



# Ireland & Scotland 2026: Tour Itinerary

## Day 0

- Flight Toronto (YYZ) to Dublin (DUB).

## Day 1

- Arrival in Dublin. Take a reserved mini-bus to the hotel (provided).
- Drop bags at **Temple Bar Hotel** (13-17 Fleet Street, D2 Dublin, Ireland)
- Catch Hop-on-hop-off bus. Ride the Dublin circuit. [LINK](#)
- Get off at stop #7 to see the **Little Museum**. (Tickets included.)
- Get back on the HOHO bus. Ride to stop #16. Go to **Guinness Storehouse** for a 3:30 PM tour. (Tickets included). *[Interactive map at this [LINK](#). You can even see the little bus icons moving around in real time! FYI, our hotel is nearest to stop #10 (I think).]*
- Take HOHO bus to stop #25 (Bachelor's Walk/Ha-penny Bridge). Walk >2min. to dinner at **Old Mill Restaurant** [LINK](#) for a **6:30PM** group reservation. Meal included.

## Day 2

- Breakfast at the hotel (included), begins at 7:00 AM.
- Meet at **33 College Green, Dublin 2, D02 DD76** next to Hawksmoor Restaurant no later than 8:00AM. (5 min. walk from the hotel.)
- Depart for **Kilkenny, Wicklow Mountains, Glendalough, and Laragh Sheepdog Trials guided tour**.
- Return to Dublin and dropped off at 6:15PM at Westmoreland Street, Dublin 2, D02 PW96. (2 min. walk to the hotel.)
- Dinner on your own.

## Day 3

- Breakfast at hotel (included).
- Free time\* in Dublin /OR/ swim at "**The 40 Foot.**" (Transportation will need to be arranged prior, not included.)
- *[Several have booked tattoos at Dublin Ink. It is approximately a 7-minute walk from our hotel; address is 6 South Great George's Street, Dublin, D02 KT52.]*
- Lunch on your own *[Food & drink is available for purchase at Irish Dance Party activity below].*
- **The Irish Dance Party**, The Merchants Arch Bar 49 Wellington Quay, Dublin D02 EY65 Ireland 2:30PM. [LINK](#). (included/provided) (3 min. walk from the hotel.)
- Free time\* in Dublin / Dinner on your own. *[Pro-tip: grab some snacks for tomorrow's bus ride and/or breakfast items as we depart from Dublin before the hotel kitchen opens.]*

## Day 4

- Breakfast provided by hotel (cold "take away" breