ride at their own risk. An escort is on hand to issue bicycles and receive them on return. Dress appropriately and carry a backpack with some spare clothing in case of wet weather. Lunch is on your own; we suggest you carry GB pounds.





# Cork, Ireland (Cobh - For Blarney Castle)

Founded in the 7th century by St. Fin Barre, Cork is your gateway to romantic Ireland. Stroll down narrow country lanes or see the Lakes of Killarney. The intrepid visitor may scale the narrow passages of Blarney Castle to kiss the Blarney Stone. The region around Cork is also home to one of the densest concentration of prehistoric monuments in Western Europe. And, in a land where fable and fact blend to become folklore, it was near Cork that the great Tuatha De Danaan, a race with magical powers, was driven underground by the conquering Celts.

Cobh was the single most important port of emigration from Ireland.

Note: Your ship will dock in Cobh which is about 15 miles from Cork.

## Sightseeing & City Tours

### Most Popular

#### Blarney Castle & Traditional Town

**CB4-100 Approximately 8 hours / From \$219**



This unique, day-long tour has been perfectly designed for the first time visitor to Ireland, and begins with a scenic drive through the Irish country side, accompanied by your knowledgeable and friendly guide. Soak up the beautiful countryside with its rolling hills, expansive farmland and colorful houses, before arriving at either Kinsale or Youghal.

The delightful village of Kinsale boasts a broad and picturesque harbor along with a wealth of well-preserved, 18th-century houses. It was off the coast here that the liner 'RMS Lusitania' was torpedoed by a U-boat during World War I. You will be able to spend time independently exploring the town, or enjoying a coffee in one of the many river-side cafes, before meeting at the motorcoach for the next leg of the journey.

Youghal, one of the very few medieval towns in Ireland, still has its walls. Today, this thriving fishing port is popular amongst Irish holiday makers.

From Kinsale or Youghal you will travel through the Irish countryside before reaching Cork City. Enjoy a brief orientation tour of Cork City from the comfort of your coach before continuing to your lunch venue. Enjoy a traditional Irish lunch at a local hotel accompanied by a wonderful group of musicians.

Your next stop on this fabulous day out is Blarney Castle, which sits high above Blarney village. Set in a sprawling park, this romantic ruin was once a stronghold of the McCarthy clan, and features 18-foot thick stone walls. If you are feeling adventurous, you may climb to the top of the castle to enjoy the amazing views. Those who do so, are said to be gifted the power of eloquence.

After touring the castle, you can stroll to the nearby Blarney Woolen Mill Shop to enjoy shopping in this converted mill for traditional Irish goods. The shop here offers Waterford crystal, Irish linen, hand-loomed Donegal tweed, knitwear, bone china and Celtic brooches, so you will be spoiled for choice!

Your day ends with the scenic ride back to Cobh, enjoying the Irish countryside.

#### Child Price

12 years & under only

#### Special Notes

Reaching the Blarney Stone requires climbing a great number of steps; the stairway is narrow, steep and twisting. Passengers with physical limitations need to take this into consideration. Passengers should expect crowds and delays. There is quite often a wait in line to climb the steps with wait times in excess of two hours; there may be insufficient time on the tour to include seeing the Blarney Stone.

Please wear comfortable, low-heeled and non-slip footwear.

#### Blarney Castle

**CB4-200 Approximately 4 hours / From \$119**



This once-in-a-lifetime excursion to Blarney Castle is truly a must-see for anyone visiting this beautiful country. After meeting your driver and guide at Cobh harbor, you will head out through the gorgeous countryside that features colorfully-painted houses en route

to Blarney Village.

Blarney Castle, a true romantic ruin dating back to 1446, is set in wonderful parkland - many weddings, picnics and big events are held here. The castle was once a stronghold of the McCarthy clan, and in some places the stone walls are over 18 feet thick, offering an impenetrable defence against invaders.

Climb to the top of the castle to enjoy the amazing views and perhaps, if time permits, take in the whimsical history of the Blarney Stone. There are many versions of how the stone came to be placed in the castle; the most likely is that it is half of the stone of Scone (which currently resides in Westminster Abbey in London, England), and was brought back from the crusades. It is said to have been given to the King of Munster by Robert the Bruce as a thank you for sending troops to assist him in the battle of Bannockburn.

Some visitors may wait in line for as many as two hours to participate in part of the history of Blarney Castle. Time permitting, the adventurous among you are encouraged to climb to the top of the castle to kiss the famous stone - those who do are said to be endowed with the gift of eloquence. Once you have been steeped in the local history, you will then have time to stroll around the pretty village, enjoying the ambience and wonderful 18th-century buildings.

End the tour with a visit to the Blarney Woolen Mill shop, where you can browse for high-quality Irish goods, including Waterford crystal, Irish linen, hand-loomed Donegal tweed, knitwear, bone china and Celtic brooches. Once you have made your purchases, it will be time to climb back on to the motorcoach for the journey back to Cobh.

#### **Child Price**

12 years & under only

#### **Special Notes**

The drive to Blarney Castle from Cobh is approximately one hour each way.

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Please wear comfortable, low-heeled shoes.

#### **Scenic Drive & Irish Coffee**

**CB4-290 Approximately 3.75 hours / From \$69**



This delightful, laid-back half-day driving tour around the Irish countryside starts when you meet your friendly guide and driver at the pier. From here you will travel alongside the beautiful River Lee, which flows in two main channels around Cork, a bustling town that you will enjoy viewing from your cozy seat on the motorcoach.

Leaving Cork, you will continue through the Lee River Valley, enjoying the lively commentary from your guide as you pass through farmland, crossing small stone bridges, to the delightful village of Blarney on the way the motorcoach will pass Blarney Castle from a distance. The village itself is charming and authentic, having been established in the 18th century so that estate workers who were employed on the land had somewhere to live.

Upon arrival in Blarney, you will visit a local venue for the opportunity to sample an Irish Coffee. You will then have time to stroll the pretty tree-lined square with its vibrant green lawn. Then stroll the short distance to the Blarney Woolen Mill shop, a favorite stop for many visitors who like to purchase high-quality Irish goods. The elegant shopping center is housed in converted mill buildings and you will be able to browse for knitwear, Irish linen, Donegal tweeds, Celtic brooches, and one of the largest displays of Waterford Crystal in the world.

Then sit back and enjoy the poetic Irish countryside once more as you make your way back to the ship.

For tours that offer more in-depth exploration with actual visits to one or more sites, see the other options in this port.

#### **Child Price**

12 years & under only

#### **Special Notes**

The drive to Blarney from Cobh is approximately an hour long. Although passengers will see Blarney Castle in the distance from the village, this tour does not include a visit of the castle.

The minimum legal drinking age in Ireland is 18; passengers under 18 cannot have an alcoholic drink.

## Scenic Drive & Irish Coffee (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)



### CB4-291 Approximately 3.75 hours / From \$75

This delightful, laid-back half-day driving tour around the Irish countryside starts when you meet your friendly guide and driver at the pier. From here you will travel alongside the beautiful River Lee, which flows in two main channels around Cork, a bustling town that you will enjoy viewing from your cozy seat on the motorcoach.

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Then sit back and enjoy the poetic Irish countryside once more as you make your way back to the ship.

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#### Child Price

12 years & under only

#### Special Notes

This is the same tour as CB4-290. Only wheelchair-confined passengers should book this tour. Other traveling companions should book CB4-290. Due to the specialized nature of some lift-equipped vehicles, you may have to limit the persons traveling with you to one companion who will be providing assistance you during the tour. Others will travel on separate transport. Priority for requests for space on this tour is given to confined passengers; cruise bookings not noted as confined to a wheelchair will be removed.

Wheelchair-accessible transportation is available on a very limited basis for confined passengers.

The drive to Blarney from Cobh is approximately an hour long.

The minimum legal drinking age in Ireland is 18; passengers under 18 cannot have an alcoholic drink.

## Rock of Cashel, The Vee & Lismore



### CB4-115 Approximately 8 hours / From \$179

Enjoy a leisurely excursion traveling over the rolling green hillsides and through the heather-covered meadows of Ireland. Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes and don't forget to bring a camera to capture every memorable moment. Your full day of sightseeing begins as you board your motorcoach at the pier and make your way from Cobh to the town of Lismore in the county of Waterford. Founded in 636 A.D. and renowned as a seat of learning, Lismore would later be plundered by the Danes, sacked by Vikings, and later, conquered by the Normans in 1172. Once you step off the motorcoach, you will have time to discover this fascinating history for yourself as you explore the town on a self-guided tour.

Maps at the Heritage Center offer suggested walks around Lismore and points of interest. Just on the outskirts of town is Lismore Castle, one of the most spectacular castles in Ireland. Built in 1185 by England's Prince John, it has been the home of the Duke of Devonshire since 1753. Rebuilt in the Gothic style during the mid-nineteenth century, the Castle sits on 8,000 acres and boasts gardens, farmlands, and forests. Although the Castle is closed to visitors, the beautiful Gardens are open to the public.

By now you have probably worked up an appetite so you will continue out into the awe-inspiring countryside of Tipperary, Ireland's largest inland county. Journey via The Vee, a gap in the Knockmealdown Mountains. The road climbs in a zig-zag course along the Vee and offers a series of magnificent views of the countryside. Renowned for its rich pasturelands, Tipperary boasts the best Irish dairy products in Ireland. Rich in ancient heritage, Tipperary is home to the charming town of Cashel. According to legend, St. Patrick arrived here in the 5th century and baptized King Aengus, who became Ireland's first Christian ruler.

Upon arrival in Cashel, continue to a local restaurant where you will have views of the legendary Rock of Cashel while enjoying a traditional Irish lunch.

After lunch you will visit the Rock, a prominent hill banded in limestone. Atop the hill sits a number of impressive archaeological ruins dating back to the 12th century. For more than 1,000 years the Rock of Cashel was a symbol of power and the seat of kings and churchmen who ruled over the region. As you stroll through the grounds, you will feel a serene silence as you make your way to Cormac's Chapel, a magnificent little Romanesque church consecrated in 1134 for Benedictine monks. Inside, you will discover some of the oldest and most important wall paintings in Ireland. Nearby is the Cathedral. Built between 1235 and 1270, the Cathedral's center features a huge square tower with a turret on its southwestern corner.

At the end of the day, you will climb back aboard your motorcoach for your return journey to your awaiting ship in Cobh.

### Special Notes

Tour of Rock of Cashel involves outside visit and there are uneven surfaces and steps.

### Exploring On Your Own

#### Kinsale Village & Charles Fort

**CB4-210 Approximately 4 hours / From \$85**



This half-day tour offers the curious tourist a wonderful opportunity to soak up some of Ireland's most beautiful countryside, as well as the chance to visit a fine example of a 17th-century fortification

The day starts when you meet your driver and guide at the ship's pier for the motorcoach ride through the River Lee Tunnel. Sit back and enjoy the glorious views of farmland, rolling countryside, streams and brightly-painted houses en route to your destination, Kinsale.

This pretty 18th-century village was once an important naval base which has a long and turbulent history. Charles Fort, which dates back to 1677, was built to protect the coastline from invasion from the French and Spanish, and the defeat of Irish forces at the battle of Kinsale in 1601 was a crushing blow in Gaelic history. And it was here in Kinsale that some of the bodies from the tragic RMS Lusitania were brought in 1915, when it was sunk by a German U-boat off the nearby coast. Many of the original 18th-century buildings remain, including Desmond Castle, and you will have a chance to view them as you independently stroll around the village.

Your drive back to Cobh gives you another wonderful chance to enjoy the rolling landscape of fields and hedgerows.

#### Child Price

12 years & under only

### Special Interests

#### House of Waterford Crystal & Lismore

**CB4-130 Approximately 8 hours / From \$79**



Board your motorcoach for the drive from Cobh to historic Waterford. Founded in 853 by Vikings, Waterford became Southern Ireland's chief seaport - a position enhanced in the 18th century by the city's thriving glass works. Waterford's ancient fortified walls are still visible - as is Reginald's Tower. Originally built by Vikings during the 11th century, the Tower was rebuilt by Ireland's Norman conquerors, who transformed a temporary fort into an imposing tower with walls 10 feet thick. Today the restored tower is home to Waterford's city museum.

Continue to the House of Waterford Crystal. Completed in 2010, the state-of-the-art center is the home of all things Waterford. Your tour begins with an audiovisual presentation that traces the history of Waterford Crystal from its founding in 1783 by brothers George and William Penrose to the present day.

Then it's time to discover the secrets that have made Waterford Crystal a prized possession for over two centuries. The tour includes a reconstruction of the manufacturing process and shows on a smaller scale how the original factory would have worked. The process began with the making of wooden molds and moves to a close-up view of the glass-making process. Each piece is mouth-blown and shaped before entering the furnace. From there, crystal forms are sculpted and then cut and engraved by master craftsmen. A limited selection of the process is recreated here in the House of Waterford Crystal and is observed from close-up viewing platforms. Questions are encouraged and you may photograph the craftsmen at their work.

The final tour stop is the gallery showroom, where a crystal chandelier lights up a dining table laden with crystals and ceramics. There is plenty of free time to browse among the world's largest display of Waterford crystal, giftware, craft and jewelry collections.

Travel to the charming heritage town of Lismore. Founded in 636 A.D. and renowned as a seat of learning, Lismore would later be plundered by the Danes, sacked by Vikings, and later, conquered by the Normans in 1172. Once you step off the motorcoach, you will have time to discover this fascinating history for yourself as you explore the town on a self-guided tour.

Just on the outskirts of the town is Lismore Castle, one of the most spectacular castles in Ireland. The Castle sits on 8,000 acres and boasts gardens, farmlands, and forests. The Castle is closed to visitors but you will have the opportunity to photograph this impressive Castle before returning to your waiting motorcoach.

At the end of the day, you will climb back aboard your motorcoach for your return journey to your awaiting ship in Cobh.

**Child Price**

12 & under reduced

**Special Notes**

The drive to the House of Waterford Crystal is approximately 1.75 hours each way.

This tour does not include lunch; a snack may be purchased at the cafeteria in the House of Waterford Crystal. We suggest you carry local currency.

**Cork City Drive & Irish Whiskey Centre  
CB4-220 Approximately 4 hours / From \$89**

Board your motorcoach for the short drive to Cork, the second largest city in the Republic of Ireland.

Founded by St. Fin Barre in the 7th century, Cork was an important Viking port. The historic city center occupies an island - the River Lee flows around the heart of the city. Your narrated drive travels down Merchant's Quay, St. Patrick's Street, Grand Parade and the Mall as your guides point out the city's elegant Georgian architecture. St Patrick's Street is the city's main boulevard, while South Mall and Grand Parade are home to a number of Irish companies and financial institutions. Continue past City Hall, built in 1932. The current hall was paid for by the English crown and replaces the building burned by the British Army during Ireland's War of Independence.

Stop for photos of St. Fin Barre's Cathedral. Designed by William Burges, considered of one of the greatest Victorian architects, the elaborate Gothic Revival façade features a copper "Resurrection Angel" atop the sanctuary roof. Local legend claims that if the angel ever topples from its place, the end of the world is not far off.

After your city drive head to Midleton and the Jameson Experience Midleton. Distilling was a centuries-old tradition in Ireland, but in the 17th century the British imposed licensing laws, closing down small distillers. John Jameson, a Scots lawyer who immigrated to Ireland, launched John Jameson Whiskey (with an "e" like American whiskey) in Dublin in 1780.

Your visit to the Jameson Experience begins with an audiovisual presentation that chronicles the history of Irish whiskey-making. Then tour the old Midleton Distillery. Founded in 1795 as a woolen mill, Old Midleton was converted to Jameson whiskey production in 1825. Your guided tour explores the distillery's historic buildings. View Old Midleton's restored machinery, displays of period photographs, and dramatic recreations of the distilling process. Your tour concludes with a taste of Jameson whiskey, followed by free time to explore the gift shop. Whiskey is, of course, available for purchase.

**Child Price**

12 years & under only

**Special Notes**

The minimum legal drinking age in Ireland is 18; passengers under 18 cannot have an alcoholic drink

**Off the Beaten Path****Titanic: Queenstown Story & Cobh Heritage Centre  
CB4-380 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$99**

This active half-day tour around the port of Cobh starts with a stroll around the harbor, accompanied by your friendly local guide who will entertain you with bucket loads of Irish charm and many fascinating nuggets of information. The harbor at Cobh, which is pronounced 'cove,' is one of the most important harbors in Ireland, and its history is entwined with the many great ships and majestic liners that dropped anchor here.

You will visit the very pier from where many excited passengers, including Irish emigrants, boarded the RMS Titanic, for the New World. Setting sail on April 11th, 1912, the Titanic sailed west towards its tragic fate, but it has never been forgotten here as the town itself lost 123 locals. Cobh has always maintained a strong maritime tradition and the old buildings of the port have been carefully preserved, including the offices of the White Star and Cunard Lines. You will have time to walk around this historic area before strolling through the town itself, listening to historical anecdotes from your guide.

Then it's on to beautiful St. Colman's Cathedral, the ornately detailed neo-Gothic building whose spires you can see from the bay. Built in 1868 and finally completed in 1915, it is made of granite and limestone, and features elaborate statues, altars and stained glass window arches. It also boasts 42 bells that ring out on special occasions. The families of departing emigrants would climb the cathedral steps for a last sight of their departing loved ones before the Titanic lifted its anchor.

You will have plenty of time to take pictures during your walk. Then visit a traditional pub where you will have a chance to savor an Irish coffee, a magical and warming combination of whiskey, double cream, strong black coffee and sugar.

Before returning to your ship you have the chance to independently visit the Queenstown Story exhibition in Cobh Heritage Centre. In the mid 19th century over 6 million adults and children emigrated from Ireland with Cobh being the single most important port of

emigration. The exhibition in the Cobh Heritage Centre tells the story of this mass emigration.

**Child Price**

12 & under reduced

**Special Notes**

The walk begins and ends at the pier.

The minimum legal drinking age in Ireland is 18; passengers under 18 cannot have an alcoholic drink.





# Liverpool, England

This great industrial port grew to prominence as a result of trade with the Americas. That tradition continued in the '60s as the Beatles mounted the first wave of rock 'n' roll's "British Invasion". Actually, the city possesses cultural charms beyond the Beatles. Liverpool is home to two of the finest neoclassical buildings in Europe. At nearby Port Sunlight, magnate William Lever built a model industrial village and created the Lady Lever Gallery. The museum is home to a superb collection of English paintings and furniture.

## Sightseeing & City Tours

### Bowness, Lake Windermere Cruise & Railway

**LPL-100 Approximately 8.75 hours / From \$199**



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic, two-hour drive to Lake Windermere in the Lake District. Upon arriving, you'll board your motor launch for a scenic cruise about Lake Windermere. The largest natural lake in England, Windermere is 12 miles long, one mile wide and 220 feet deep, and lined with wooded fells, bays and promontories.

Next on your itinerary is a trip aboard the vintage Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway for a steam train tour of the Leven River Valley. Powered by an historic steam locomotive, your train features vintage railway touring cars.

Your tour continues with free time to explore Bowness, a charming village on the shores of Lake Windermere and one of its oldest settlements featuring Victorian and Edwardian buildings and cottages.

After picking up a souvenir or two, you'll board your motorcoach for a lunch at a local hotel. Here, you'll enjoy a local menu and a half pint of beer.

Your tour concludes with a relaxing return drive to Liverpool via Bowness and the small village of Newby Bridge.

#### Child Price

12 & under reduced

#### Special Notes

The itinerary may operate in reverse. The journey time to/from the Lake District is approximately two hours each way.

This tour may not operate on all voyages due to lack of time in port.

### Conwy Castle & Town

**LPL-115 Approximately 8 hours / From \$179**



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic drive to Conway, a classic walled town, via the North Wales coastline.

On arrival, you'll make your way to Conwy Castle. With soaring curtain walls over three quarters of a mile long, three fortified gates and eight towers, Conwy is one of the most impressive castles in Wales. It overlooks the Conwy estuary and is one of the finest examples of a medieval walled town in Europe. The castle, and the adjacent town walls, was built for Edward I between 1283 and 1287 to secure Wales for the English crown.

You'll have free time to explore the castle before continuing to Betws-y-Coed via the Vale of Clywd. Here, you'll find a treasure trove of souvenirs and witness breathtaking scenery, as Betws-y-Coed is filled with novelty shops and hotels, and Victorian stone buildings overlooking thick pine forests.

Lunch is served at a local hotel in Betws-y-Coed, the most popular inland resort in Wales. You'll dine on a local menu and a half pint of beer.

Before your return drive to Liverpool, you'll have more free time to browse and shop in Betws-y-Coed.

**Child Price**  
12 & under reduced

**World Heritage Site**

**City Drive, Albert Dock & Cathedrals**

**LPL-210 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$109**



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic drive around Liverpool. You'll pass the Royal Liver Building and witness its towers topped by Liver Birds, statues of the mythical figures from which the city derives its name.

You'll drive past Pier Head, Town Hall, and Chinatown, and through the city's suburbs and parklands to Penny Lane, where you'll want to photograph the street sign immortalized by the Beatles.

Your tour continues with a visit to Christ the King Cathedral, Liverpool's Roman Catholic basilica topped with a spiked lantern tower containing 25,000 pieces of stained glass. Also on your itinerary is a stop at the Anglican Cathedral, the largest cathedral in Britain and the fifth largest in the world, built on St James' Mount in the city centre of Liverpool.

Along the way, you'll have the opportunity to photograph the Walker Art Gallery. Liverpool's elegant gallery was completed 1875 and donated to the city by brewer Andrew Walker to commemorate his term as Liverpool's mayor. Be sure to keep your camera ready for St. George's Hall, considered one of the finest neo-classical buildings in Europe, and the site where Dickens held readings.

Your last stop is Albert Dock. Originally built as a prosperous working dock, the Albert Dock has since been restored as a major tourist hot spot and draws over five million visitors each year. It offers a fascinating blend of history, culture, shopping and entertainment. You'll have the option of returning to the pier or disembarking at Albert Dock for sightseeing and shopping on your own. Should you stay at Albert Dock, you're responsible for your return to the pier.

**Child Price**  
12 & under reduced

**Special Interests**

**Most Popular World Heritage Site**

**Beatles Story & Albert Dock**

**LPL-205 Approximately 3.75 hours / From \$109**



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a narrated drive around Liverpool. You'll drive past Pier Head, Town Hall, and Chinatown, and through the city's suburbs and parklands to Strawberry Field and Penny Lane, where you'll want to photograph the street sign immortalized by the Beatles.

You'll walk down Matthew Street to the site of the Cavern Club, where the "lads" performed over 300 times from February 1961 to August 1963. The original club was demolished in 1973, but a re-creation was built using bricks recycled from the original. Along your stroll, you'll pass several statues commemorating Paul McCartney and John Lennon.

Continue to Albert Docks and visit The Beatles Story, a multimedia exhibit that chronicles the Fab Four from their days in Hamburg to their final break-up. The story unfolds in 18 audio-visual sets that allow you to walk the streets of Hamburg and experience the sights and sounds of the Cavern Club as it appeared in 1961. At the gift shop, you'll have time to browse for Beatles souvenirs and memorabilia.

Following your visit to The Beatles Story, you'll have the option of remaining at Albert Dock for independent sightseeing or shopping on your own. Should you stay at Albert Dock, you're responsible for your return to the pier.

**Child Price**  
12 & under reduced

**Port Sunlight & Cream Tea**

**LPL-295 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$109**



After boarding your motorcoach you'll travel through Liverpool and cross the Mersey River for the brief drive to Port Sunlight. Tucked on the Wirral Peninsula, which overlooks the lush Welsh Hills, Port Sunlight is a walk into the past of Victorian and Edwardian England. Considered to be the finest surviving example of early urban planning, the 19th century village was built to house the factory workers who worked in the Lever Brothers soap factory.

Upon arriving in Port Sunlight you'll be guided towards the Museum. Walking through the village, you'll no doubt be struck by its beauty, tranquillity, and unique character. The founder, William Hesketh Lever, employed 30 architects over the course of 80 years to build 900 buildings and design the grounds. What you see today are 130 acres of lush green landscapes and a charming mix of different architectural styles.

In the heart of the village sits the Museum. Inside, you'll discover a parlor room, state-of-the-art audio-visuals and interactive displays, a typical Port Sunlight house, and historical items from the village's past.

Then, you'll stroll to the Lady Lever Art Gallery to see some of the most beautiful collections of fine and decorative art in the UK. In his lifetime, Lever collected over 20,000 works of art and many are on display in the gallery, named for his wife. In addition to a vast collection of tapestries, sculpture, Wedgwood, Chinese porcelain, and furniture, the Gallery is home to a stunning collection of 18th and 19th paintings by Reynolds, Gainsborough, Turner, Constable, and other notable British artists.

At the end of your tour you're invited to sit down for a spot of tea at the Leverhulme Hotel. Originally the site of the village's hospital, today it's an Art Deco hotel popular for the quintessential English cream tea. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon over pots of tea and freshly baked scones, clotted cream and jam.

On your return trip to your ship, you'll travel back through the peninsula with views of the Liverpool skyline in the distance.

#### Child Price

12 & under reduced

### Port Sunlight & Cream Tea (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)



#### LPL-296 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$119

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#### Child Price

12 & under reduced

#### Special Notes

This is the same tour as LPL-295. Only wheelchair confined passengers should book this tour. Other traveling companions should book LPL-295. Due to the specialized nature of some lift-equipped vehicles, you may have to limit the persons traveling with you to one companion who will be providing assistance you during the tour. Others will travel on separate transport. Priority for requests for space on this tour is given to confined passengers; cruise bookings not noted as confined to a wheelchair will be removed.

Wheelchair-accessible transportation is available on a very limited basis for confined passengers.

## Chester & Time On Your Own

**LPL-180 Approximately 6.5 hours / From \$119**



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach and travel southwest from Liverpool on a drive to Chester.

Chester was founded by the Romans in 75 AD and began life as a permanent garrison. Portions of the original Roman walls are still visible. Upon arriving, you'll have free time to explore this medieval city now bustling with vibrant 21st century life. You'll witness the city's historic towers and ancient gates, as well as its unique 13th-century "rows," half-timbered galleried shops on two stories. You'll also pass grand Georgian homes and medieval streets among exclusive shops and restaurants.

You'll make your way to the Chester Cathedral, a 13th-century Norman cathedral that was originally an abbey church, and the site of Handel's his first public performance of "The Messiah" in 1742. Chester was raised to cathedral status following Henry VIII's dissolution of the monasteries in 1550. Inside, you'll witness its superb carved wooden choir stalls.

You'll also have an opportunity to snap a photo of the Eastgate Clock, a prominent landmark in the city of Chester, said to be the most photographed clock in England after Big Ben.

Next, you're on your own to enjoy lunch and explore this medieval town. After 2 1/2 hours, you'll board your motorcoach for your return drive to Liverpool.

### **Child Price**

12 & under reduced

### **Special Notes**

Lunch is on your own; we suggest you carry local currency.



# Belfast, Northern Ireland

The capital of Northern Ireland - part of the United Kingdom - Belfast has experienced a renaissance since the Good Friday Agreement of 1998 that promised an end to the decades-old "Troubles" between Catholics and Protestants. Stretching along both sides of the River Lagan, this graceful city of Victorian and Edwardian buildings has become a cosmopolitan tourist destination. Once a major industrial center, Belfast is also your gateway to the rich, Irish countryside of Counties Antrim and Down.

Belfast was an industrial giant in the 19th century, famed for its linen and its shipyards. Explore this exuberant city, marvel at the Giant's Causeway or shop for superb Irish linens.

## Sightseeing & City Tours

### World Heritage Site

#### Giant's Causeway & Antrim Coast

**BFS-100 Approximately 9 hours / From \$209**



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a three-four hour, panoramic drive to Giant's Causeway, an area of about 40,000 interlocking basalt columns. En route, you will drive along the Antrim Coast, one of the loveliest coastlines in Northern Europe. You will take in both the shore with its tiny fishing villages and small resorts, and the countryside, with sweeping views of farmlands, villages, and rolling moors.

You will marvel at the town of Larne, the most modern and the most ancient of places. The name Larne is believed to have derived from a prince called Lathar, son of an ancient Irish king, who was granted the lands by his father. Today, the town combines a historical past with modern port, shopping and leisure facilities.

You will drive past the fine harbor of Carnlough bustling with yachts and pleasure boats, and stop for coffee and scones before continuing to Ballycastle, ("Town of the Castle"), home to an ancient castle built by the Earl of Antrim in 1609, and the oldest surviving remains of Bonamargie Friary. Originally thatched, Bonamargie Friary consists of a chapel, vaults, gatehouse, cloisters, living quarters and a graveyard.

You will make a photo stop at the Carrick-A-Rede Rope Bridge (viewing point), a rope suspension bridge that links the mainland to the tiny Carrick Island. The geology, flora and fauna have won Carrick-a-Rede recognition as an area of special scientific interest. Be sure to keep your camera ready as you pass White Park Bay, a spectacular sandy beach backed by ancient dunes that provide a range of rich habitats for bird and animal life.

Next, you will drive to a local hotel where lunch will be served. After savoring delicious Irish fare, you will travel to Dunluce Castle, one of Ireland's most romantic and breathtaking castles perched on the rocky Antrim coast, where you may snap a photo or two.

Your ultimate destination, Giant's Causeway, is next on your itinerary. Renowned for its polygonal columns of layered basalt, the Causeway is considered the Eighth Wonder of the World, and is the only UNESCO World Heritage Site in Northern Ireland. According to myth, the giant Finn McCool used the basalt columns to form the causeway into stepping stones so he could travel from Ireland to Scotland to visit his lover, a Scots giantess. Scientists, however, believe the mainly hexagonal columns resulted from cooling lava flows. Since it was first documented in 1693, the Causeway Coast has been the subject of much controversy concerning the origins of the Earth.

Upon arrival, you will visit the newly constructed Giant's Causeway Visitor Centre. The Summer of 2012 marked the opening of the new Visitor Centre at the Giant's Causeway. This new interpretative centre allows you to decide for yourself which explanation of how the causeway's 40,000 basalt stones were formed is most likely (or simply most interesting!) Stories about the area's rich mythology, history, geology, flora and fauna will paint the Causeway in your mind's eye before you make your way to the stones themselves.

Your tour concludes with a relaxing return drive to the pier. With the Antrim Coast and Giant's Causeway behind you, you will leave with a myriad of unforgettable memories.

#### Child Price

12 & under reduced

#### Special Notes

The drive from Belfast to Giant's Causeway is approximately 3 hours. There will be a restroom and refreshment stop en route. The return drive to Belfast is approximately 1 1/2 hours.

Passengers using the transfer bus at Giant's Causeway may encounter a wait in line and delays.



## Giant's Causeway

**BFS-105 Approximately 6.5 hours / From \$149**

Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a two-hour, panoramic drive to Giant's Causeway, an area of about 40,000 interlocking basalt columns. Your drive includes sweeping views of farmlands, villages, and rolling moors. En route stop at Dunluce Castle for an opportunity to photograph one of Ireland's most romantic and breathtaking castle perched on the rocky Antrim Coast.

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Next, you will travel to the Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge viewing point. Spanning a chasm some eighty feet deep, this bridge once consisted of a single rope handrail and widely spaced slats, which fishermen would traverse while holding salmon caught off the island - an endeavor that was not for the faint of heart. Visitors today are delighted to discover that this has since been replaced by the National Trust in 2000 - there is now a more sensible two-railed bridge minus the wide gaps and missing boards.

You will not cross the bridge as your tour concludes with a relaxing return drive to the pier. With Giant's Causeway behind you, you will leave with a myriad of unforgettable memories.

### Child Price

12 & under reduced

### Special Notes

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## Connoisseur



## Carrickfergus Castle, Cushendall & Irish Fare

**BFS-150 Approximately 8 hours / From \$379**

Board your motorcoach and travel from Belfast to Larne, where you'll join the Coast Road. Pass through the seaside villages of Glenarm and Waterfoot en route to Cushendall, hailed as "The Capital of the Glens of Antrim." The lush glens - nine in number - boast trees and ferns not found elsewhere in Ireland. (The glens are actually glacial valleys carved out of the terrain during the Ice Age.)

Your destination in Cushendall is Upstairs at Joe's and its cooking class. You are greeted on arrival with a pot of hot tea or coffee and freshly baked scones. Then, join the restaurant's chef for a hands-on class in baking Irish bread - both wheaten loaves and the famous Irish soda bread. Once your loaves are baking, sit down and sample the restaurant's cuisine along with a cool pint of Guinness.

After lunch enjoy some short free time in Cushendall before rejoining your motorcoach to visit mighty Carrickfergus Castle, one of the best-preserved medieval fortresses in Ireland. Built in 1177 by John de Courcy, the castle played an important role in Norman England's subjugation of Ireland during the 12th century. Indeed, the impressive fortress continued to serve as an important military bastion for nearly eight centuries. During its long history, Carrickfergus Castle survived sieges by feuding English lords, Irish rebels, Scots rebels, and even the French.

After touring the castle, enjoy some free time to explore the town of Carrickfergus. (Carrickfergus means "Rock of Fergus.") Stroll to the Jacobean Knot Garden, a recreation of Sir Arthur Chichester's Garden Walk at Shaftsbury Park. Or, visit the Andrew Jackson Center, which occupies the cottage where the seventh President's parents lived before immigrating to America in 1765.

### Special Notes

Bring a waterproof jacket or windbreaker.

## Special Interests



### St. Patrick Centre, Down Cathedral & Saul

**BFS-110 Approximately 7.75 hours / From \$129**



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach and travel across rolling drumlins to Downpatrick (from Irish Dún Pádraig, meaning "Patrick's stronghold"). Upon arriving, you will visit St. Patrick's Centre for an interactive experience that chronicles the epic story of Ireland's Patron Saint. Your visit includes a 20-minute IMAX virtual helicopter ride with stunning aerial photography of the Irish countryside.

Next, you are free to explore this traditional Northern Ireland town and its shops, and grab a bite to eat on your own in one of the many pubs or cafés.

Down Cathedral is your next stop. The cathedral stands atop Cathedral Hill, a fortified point occupied since Neolithic times. You will witness the unique Regency box-pews and the bishop's throne, which faces the Judge's Box, a reminder of the days when trials were held in the cathedral.

Keep your camera on hand for a photo of St. Patrick's Grave. According to long-established tradition, St. Patrick was buried near where Down Cathedral stands today. Traditionally, emigrants leaving Ireland took with them a handful of the "auld sod" from Patrick's Grave. Today, a massive granite stone marks his grave and is the site where people from all traditions leave wreaths every March.

You will continue to Saul Church, a replica of an early Christian church that stands on the site where legend has it that Patrick preached his first sermon in Ireland. Your tour continues with a ferry ride for the short crossing to Portaferry on the Ards Peninsula. You will travel alongside the banks of Lough Strangford and enjoy entertaining views of the countryside and farm villages before reaching Grey Abbey for a brief visit. Much of the abbey remains in good preservation today. The abbey was founded in 1193 by Affrica, daughter of Godred the Norse King of the Island of Man, and wife of John de Courcey, the Norman knight who conquered Ulster. Upon leaving Grey Abbey your tour concludes with a relaxing return journey to Belfast port.

**Child Price**  
12 & under reduced

**Special Notes**  
It is recommended that passengers carry local currency for lunch.

### Off the Beaten Path

### Londonderry

**BFS-145 Approximately 8.25 hours / From \$139**



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic two-hour drive through a rich countryside of villages and small farms, past neatly tended fields and flocks of grazing sheep. You will travel through Glenshane Pass with views of the open moors and the distant Sperrin Mountains.

You will descend from the Pass, travelling through forest and woodland to Londonderry, the only completely walled city remaining in the British Isles. Upon arriving, you will make a stop for tea, coffee and scones before embarking on a walking tour of the walls. Your tour guide will lead you on an approximately 45-minute walk along the walls, stopping frequently to admire the city views. Among the sights is the Guildhall, a late Gothic-style building with stained glass windows illustrating the city's history.

Your tour continues at Badger's Pub, a local Irish pub where lunch awaits. Dine on authentic cuisine including local seafood cocktail, steak and Guinness Pie, Baileys Cheesecake, and your choice of soda, a half pint of beer or mineral water.

After lunch, you will board your motorcoach for your return drive to the pier. With Londonderry behind you, you will leave with a myriad of unforgettable memories.

**Child Price**  
12 & under reduced

**Special Notes**  
The drive to Londonderry is approximately two hours. Passengers must negotiate steps to reach the Walls in Londonderry.

### Highlights of Belfast

**BFS-200 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$65**



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic drive into the Belfast City Centre, the central business district. Your tour of the city will introduce you to the many varied features of Northern Ireland's largest city - its industry and elegance, a rich and varied past, and 19th-century buildings that are a reminder of its prosperous past.

Upon arriving in the City Centre, you will witness the Grand Opera House and Victorian and Edwardian buildings with elaborate sculptures over doors and windows, featuring stone-carved heads of gods and poets, scientists, kings and queens peering down from the high ledges of banks and old linen warehouses.

You will pass Queen's University before stopping to enjoy an independent brief walk through the Botanic Gardens. Located in these gardens is the Palm House, a superb structure of cast iron and curved glass panels built even before Kew Gardens opened in London in 1839.

Re-boarding your motorcoach you will continue to the Shankill Road, an authentic working-class community, and the Falls Roads area where murals on almost every gable wall tell the story of its violent past and its belief in the future. Belfast came to world attention with the outbreak of the "Troubles" in the 1960s. Conflict lasted until the Good Friday Agreement of 1998. Popular art played a prominent role during the "Troubles." The gable ends of houses were painted with vivid murals to proclaim a neighborhood's political affiliations, and remain a much-photographed part of Belfast's past.

At Cave Hill you will view Belfast Castle, one of the most celebrated landmarks of the city whose presence is ingrained into Belfast's social history and culture. Belfast Castle, on the lower slopes boasts beautiful gardens and an adjoining country park. Don't miss the splendid views of Belfast Lough and the city below you. Mac Art's Fort, a rock where United Irishmen planned the rebellion of 1795, overlooks the castle.

Your narrated tour also leads you to a photo stop past the Harland & Wolff shipyard where the Titanic was built and launched. Your last destination is Stormont, a building designed to hold Northern Ireland's parliament, boasting Portland stone and Mourne granite. There will be time for photos here.

**Child Price**  
12 & under reduced

### Highlights of Belfast (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)

**BFS-201 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$69**



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**Child Price**  
12 & under reduced

### Special Notes

This is the same tour as BFS-200. Only wheelchair-confined passengers should book this tour. Other traveling companions should book BFS-200. Due to the specialized nature of some lift-equipped vehicles, you may have to limit the persons traveling with you to one companion who will be providing assistance during the tour. Others will travel on separate transport. Priority for requests for space on this tour is given to confined passengers; cruise bookings not noted as confined to a wheelchair will be removed.

Wheelchair-accessible transportation is available on a very limited basis for confined passengers.

## Titanic Belfast® & City Drive

**BFS-210 Approximately 4 hours / From \$79**



There is probably no other tale as gripping or tragic as that of the ill-fated Titanic. Nicknamed the "millionaire's special," it was the last word in luxury and signaled to the rest of the world that life in the 20th century would be bigger, faster, newer. Most of Belfast came out to see the Titanic cast off at noon on Wednesday, April 10, 1912. But four days later, approximately 400 miles off the coast of Newfoundland, the 882-foot long ship collided with an iceberg. This four-hour tour is not only a fascinating look into the construction and launch of the "unsinkable" ship but a chance to see the city that proudly built her.

Your fascinating voyage of discovery begins as you board your motorcoach bound for Belfast City. Belfast was originally settled during the Bronze Age around the marshy ford where the River Lagan meets the Belfast River. About 5,000 years later, Belfast became a global leader in engineering, linen manufacturing, and shipbuilding. And in 1862, the shipbuilders Harland and Wolff opened the world's largest shipyard.

Reminders of Belfast's prosperous past are evident in the many fine buildings that dot the city. En route to Titanic Belfast®, your informative guide will point out areas of interest such as the 160-year-old Queen's University; the Botanic Gardens, which date back to 1828; and City Hall, an impressive Renaissance-style building, which dominates Donegall Square.

You will continue to drive in the heart of the city and into the former shipyard of Harland and Wolff where you will marvel at the striking ultra-modern building - Titanic Belfast®. Resembling the hulls of four ships, the building is clad in thousands of three-dimensional aluminum plates. From above, it resembles a white star, the symbol of the White Star Line, Titanic's operators.

Inside, the 118,400 square foot building offers a state-of-the-art experience that will take you through nine galleries on six floors. Through the interactive displays you will learn how Belfast became a thriving boomtown, watch a dramatic presentation of the shipyards and the Titanic under construction, explore the superb craftsmanship of Titanic's interiors, relive the drama of its tragic end, and explore the wreckage on the ocean floor.

After your tour and time permitting, you will have some free time to enjoy the breathtaking views that overlook the slip-ways where Titanic was launched, sit down for a bite in one of the fine restaurants or browse the gift shops for souvenirs.

At the end of this memorable excursion, you will return to your motorcoach for your return journey with a deeper appreciation of Belfast, its history and its maritime heritage.

### Child Price

12 & under reduced

### Special Notes

The tour of Titanic Belfast will be guided with use of audio-guides.

## City Hall, Pub Visit & City Walk

**BFS-380 Approximately 3.25 hours / From \$79**



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a drive to City Hall, a building constructed to commemorate Belfast's award of city status in 1888. En route, you will pass the Grand Opera House.

Upon arriving at City Hall, you will marvel at the 300-foot long main façade of Portland stone topped with a copper dome, rising 173 feet above Donegall Square. You will embark on a tour of the interior, finished in neo-classical style with Italian marble. A statue of Queen Victoria and the Titanic Memorial greet you at the building's front.

Next, you will take an approximately 60-minute walking tour of the Belfast City Centre, the central business district. Along the way, you will witness Victorian and Edwardian buildings with elaborate sculptures over doors and windows, and stone-carved heads of gods and poets, scientists, kings, and queens peering down from the high ledges of banks and old linen warehouses.

You will stroll to Queen's Square, laid out for Queen Victoria's 1849 visit to the city. Today, the square is a popular and trendy development, home to the Italianate-style Custom House and McHugh's Bar, Belfast's oldest existing building, dating back from 1715. You will also witness the Albert Memorial Clock, constructed between 1865 and 1870 as a memorial to Queen Victoria's late Prince Consort, Prince Albert, standing 113 feet tall.

You will enjoy views across the river to the Harland & Wolff shipyard, where RMS Titanic was built, and continue through the old town center, passing St. George's Market, one of Belfast's oldest attractions. Next, you will stroll to Yorkshire House and the Scottish Provident Building. The massive Provident Building boasts a stone façade festooned with carved dolphins, lions' heads, and other decorations.

Before your return drive to the pier, you will visit a traditional local pub to indulge in a complimentary pint of Guinness.

### Child Price

12 & under reduced

### Special Notes

The minimum legal drinking age in Ireland is 18; passengers under 18 will not be permitted an alcoholic drink.

This tour will not operate on Ruby Princess Voyage R432 as City Hall will be closed for a public holiday.

## Nature & Wildlife

### Coastal Drive & Glens of Antrim

**BFS-295 Approximately 4 hours / From \$85**



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic drive on the old Antrim Coast Road to the Glens of Antrim. The old Antrim Coast Road runs from Larne to Ballycastle. As it snakes around the coastal contours, it offers breathtaking views out to sea, as well as to the encircling tree-clad hills. You will travel through small villages and towns where attractive, sturdy houses with neatly trimmed flower-filled gardens face out to sea.

As your motor-coach travels to the beautiful Glenariff Forest Park you will be constantly delighted as you travel around each bend in the road with dramatic headlands and bays coming into view. You will drive past the town of Larne, the most modern and the most ancient of places. The name Larne is believed to have derived from a prince called Lathar, son of an ancient Irish king, who was granted the lands by his father. Today, the town combines a historical past with modern port, shopping, and leisure facilities. Leaving Larne you will continue along the coastal route and on a clear day, you may even be able to enjoy uninterrupted views of Scotland's Mull of Kintyre.

You will pass through the fine harbor of Carnlough, bustling with yachts and pleasure boats before reaching Glenariff Forest Park, situated amid the world famous Glens of Antrim, an area to which tourists have been coming for over a century. The Park, now including the former Parkmore Forest, covers an area of 2900 acres of which 2200 acres have been planted with trees. The remainder consists of several small lakes, recreation areas and open space left for landscape and conservation reasons. Bisecting the Park are two small but beautiful rivers; the Inver and the Glenariff, containing spectacular waterfalls, tranquil pools and stretches of fast flowing water tumbling through rocky steep-sided gorges.

You will make a stop for complimentary coffee or tea served with freshly baked scones, cream and jam at the ideally situated Glenariff Tea & Craft Shop in Forest Park. With diverse woodland habitats, superb natural beauty and spectacular views, Glenariff Forest Park is considered the "Queen of the Glens."

Your leisurely return drive travels via Ballymena before reaching the outskirts of Belfast and returning to the pier.

For tours that offer more in-depth exploration with actual visits to one or more sites, see the other options in this port.

### Child Price

12 & under reduced

### Coastal Drive & Glens of Antrim (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)

**BFS-296 Approximately 4 hours / From \$85**



Your tour begins as you board your vehicle for a scenic drive on the old Antrim Coast Road to the Glens of Antrim. The old Antrim Coast Road runs from Larne to Ballycastle. As it snakes around the coastal contours, it offers breathtaking views out to sea, as well as to the encircling tree-clad hills. You will travel through small villages and towns where attractive, sturdy houses with neatly trimmed flower-filled gardens face out to sea.

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**Child Price**

12 & under reduced

**Special Notes**

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# Glasgow (Greenock), Scotland

Glasgow was Scotland's great industrial center during the 19th century. Today, the city remains the commercial and cultural capital of the Lowlands. Lying on the banks of the River Clyde, Glasgow boasts some of the finest Victorian architecture in the entire United Kingdom, including the stately City Chambers. Elegant Princes Square offers excellent shopping, and among the host of museums and galleries, the Burrell Collection features a superb treasure trove of paintings and art objects.

Note: Your ship docks in Greenock, which is approximately 45 minutes from Glasgow.

## Sightseeing & City Tours

### Most Popular

#### Inveraray Castle & Loch Lomond

**GR3-100 Approximately 8.75 hours / From \$199**



Discover the beauty of Scotland on this full-day, moderately active journey. Begin at your pier where you will board your motorcoach and set out on a drive through the scenic and lush Scottish Highlands.

Your destination: the bonny, bonny banks of Loch Lomond, famed in legend and song. The second largest freshwater lake in Scotland, this loch's southern end is dotted with islands and its northern end resembles a fjord.

En route, be sure to have your cameras at the ready as you cross Erskine Bridge with distant views of Glasgow. Visit Luss, a pretty village on the west shore of Loch Lomond. In Gaelic, "lus" means plant or herb, and the village in spring and summer is abloom with vibrant roses and wildflowers. Stroll Luss and view the stone cottages, or walk out onto the pier for a closer look at Loch Lomond. Enjoy the opportunity to peruse the quaint shops for souvenirs. Then, enjoy a brief stop at Rest and Be Thankful, a scenic overlook of Highland Glens and Mountains, so named for the words inscribed on a nearby stone by soldiers who built the military road in 1753.

Tour the magnificent Inveraray Castle, one of the earliest examples of Gothic Revival and Scots Baronial architecture. The castle, which dates from 1770, is the seat of the Duke of Argyll, head of the Campbell clan. The highlights of your tour include the collection of family portraits, tapestries, and the Armory Hall, which alone contains 1,300 pieces of art, and finely appointed rooms boasting an exquisite collection of French 18th-century furniture, English china, family artifacts and objects d'art.

Take some time to shop at the castle gift shop and in the town of Inveraray before stopping for a delicious lunch at a local country hotel.

Your scenic return journey will have you traveling along the breathtakingly beautiful Loch Eck and Holy Loch en route to the village of Hunters Quay where you'll board a ferry and cross the River Clyde. From there you will drive the short distance to Greenock.

#### Child Price

12 years & under only

#### Special Notes

The drive to Luss takes approximately one hour. The scenic return route is approximately two hours.

Photography is not permitted inside Inveraray Castle.

#### City Drive, Cathedral Square & Kelvingrove Gallery

**GR3-200 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$59**



Begin your leisurely, half-day exploration of Glasgow at your pier where you will join a knowledgeable guide and board your motorcoach. Then, follow the River Clyde for your 45-minute drive from Greenock to Scotland's largest city.

Your narrated panoramic tour surveys Glasgow's highlights such as Tolbooth Tower built in 1627 to house the city's council chamber and administrative headquarters. Also view Glasgow Green (the oldest of the city's parks gifted by Bishop Turnbull in 1450) and Kelvingrove Park, created in 1852 by noted English gardener Sir Joseph Paxton.

In Kelvingrove Park, you will disembark and tour the world-famous Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. This imposing red sandstone Victorian structure is one of Glasgow's landmark buildings and the most visited museum in the United Kingdom outside of London. It features ever-changing contemporary exhibits as well as dinosaurs, suits of armor, weaponry and treasures from around the world.



Visit Cathedral Square for a view of the majestic Glasgow Cathedral, the only cathedral in Scotland to have survived the Reformation intact. This stunning 12th-century medieval church houses one of the finest post-war collections of stained glass windows in Britain.

Have your cameras at the ready as your tour guide accompanies you on a stroll past Provand's Lordship, the only house to survive from the medieval city. Dating from 1471, the city's oldest house features a pitched roof, crow-stepped gables and armorial panels.

Nearby stands an imposing stone building that houses the St. Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art, the only public museum dedicated to examining all the world's major religious faiths.

Enjoy a stop at Glasgow City Centre at the heart of the city to marvel at the architectural beauty of the many superbly restored sandstone Victorian buildings that can be found there.

Following your exploration of Glasgow's highlights, board your motorcoach and contemplate your fascinating and educational adventure during the ride back to your Princess ship at Greenock.

#### **Child Price**

12 years & under only

### **Luss & Loch Lomond Drive**

**GR3-290 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$99**



Begin your leisurely, half-day exploration of the bonny, bonny banks of Loch Lomond at your pier where you will board a motorcoach. Accompanied by a friendly and knowledgeable guide, you will set forth on a scenic drive through the ruggedly beautiful Scottish landscape.

During your journey, be sure to have your cameras at the ready as you cross Erskine Bridge with distant views of Glasgow. Visit the picturesque village of Luss located on the west shore of Loch Lomond. In Gaelic, "lus" means plant or herb, and the village in spring and summer is a riot of color from roses and wildflowers. Stroll through the village to view its stone cottages and enjoy the opportunity to peruse its quaint shops for souvenirs. Or walk out onto the pier to marvel at the awe-inspiring beauty of Loch Lomond, the second largest freshwater lake in Scotland.

Your scenic drive continues as you travel along nearly the entire length of this breathtaking loch, famed in song and legend and renowned for its loveliness and tranquillity. Take in the wonder of this pristine lake dotted with islands on its southern end, resembling a fjord at its northern end and offering picture postcard views around every corner.

Enjoy a brief stop to take in the stunning panoramas of Highland Glens and Mountains at Rest and Be Thankful overlook, so named for the words inscribed on a nearby stone by soldiers who built the military road in 1753.

From Loch Lomond travel along the glistening waters of Loch Eck and Holy Loch en route to the village of Hunters Quay where you will board a ferry and cross the River Clyde. From there you will complete your journey of discovery with a brief drive to Greenock.

For tours that offer more in-depth exploration with actual visits to one or more sites, see the other options in this port.

#### **Child Price**

12 years & under only

#### **Special Notes**

The drive to Luss takes approximately one hour. The scenic return route is a drive of approximately two hours.

### **Luss & Loch Lomond Drive (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)**

**GR3-291 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$119**



Begin your leisurely, half-day exploration of the bonny, bonny banks of Loch Lomond at your pier where you will board a motorcoach. Accompanied by a friendly and knowledgeable guide you will set forth on a scenic drive through the ruggedly beautiful Scottish landscape.

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#### **Child Price**

12 years & under only

#### **Special Notes**

This is the same tour as GR3-290. Only wheelchair-confined passengers should book this tour. Other traveling companions should book GR3-290. Due to the specialized nature of some lift-equipped vehicles, you may have to limit the persons travelling with you to one companion who will be providing assistance you during the tour. Others will travel on separate transport. Priority for requests for space on this tour is given to confined passengers; cruise bookings not noted as confined to a wheelchair will be removed.

Wheelchair-accessible transportation is available on a very limited basis for confined passengers.

The drive to Luss takes approximately one hour. The scenic return route is a drive of approximately two hours. The tour may be reversed.

### **Special Interests**

#### **Loch Lomond Cruise & Scottish Wool Centre**

**GR3-110 Approximately 8.5 hours / From \$159**



Begin your full-day, moderately-active guided excursion at your pier where you will board a motorcoach and embark on a scenic journey through the ruggedly majestic Scottish landscape.

During the course of your outward drive, your route crosses the fertile pastures and farms of the lowlands. Travel along the craggy braes and lochs marking the border with the highlands. Be sure to have your cameras at the ready as you pass through Achray Forest and driveover Duke's Pass, which offers superb views of distant sparkling lochs as well as the bristly wooded peaks of Trossachs National Park to the north, and the beautiful village of Aberfoyle to the south.

Visit the Scottish Wool Centre situated in the heart of some of Scotland's most beautiful scenery. The Scottish Border Collie has faithfully served its master over many generations of sheep farming in Scotland. At this amazing center, you'll observe dogs putting ducks through their paces in a light-hearted display of agility and ability. Then, enjoy an opportunity to peruse the well-stocked gift shop at the Wool Centre which offers a splendid range of high-quality Scottish woollens and souvenirs.

Take a break from your exploration to indulge in a delicious lunch at a delightfully situated local hotel.

Then, board a loch pleasure boat at the village of Balloch for a one-hour voyage on the glittering waters of Loch Lomond, the largest freshwater lake in Great Britain. Dotted with islands on its southern end, its northern end resembles a fjord and its bonny banks are famed in legend and song. As you journey through the waters, take in the breathtaking loch scenery that has played a significant part in the history and literature of Scotland.

Following your cruise, rejoin your motorcoach in Balloch for your scenic and relaxing return drive to Greenock and your Princess ship in the harbor.

#### **Child Price**

12 years & under only

### **Off the Beaten Path**

#### **Culzean Castle & Ayr**

**GR3-135 Approximately 8 hours / From \$149**



Begin your full-day, moderately active guided excursion at the pier where you will join your knowledgeable guide and board your motorcoach. Then, set out on a one-and-a-half-hour scenic drive through the ruggedly beautiful Scottish landscape.

Travel south along the coastal road with stunning views that look out across the glistening waters of the Firth of Clyde and past the forbidding-looking ruins of Dunure Castle, which dates back to the 13th century.

Step back in time as you arrive at the splendid cliff-top Culzean Castle. Surrounded by wooded grounds and elegant gardens, it was converted from a fortress by famed Scottish architect Robert Adam in the 18th century for the 10th Earl of Cassillis who used it for entertaining. As you enter this lavishly furnished castle, view the mahogany wall clock dating from the reign of George III, and a magnificent display of arms. Peruse the Eisenhower exhibition which explains his connection with Culzean in the context of the battle for Europe. Marvel at the Saloon with its contrasting characteristics of 18th-century elegance set against the wild, untamed scenery of sea, sky and mountain. Immediately below the windows 150 feet down - are the rocks and breakers of the Firth of Clyde, and far across the water you'll see the low line of the Mull of Kintyre, the southwestern-most section of the long Kintyre Peninsula.

Continue your journey to the town of Ayr founded in 1205 by King William the Lion. A selection of well-known stores and smaller shops await you as you browse along Ayr's main street seeking out the best of Scottish woolens, knitwear and quality merchandise. Take time out from your exploration to enjoy a delicious lunch on your own at one of the town's quaint restaurants before boarding your motorcoach for your scenic and relaxing drive back to the pier.

**Child Price**

12 years & under only

**Special Notes**

The drive to Culzean Castle is approximately 1.5 hours each way.

Lunch is on your own; we suggest you carry local currency.

**Glasgow Cathedral & Kelvingrove Gallery**  
**GR3-225 Approximately 7 hours / From \$79**

Board your motorcoach and travel along the banks of the Clyde to the heart of Glasgow and its magnificent Gothic cathedral. Begun in the year 1136, the cathedral is the only Scottish cathedral to have survived the Scottish Protestant Reformation intact. The cathedral features arcades, buttresses, tracery windows and three vaulted aisles at the presbytery and choir. The church is reputedly built over the site of St. Mungo's original Christian community; the saint's tomb is located in the cathedral's crypt. Glasgow cathedral also boasts a stunning collection of Postmodern English stained glass.

After your visit reboard your motorcoach and travel towards George Square. Disembarking at North Hanover Street, allow your guide to orient you to all that can be seen as you stroll around George Square. You will then have approximately 90 minutes to explore the city on your own. Be sure to take time to enjoy a delicious traditional lunch at one of the city's many delightful restaurants and pubs. Fish 'n' Chips, anyone?

After your free time, reboard your motorcoach and travel to Kelvingrove Park.

In Kelvingrove Park, you will disembark and tour the world-famous Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. This imposing red sandstone Victorian structure is one of Glasgow's landmark buildings and the most visited museum in the United Kingdom outside of London. It features ever-changing contemporary exhibits as well as dinosaurs, suits of armor, weaponry and treasures from around the world.

Following your visit, board your motorcoach for the return drive to the ship.

**Child Price**

12 years & under only

**Special Notes**

A tour of The Burrell Collection will be substituted should Glasgow Cathedral be closed for divine services.

**Glengoyne Distillery & Whisky Tasting**  
**GR3-330 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$79**

Indulge in a half-day, moderately active guided excursion to learn the secrets of distilling Scotland's famous single malt whiskies. Board your motorcoach at the pier in Greenock, then sit back and enjoy an hour-long scenic drive through the beautiful Scottish landscape. Journey through the historic Blane River Valley (named for Saint Blane) as well as the lovely Campsie Hills.

Your destination is the Glengoyne Distillery in Dumgoyne, a quaint whisky distillery that has been continuously in operation since its founding in 1833. Located upon the Highland Line, the division between the Highlands and Lowlands of Scotland, Glengoyne is unique in producing Highland single malt whisky matured in the Lowlands.

Your tour of the distillery begins at the Reception Room where you will view a fascinating and informative video on whisky production. You are then whisked off to discover the secrets of Scotland's slowest whisky distillation at this stunning, quirky wee gem of a place.

Learn about the traditional methods and basic ingredients (barley, water and yeast) that have been used to make scotch whisky for over 500 years. Then discover Glengoyne's unique process of using air-dried barley in the production of its whisky as opposed to barley dried by peat fires used by most distilleries. The result is a more subtle, complex whisky in which all of the delicate flavors are freely allowed to express themselves. It is no wonder then, that Glengoyne's single malts have been praised by generations of connoisseurs.

Following your tour, you will have the thrilling opportunity to indulge in a complimentary taste of Glengoyne's 17-year-old single malt whisky! Then take time to visit the distillery's gift shop to browse for souvenirs and survey the vast selection of single malts available for purchase prior to boarding your motorcoach for your scenic drive back to your ship.

**Child Price**

12 years & under only

**Special Notes**

The visit of the distillery requires passengers to negotiate three flights of stairs.

**Exploring On Your Own****Glasgow on Your Own**

**GR3-185 Approximately 7 hours / From \$75**



Your adventurous, full-day, moderately-active excursion to explore Glasgow begins at your pier where you will board your motorcoach. Enjoy a 45-minute drive into the heart of Glasgow's city center where you will disembark at North Hanover Street, a central point for shopping and sightseeing.

You will be provided with complimentary city maps for your convenience. Then, take off on your own to explore the wonders of Scotland's largest city!

Choose to survey some of Glasgow's highlights, such as Tolbooth Tower, built in 1627 to house the city's council chamber, Glasgow Green, the oldest of the city's parks, and Provand's Lordship, the only house to survive from the medieval city.

Or, visit Cathedral Square for a tour of the majestic 12th-century medieval Glasgow Cathedral, the only cathedral in Scotland to have survived the Reformation intact. You may also tour St. Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art, the only public museum dedicated to examining all the world's major religious faiths.

Your exploration may take you to Kelvingrove Park, the site of the world-famous Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, one of Glasgow's landmark buildings and the most visited museum in the United Kingdom outside of London.

There is also the world-famous Burrell Collection in Pollok Country Park (three miles from city center) featuring an astonishing collection amassed by a wealthy industrialist, including work by artists such as Degas and Cezanne as well as medieval art and artifacts from around the globe.

During your day of independent adventure, take time to shop in one of the city's many spectacular shopping malls: among them, the chic and trendy Princes Square, the enormous St. Enoch Centre and the historical Argyle Arcade. Or, peruse the smaller outlets of the city's bohemian West End.

You'll want to take time from your exploration to enjoy a delicious meal at one of the many top-class cafés, restaurants, pubs and wine bars found throughout this stunning city before rejoining your motorcoach at a predetermined time in North Hanover Street for the return drive back to Greenock.

**Child Price**

12 years & under only

**Special Notes**

The drive between the pier and Glasgow is approximately 45 minutes each way.

**Falkirk Wheel & Stirling on Your Own**

**GR3-195 Approximately 8 hours / From \$89**



Begin your full-day, moderately active adventure at your pier where you will board a motorcoach. Then sit back and relax as you traverse the scenic Scottish landscape en route to one of the engineering marvels of the 21st century - The Falkirk Wheel!

Inaugurated in 2002 by Queen Elizabeth II, this massive wheel, which resembles a giant screw, is the world's only rotating boat lift, lifting or lowering canal boats between two waterways. A century ago, eleven locks connected Glasgow's Clyde Canal with Edinburgh's Union Canal. The locks spanned the 79-foot difference in elevation between the canals. Today, this impressive wheel accomplishes the job simply, in one slow turn.

For a firsthand opportunity to see exactly how the wheel works, disembark your motorcoach and board a canal boat. Then, sail across an aqueduct and watch in wonder as your boat is lifted into space from one waterway and gently lowered to another.

Following your exhilarating experience, enjoy some free time for photo opportunities of this amazing wheel or to browse the small gift shop for souvenirs. Then reboard your motorcoach and set out for your next destination.

Step back in time as you arrive in Stirling, one of Scotland's oldest towns. Set amongst rocky crags and the winding river Forth, this charming town, which is the gateway to Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, is known as Scotland's crossroads between the Highlands and Lowlands.

Disembark your motorcoach at a designated rendezvous close to Stirling's center and then set out for two hours of free time to explore on your own! Take time to peruse the town's many quaint shops or enjoy a traditional lunch at one of the local pubs. Fish 'n' Chips anyone?

During your free time you may also choose to tour the historic and majestic Stirling Castle on your own, one of Scotland's largest and most important castles, both historically and architecturally. Constructed between 1490 and 1600, the castle sits atop Castle Hill, an intrusive crag which is surrounded on three sides by steep cliffs, giving it a strong defensive position. Stirling was besieged sixteen times during its long and bloody history, and several Scottish Kings and Queens have been crowned there, including Mary, Queen of Scots, in 1543.

Following your scintillating day of discovering both the old and the new of Scotland, re-board your motorcoach at a predetermined location for your scenic drive back to your pier and your Princess at Greenock.

**Child Price**

12 years & under only

**Special Notes**

Bring local currency or credit cards for entrance fees or to make additional purchases. Lunch and entrance to Stirling Castle is on your own.

Wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing suited to the day's conditions. Bring a hat and a light waterproof jacket.



# Dublin, Ireland

Dublin has experienced a renaissance. Today, this gracious and cosmopolitan city on the Liffey is one of Europe's premier destinations. The capital of the Republic of Ireland, Dublin is an intimate place that is easy to explore. Stroll past St. Stephen's Green or survey the gray, stone façades of Trinity College, Ireland's oldest university. The city is also remarkably well-preserved - every June 16, scholars retrace the paths of James Joyce's characters in the novel "Ulysses," set in Dublin on June 16, 1904.

Dublin possesses a storied history. A settlement has existed on the banks of the River Liffey for at least a millennium and a half. Succeeding waves of Gaelic, Viking, Norman and English invaders have left their mark on the city.

## Sightseeing & City Tours

### Dublin & Glendalough

**DUB-150 Approximately 8.5 hours / From \$159**



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic, narrated drive through Dublin to Glendalough ("the glen of two lakes"). En route, you will witness the city's major sites, such as St. Stephen's Green, O'Connell Street, and the city's Georgian District, including Merrion Square. You will take in views of Trinity College, Ireland's oldest university, en route to visit Christchurch Cathedral.

Leaving the city of Dublin you will encounter the wild heather-covered glens and tranquil landscapes for which the Irish countryside is famous. Soon you will be traveling into the green and uncrowded Wicklow Mountains with their rounded summits, lush valleys and the impressive 6th-century monastic ruins of Glendalough.

Before visiting Glendalough you will stop at the Woodenbridge Hotel and Lodge located in the vale of Avoca. After a delicious lunch overlooking the Aughrim River, you will drive to Avoca Village and the Avoca Hand Weavers, the oldest woolen mills in the country. Here, you're free to browse and shop for Irish goods.

Upon arriving at Glendalough, you will marvel at the settlement founded by St. Kevin, a hermit monk who died about 618 A.D. The ruins, tucked into a glen with two small lakes, include the remains of early churches, a roofless cathedral and a well-preserved round tower dating back from the 10th century. This most romantic of monastic sites was one of Ireland's greatest pilgrimage centers up to the middle of the 19th century. During your visit, you will enjoy a special audiovisual presentation highlighting Glendalough and the history of monasticism in Ireland.

Your tour concludes with a return drive through the Wicklow Hills and the rugged landscape of the Vale of Clara, home to the smallest village in Ireland.

#### Excursion Length

Varies 8 to 9 hours

#### Child Price

12 years & under only

#### Special Notes

The return drive from Glendalough back to Dublin is approximately 90 minutes.

Glendalough is pronounced "glen-da-lock."

## Most Popular

### City Drive & St. Patrick's Cathedral

**DUB-200 Approximately 4 hours / From \$85**



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic, narrated drive through Dublin to St. Patrick's Cathedral.

En route, you will witness the city's major sights, such as St. Stephen's Green, O'Connell Street, the River Liffey, the main river in Dublin and the city's Georgian District, including Merrion Square. You will also pass the Custom House and view its elegant 18th-century Georgian architecture. Often considered the most architecturally important building in Dublin, the Custom House is the first major public building constructed in Dublin as an isolated structure with four monumental façades.

Also on your itinerary is a stroll through the grounds of Trinity College, Ireland's oldest university, and the alma mater of distinguished alumni, including Jonathan Swift of Gulliver's Travels fame, Oscar Wilde and Nobel Prize winner Samuel Beckett.

Next, you will travel to St. Patrick's Cathedral. Built in honor of Ireland's patron saint in 1190, it is not only the largest church in Ireland, but is also said to be the earliest Christian site in Ireland where St. Patrick baptized converts. The cathedral was damaged during Cromwell's invasion of Ireland in the 17th century and was restored in the 19th century by the Guinness brewery family. Buried inside is Jonathan Swift, author and former dean of the cathedral. Today, St. Patrick's is the National Cathedral for the Church of Ireland (Anglican).

Your tour concludes with a relaxing drive to the pier. You may opt to stay in Dublin for independent sightseeing (morning departures only); however, you are responsible for your return transportation to the pier.

**Child Price**

12 years & under only

**Special Notes**

Traffic and delays may be encountered during the drive to the city sights.

The visit to Trinity College does not include admission to see the Book of Kells

**Most Popular****City Drive & St. Patrick's Cathedral (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)****DUB-201 Approximately 4 hours / From \$85**

Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic, narrated drive through Dublin to St. Patrick's Cathedral.

En route, you will witness the city's major sights, such as St. Stephen's Green, O'Connell Street, the River Liffey, the main river in Dublin and the city's Georgian District, including Merrion Square. You will also pass the Custom House and view its elegant 18th-century Georgian architecture. Often considered the most architecturally important building in Dublin, the Custom House is the first major public building constructed in Dublin as an isolated structure with four monumental façades.

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Your tour concludes with a relaxing drive to the pier. You may opt to stay in Dublin for independent sightseeing (morning departures only); however, you are responsible for your return transportation to the pier.

**Child Price**

12 years & under only

**Special Notes**

This is the same tour as DUB-200. Only wheelchair-confined passengers should book this tour. Other traveling companions should book DUB-200. Due to the specialized nature of some lift-equipped vehicles, you may have to limit the persons traveling with you to one companion who will be providing assistance you during the tour. Others will travel on separate transport. Priority for requests for space on this tour is given to confined passengers; cruise bookings not noted as confined to a wheelchair will be removed.

Wheelchair-accessible transportation is available on a very limited basis for confined passengers.

Traffic and delays may be encountered during the drive to the city sights.

The visit to Trinity College does not include admission to see the Book of Kells

**Walking Tour of Dublin & Pub Visit****DUB-385 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$119**

Join one of Dublin's great raconteurs for a pub crawl complete with quotations from the leading lights of Irish literature. Dublin's pubs began as the favorite local spots of the city's newsmen - more than a few Irish writers cut their teeth in the trade. During the Irish renaissance of the 20th century, writers also featured actual Dublin pubs in their works. (Joyce includes a pivotal scene in Ulysses at Davy Byrne's Pub, still a Dublin institution.)

Your pub crawl begins at Kehoe's Pub and travels across Trinity College Square to another nearby pub. During your tour, enjoy laughter, song and great swathes of quotations from Joyce, Flann O'Brien, Yeats, Brendan Behan and even Oscar Wilde. Two adult beverages are included in your crawl. Additional beverages are on you, sirrah.



**Child Price**

12 years & under only

**Special Notes**

The walk is approximately 1.75 to 2 hours.

Pubs visited may vary. The minimum legal drinking age in Ireland is 18; passengers under 18 cannot have an alcoholic drink.

**U2, Temple Bar Area & Walking tour of Dublin****DUB-380 Approximately 4 hours / From \$119**

Many musicians call Dublin home - Bob Geldof and Sinéad O'Connor, just to name a few. But the rock band U2, called "the biggest band in the world" by Rolling Stone magazine, has probably shined a spotlight on Dublin more than any other artist. This half-day walk and rock tour explores the group's humble beginnings and visits many of their former venues that dot Dublin.

Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach and head out on a panoramic tour of the city. One of the first sights you will see is the O2, also known as the Point. Today, it's a state-of-the-art amphitheater but when the band recorded "Van Diemen's Land" for the Rattle and Hum album in 1988, it was a 100-year-old train station converted into a music venue.

Then, you will travel across the River Liffey to the Grand Canal Dock area, site of U2's 1981 album October. At nearby Windmill Lane studios, you will disembark for a walk to see where they recorded their first albums. Here, you will find the iconic "U2 Wall," which is covered in tributes from U2 fans from around the world.

Back on the motorcoach, you will pass the 160-year-old National Gallery of Ireland (among the 15,000 works of art dating back to the 13th century is a portrait of Bono by artist Louis le Brocquy). Another site you will see is Fitzwilliam Square. The Square was the location for the making of the "Sweetest Thing" video.

Continuing on, you will pass the legendary Baggot Inn, where many stars such as U2, David Bowie and The Rolling Stones have made both impromptu and planned appearances. Nearby is the Gaiety Theatre, the location for the "Sometimes You Can't Make It On Your Own" video, a tribute to Bono's late father who once performed there.

Be sure to have your cameras ready - the next sight you will see is Dublin Castle. Built on the site of the first Viking fortress in the 10th century, Dublin Castle has been a symbol of British rule for 700 years. The Guinness Storehouse is another popular attraction you will see. Set inside a converted 18th century fermentation building, the building comprises six floors linked by a giant atrium in the shape of a pint glass.

Your next stop is The Clarence, a hotel owned by Bono and The Edge. Enjoy a drink before heading out on a walk to the Project Arts Centre, home to many early U2 concerts. Be sure to check out the Wall of Fame, a tribute to the most important musicians in Ireland. Each artist or group has been dedicated a window and U2's is in the upper left corner.

At the end of the tour, you will climb back aboard your coach for the return trip to the pier.

**Special Notes**

No inside visit to any of the studios permitted.

**Special Interests****Irish for a Day****DUB-170 Approximately 8 hours / From \$199**

Board your motorcoach and travel north from Dublin to family-owned Causey Farm in County Meath. Your hosts are the Murtaugh family, and your introduction to life in the countryside begins with a pot of tea and freshly baked scones.

Located in the heart of the rich Meath grasslands, Causey Farm raises sheep and cattle as well as a small herd of Connemara ponies. Try your hand at cutting turf, Ireland's traditional winter fuel. Join in the wild game of hurling - and discover its long history in Irish culture. Take part in a working demonstration with the farm's sheep dogs and master the fine art of baking soda bread. There is music and dancing in the barn as well as other farm activities depending on the weather. Your day in the countryside includes a hearty luncheon.

**Child Price**

12 years and under

### Medical Restriction

No specific restrictions but this tour is a hands on experience and guests must be physically fit and have a sense of fun and adventure

### Special Notes

The drive from Dublin to Causey Farm in County Meath is approximately one hour long. Wear comfortable, casual clothes and sturdy walking shoes or hiking boots. Bring a waterproof jacket or windbreaker.

Activities at farm may vary subject to local weather conditions.

## Dublin Castle & The Book of Kells

**DUB-210 Approximately 3.75 hours / From \$89**



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic drive to Dublin Castle. En route, you will travel alongside the River Liffey, crossing Dublin's original prehistoric settlement and the site of the 12th-century medieval city.

Upon arriving at the Dublin Castle complex, you will marvel at this imposing structure. A symbol of British rule over Ireland for seven centuries, the castle began as a 13th-century Anglo-Norman fortress. Your guided tour takes you through State Apartments adorned with Kilbeg carpets and Waterford chandeliers. Once home to the Viceroy, the apartments are now used for important state functions.

Your tour continues to Trinity College, the alma mater of distinguished alumni, including Jonathan Swift of Gulliver's Travels fame, Oscar Wilde and Nobel Prize winner Samuel Beckett. You will make your way to the Trinity College Library Long Room that houses 200,000-antiquarian texts, and in an adjacent room, the Book of Kells.

The lavishly illustrated medieval manuscript contains the four Gospels. The book probably dates to the early 9th century and may have been the work of monks from Iona. The scribes embellished their calligraphy with intricate Celtic designs, human figures and animals. You will view an exhibit on the production of the Book, as well as other exhibits on Ireland.

Your tour concludes with a relaxing drive to the pier. You may opt to stay in Dublin for independent sightseeing (morning departures only); however, you are responsible for your return transportation to the pier.

### Child Price

12 years & under only

### Special Notes

The Book of Kells is a popular attraction; you may have to wait in line.

Photography is not allowed at either Dublin Castle's State Apartments or at the Book of Kells.

Dublin Castle may be closed at short notice due to government meetings or functions.

## Malahide Castle & Irish Pub

**DUB-220 Approximately 4 hours / From \$109**



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a drive through the city's northern outskirts to Malahide Castle in the picturesque seaside village of Malahide.

The castle, founded in the 12th century by Norman baron Lord Talbot de Malahide, sits on 268-acre grounds, and includes a 20-acre garden with more than 5,000 species of plants. The structure boasts circular towers, a Gothic entrance porch, exquisite Irish period furniture and historical portraits from the collection of the late Lord Talbot. Following months of restoration work a brand new interactive exhibition area is located on the ground floor of the castle. In this new exhibition the history of the Talbot Family is retold and you will have time to enjoy this before embarking on a guided tour throughout the reception rooms of this magnificent landmark.

Following your visit to Malahide Castle you will pass through the village of Malahide, a noted yachting center and Portmarnock where the world-famous Portmarnock Golf Club is located. This club was for many years home of the Irish Open Championship.

Soon you will arrive in the quaint fishing port of Howth and stop at the 11th-century Abbey Tavern to enjoy an Irish coffee, a wonderful combination of whiskey, double cream, strong black coffee and a tablespoon of sugar. Nestling against the ancient ruins of Howth Abbey with the lovely fishing harbor and marina below, Abbey Tavern is an ideal spot in which to enjoy a short rest and savor the genuine atmosphere of old Ireland. As you enter, you will be struck by its old-world charm, authenticity and simplicity. Blazing turf fires, original stonewalls, flagstone floors and gaslights make for a truly warm welcome.

Driving over the summit, you will enjoy wonderful views of Dublin Bay and the Dublin Mountains beyond as you return to the port via Dollymount and Clontarf.

**Child Price**

12 years & under only

**Special Notes**

Photography is not permitted inside Malahide Castle.

The minimum legal drinking age in Ireland is 18; passengers under 18 cannot have an alcoholic drink.

**Off the Beaten Path****Glendalough**

**DUB-225 Approximately 5 hours / From \$89**



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic, narrated drive through Dublin to Glendalough, which translates to "the glen of two lakes". En route, you will witness the city's major sights, such as St. Stephen's Green, O'Connell Street, and the city's Georgian District, including Merrion Square. You will take in views of Trinity College, Ireland's oldest university, and drive through County Wicklow, famed as the "Garden of Ireland."

You will encounter the wild heather-covered glens and tranquil landscapes for which the Irish countryside is famous. Soon you will be traveling into the green and uncrowded Wicklow Mountains with their rounded summits, lush valleys and the impressive 6th-century monastic ruins of Glendalough.

Upon arriving at Glendalough, you will marvel at the settlement founded by St. Kevin, a hermit monk who died about 618 AD. The ruins, tucked into a glen with two small lakes, include the remains of early churches, a roofless cathedral and a well-preserved round tower dating back from the 10th century. This most romantic of monastic sites was one of Ireland's greatest pilgrimage centers up to the middle of the 19th century. During your visit, you will enjoy a special audiovisual presentation highlighting Glendalough and the history of monasticism in Ireland.

Your tour concludes with a return drive through the Wicklow Hills and the rugged landscape of the Vale of Clara, home to the smallest village in Ireland.

**Child Price**

12 years & under only

**Special Notes**

Glendalough is pronounced "glen-da-lock."

**Guinness Storehouse & City Drive**

**DUB-305 Approximately 4 hours / From \$89**



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a panoramic tour of Dublin City. You will see the Old Parliament Building, Trinity College, founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I and Merrion Square - one of Dublin's grandest Georgian Squares and now the address of the National Gallery of Ireland and the Irish Parliament.

You will then pass St. Stephen's Green, Dublin Castle, Christ Church Cathedral and St Patrick's Cathedral en route to the Guinness Storehouse at the St. James Gate Brewery, birthplace of the world's most famous creamy stout. The brewery first saw the light of day close to this spot over 250 years ago. Upon arriving, you will enter the Guinness Storehouse, an entertaining exhibition on the history of Guinness.

During your visit to the Storehouse, you will see, hear and smell the ingredients as they make their way through a series of vast machines and processes before becoming world-famous Guinness stout. You will view Guinness advertising and a showcase on how the product has been brought to market over the years with virtually every type of transportation. The self-guided tour of the Storehouse ends in the circular panoramic bar with its sweeping views across the city of Dublin. Here, you will enjoy a complimentary sample of the "black stuff" at its best, just a few hundred yards from where it's made. (You must be 18 years or older to sample Guinness.)

Before your return drive to the pier, you will have time to browse in the gift shop for Guinness-themed gifts and souvenirs.

**Child Price**

12 years & under only

**Special Notes**

Passengers must be 18 years or older to sample Guinness.

Entrance to the Brewery itself is not permitted

**Powerscourt Estate & Dublin On Your Own****DUB-180 Approximately 8 hours / From \$89**

Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a narrated drive through the outskirts of Dublin to Powerscourt in the Wicklow Mountains. You will drive through County Wicklow, famed as the "Garden of Ireland," and encounter the wild heather-covered glens and tranquil landscapes for which the Irish countryside is famous. Soon you will be traveling into the green and uncrowded Wicklow Mountains with their rounded summits and lush valleys.

Upon arriving at Powerscourt, you will marvel at the superbly landscaped formal Italian and Japanese gardens. The gardens, originally begun by Richard Wingfield, the Viscount Powerscourt, in the 1740s, are set against the background of the Wicklow Hills, a truly breathtaking venue.

You will enter the estate along an avenue lined with 200-year-old beech trees. Here, you are free to explore the gardens and view a video on the history of the estate. As the 18th-century house incorporates an array of specialty shops selling high-quality linens, woolens, crafts and souvenirs, you're welcome to browse and shop, and purchase refreshments in the terrace restaurant.

Your tour continues with a panoramic drive to Dublin where bustling shops invite you to shop 'til you drop. You can stroll to Grafton Street and smaller side streets that specialize in crafts and gifts, and venture across the bridge into O'Connell Street to view the stores on the adjacent streets. Don't miss Temple Bar, a trendy part of the city, offering eclectic shopping in its many boutiques and music stores. Along the way, feel free to stop in a local pub for lunch and a pint of Guinness.

After a delightful day on your own in Powerscourt and Dublin, you will enjoy a relaxing drive back to the pier.

**Child Price**

12 years &amp; under only

**Special Notes**

Lunch is on your own; we suggest you carry local currency.

**Powerscourt Estate & Waterfall****DUB-165 Approximately 7.75 hours / From \$179**

Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a narrated drive through the outskirts of Dublin to Powerscourt in the Wicklow Mountains.

Following a brief introduction to Dublin City you will travel to County Wicklow, famed as the "Garden of Ireland." Arriving at the seaside town of Bray you will stop for some brief free time to stroll the pretty promenade before continuing your drive to Powerscourt.

Leaving Bray you will drive through the County Wicklow countryside and encounter the wild heather-covered glens and tranquil landscapes for which the Irish countryside is famous. Soon you will be traveling into the green and uncrowded Wicklow Mountains with their rounded summits and lush valleys.

Upon arriving at Powerscourt, you will be awestruck by the serene Powerscourt Waterfall formed over 10,000 years ago. At 398 feet, the waterfall is Ireland's highest. Visitors have been coming to Powerscourt Waterfall for over 200 years, attracted by the beautiful cascade flowing down into the Dargle River and the surrounding woods and specimen trees.

Next, you will embark on a nature trail walk that begins at the waterfall. The trail descends along a ridge carved by glaciations. You will follow the fern-covered banks of the Dargle through native birch groves and view eleven posts marking spots where you can stop and admire the local flora.

As sightseeing can work up an appetite, your next stop is the Powerscourt Arms Hotel, an intimate country house in the picturesque village of Enniskerry, nestled under the imposing Sugarloaf Mountain. A traditional Irish lunch is served, complete with Irish stew, a tart, and a half-pint of beer.

Your excursion continues with a visit to Powerscourt Estate and Gardens. The estate was originally an important strategic site for the Anglo-Normans who came to Ireland in the 12th century. By the year 1300, a castle was built and in the possession of the le Poer (Power) family from which it takes its name. Today, the estate is home to the Slazenger family.

You will marvel at the superbly landscaped formal Italian and Japanese gardens. The gardens, originally begun by Richard Wingfield, the Viscount Powerscourt, in the 1740s, are set against the background of the Wicklow Hills, a truly breathtaking venue. You will enter the estate along an avenue lined with 200-year-old beech trees. You're free to explore the gardens, and view a video on the history of the estate. Shopping is also on the itinerary, as several small gift shops at Powerscourt offer high-quality linens, woolens, crafts and local foodstuffs and souvenirs.

After a delightful day in Powerscourt, you will enjoy a relaxing drive back to the pier.

**Child Price**

12 years & under only



# Invergordon, Scotland

In 1933, an enterprising editor in Inverness enlivened a slow news week with the story of an odd sighting in Loch Ness. The legend grew overnight - and today individuals still scan the dark waters of the Loch for a sight of Nessie, the Loch Ness Monster. Legend goes back as far as the 6th century and insists that the celebrated Loch Ness Monster inhabits a cave beneath the picturesque ruins of Urquhart Castle. Welcome to Invergordon, your gateway to Loch Ness and that area of the Highlands known as the "Great Glen."

## Sightseeing & City Tours

### Most Popular

#### **Loch Ness, Urquhart & Cawdor Castles** **IN1-100 Approximately 8.25 hours / From \$189**



Your adventure begins as you board your motorcoach for the scenic ride through the heather-covered hills of the lush Scottish Highlands. The first stop in your journey is the parish of Cawdor, and one of the country's finest medieval structures, Cawdor Castle.

The castle is still the seat of the Earls of Cawdor, and the current home to the Dowager Countess Cawdor. However, many know this place as the setting for Duncan's murder in Shakespeare's Macbeth. While parts of the castle date back to the 14th century, it did not exist during the reign of the factual Duncan and Macbeth. The castle boasts a central keep and drawbridge, and was originally built around a small, living holly tree, the remains of which may still be seen in the lowest level of the tower. Originally consisting only of the large tower (or keep), the castle was expanded numerous times in the succeeding centuries, with significant additions made in the 17th century and 19th century. You'll begin your tour with the castle's spectacular gardens, then see its interior filled with rich tapestries, antique furniture and interesting paintings.

Next, you'll travel to the city of Inverness to enjoy a delicious three-course lunch at a first-class hotel. Then, after your repast, it'll be time to begin your own search for "Nessie."

Your scenic drive will bring you to the jagged ruins of Urquhart Castle that stand next to the dark waters of Loch Ness. During its turbulent history the castle was plundered by the MacDonald clan of the Western Isles and then destroyed during the first Jacobite Rising of 1692/Jacobite Rebellion of 1745-6. All that remains are a lone keep and crumbling walls, but legends persist that a cave beneath the castle is the home of legendary monster "Nessie". The Loch itself is 22 miles long, a mile wide, and 740-feet deep. The path leading to Urquhart Castle affords superb views of the ruins and the Loch. You can view a captivating video showing the area's history, then browse for quality gifts at the visitor center.

Your exploration concludes as you travel through the braes and burns of the beautiful scenic highlands as you return to your ship, reflecting on your own legendary adventure.

#### **Child Price**

12 & under reduced

#### **Special Notes**

The drive from Invergordon to Loch Ness is approximately one hour.

Steps at Urquhart Castle may be slippery.

Photography is not permitted inside Cawdor Castle. Backpacks, day sacks and holdalls are not permitted inside the Cawdor Castle.

Bring local currency or credit cards for additional purchases credit cards are accepted in a majority of shops, but not all.

Passengers with limited mobility are able to view the Urquhart Castle ruins from the Urquhart Castle Visitors Centre.

Wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing suited to the day's conditions. Bring a hat and a waterproof jacket.

## Urquhart Castle, Culloden Moor & Loch Ness Cruise

**IN1-105 Approximately 8.5 hours / From \$209**



Your adventure begins as you board your motorcoach for the scenic ride through the heather-covered hills of the lush Scottish Highlands on your way to Culloden Moor, the site of the last battle fought on British soil.

On a sleety day in April 1746, the fates of the Stuart dynasty and the Highland clans were sealed with the defeat of Bonnie Prince Charlie. The Culloden Visitor Centre features a state of the art exhibition bringing the battle alive in an immersion film and accounts from genuine characters involved in the battle. You will enjoy a guided tour that and hear what happened when as 5,000 weary Highlanders clashed with 8,000 well-trained British troops. At the edge of the battlefield lies the Well of the Dead, where wounded Highlanders were slain as they sought water to quench their thirst.

After your time on the moor, you'll journey to the dark waters of Loch Ness, here we enjoy a delicious three-course lunch at a first-class hotel before boarding the "Jacobite Queen" where you'll cruise along Loch Ness, enjoying the scenery and perhaps have a Nessie sighting of your own. The Loch is 22 miles long, one mile wide and 740 feet deep. Its waters are stained a dark brown from peat. Your cruise lands at the jagged ruins of Urquhart Castle that stand next to the dark waters of Loch Ness. During its turbulent history the castle was plundered by the MacDonald clan of the Western Isles and then destroyed during the first Jacobite Rising of 1692. All that remains are a lone keep and crumbling walls, but legends persist that a cave beneath the castle is the home of legendary monster "Nessie." You'll visit the Visitors' Centre where you can see the exhibitions and a film presentation.

Your adventure concludes as you travel along the shores of Cromarty Firth as you return to your ship with your own stories of Loch Ness.

### Child Price

12 & under reduced

### Special Notes

The drive from Invergordon to Loch Ness is approximately one hour long.

Steps at Urquhart Castle may be slippery.

Bring local currency or credit cards for additional purchases credit cards are accepted in a majority of shops, but not all.

Wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing suited to the day's conditions. Bring a hat and a waterproof jacket.

Passengers with limited mobility are able to view the Urquhart Castle ruins from the Urquhart Castle Visitors Centre.

## Culloden Moor, Beaulieu & Loch Ness Scenic Drive

**IN1-120 Approximately 9 hours / From \$169**



Your adventure begins as you board your motorcoach for the scenic ride through the heather-covered hills of the lush Scottish Highlands on your way to Culloden Moor, the site of the last battle fought on British soil.

On a sleety day in April 1746, the fates of the Stuart dynasty and the Highland clans were sealed with the defeat of Bonnie Prince Charlie. The Culloden Visitor Centre features a state of the art exhibition bringing the battle alive in an immersion film and accounts from genuine characters involved in the battle. You will enjoy a guided tour that and hear what happened when as 5,000 weary Highlanders clashed with 8,000 well-trained British troops. At the edge of the battlefield lies the Well of the Dead, where wounded Highlanders were slain as they sought water to quench their thirst.

After your time on the moor, you'll enjoy a panoramic view of Inverness, the capital of the Highlands, on your way to a light lunch of soup and sandwiches. Afterwards, there is time to indulge in a spot of shopping in the pretty Highland Capital.

Refreshed, continue alongside the dark waters of Loch Ness, The Loch is 22 miles long, one mile wide and 740 feet deep. Its waters are stained a dark brown from peat. But you'll want to be sure to bring your camera to capture the picturesque scenery, and perhaps catch rare glimpse of "Nessie," the legendary creature said to live in the Loch.

Next, you'll stop at, Drumnadrochit, nearby the Loch, where you'll have time for perusing the quaint shops for the perfect mementos. Your scenic drive continues through the glens and across moorland to Beaulieu and returns to Invergordon.

### Child Price

12 & under reduced



### Special Notes

The drive from Invergordon to Loch Ness is approximately one hour long.

Tour of Culloden Battlefield involves around 800 meters of walking.

Bring local currency or credit cards for additional purchases - credit cards are accepted in a majority of shops, but not all.

Wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing suited to the day's conditions. Bring a hat and a waterproof jacket.

### Loch Ness & Urquhart Castle Ruins

**IN1-200 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$99**



You'll arrive at the jagged ruins of Urquhart Castle, which stands next to the dark waters of Loch Ness. The Loch is 22 miles long, one mile wide and 740 feet deep. Its waters are stained a dark brown from peat. All that remains are a lone keep and crumbling walls of this stronghold. During its turbulent history, Urquhart Castle was plundered by the MacDonald clan of the Western Isles and then destroyed during the first Jacobite Rising of 1692, but legends persist that a cave beneath the castle is the home of legendary monster "Nessie." Once you arrive, you'll be welcomed at the Visitors' Centre where you can see the exhibitions and a film presentation. There's also a gift shop where you can purchase your perfect Nessie keepsake.

After your visit, you'll re-board your motorcoach and continue on to Inverness, where the Ness River meets the waters of Beauly Firth. You'll travel through the city, an important trading port since the 9th-century, passing the cathedral and Inverness Castle. The current castle dates from the 19th century, but a series of castles have occupied the site since the Middle Ages. You'll cross Cromarty Bridge and return alongside the Firth as your adventure concludes, taking you back to Invergordon and your ship.

### Child Price

12 & under reduced

### Special Notes

The drive from Invergordon to Loch Ness is approximately one hour.

Steps at the Urquhart Castle may be slippery. Passengers with limited mobility are able to view the Urquhart Castle ruins from the Urquhart Castle Visitors Centre.

Bring local currency or credit cards for additional purchases - credit cards are accepted in a majority of shops, but not all.

Wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing suited to the day's conditions. Bring a hat and a waterproof jacket.

### Cawdor Castle & Culloden Moor

**IN1-220 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$79**



Your adventure begins as you board your motorcoach for the scenic ride through the heather-covered hills of the lush Scottish Highlands, traveling along the shores of Cromarty Firth, passing through the outskirts of Inverness en route to Cawdor Castle, one of the country's finest medieval structures.

The castle is still the seat of the Earls of Cawdor, and the current home to the Dowager Countess Cawdor. However, many know this place as the setting for Duncan's murder in Shakespeare's Macbeth. While parts of the castle date back to the 14th century, it did not exist during the reign of the factual Duncan and Macbeth. The castle boasts a central keep and drawbridge, and was originally built around a small, living holly tree, the remains of which may still be seen in the lowest level of the tower. Originally consisting only of the large tower (or keep), the castle was expanded numerous times in the succeeding centuries, with significant additions made in the 17th century and 19th century. You'll begin your tour with the castle's spectacular gardens, then see its interior filled with rich tapestries, antique furniture and interesting paintings.

After your visit to the Castle, you'll return to your motorcoach for your ride to Culloden Moor, the site of the last battle fought on British soil.

On a sleety day in April 1746, the fates of the Stuart dynasty and the Highland clans were sealed with the defeat of Bonnie Prince Charlie.

Your adventure concludes as you travel through the braes and burns of the beautiful scenic highlands, traveling via Kessock Bridge and Black Isle as you return to Invergordon and your ship.

### Child Price

12 & under reduced

### Special Notes

The drive from Invergordon to Culloden Moor is approximately one hour long.

Bring local currency or credit cards for additional purchases credit cards are accepted in a majority of shops, but not all.

Wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing suited to the day's conditions. Bring a hat and a waterproof jacket.

Photography is not permitted inside Cawdor Castle. Backpacks, day sacks and holdalls are not permitted inside the Cawdor Castle.

### Dornoch & Scottish Highlands Drive

**IN1-290 Approximately 3.75 hours / From \$79**



Your adventure begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic ride through the gentle farmland punctuated by meandering firths and tiny villages and heather-filled highlands on your way to the Falls of Shin. Along the way, you'll stop at the picturesque Struie Viewpoint. The locals call it "the million dollar view," with its panoramic highland vistas.

After a pause for photos, you'll continue on to the River Shin, one of the greatest salmon rivers in all of Scotland. You may get to see the Atlantic salmon as they make their journey upstream to their spawning site. Take a walk on the short path down to the "Falls," a series of small cascades over which the salmon hurdle.

From the Falls, you'll re-board your motorcoach and watch as the scenery turns to wild moorland with views of the mountains as you drive east through Spinningdale and approach Dornoch. This seaside resort town boasts the Old Town Jail, the previous Bishop's Palace, now a well-known hotel, Dornoch Castle. You'll have free time to explore on your own. Stroll down the tree-lined streets and take in the weathered stone houses, or visit the cathedral, which dates from 1224.

Your tour concludes with fine views of the moors before returning to Invergordon and your ship.

### Child Price

12 & under reduced

### Special Notes

The drive between Invergordon and Shin Falls is approximately one hour each way.

Access to Falls of Shin requires significant walking and steps. Access to Dornoch Cathedral is sometimes restricted due to Church services, weddings, or funerals.

Bring local currency or credit cards for additional purchases - credit cards are accepted in a majority of shops, but not all.

### Special Interests

#### Connoisseur

### The Queen Mother's Castle of Mey

**IN1-170 Approximately 10 hours / From \$169**



Your adventure begins as you board your motorcoach bound for the Northern Highlands. The lush countryside, and the turbulent history and unique Gaelic language let you know that you're definitely some place like no other. During your journey, you'll stop for morning coffee at the visitor's center you'll pass along the way before continuing on to the Castle of Mey.

Her Majesty, the late Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, first saw what was then Barrogill Castle in 1952, while mourning the death of her husband, King George VI. Falling for its isolated charm, the Queen Mother renovated and restored it and created the beautiful gardens you'll see today. For almost half a century she spent many happy summers here and shorter visits at other times of the year, until her passing.

While the castle boasts fine furnishings and paintings, the feel is very much that of a private home. Your guided tour visits the castle's apartments, the Queen Mother's bedroom, the library and the castle gardens. Castle of Mey boasts a traditional walled kitchen garden, a conservatory, and the Queen Mother's Shell Garden with her beloved shrub roses.

Constructed on a z-plan, the castle was built between 1566 and 1572. Seen from a distance, its turreted aspect is very striking. The jutting towers and corbelled turrets are typical of that period of the 16th century.

There are numerous gun slits throughout the ground floor, several in the angles of the tower and more at first-floor level. The round arched entrance to the courtyard, on the north aspect is unaltered.

The castle has quite a colorful history. It was built by George the 4th Earl of Caithness for his second son William Sinclair. However, in 1573, his older brother John, who had been imprisoned there for about six years by his cruel father, murdered William. John had been planning an escape, but William found out about it and told their father. John was in turn murdered, and the castle went to the third son, George Sinclair, who founded the family of the Sinclairs of Mey and succeeded to the Earldom in 1789. He changed the name of the castle to Barrogill Castle. The castle then became the seat of the Earls of Caithness for the next one hundred years. The Green Lady, ghost of the daughter of George, 5th Earl of Caithness, Elizabeth Sinclair, reputedly haunts the castle. Having fallen in love with a local ploughman, the unhappy girl was imprisoned in the castle attic by her angry father and, in a fit of despair, threw herself from a window.

After your historic visit, you'll know doubt be ready for a break. You'll enjoy a delicious lunch at a small country inn near the Castle before returning to your motorcoach for the picturesque ride back to your ship.

**Child Price**

12 & under reduced

**Special Notes**

Bring local currency or credit cards for additional purchases credit cards are accepted in a majority of shops, but not all.

No photography or videography is allowed inside the castle of Mey.

Visits to the castle are subject to Royal Visits. Such information may only be provided at short notice.

Wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing suited to the day's conditions. Bring a hat and a waterproof jacket.

**Off the Beaten Path****Dunrobin Castle**

**IN1-215 Approximately 4 hours / From \$79**



You'll depart your ship aboard your motorcoach, travelling through the scenic Highlands, passing the quaint villages of Tain and Golspie, and on your way to Dunrobin Castle on the Moray Firth.

Dunrobin Castle has been home to the Earls of Sutherland since the 13th century. The Earldom of Sutherland is one of the seven ancient earldoms of Scotland and the Sutherlands were one of the most powerful families in Britain with many important matrimonial and territorial alliances. The Earldom of Sutherland was created in 1235 and a castle appears to have stood on the site since then, possibly beginning as an early medieval fort. The name Dun Robin means Robin's Hill or Fort in Gaelic and may have come from Robert, the 6th Earl of Sutherland who died in 1427.

Once you arrive, you'll make your entrance through the grand front door just as the Duke would have done after debarking from his yacht in 1850 and coming up the steep hill in a coach and four. The Duke and Duchess wanted to create a great first impression, and it still impresses today. You'll continue throughout the castle, getting to a glimpse of royal life, exploring the state apartments, bedrooms and nurseries. The rooms feature a superb collection of furniture, paintings including Canalettos, family heirlooms and objets d'art.

Step outside and stroll through the formal 19th-century gardens, inspired by those at the Palace of Versailles in Paris. They were created in 1850 by the architect Sir Charles Barry. He is the same designer who was responsible for the Victorian extension to the Castle and who also designed the Houses of Parliament. Little has changed in the 150 years since they were planted, although new plants are constantly being introduced.

After you visit, you'll re-board your motorcoach for the scenic ride back alongside the meandering firths as you return to the luxury of your ship.

**Child Price**

12 & under reduced

**Special Notes**

The drive from Invergordon to Dunrobin Castle is approximately one hour.

Photography is not permitted inside Dunrobin Castle. Backpacks, day sacks and holdalls are not permitted inside Dunrobin Castle.

Dunrobin Castle is not suitable for passengers with walking difficulties.

Wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing suited to the day's conditions. Bring a hat and a waterproof jacket.

Bring local currency or credit cards for additional purchases credit cards are accepted in a majority of shops, but not all.

**Inverness On Your Own****IN1-185 Approximately 6.5 hours / From \$49**

Your all day excursion begins at Invergordon for the 45-minute ride to Inverness, the capital of the Highlands. Enjoy the scenic panoramic views as you travel along the scenic Cromarty Firth waterway and over the lush, green hills.

After arriving in Inverness, you'll disembark in the center of town for 4.5 to 5 hours of unhurried fun and exploration. Small and compact, Inverness is easy to walk around but buses depart quite regularly and travel throughout the city.

Close to the motorcoach drop off point is the Old Town, which offers a wide variety of shops selling clothing, books, music, arts and crafts, outdoor equipment and more. Inside the Old Town sits the Victorian Market, a covered market that dates back to 1890. In early Victorian times the weekly open-air markets sold everything from fish to cheese; today, the cast-iron and wooden domed plaza is a lovely place to walk and discover boutique shops selling specialty items. For entertainment such as street performers and Highland pipers then stroll over to nearby High Street.

On a cliff overlooking the River Ness, Inverness Castle is another attraction you may wish to see. The castle, made of red sandstone, looks pink under the sun and stands on the same site where castles have stood since 1057. Although the castle is not open to the public visitors can walk close to the building. A circular path meanders along the river and offers one of the most beautiful riverside settings in Britain.

On the outskirts above the city sits Craig Phadrig Fort; from here you can enjoy magnificent views of the Moray Firth, home to bottlenose dolphins.

Before boarding for your return trip back to Invergordon in the afternoon, you may wish to sit and indulge in any one of Scottish delicacies such as Scotch pie (pies filled with minced meat), haggis (made from sheep's intestines - a famous Scottish dish), smoked salmon, cheese or poultry. For those who prefer to have a half a pint of beer with their meal, you can say (with a bonnie wee bit of a brogue) "Leth-pinnt leann, ma 'se do thoil e." However, if you'd like a glass of red wine, just ask for "fion dearg."

**Child Price**

12 & under reduced

**Special Notes**

The drive between the pier and Inverness is approximately 45 minutes each way. This tour is non-guided; only a driver and no commentary.

Bring local currency or credit cards for additional purchases credit cards are accepted in a majority of shops, but not all .

Wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing suited to the day's conditions. Bring a hat and a waterproof jacket.



# Edinburgh (South Queensferry), Scotland

South Queensferry is the gateway to Edinburgh, the political, commercial and cultural heart of Scotland. Nestled between the Highlands and the Border Hills, Edinburgh is a gracious city noted for its superb skyline, its impressive collection of architecture and its beautiful parks. The streets of the elegant New Town are lined with graceful Georgian buildings, many designed by the great architect Robert Adam. Edinburgh has also exerted a tremendous cultural force on Europe and the English-speaking world. The International Festival has been one of the premier European cultural events for over half a century. Among those who have called the city home are the writers, Robert Burns, James Boswell, and Sir Walter Scott and the philosophers, Adam Smith and David Hume. To stroll the streets of Edinburgh is to experience one of the world's great cities.

Note: South Queensferry is an anchorage port. Passengers transfer to shore via ship's tender.

## Sightseeing & City Tours

### World Heritage Site

#### Edinburgh Castle, Royal Yacht & Princes Street

**SQ1-100 Approximately 8.75 hours / From \$179**



Board your motorcoach and travel to the port of Leith, the final docking place for the Royal Yacht Britannia. Launched in 1953, Britannia served as the premier vessel of the Royal Navy for 42 years.

Your tour begins in the Visitors Center where photographs and memorabilia bring Britannia's many historical moments to life. Then, receiving a handheld audio wand, board the vessel via special gangway for an upstairs-downstairs tour of the Royal Yacht. Visit the royal staterooms and view the Queen's and the Duke of Edinburgh's Cabins. Walk through the comfortable Drawing Room to the formal Dining Room. Tour the Bridge, the Admiral's Suite and the Officer's Wardroom. Then head below decks to see the spotless Engine Room, Crew's Quarters, Sick Bay and Laundry. Britannia gleams with polished wood and brass work.

Continue to Edinburgh and a local hotel for lunch. After lunch, your next stop is Edinburgh Castle, the great medieval fortress perched atop an eroded volcanic crag. When you reach the castle, there will be an uphill walk from the coach park to the castle entrance, over cobbled surfaces which are uneven in places. Enter the superb fortress complex on Crown Square and allow your guide to orient you to all that can be seen on the grounds. You will explore the interior rooms and the grounds independently. The highlights include the Crown Room in the 14th century Old Royal Palace, where Scotland's Crown Jewels repose. View the chamber where Mary Queen of Scots gave birth to James VI of Scotland - later James I of England and founder of the Stuart Dynasty.

Board your motorcoach and travel across town to Waterloo Place for free time to explore the many shops, boutiques, galleries and cafes on Princes Street.

#### Child Price

12 & under reduced

#### Special Notes

There will be an approximately half-mile, uphill walk to the castle.

### World Heritage Site

#### City Drive, Floors Castle & Dryburgh Abbey

**SQ1-105 Approximately 9.25 hours / From \$169**



Board your motorcoach and travel south through the Border Country, crossing the picturesque landscape of checkerboard farms and river valleys en route to Dryburgh Abbey, beautifully situated on the banks of the River Tweed.

Dryburgh Abbey is one of four abbeys founded by David I in the 12th century. A frequent victim of the border wars between Scotland and England, the abbey was ultimately destroyed in 1545. Located on a hill, from the moment you set foot on the sacred property, you are immediately struck by a sense of seclusion.

Luckily for visitors, much of the architecture of the abbey still remains to be seen. As you stroll the peaceful grounds and ruins, it is possible to visualize what life must have been like for the monks who worshiped within the abbey's hallowed halls. Of all the buildings, the Chapter House is particularly well-preserved and it is possible to view the dormitory area. The gatehouse is also

recognizable as are a few smaller houses and rooms on the property. Only a small part of the Abbey Church stands, but one can imagine its original structure. In the vicinity you will find the burial ground of Sir Walter Scott.

Your tour continues with a lovely drive through the quaint town of Kelso. The area's cobblestone streets, elegant Georgian-style buildings and French-style open-air markets will charm you.

Drive to Floors Castle, the stately home of the Duke of Roxburghe. The castle has been in continuous use by the family since it was built in 1721.

One of the few castles you will see that is still a private home, it has a unique warmth and personal atmosphere. You can truly imagine the life lead in such splendid surroundings. Your tour begins at the covered porch, where visitors in the 17th century would have arrived by carriage. You will be escorted into a wide selection of rooms, such as the anteroom with sweeping, panoramic views of the grounds, the drawing room with distinct, 17th-century tapestries and the magnificent ballroom, the largest room in the castle. Everywhere you look you will see exceptional fine art and splendid antiques. As you stroll through the halls, your knowledgeable guide will impart the history and lore of this magnificent castle, featured in the movie version of Tarzan as Graystoke Manor.

At the completion of your visit, re-board your motorcoach for a short drive back to Kelso where you will savor a traditional Scottish lunch at a leading hotel.

On your return, enjoy scenic views of charming Edinburgh, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here you'll enjoy a driving tour highlighting some of the key points of interest in this historical city. In addition, you will be given free time to explore independently. Browse the fashionable boutiques on Princes Street for souvenirs, cashmere and other quality goods prior to your return to the ship.

#### **Child Price**

12 & under reduced

#### **Special Notes**

The drive between South Queensferry and Floors Castle is approximately 1.5-hours each way.

Photography is not permitted inside Floors Castle.

This tour is limited in capacity.

**Most Popular** **World Heritage Site**

#### **Edinburgh Castle & City Drive**

**SQ1-205 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$129**



Board your motorcoach for a scenic drive to enchanting Edinburgh. Alive with culture and history, the capital of Scotland is a thriving UNESCO World Heritage Site. As you tour the streets, marvel at the juxtaposition of medieval architecture and contemporary buildings. The lively culture and classic beauty of this city is on display around every corner.

Your knowledgeable guide takes you through the New Town area, where elegant Georgian buildings and contemporary design abounds. Princes Street, Edinburgh's main shopping district, bustles with activity. It is here that you will find exceptional shopping, boutiques and cafés.

In contrast, you'll visit Old Town, where a plethora of historic sites and monuments line the famed Royal Mile, Edinburgh's oldest and most historical street. A stroll or drive down this corridor reveals one ancient monument after the next. See such sights as the Parliament Building, Canongate and Lawnmarket and the statues of King Charles II and Sir Walter Scott. Following this world-famous route takes you from the magnificent Holyrood Palace, the official residence of Her Majesty the Queen while in Scotland, all the way to Edinburgh Castle, perched high above the city on a rocky, extinct volcano.

When you reach the castle, there will be an uphill walk from the coach park to the castle entrance, over cobbled surfaces which are uneven in places. Enter the superb fortress complex on Crown Square and allow your guide to orient you to all that can be seen on the grounds. You will explore the interior rooms and the grounds independently.

Key points of interest include the peaceful St. Margaret's Chapel, a glorious example of Romanesque architecture and one of the oldest structures in Edinburgh and the Great Hall of James IV. This primary room was used for state assemblies and ceremonial gatherings and is lavishly ornate. Of particular note are the intricately carved stoned corbels, some of the oldest Renaissance decorations in all of the British Isles.

No visit to the castle would be complete without seeing the spectacular Crown Jewels, the ancient symbol of sovereignty. On display in the same room for over two centuries, viewing the crown, scepter and sword is an awesome experience.

At the conclusion of your tour, step outside and appreciate the panoramic views before returning to your motorcoach for a scenic drive back to the ship. If you opt to remain in Edinburgh for independent sightseeing then you are responsible for your own return transportation to port.

#### **Child Price**

12 & under reduced

### Special Notes

There will be an approximately half-mile, uphill walk to the castle.

### World Heritage Site

#### City Drive & National Museum

**SQ1-290 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$59**



Board your motorcoach and begin a scenic drive to the city center of enchanting Edinburgh. Alive with culture and history, the capital of Scotland is a thriving city and UNESCO World Heritage Site. As you drive through the charming streets, marvel at the juxtaposition of medieval architecture with modern buildings and delight in the lively culture and classic beauty that is on display around every corner.

On arrival in Edinburgh, visit the National Museum of Scotland on Chambers Street. Entering via the Grand Gallery, allow your tour guide to orient you to all that can be seen within the museum. Feel free to explore the rooms independently or remain with your tour guide who will lead you to 2-3 of the most popular exhibits.

The true heart of the city is medieval Old Town and your tour crosses the Royal Mile, one of the oldest streets in Edinburgh. The Royal Mile connects Edinburgh Castle with the Palace of Holyrood, the official residence of the Queen when in Scotland. This one-mile stretch takes you past a plethora of monuments, landmarks and statues with legendary distinction, such as Canongate, Lawnmarket, the statues of King Charles II and Sir Walter Scott and the stately Parliament Building.

Dominating the top of the Royal Mile, Edinburgh Castle has loomed from its rocky perch for over a millennium. Your tour takes you passed this royal landmark where the Crown Jewels are housed.

Continue to the splendid St. Giles Cathedral with its magnificent stained glass windows designed in both contemporary and traditional styles. Built during the Gothic-period, the cathedral's most striking design feature is its crowning spires.

Drive around Holyrood Park, a green oasis of lakes and ponds, and then continue to Arthur's Seat for vistas of the city and the Firth of Forth. This photographic vantage point offers superb views of the city and Edinburgh castle.

New Town, home to elegant Georgian buildings and Princes Street, is Edinburgh's main shopping district.

At the conclusion of your tour, the motorcoach returns to the ship. If time permits and you would like to remain in Edinburgh for independent sightseeing and shopping, you are then responsible for your own transportation to the ship.

For tours that offer more in-depth exploration with actual visits to one or more sites, see the other options in this port.

### Child Price

12 & under reduced

### Special Notes

Please note that this excursion does not visit The National Gallery or Royal Yacht Britannia.

### World Heritage Site

#### City Drive & National Museum (Wheelchair-Confined Passengers)

**SQ1-291 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$65**



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#### **Child Price**

12 & under reduced

#### **Special Notes**

This is the same tour as SQ1-290. Only wheelchair confined passengers should book this tour. Other traveling companions should book SQ1-290. Due to the specialized nature of some lift-equipped vehicles, you may have to limit the persons traveling with you to one companion who will be providing assistance you during the tour. Others will travel on separate transport. Priority for requests for space on this tour is given to confined passengers; cruise bookings not noted as confined to a wheelchair will be removed.

Wheelchair-accessible transportation is available on a very limited basis for confined passengers.

### **Special Interests**

#### **Off the Beaten Path**

#### **Glamis Castle & St. Andrews**

**SQ1-110 Approximately 8.25 hours / From \$109**



Board your motorcoach for a scenic drive over the imposing Forth Road Bridge and through the rolling countryside near Dundee en route to Glamis Castle.

Glamis (pronounced "Glarms") Castle has been the family home of the Earls of Strathmore for over 600 years. The Castle's history has been celebrated throughout the years and it is associated with a great many stories, secrets and legends. Each room is filled with wonderful antiques, tapestries, and treasured works of art, but it is the tales of ghosts that make a visit to this landmark most exciting.

Upon arrival, your self-guided walking tour allows access to such notable rooms as the Victorian Dining Hall designed in 1851, the Queen Mother's bedroom, and the medieval Crypt where legend has it an ancestor and his companion lost their souls to the Devil for playing cards on the Sabbath. You're guaranteed to get the shivers when you walk into the oldest and most haunted part of the castle, Duncan Hall. Although Macbeth's killing of King Duncan actually took place near Elgin, this room is widely perceived as the traditional scene of the crime.

As you stroll the grounds of this magnificent estate keep an eye out for several unearthly guests. The "White Lady," has been seen wafting through the halls, her unsettled soul the product of being unjustly burned at the stake. There is also the mysterious "Grey Lady," who has been seen by over 100 visitors. A ghost of a little servant boy can often be found on the stone seat in front of the Queen Mother's sitting room.

At the completion of this fascinating tour, re-board the motorcoach and cross over the Tay Road Bridge and passing lush, manicured greens to St. Andrews.

St. Andrews is widely known as the "Home of Golf." Here you will find the Royal & Ancient Golf Club, one of the oldest golf clubs in the world and one of the ruling bodies of the game. In addition to its golf heritage, this charming medieval town boasts excellent shopping, a plethora of art galleries and fine dining establishments. With ample free time, there are a number of sights and photo opportunities available to you on foot and authentic fish n' chips from a local café makes for a delicious lunch.

At the end of your day, re-board the motorcoach for a scenic drive back to the ship.

#### **Child Price**

12 & under reduced

#### **Special Notes**

Glamis is pronounced "glarms."

The drive between South Queensferry and Glamis Castle/St. Andrews is approximately 1.5 hour each way.

Lunch is on your own; we suggest you carry local currency.

## St. Andrews

**SQ1-200 Approximately 4.25 hours / From \$79**



Board your motorcoach and travel north to picturesque St. Andrews.

Widely known as the "Home of Golf," the medieval town of St. Andrews is famous for the Royal & Ancient Golf Club, one of the oldest golf clubs in the world and one of the worldwide ruling bodies of the game.

Your tour includes a scenic drive highlighting the key points of interest in this historic town, beginning with a photo stop at St. Andrews Cathedral. View this exceptional collection of 14th-century ruins, which hint at the grandeur that once was the greatest of all Scottish cathedrals.

Proceed through the town's lively center and note the shops, galleries and boutiques, which you may choose to peruse on your own. The town streets give way to lush, green golf courses and you'll see the expansive splendour of the world-renowned Old Course, which hosts the Dunhill Cup annually and the Open Championship every five years.

Disembark at the British Golf Museum, a perfect spot to begin your independent sightseeing of this golfer's paradise. Inside you'll find galleries and displays that chronicle the history of golf. Continue your celebration of the game and photograph the façade of the venerable Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.

If you are looking for golf clothing and other souvenir items, they can be found in many of the local shops. If you are hungry, be sure to sample the fresh fish n' chips in one of the cafés. Stroll the grounds of the historic university, marvel at the ruins of Blackfriars Chapel, a 16th-century building in the middle of South Street, or simply enjoy the natural scenery of this coastal town.

At the end of the day, return to the motorcoach for a scenic drive back to the ship.

### Child Price

12 & under reduced

### Special Notes

The drive between South Queensferry and St. Andrews is approximately one hour each way.

## World Heritage Site

## Edinburgh Castle & City Drive (Guided in Spanish)

**SQ1-207 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$119**



Board your motorcoach for a scenic drive to enchanting Edinburgh. Alive with culture and history, the capital of Scotland is a thriving UNESCO World Heritage Site. As you tour the streets, marvel at the juxtaposition of medieval architecture and contemporary buildings. The lively culture and classic beauty of this city is on display around every corner.

Your knowledgeable guide takes you through the New Town area, where elegant Georgian buildings and contemporary design abounds. Princes Street, Edinburgh's main shopping district, bustles with activity. It is here that you will find exceptional shopping, boutiques and cafés.

In contrast, you'll visit Old Town, where a plethora of historic sites and monuments line the famed Royal Mile, Edinburgh's oldest and most historical street. A stroll or drive down this corridor reveals one ancient monument after the next. See such sights as the Parliament Building, Canongate and Lawnmarket and the statues of King Charles II and Sir Walter Scott. Following this world-famous route takes you from the magnificent Holyrood Palace, the official residence of Her Majesty the Queen while in Scotland, all the way to Edinburgh Castle, perched high above the city on a rocky, extinct volcano.

When you reach the castle, there will be an uphill walk from the coach park to the castle entrance, over cobbled surfaces which are uneven in places. Enter the superb fortress complex on Crown Square and allow your guide to orient you to all that can be seen on the grounds. You will explore the interior rooms and the grounds independently.

Key points of interest include the peaceful St. Margaret's Chapel, a glorious example of Romanesque architecture and one of the oldest structures in Edinburgh and the Great Hall of James IV. This primary room was used for state assemblies and ceremonial gatherings and is lavishly ornate. Of particular note are the intricately carved stoned corbels, some of the oldest Renaissance decorations in all of the British Isles.

No visit to the castle would be complete without seeing the spectacular Crown Jewels, the ancient symbol of sovereignty. On display in the same room for over two centuries, viewing the crown, scepter and sword is an awesome experience.

At the conclusion of your tour, step outside and appreciate the panoramic views before returning to your motorcoach for a scenic drive back to the ship. If you opt to remain in Edinburgh for independent sightseeing then you are responsible for your own return transportation to port.

### Child Price

12 & under reduced

### Special Notes

There will be an approximately half-mile, uphill walk to the castle.

### World Heritage Site

#### Edinburgh Castle & City Drive (Guided in Portuguese)

**SQ1-209 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$119**



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### Child Price

12 & under reduced

### Special Notes

There will be an approximately half-mile, uphill walk to the castle.

### Off the Beaten Path

#### Stirling Castle & Bannockburn Heritage Centre

**SQ1-215 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$129**



Board your motorcoach for a scenic drive along the geological boundary that separates Edinburgh's Highlands from the Lowlands en route to the Bannockburn Heritage Center in Stirling.

Disembark at this historical site and museum, built on what is believed to be the area where Robert the Bruce commanded his troops. In 1314, eight years after William Wallace's execution, Robert the Bruce and the Scots crushed the English at the battle of Bannockburn, the most celebrated victory won by Scotland over an invading English army.

An in-depth look at this time in Scottish history is displayed at the heritage center and one can explore the battlefields and watch a video presentation depicting this epic confrontation. Peruse the impressive exhibit entitled "The Kingdom of the Scots" and enjoy photo opportunities at the rotunda, the memorial and the powerful statue of Robert the Bruce.

Your tour continues as you travel a scenic route to Stirling Castle. Dramatically perched atop a 250-foot extinct volcano, the castle dates from the 15th and 16th centuries, when it was the principal residence for Scotland's monarchs.

The castle's turbulent history is populated with a host of celebrated figures in Scotland's history, such as Robert the Bruce, William Wallace and Mary Queen of Scots. A great symbol of Scottish independence, this royal residence and fortress affords magnificent views from its rocky cliff and immerses you into Scottish history.

A self-guided tour takes you into the vast Great Hall, which dates to the Middle Ages and has been restored to its former glory. See the central turreted gatehouse, the great Parliament Hall, and the Royal Chapel, one of the earliest Renaissance buildings in Scotland. Photo opportunities abound and there are excellent views of the town of Stirling and the site of the battle of Bannockburn.

At the completion of your tour, you will have time to browse for souvenirs in the castle's gift shop before boarding your motorcoach for the drive back to port.

#### Child Price

12 & under reduced

#### World Heritage Site

### Royal Yacht Britannia & City Drive

**SQ1-225 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$99**



Board your motorcoach for a scenic drive to the port of Leith where the former Royal Yacht Britannia is moored. Begin at the Visitor's Center, where you'll receive information and a self-guided audio tour that narrates the adventure on board. Hear thrilling stories and tidbits about the life of the British Royal Family as you walk through the vessel. Before leaving the center, be sure to take a look at the gallery of photographs tracing the yacht's history, which adorn the walls.

From the moment you climb the special pier side staircase and climb on board, you'll feel like royalty. The Britannia, a spectacular seagoing palace in commission until 1997, has been the host to some of the most influential people in the world.

Explore the ship's spectacular furnishings and finishes, which were designed to the Queen's personal taste. Each room is filled with family photographs and treasured mementos from around the globe. You'll view such areas as the Queen's stateroom, the drawing room, the formal dining room, the bridge, the admiral's suite, the officers' wardroom and the crew quarters. You'll even get a glimpse of the engine room. Step out on the open deck and take in the breathtaking views - a perfect photo opportunity.

At the completion of your tour of this historic ship, re-board the motorcoach for a scenic drive to Edinburgh. Alive with culture and history, the capital of Scotland is a thriving UNESCO World Heritage Site. As you tour the streets, marvel at the juxtaposition of medieval architecture and contemporary buildings. The lively culture and classic beauty of this city is on display around every corner.

Your knowledgeable guide takes you through the New Town where elegant Georgian buildings and contemporary design delight. Here you'll find Princes Street, Edinburgh's main shopping district, bustling with activity.

In the Old Town, enjoy a plethora of historic sites and monuments. A drive down Royal Mile, Edinburgh's oldest and most historical street reveals one ancient monument after the next. See the Parliament Building, Canongate, Lawnmarket and the magnificent statues of King Charles II and Sir Walter Scott. Following this world-famous route takes you from the regal Holyrood Palace, the official residence of Her Majesty the Queen while in Scotland, all the way to Edinburgh Castle.

At the completion of your excursion, enjoy a scenic drive with lovely views back to the ship.

#### Child Price

12 & under reduced

#### Special Notes

The visitor route has been designed with wheelchairs in mind. All five decks are fully accessible for wheelchair users with lifts and ramps throughout. In order to enjoy the whole tour, wheelchairs should be no wider than 670mm.

#### World Heritage Site

### Royal Mile & Holyrood Palace

**SQ1-380 Approximately 4.25 hours / From \$109**



Board your motorcoach and enjoy a lovely, scenic drive to Edinburgh. Alive with culture and history, the capital of Scotland is a thriving UNESCO World Heritage Site. As you tour the streets, marvel at the juxtaposition of medieval architecture and contemporary buildings. The lively culture and classic beauty of this city is on display around every corner.

Your walking tour of the Royal Mile, Edinburgh's oldest and most historical street, will take you from the Edinburgh Castle Esplanade to Holyrood Palace. You'll want to have your camera ready as the medieval buildings, statues and monuments that line both sides of the street make for dramatic photographs. As you stroll, a knowledgeable guide will impart information and facts about the area's fascinating past.

Begin at the Edinburgh Castle Esplanade, the city's dominant landmark. This 12th-century castle sits atop a rocky, extinct volcanic perch, affording magnificent views of the city. Additional panoramic views will be captured from Castle Hill, which has a unique collection of ruins on its grounds.

As you walk down Royal Mile, you'll see a host of interesting sights. Beautiful Gladstone's Land, an example of early 17th-century architecture, features an outside staircase, an arcaded ground floor, oak shutters, leaded glass windows and crow-stepped gables.

The charming Lady Stair's House, also constructed in the 17th century, was once a home but now houses a literary museum devoted to the works of Robert Burns, Sir Walter Scott and Robert Louis Stevenson.

You'll recognize the magnificent St. Giles Cathedral, occupying this site since the 9th century, by its towering and impressive spires

and its magnificent stain-glass windows.

Historic Parliament Square, home to the Parliament Building and today's Scotland's courts, is largely unchanged since the 16th century. Here, an equestrian statue of Charles II stands boldly in the middle of the square, one of the oldest lead statues in Great Britain.

Meander through the elegant district of Cannongate with its quaint Tollbooth, now a museum which details life in 18th century Edinburgh. The design on this building has a delightful series of small, delicate turrets.

Standing proudly at the end of Royal Mile is the magnificent Holyrood Palace, the official residence of Her Majesty the Queen while in Scotland. This ornate, baroque palace is famously known as the home of Mary Queen of Scots and within its walls many dramatic episodes of her turbulent reign unfolded.

Your tour includes an opportunity to step inside these hallowed halls for a tour of the royal residence. See the state apartments and their unrivaled collection of tapestries, paintings and antique furniture. Look up and note the fine plasterwork and intricate design on many of the ceilings and be sure to browse the royal gallery featuring exquisitely painted portraits of Scotland's rulers.

At the completion of your tour, the motorcoach will bring you back to port. If you wish to remain in Edinburgh for independent sightseeing, you are then responsible for your own transportation to the ship.

#### **Child Price**

12 & under reduced

#### **Special Notes**

Please note that this excursion does not visit Edinburgh Castle unless Holyrood Palace is closed for a Royal Function. In the event Holyrood Palace is closed for a Royal function, the tour will alternatively visit Edinburgh Castle.

Photography is not permitted inside Holyrood Palace.

### **Exploring On Your Own**

#### **World Heritage Site**

#### **Edinburgh On Your Own**

**SQ1-185 Approximately 7.5 hours / From \$69**



Board your motorcoach and take a scenic drive to Edinburgh's city center. Scotland's capital delights all who visit and this UNESCO World Heritage Site is steeped in history and culture. Disembark at a central point for shopping and sightseeing and spend the day (approximately six hours) seeing all of the city's key points of interest. Enjoy lunch on your own in one of the many wonderful restaurants and cafes. A city map will be provided for your convenience.

For those interested in shopping, the finest stores are located around Princes Street or along the Royal Mile. There's something for everyone and the variety ranges from funky clothing and souvenirs to traditional wares, elegant fashions and excellent cashmere.

When it is time to refresh, the abundance food and beverage choices are sure to please every palate. Head over to George Street if you are seeking a stylish bistro or if you prefer a true pub atmosphere, Old Town has a variety of them, each with their own story to tell.

History buffs will enjoy a stroll down Royal Mile flanked with historical monuments and landmarks. Edinburgh Castle, home to the Crown Jewels looms over the city at one end and famed Holyrood Palace, the Royal Family's home while in Scotland, stands proudly at the other. Both offer tours of the inside rooms and grounds.

No matter what your interest, Edinburgh is a delightful and easy city to explore on your own. Just make sure to exchange your currency onboard the ship or at a currency exchange as British Pounds are required for entrance fees to popular attractions.

#### **Child Price**

12 & under reduced

#### **Special Notes**

The drive between South Queensferry and Edinburgh is approximately 45 minutes each way.



# Paris/Normandy (Le Havre), France

Perhaps no other place in France holds more associations for English-speaking visitors than Normandy. The historic Allied landings on D-Day - 6 June, 1944 - live on in the memories of British and Americans alike. Nor has Le Havre forgotten the dark days of the war. The port was nearly completely destroyed during the Normandy campaign. Today, Le Havre is France's second largest port and the gateway to Paris, "City of Light," the Norman countryside, and the historic landing beaches.

Travelers usually head for the historic landing sites or to Paris. Yet Le Havre was designated a World Heritage Site in 2005. The Musee des Beaux Arts Andre Malraux boasts one of the finest collections of Impressionist painting in the world.

## Sightseeing & City Tours

### Most Popular World Heritage Site

#### Paris City Drive & Cathedral of Notre Dame

**LEH-100 Approximately 10.5 hours / From \$209**



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic, three-hour drive via the motorway to Paris.

Upon arriving in Paris, you'll drive along the elegant, tree-lined Champs-Élysées, past the Arc de Triomphe with a glimpse of the Eiffel Tower.

The Eiffel Tower was built for the World's Fair in 1889, held in celebration of the French Revolution in 1789. In 1916, the first wireless telephones were tested on the tower. Although meant to last for the duration of the World's Fair, the Eiffel Tower still stands today, despite all protests that this huge "object" wouldn't fit into the architecture of Paris. Today, the Eiffel Tower is a beloved landmark of Paris and is the symbol of the "City of Light."

Next on your itinerary is lunch at a charming Parisian restaurant. You'll enjoy a meal of roast chicken supreme, mushroom sauce and potatoes "gratin dauphinois," wine and kir aperitif, before strolling to the Cathédrale Notre-Dame.

The Cathedral is a supreme example of Gothic architecture, boasting a façade divided into three levels. The first level features three portals or main entrances, each adorned with intricately carved figures and biblical scenes. The cathedral's last great rose window, located above the Galerie des Rois, anchors the façade's second level, the cathedral's soaring towers form the third level. Notre Dame's interior, colored by light from the stained glass windows, inspires awe.

Your tour continues with a drive through Paris. You'll pass the Place de l'Opera, often called the Hub of the Universe, and considered one of the most elegant streets in Paris with its well designed houses and luxury shops. Continue to Pont Neuf, "the new bridge," now the oldest bridge in Paris, then make your way to the Ile de la Cite, one of two natural islands in the Seine within the city of Paris.

You'll pass the Louvre Museum and the Tuileries Gardens, a stretch of French style alleys and lawns along the Seine River right bank, before reaching Place de la Concorde, the largest square in Paris. You'll stop by the Hotel des Invalides to capture a photo or two, then embark on a drive back to the pier.

#### Child Price

12 years & under only

#### Special Notes

The drive between Le Havre and Paris is approximately three-hours each way.

The bus parking area for the Cathedral of Notre Dame is several blocks from the site.

### World Heritage Site

#### Paris City Drive & Cathedral of Notre Dame (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)

**LEH-101 Approximately 10.5 hours / From \$229**



Your tour begins as you board your van for a scenic, three-hour drive via the motorway to Paris.

Upon arriving in Paris, you'll drive along the elegant, tree-lined Champs-Élysées, past the Arc de Triomphe with a glimpse of the Eiffel Tower.



The Eiffel Tower was built for the World's Fair in 1889, held in celebration of the French Revolution in 1789. In 1916, the first wireless telephones were tested on the tower. Although meant to last for the duration of the World's Fair, the Eiffel Tower still stands today, despite all protests that this huge "object" wouldn't fit into the architecture of Paris. Today, the Eiffel Tower is a beloved landmark of Paris and is the symbol of the "City of Light."

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You'll pass the Louvre Museum and the Tuileries Gardens, a stretch of French style alleys and lawns along the Seine River right bank, before reaching Place de la Concorde, the largest square in Paris. You'll stop by the Hotel des Invalides to capture a photo or two, then embark on a drive back to the pier.

#### **Child Price**

12 years & under only

#### **Special Notes**

This is the same tour as LEH-100. Only wheelchair confined passengers should book this tour. Cruise bookings not noted as confined to a wheelchair will be removed. The van used for wheelchair confined passengers is equipped with a ramp. We can accommodate 2 wheelchairs + 3 guests

Wheelchair-accessible transportation is available on a very limited basis for confined passengers. Advance booking of 3 weeks is required

The drive between Le Havre and Paris is approximately three-hours each way.

The bus parking area for the Cathedral of Notre Dame is several blocks from the site.

#### **World Heritage Site**

#### **Paris City Drive & Seine River Cruise**

**LEH-105 Approximately 10.5 hours / From \$209**



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic, three-hour drive via the motorway to Paris. Keep your camera ready, as there are photo opportunities at every turn.

Upon arriving in Paris your sightseeing drive will take you pass the Place de l'Opera, often called the Hub of the Universe, and considered one of the most elegant streets in Paris with its well-designed houses and luxury shops. Also on your itinerary is Pont Neuf, "the new bridge," now the oldest bridge in Paris, and the Louvre Museum. You'll also witness Tuileries Gardens, a stretch of French style alleys and lawns along the Seine River right bank, before reaching Place de la Concorde, the largest square in Paris.

A stop will be made at the Trocadero for a magnificent photo opportunity of the Eiffel Tower. The tower was built for the World's Fair in 1889, held in celebration of the French Revolution in 1789. In 1916, the first wireless telephones were tested on the tower. Although meant to last for the duration of the World's Fair, the Eiffel Tower still stands today, despite all protests that this huge "object" wouldn't fit into the architecture of Paris. Today, the Eiffel Tower is a beloved landmark of Paris and is the symbol of the "City of Light."

Next, you'll embark on a leisurely cruise along the scenic Seine aboard the trimaran, "Bateaux Parisiens." Onboard, you'll dine on a complimentary French lunch while enjoying a musical performance. Feel free to sit back and relax with a glass of wine, while taking in the Trocadero and the Palais de Chaillot, the Eiffel Tower, the Musée d'Orsay, the Louvre and the Ile de la Cite, one of two natural islands in the Seine within the city of Paris. Also within sight are the Conciergerie, a former royal palace on the west of the Île de la Cité, the Palais de Justice and the Cathedral of Notre Dame.

After your river cruise, you'll reach the world famous tree-lined Champs-Élysées where you will enjoy some free time to shop and discover this major Parisian site at your leisure.

Your tour concludes with a drive back to the pier.

#### **Child Price**

12 years & under only

#### **Special Notes**

The drive between Le Havre and Paris is approximately three hours each way.



## World Heritage Site

**Paris City Drive & Cathedral of Notre Dame (Guided in Spanish)****LEH-102 Approximately 10.5 hours / From \$199**

Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic, three-hour drive via the motorway to Paris.

Upon arriving in Paris, you'll drive along the elegant, tree-lined Champs-Élysées, past the Arc de Triomphe with a glimpse of the Eiffel Tower.

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Your tour continues with a drive through Paris. You'll pass the Place de l'Opera, often called the Hub of the Universe, and considered one of the most elegant streets in Paris with its well designed houses and luxury shops. Continue to Pont Neuf, "the new bridge," now the oldest bridge in Paris, then make your way to the Ile de la Cite, one of two natural islands in the Seine within the city of Paris.

You'll pass the Louvre Museum and the Tuileries Gardens, a stretch of French style alleys and lawns along the Seine River right bank, before reaching Place de la Concorde, the largest square in Paris. You'll stop by the Hotel des Invalides to capture a photo or two, then embark on a drive back to the pier.

**Child Price**

12 years & under only

**Special Notes**

The drive between Le Havre and Paris is approximately three-hours each way.

The bus parking area for the Cathedral of Notre Dame is several blocks from the site.

This tour will not operate on voyage C308-2 and 7322.

## World Heritage Site

**Paris City Drive & Cathedral of Notre Dame (Guided in Portuguese)****LEH-104 Approximately 10.5 hours / From \$199**

Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic, three-hour drive via the motorway to Paris.

Upon arriving in Paris, you'll drive along the elegant, tree-lined Champs-Élysées, past the Arc de Triomphe with a glimpse of the Eiffel Tower.

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Your tour continues with a drive through Paris. You'll pass the Place de l'Opera, often called the Hub of the Universe, and considered one of the most elegant streets in Paris with its well designed houses and luxury shops. Continue to Pont Neuf, "the new bridge," now the oldest bridge in Paris, then make your way to the Ile de la Cite, one of two natural islands in the Seine within the city of Paris.

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**Child Price**

12 years & under only

**Special Notes**

The drive between Le Havre and Paris is approximately three-hours each way.

The bus parking area for the Cathedral of Notre Dame is several blocks from the site.

This tour will not operate on voyage C308-2 and 7322.

**Normandy Landing Beaches**

**LEH-115 Approximately 10.5 hours / From \$229**



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic, 2 ½-hour drive to Courseulles sur Mer along the coast, passing the Juno and Gold landing sites along the way.

You'll arrive at Arromanches Beach, where you'll see remnants of the Mulberry, the artificial harbor where thousands of troops came ashore. Built on the site of the harbor is the Museum of the Landing Day. The museum commemorates the D-Day landings, with models, dioramas and a short film depicting the monumental exploits and heroic sacrifices of Allied forces in Operation Overlord. Before departing for lunch, you'll have free time to browse for souvenirs at the gift shop.

A lunch is served at a local restaurant, with pave d'Isigny salad, chicken supreme a la normande, kir aperitif and wine, on the menu. After a sumptuous meal, you'll continue to Colleville-Sur-Mer, home to the World War II Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial.

Just above Omaha Beach, a place where the American military suffered staggering casualties on D-Day, the American Cemetery is the final resting place of nearly 10,000 servicemen who died during the Normandy campaign. You'll walk between the rows of marble crosses and Stars of David stretching as far as the eye can see, and witness a memorial and chapel that flank the sea of graves. You'll also visit the new Visitors Centre that presents exhibitions on Operation Overlord and focuses on three major themes: the Competence, the Courage and the Sacrifice.

Next, you'll make a photo stop at Omaha Beach and Pointe du Hoc. Three companies from the 2nd Ranger Battalion scaled the 100-foot cliffs of Pointe du Hoc on D-Day to capture this strategic position. The Ranger Memorial towers above the 30-acre battlefield where, one inscription reads, "Soldiers lie forever united in the chaos of war."

Your tour concludes with a relaxing drive back to the pier.

**Child Price**

12 years & under only

**Special Notes**

The drive between Le Havre and the Landing Beaches is approximately 2.5 hours each way.

**World Heritage Site****Versailles Palace & Gardens**

**LEH-120 Approximately 10 hours / From \$269**



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic, 2 ½-hour drive along the motorway to Versailles. En route, your guide will recount the history of the region and the palace and gardens.

Upon entering the Palace of Versailles, you'll marvel at its size and grandiose furnishings, gilded décor, and riches. The chateau has been on UNESCO's World Heritage List for 30 years, and is one of the most beautiful achievements of 18th-century French art. The site began as Louis XIII's hunting lodge before his son Louis XIV transformed and expanded it, moving the court and government of France to Versailles in 1682. Each of the three French kings who lived there until the French Revolution added improvements to make it even more impressive.

On your guided tour, you'll visit the king's state apartments, seven suites overlooking a courtyard devoted to royal audiences and court entertainment. You'll see the Hercules Drawing room with its elaborate painted ceiling and the Hall of Mirrors, scene of lavish court receptions. You'll also tour the queen's apartments, four rooms decorated in a variety of styles by several queens, including Marie-Antoinette.

You'll walk across the Versailles Gardens to a restaurant located within Versailles Park, where a lunch of chicken supreme a l'ancienne and wine awaits. After a sumptuous French meal, you're welcome to explore the lush palace gardens. The great Le Notre laid out the palace gardens between 1661 and 1700, boasting meticulously planted parterres, bronze and lead statues, vases and ornamental ponds sprouting a multitude of superbly sculpted fountains.

Before your return drive back to the pier, you'll have time to shop in the Palace's gift shop for mementos of your visit.

**Child Price**

12 years & under only

**Special Notes**

In 2013, restoration works will be carried out in the Queen's Apartments. This implies that only a few rooms will be accessible during each visit.

This tour is not available on Mondays when Versailles is closed; tour will not operate on voyages 3316N / B319 / B324 / 7322

The fountains in the Gardens operate April through October - Weekends from 11:00AM to 12:00noon and 3:30PM to 5PM.; Tuesdays from 11:00AM to 12:00noon and 2:30PM to 4:00PM.

**Monet's Home & Rouen**

**LEH-125 Approximately 10.5 hours / From \$189**



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic drive through the Norman countryside on the motorway to Monet's home at Giverny on the Seine.

Claude Monet spent the last four decades of his life creating a magnificent garden at his home, and memorializing it in oil on canvas. Upon arriving, you'll embark on a guided walking tour through a flower garden called Clos Normand. The Clos Normand is ablaze with color in summer, with tulips, roses, dahlias, sunflowers and nasturtiums. Monet created his garden with an eye for how it would appear on canvas.

You'll approach the pink crushed-brick house adorned with green shutters through the garden entrance. Inside, visit the salon, Monet's bedroom, his Nymphaeas Studio, the yellow dining room and the tiled kitchen, noticing Japanese prints and the work of his artists friends line the walls throughout. You'll have free time to shop in the gift boutique offering books, cards, reproductions and souvenirs before continuing to the water garden.

You'll marvel at the Japanese-inspired water garden as you witness the Japanese bridge surrounded by wisteria and azaleas as you look over the lily pond. The pond and bridge were the subjects of one of Monet's late masterworks.

Your tour continues with a drive to Fourges for lunch at a picturesque restaurant housed in a restored barn on the banks of the Seine. You'll dine on salmon terrine with creamy sauce, an emince of chicken with cream, apple tart with calvados, and wine, then board your motorcoach for a drive to Rouen.

You'll disembark near the Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Rouen to begin your walking tour though the old section of Rouen, down narrow cobbled lanes lined with ancient, timbered houses. Rouen boasts over 700 of these medieval structures.

You'll continue down the bustling Rue Saint Romain and the Rue du Gros Horloge, passing Rouen's old fortified clock tower and law courts, housed in a Renaissance building. You'll visit the Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Rouen, a superb example of French Gothic architecture that took 300 years to complete. The cast iron spire is the largest in France and the central portal features an elaborately painted "Tree of Jesus." Your guide escorts you into the interior, which features a Lady Chapel, the tombs of Rouen's archbishops, secure behind wrought iron gates, and impressive 15th-century stained glass windows.

Next on your itinerary is a photo stop at the Place du Vieux Marché, the Old Marketplace, the site where the English burned Joan of Arc at the stake. Today, the square boasts the Great Cross of Rehabilitation erected in tribute to the Maid of Orleans, a daring modern church is dedicated to her memory.

Before departing for the ship, you'll have approximately 45 minutes in the city center to shop and browse. You'll find an eclectic mix of gifts and souvenirs, as the busy streets are lined with boutiques, jewelers, perfumeries and modern department stores such as Le Printemps and Nouvelles Galeries.

**Child Price**

12 years & under only

**Special Notes**

On Sundays in Rouen, the majority of the boutiques and shops remain closed; however, souvenir stores, restaurants, cafés and bakeries remain open.

Claude Monet's House is closed from 1st November to 1st April. This tour will not operate on voyage 7322.

#### Off the Beaten Path

### Rouen & Notre Dame Cathedral of Rouen LEH-215 Approximately 5.5 hours / From \$85



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic, 1.5-hour drive through the Norman countryside on the motorway, heading inland to Rouen.

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Before departing for the ship, you'll have approximately an hour in the city center to shop and browse. You'll find an eclectic mix of gifts and souvenirs, as the busy streets are lined with boutiques, jewelers, perfumeries and modern department stores such as Le Printemps and Nouvelles Galeries.

#### Child Price

12 years & under only

#### Special Notes

The drive from Le Havre to Rouen is approximately 1.5 hours each way.

On Sundays, the majority of the boutiques and shops remain closed; however, souvenir stores, restaurants, cafés and bakeries remain open.

#### Off the Beaten Path

### Honfleur LEH-230 Approximately 4 hours / From \$79



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic drive through the Norman countryside, across the Tancarville Bridge to Honfleur.

Upon arriving, you'll embark on a guided walking tour of this picturesque fishing port. Once the base for France's 17th-century voyages of colonization, Honfleur was also the birthplace of the Impressionist and Romantic art movements.

During your guided walk, you'll take in the Vieux Bassin, the old dock that dates back to 1681, and pass the Lieutenance, an imposing building at one end of the old dock that was the home of the King's Lieutenant.

Also on your itinerary is St. Catherine's Church, a 15th-century church built by shipwrights. Today, it's the largest wooden church with a separate bell-tower in France. The bell-tower, also largely built of wood, dates from the end of the 15th century and is now a museum of religious art.

The next part of the tour is on your own. You're free to explore this charming town, replete with narrow cobbled streets, art galleries, sidewalk cafés and traditional craft shops.

Your tour concludes with a drive across the new Normandy Bridge spanning the Seine estuary as you make your way back to the pier.

#### Child Price

12 years & under only

#### Exploring On Your Own



## Paris On Your Own

**LEH-185 Approximately 10.5 hours / From \$139**

Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic, three-hour drive to the city center.

Upon arriving, you'll disembark at Cour de la Reine near the Place de la Concorde, a favorite place for shopping and sightseeing on the right bank.

You'll spend the half-day on your own, exploring all that Paris has to offer. City maps are provided to help you plan out your day.

Why not visit the Arc de Triomphe, the world's largest triumphal arch, and catch a glimpse of the Eiffel Tower. The Eiffel Tower was built for the World's Fair in 1889, held in celebration of the French Revolution in 1789. In 1916, the first wireless telephones were tested on the tower. Although meant to last for the duration of the World's Fair, the Eiffel Tower still stands today, despite all protests that this huge "object" wouldn't fit into the architecture of Paris. Today, the Eiffel Tower is a beloved landmark of Paris and is the symbol of the "City of Light."

The Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris is a supreme example of Gothic architecture, boasting a façade divided into three levels. The first level features three portals or main entrances, each adorned with intricately carved figures and biblical scenes. The cathedral's last great rose window, located above the Galerie des Rois, anchors the façade's second level; the cathedral's soaring towers form the third level. Notre Dame's interior, colored by light from the stained glass windows, inspires awe.

If you're an art lover, the Louvre Museum is a "must," as it's the home of the Venus de Milo and the Mona Lisa.

After a full day of exploring the "City of Light," you'll rejoin your motorcoach along the Cours de la Reine for a relaxing drive back to the pier.

### Child Price

12 years & under only

### Special Notes

The drive between Le Havre and Paris is approximately three hours each way.

Paris is very crowded during the summer months with visitors, please note there will be long lines at the Eiffel Tower and Louvre Museum.

Shopping is limited on Sundays.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Q. WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF TAKING ORGANIZED EXCURSIONS?**

**A.** There are a number of advantages to taking organized tours offered by Princess, such as:

**Quality:** We have carefully inspected all of our ports and we offer you excursions from only the most reputable local tour operators

**Variety:** All our tours are designed both to feature the most popular and interesting attractions in each port and to satisfy the diverse needs and interests of our passengers.

**Service:** What could be easier than letting us arrange your tours for you? Either by having your tours organized onboard so you can best maximize your time in port and avoid having to make independent, last-minute arrangements, or by pre-reserving all your excursions at [princess.com](http://princess.com). Princess is at your service.

**Safety:** Your safety and security are of the utmost importance to us and they are the primary consideration in the development and operation of our tour programs.

**Value:** We endeavor to select local tour operators who provide excursions of the highest quality and we carefully monitor prices to ensure that you are receiving good value. Remember to book early to receive the best possible price.

## **Q. WHAT DOES PRINCESS DO TO ENSURE MY SAFETY WHILE I'M ASHORE?**

**A.** Our primary concern at Princess is your safety and security. We are in continual contact with authorities concerning any travel advisories that might impact our cruises. If the U.S. State Department advises against travel to specific locations we visit, we would make the necessary changes to the published itinerary. Although such itinerary changes occur infrequently, please understand that these changes are for your own safety and security and are beyond our control.

Despite all of our efforts and in light of recent world events, we remind all of our passengers that they must ultimately assume responsibility for their actions while ashore. In this regard, we would like to remind you of some common sense precautions when visiting ports-of-call:

- Stay in the normal tourist areas and don't travel to out-of the way places without the benefit of a guided tour offered through Princess.
- Do not leave any of your belongings unattended in public areas.
- Be generally aware of people and activities around you.
- Do not accept packages from anyone you don't know personally.
- Keep a low profile - dress and behave conservatively.
- Be careful when eating and drinking ashore.

We thank you in advance for following these recommendations, which we believe will enhance the enjoyment of your cruise or cruisetour.

## **Q. WILL I MISS THE SHIP IF I GO ON A SHORE EXCURSION?**

**A.** One very important feature of taking a shore excursion organized by Princess is that we closely monitor the departures and returns of all our tours. Therefore, our ships do not sail until all of our organized tour transportation has returned, so you can be assured that you won't miss the ship. Please keep in mind that when you make your own arrangements in port, or if you leave an organized tour, we will no longer be aware of your whereabouts; so be sure to schedule ample time to return to the ship before it sails.

## **Q. HOW DO I RESERVE MY SHORE EXCURSIONS IN ADVANCE OF MY CRUISE?**

**A.** Visit our website at [princess.com](http://princess.com) for the most up-to date shore excursion information, full tour descriptions and to request your shore excursions up until 5 days prior to your cruise. The Cruise Personalizer is the fastest and most convenient way to reserve your shore excursions. Please keep in mind that you will receive your tickets when you arrive onboard and all of your shore excursion purchases are charged to your shipboard account. Advance payment is not accepted. Since shore excursions have limited capacity, we encourage you to reserve your tours as early as possible to avoid disappointment and confirm the best price. Reservations are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

You may change shore excursion requests, but be advised that shore excursion prices may change. Requests to add tickets at a later time can be made but these tickets may be at a higher price than those previously booked. If you request a shore excursion which you previously cancelled, these requests will be confirmed at the current shore excursion price, which may be higher.

**Q. HOW DO I RESERVE MY LAND EXCURSIONS IN ADVANCE OF MY CRUISETOUR?**

**A.** When you are ready to pre-reserve your land excursions, go to the Cruise Personalizer and have your booking number and credit card information ready to enter. A credit card must be registered for each passenger that wishes to participate on a land excursion and we accept Princess Visa, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and Diner's Club. Credit cards used to pre-reserve land excursions must be valid through the full length of your cruisetour and may also be used to establish your shipboard account. Although a credit card is required to reserve your excursion(s), guests are able to pre-reserve all of their land excursions with no deposit required. An auto-charge of all pre-reserved excursions will take place two days prior to your first Land Excursion booking. Confirmed pre-reserved excursions can be viewed at any time in your detailed itinerary in the Cruise Personalizer. The Cruise Personalizer will remain open until your cruisetour departure date so you may add or cancel tours prior to the cancellation deadline without penalty. Excursions cancelled once the auto-charge has been processed are subject to a 100% penalty. Note that excursion availability is based on cruisetour date, capacity limitations, and suitable weather conditions. Excursions are subject to change at any time and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Guests are encouraged to book early as space is limited and flightseeing tours in particular may not be available for pre-reserving right up to tour departure date. Prior to travel, print your Travel Summary which will have a listing of all of your pre-reserved land excursions. You will also receive information on confirmed excursions in your Welcome Envelope upon arrival at each location.

**Q. HOW CAN I BE SURE I AM CONFIRMED ON THE EXCURSIONS I WANT?**

**A.** When you book your excursions online at [princess.com](http://princess.com), you receive an immediate confirmation of the status and price of your requested excursion. The site shows the remaining capacity on all tours, so you know if you are confirmed or waitlisted. To avoid disappointment and confirm the best price, please reserve your excursions as early as possible. If the specific tour time you requested is fully booked, Princess may schedule you on an alternate departure that corresponds with your other tour selections.

If your shore excursion choice is not available, we will put you on a waitlist and attempt to obtain more space on the shore excursion. If you have companions traveling with you in your stateroom or in other staterooms and would like everyone to be on the same shore excursion departure, order all the excursions under one name. Requests made individually, even if at the same time, may cause you to be booked on a different departure than your companions or waitlisted on an excursion for which your companions are confirmed.

Land Excursions can not be waitlisted but we actively request more space wherever possible from our tour operators; if a tour is sold out we encourage guests to revisit the Cruise Personalizer at a later date and they can also check for more availability at the tour desks in our Alaska ports.

**Q. MAY I TAKE MORE THAN ONE TOUR IN A SINGLE PORT OF CALL?**

**A.** Yes. In Alaska, Canada/New England, the Caribbean, Panama Canal, Hawaii and Mexico, allow at least 30 minutes between each tour. In all other regions, allow at least 60 minutes between each tour. All tours depart from, and return to, the cruise ship pier. By scheduling the appropriate amount of time between tours, you will have sufficient time to take multiple excursions.

**Q. CAN I CANCEL AN SHORE EXCURSION I'VE REQUESTED?**

**A.** Due to the limited capacity and high demand for helicopter flights and private vehicle options, these shore excursions are not refundable unless cancelled by 12:00pm on the day after embarkation.

For all other shore excursions, a "Closing Time for Bookings" for each port of call is listed on the Tour Order Form you will receive onboard in your stateroom. This is the time when the bookings for the tours in that port close and we notify the local operators of the final shore excursion requirements. You may cancel an excursion if it is prior to the closing time whether you reserved in advance or onboard. We cannot cancel a shore excursion if it is past this closing time, nor can we refund shore excursions on which you choose not to go. All shore excursions operate rain or shine unless cancelled by the tour operator.

**Q. CAN I CANCEL A LAND EXCURSION I'VE REQUESTED?**

**A.** Due to the exclusive nature and advanced planning required for excursions involving hotel accommodations, airline flights and some flightseeing tours, these excursions are not refundable within 30 days of sailing. A fee will be assessed onboard for any of these tours cancelled within 30 days of sailing.

Land Excursions, pre-reserved through the Cruise Personalizer, may be cancelled up to the Land Excursion cancellation deadline which is two days prior to your first land excursion booking. At the cancellation deadline, all pre-reserved land excursions will be auto-charged using the credit card that you provided in the Cruise Personalizer to reserve your tours. Excursions cancelled once the auto-charge has been processed are subject to a 100% penalty, unless the operator, at their sole discretion, is unable to operate the program due to unforeseen circumstances. All sales of tours booked while on your land tour are considered final at the time of purchase and are 100% non-refundable except in the case of an operator approved cancellation.

**Q. CAN I REQUEST TO BE REFUNDED FOR MY LAND EXCURSION.**

**A.** In the event of any excursion being cancelled for reasons beyond our control, a full refund will be made. Land



Excursions that were pre-reserved, charged and then cancelled due to weather or other operator approved cancellation will be refunded using the same credit card used to book your excursions. These refunds will typically be reflected on your credit card statement between 7-10 business days after cancellation. Tours booked while on your land tour are considered final at the time of purchase and are 100% non-refundable except in the case of a cancellation by the vendor. Should any excursion have to be abandoned through force majeure or difficulties en route, the best possible refund will be arranged according to the circumstances.

**Q. HOW DOES THE PRINCESS EXCURSIONS PROGRAM OPERATE ONBOARD?**

**A.** Our Shore Excursion Manager runs the onboard portion of the Princess Shore Excursions program. Tour Office staff are available to answer questions and make shore excursion reservations for you. Once onboard in your stateroom, you will find tickets for the shore excursions you reserved in advance. If you have not yet reserved tours or would like to purchase additional shore excursions, you will find a Tour Order Form in your stateroom. You will also find a schedule of daily activities, the Princess Patter, which features important program information including Tour Office hours and the closing time for shore excursion bookings. Remember, tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis and space on shore excursions is limited, so book early. A Tour Order Form drop box is located near the Tour Office where you may deposit your order form at any time.

**Q. ARE THERE CHILDREN'S PRICES AVAILABLE?**

**A.** Yes, on some tours for children age 12 and under. If you are traveling with children, please pre-reserve the number of child tickets you would like on the Cruise Personalizer. If the adult and child price is the same, please order all tickets as adult. Once onboard the ship or at one of our land excursion destinations, check your tour tickets to ensure you have received the correct number of adult and child tickets. Visit the Tour Office as soon as possible to make any necessary adjustments. Parents are also responsible for bringing a safety seat for their child.

On most helicopter and flightseeing tours, children 24 months of age and older are required to have their own seat. Children under 24 months are considered lap infants and may ride free of charge if the tour operator can accommodate them - with prior arrangement through the onboard Tour Office. Parents must show proof of age to the tour operator for any lap infant. Children under the age of 24 months are not able to participate on a helicopter tour.

**Q. ARE PRIVATE SHORE EXCURSION OPTIONS AVAILABLE WHERE I CAN CUSTOMIZE MY TOUR?**

**A.** Yes, in many ports we offer shore excursions that can be customized to your specifications. On these tours you are able to book exclusive use of the tour vehicle (automobile, boat or plane) and tailor the tour to include activities and venues you want to experience.

Due to the limited capacity and highly specialized nature of these excursions, they are not refundable unless cancelled by 12:00pm on the day after embarkation or prior to the booking closing time for the port which is listed on the onboard Tour Order Form (whichever is first). Once onboard the ship, you may be provided with a preference card to advise the tour operator of your selected itinerary and interests. The onboard Tour Staff will gladly assist you and provide recommendations.

Please note these shore excursions are sold per transport, not per person, so only one passenger should make the reservation for the entire group. This is a private arrangement and those accompanying you are the guests you choose; Princess does not match up individual passengers to form a private group for the vehicle. The price listed includes the means of transport and/or private guide and does not include gratuities, meals and attraction entrance fees (unless indicated otherwise) as these will vary based on your choices.

**Q. ARE THERE AGE OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON TOURS?**

**A.** For most tours, there is no minimum age for children as long as they are accompanied by a parent or guardian. Passengers under the age of 18 years cannot participate without a parent or guardian. Please review the tour description notes for the most current restrictions and any exceptions; a few operators may allow an unaccompanied minor on tour if a waiver is signed by the parent or guardian in the operator's presence. Any other restrictions imposed by the tour operator are listed in the "Special Notes" section of each tour description.

**Q. IS A VISA REQUIRED FOR ANY OF THE PORTS I VISIT?**

**A.** Please review the information detailed in the "Itinerary" section of the Cruise Personalizer regarding any applicable visas for your specific voyage.

**Q. IS ANY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE ON SHORE EXCURSIONS?**

**A.** Passports, visas and other documentation may be required on certain shore excursions. Please review the "Special Notes" section of the shore excursion for full details. Notarized written consent is required for children crossing international borders without both parents.

**Q. ARE THE EXCURSIONS GUIDED?**

**A.** Yes. All of our excursions include local English-speaking guides except for On Your Own tours and where otherwise noted.

**Q. SHOULD I TIP THE TOUR GUIDE?**

**A.** Tipping is a discretionary matter; however, it is customary, if one is pleased with their tour, to tip the tour guide. A

general rule of thumb is \$2 per person for a half-day tour and \$5 per person for a full-day tour.

**Q. WHAT TYPE OF CLOTHING SHOULD I WEAR WHILE ON TOUR OR IN PORT?**

**A.** During your cruise, the climate can range from temperate and cool to hot and humid. Please plan to dress in layered, light- to medium-weight clothing and comfortable, low-heeled walking shoes. Since weather conditions may vary, we suggest you also pack a sweater, a light jacket and an all-weather coat. In addition, don't forget a hat or visor, a collapsible umbrella, sunglasses, sun screen and of course your camera and extra film and batteries. Please note that for water-related excursions where we suggest you wear your bathing suit, cover-up and hat, we have placed a symbol next to the shore excursion description.

If you plan to participate on an overland tour and will need to recharge video equipment or use a hair dryer, we suggest you bring an international adapter. Whenever you plan on going ashore, we highly encourage you to leave your valuables and jewelry onboard. While ashore, please take care in protecting your purses, cameras and other personal items. Minimizing personal belongings brought ashore could expedite the security process when reboarding the ship. We suggest you carry a photocopy of your passport when going ashore as you may need your passport number to exchange currency.

Please be mindful that in some of the countries you will visit, the local people may have somewhat more conservative views concerning dress than those to which you are accustomed. Generally shorts, tank tops, and short skirts are not acceptable dress when visiting churches or places of worship. Specific information regarding appropriate dress in these ports is provided with the shore excursion. For all golf tours, collared shirts and either long pants or Bermuda-style shorts are required (no cut-offs, bathing suits, etc.).

**Q. WILL I MISS MEALS IF I GO ON SHORE EXCURSIONS?**

**A.** Our wide variety of dining venues, including a 24-hour buffet, means there are always meal options available onboard that fit within the shore excursion timing you select.

**Q. IS THERE TIME FOR SHOPPING ON THE EXCURSIONS?**

**A.** Shopping is, for many, an important part of travel and, wherever possible, time for this activity is allowed within the framework of many of our shore excursions. Please note, however, that the actual amount of time available for shopping is generally limited.

**Q. DO THE EXCURSIONS INCLUDE MUCH WALKING AND STAIR CLIMBING?**

**A.** All of our excursions involve some walking and some excursions include more walking and stair climbing than others. Walking may be over uneven surfaces such as cobblestone city streets or the rocky pathways of ancient ruins. On many excursions, it is necessary to negotiate stairs. Please keep in mind that many of the buildings you will be visiting may have been constructed well before conveniences such as elevators were invented and have been preserved in their original state. Please refer to our tour symbols with each excursion description for more information and guidance.

**Q. WHAT ELSE SHOULD I ANTICIPATE IN PORTS?**

**A.** Keep in mind that some sites you will be visiting are extremely popular among both tourists and locals. Therefore, you may encounter crowded conditions, whether participating in one of our tours or sightseeing on your own. Regrettably, we have no control over this situation. With regard to photography, some venues may prohibit the use of flash cameras, so fast-speed film is recommended. In some places, photography or video may be prohibited altogether or a fee may be imposed. We ask that you observe any restrictions and, if in doubt, ask your guide for assistance.

**Q. AM I REQUIRED TO WEAR SAFETY EQUIPMENT ON TOUR?**

**A.** Yes, on certain tours it is mandatory that you wear the appropriate safety equipment in order to participate. Such equipment includes, but is not limited to snorkel vests, life vests, helmets, etc.

**Q. WHAT IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN A CERTIFIED DIVE TOUR?**

**A.** An open-water scuba certification card must be presented in order to participate in a certified dive tour. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate divers with either a Junior Open Water or a Scuba Diver rating due to the depth limitations imposed by these certifications. The sport-diving industry recommends that divers take an update course if they have not been diving within the last six months. Please note that some dive operators may reserve the right to refuse to take divers who cannot provide proof of the date of their last dive or scuba review course. We recommend you bring a log book or proof that you have recently completed a review course.

There are certain medical conditions that may prevent your participation. Accordingly, you will be required to complete a medical-history form and liability waiver/release form that will be supplied onboard or by the tour operator. Following is a non-inclusive list of several medical conditions that may prevent you from safely participating in scuba diving. Any of these conditions would also require an examination prior to your cruise by a qualified physician to obtain written permission to participate in scuba diving activities. Heart disease or previous heart attack, diabetes, epilepsy or seizures, high blood pressure or the need to take medication to control blood pressure, pregnancy, asthma or any form of lung disease, recent surgery, blackouts, sinus problems, fear of closed spaces, recurring complicated migraines headaches, recurrent ear problems, severe motion sickness and presently taking prescription

medicines with the exception of birth control. Passengers are welcome to bring and use their own personal equipment, but it must be stored in their stateroom and there is no reduction in the tour price.

**Q. ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN AN INTRODUCTORY/DISCOVER SCUBA DIVING TOUR?**

**A.** Yes, there are certain medical conditions that may prevent your participation. Accordingly, you must complete a medical history form and liability waiver/release form that will be provided on board or by the tour operator at the beginning of the tour. Following is a non-inclusive list of several medical conditions that may prevent you from safely participating in scuba diving. Any of these conditions would also require an examination prior to your cruise by a qualified physician to obtain written permission to participate in scuba diving activities. Heart disease or previous heart attack, diabetes, epilepsy or seizures, high blood pressure or take medicine to control blood pressure, presently taking prescription medicines with the exception of birth control, pregnancy, asthma or any form of lung disease, recent surgery, blackouts, sinus problems, fear of closed spaces, recurring complicated migraine headaches, recurrent ear problems, and severe motion sickness. For Introductory Scuba Diving tours there is a minimum age of 10. Passengers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Q. ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN A SNUBA DIVING, HELMET DIVING OR UNDERWATER SCOOTER TOUR?**

**A.** Yes, there are certain medical conditions that may prevent your participation. Accordingly, you will be required to complete a medical-history form and liability waiver/release form that will be supplied onboard or by the tour operator. Following is a non-inclusive list of several medical conditions that may prevent you from safely participating in scuba diving. Any of these conditions would also require an examination prior to your cruise by a qualified physician to obtain written permission to participate in scuba diving activities. Heart disease or previous heart attack, diabetes, epilepsy or seizures, high blood pressure or take medicine to control blood pressure, presently taking prescription medicines with the exception of birth control, pregnancy, asthma or any form of lung disease, recent surgery, blackouts, sinus problems, fear of closed spaces, recurring complicated migraine headaches, recurrent ear problems, and severe motion sickness. For helmet or SNUBA tours there is a minimum age of 8 years and passengers must weigh at least 75 pounds. For underwater scooter tours there is a minimum age of 10.

**Q. ON SPORTFISHING EXCURSIONS, DO I GET TO KEEP THE FISH I CATCH?**

**A.** Most sportfishing tours offered by Princess are part of a catch-and-release program. Fish that are edible and not endangered are typically landed and kept by the boat crew. Please remember you have purchased an opportunity to catch fish, not a guarantee of doing so. As one of our boat captains said, "We guarantee fishing, not catching."

In Alaska only, if your tour is not designated as catch and release, your catch can be processed and shipped home for an additional charge as arranged by the tour operator. Because of its perishable nature and U.S. Customs regulations, your catch may not be sent outside of the United States in most cases. Due to federal regulations, your catch may not be stored onboard the ship, but may be prepared for dinner onboard. Fish caught while at our lodges in Alaska, needs to be shipped home if not part of a catch-and-release program. In Alaska, fishing licenses are required and can be purchased on your boat for \$20 per person in cash (rates subject to change). Fishing for king salmon requires an additional \$10 retention tag (rates subject to change). Children under 16 do not need a license. Fish runs are dependent on spawning seasons, so during May and late-September fish stock may be more limited. Go to [www.adfg.state.ak.us](http://www.adfg.state.ak.us) for more details on licensing requirements and fishing regulations in Alaska.

**Q. WHAT SHOULD I KNOW BEFORE TAKING A HELICOPTER TOUR?**

**A.** Due to weight and balance limitations, as well as passenger safety and comfort, the helicopter excursion companies have advised that passengers weighing 250 pounds or more (fully clothed) will be assessed a surcharge to reserve adequate space onboard the helicopter. The surcharge amount will be indicated in the "Special Notes" section of each tour.

Because of the limited capacity and high demand for helicopter tours, they are not refundable unless cancelled by 12:00pm on the day after embarkation. Children 24 months of age and older are required to have their own seat. Children under 24 months are considered lap infants and may ride free of charge if the tour operator can accommodate them - with prior arrangement through the onboard Tour Office. Parents must show proof of age to the tour operator for any lap infant.

Carry-on bags are not allowed and limited secure storage is provided at the heliport. Helicopters may carry up to six guests depending on combined group weight. The flight length is approximate and flight route may vary due to weather conditions. Helicopter tours may be cancelled on short notice due to weather or safety issues. Warm clothing and sunglasses are recommended on helicopter tours. Dressing in layers is practical and lets you adjust your attire to meet changing conditions.

For helicopter tours in Denali National Park, a surcharge is not charged for guest over 250lbs. The helicopter company will assign aircraft and seats based on weight and balance. While every consideration is made to keep traveling companions and/or families together, this is not always possible for safety reasons.

**Q. DOES PRINCESS OWN THE TOUR COMPANIES IN THE PORTS?**

**A.** No, all of the shore excursions are operated by local, independent companies not by Princess; Princess retains a

portion of the total sale. We selected only the most reputable companies available to provide your excursions. The companies providing your excursions are selected by Princess based on their excellent reputation for service and safety.

#### **Q. WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED PASSENGERS?**

**A.** Our answer, of course, depends on the type and degree of the disability. The goal of Princess Cruises is to provide a safe comfortable cruise experience for all passengers. If you will be using a mobility device during your sailing we strongly recommend you travel with a person physically fit to assist with your needs both onboard and ashore.

If passengers are able to walk on their own, we recommend tours designated as requiring a moderate level of activity. The transport on some tours may be able to accommodate a collapsible wheelchair stored below the bus; scooters or motorized wheelchairs are often too large. If confined to a wheelchair, we would recommend reserving the excursions identified as wheelchair accessible (see Tour Symbols listed for each tour) or a private vehicle shore excursion. We also recommend that non-ambulatory passengers be accompanied by someone who is able to assist them throughout the duration of their day. Our Tour Staff can provide more information on touring options for non-ambulatory guests. Physically challenged passengers participating on a shore excursion must contact the Tour Office at least 48 hours prior to your excursion to ensure arrangements can be made to meet your particular needs.

Embarking and disembarking can be challenging for those with limited mobility. Many major ports of call provide easy access for wheelchairs and scooters. However due to various conditions: steepness of the gangway, weather, shoreside facilities and tidal and sea conditions, passengers using mobility devices may be required to transfer to a stair climber or be precluded from going ashore. Princess staff will make every effort to assist but are not allowed to individually physically lift more than 50 pounds (22 kg).

Some ports of call require the ship to anchor off shore. Passengers are then taken to shore by small boats or tenders. When tendering is required, passengers using mobility devices will not be transferred into or out of the tender, if lifting in excess of the above limitation is required. Many tender ports do not provide wheelchair access so even if the passenger can board the tender they may not be able to disembark ashore. Again the shoreside facilities, movement of the tender, weather and tidal conditions can also preclude tendering.

The decision to allow any passenger to board a tender or disembark the vessel will be made by the Captain on the basis of the safety and welfare of all involved and is final. If passengers are unable to tender or disembark because of circumstances outlined above there will be no refund or credit for missed ports. While Princess recognizes your disappointment the safety of both passengers and crew takes precedence.

For more information on the terms and conditions for Princess Shore Excursions, please refer to the Special Information section. Every effort will be made to accommodate all passengers on the tour of their choice but, tours are operated by independent local companies and not by Princess. The final determination to let any passenger participate is made by the tour operator and therefore if, in the judgment of the tour operator, the safety or comfort of any passenger is in question, guests may be denied participation. This evaluation may not be able to be determined until meeting directly with the local tour operator.

# Special Information

**CONDITIONS** In selling tickets (including coupons or vouchers) or otherwise promoting or making arrangements for Excursions— whether for air, land or local water transportation; tours; sports or any other recreational activities; shore accommodations or meals or for any service, facility or activity other than onboard Princess' cruise ships – Princess acts only as agent for the independent tour operator supplying such excursions or services. Participation by a passenger in Excursions is conditioned upon such passenger's acceptance of the terms and conditions set forth in the Passage Contract contained in the Cruise Ticket, the Excursion Ticket and, depending on the activity, other documents which, among other things, expressly release Princess from any liability for such participation. Participation may also be subject to the independent tour operators' own terms and conditions.

**EXCURSION TIMINGS** Departure times for each tour will be listed on princess.com in the Cruise Personalizer. For Shore Excursions, they will also be listed on the Tour Order Form, which you will receive onboard. These have been published according to information from our Tour Operators, but are subject to change should the vessel's arrival time at any port be delayed, or the itinerary for any particular excursion be amended. Please note that the time shown will be the time the last tour vehicle leaves the pier or hotel. Passengers are requested to report to the specified departure location (either onboard ship or shoreside) at the designated time, as delay on your part can interfere with the pleasure of your fellow passengers.

**EXCURSIONS WITH LIMITED PARTICIPATION** Shore Excursions may be purchased in advance of your cruise departure or onboard ship on a first-come, first served basis. Many of our excursions have limited participation and reservation requests will be processed in the order received. When excursions are fully subscribed, additional requests will be placed on a waiting list in the order received. Land Excursions can not be waitlisted but we actively request more space wherever possible from our tour operators; if a tour is sold out we encourage guests to revisit the Cruise Personalizer at a later date and they can also check for more availability at the tour desks in our Alaska ports.

**PERSONAL POSSESSIONS** Coats, wraps, umbrellas, cameras, handbags, traveling bags and similar personal articles remain at all times through the tour under the passenger's custody and control. Be careful that you do not leave your possessions unattended at any time in the car or coach in which you are traveling.

**PRICES** The prices for Excursions are subject to change without notice; are per adult, per child or in some cases per vehicle. Prices are confirmed at the time of booking. All quotations made include conveyance according to the itinerary and, where applicable, meals, refreshments, guides and entrance fees, unless otherwise stated. Children, other than infants in arms, will be charged full fare unless noted otherwise.

**SHOPPING** Where possible, time for shopping has been allowed within the framework of some excursions. However, excursions are not primarily designed for shopping, and time allowed for this purpose may be limited.

**REFUNDS** No refunds can be made on any ticket, coupon or voucher unless notice of cancellation is given before the closing date indicated on the booking form for the excursions involved. The times when bookings will close will be published onboard. In the event of any excursion being canceled for reasons beyond our control, a full refund will be made. However, should any excursion have to be abandoned through force majeure or difficulties en route, the best possible refund will be arranged according to the circumstances. Land Excursions that were pre-reserved, charged and then cancelled due to weather or other operator approved cancellation will be refunded using the same credit card used to book your excursions. These refunds will typically be reflected on your credit card statement between 7-10 business days after cancellation. Tours booked while on your land tour are considered final at the time of purchase and are 100% non-refundable except in the case of a cancellation by the vendor.

**TRANSPORTATION** Passengers should appreciate that standards of transport vary considerably throughout the world. Air-conditioned coaches are not available in many areas, and in some, local buses are the best available. Cars or taxis are also used at some ports where coach or bus transportation is not available or limited. Passengers wishing to travel with friends should all leave the ship together, as this will help the Tour Staff to allocate them space in the same vehicle. For the comfort of all passengers, smoking is prohibited aboard all sightseeing vehicles.

**WITHDRAWAL OF TOURS** The Tour Operator reserves the right to withdraw any excursion through lack of demand and to make any alterations that they may deem advisable for the comfort of the passengers, bearing in mind the convenience and best interest of each group.

**ECOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT.** It is our policy to maintain a positive and proactive position in relation to the environment. We realize that there is much work to be done to achieve our company goals. To this end we are continually striving to increase awareness of any environmental issues that are likely to affect any of the excursions we offer. We work closely with our local agents to convey any environmental messages in our shore excursion programs and therefore ask you to support us in our efforts by respecting the cultures, customs and environmental issues of the various destinations we visit.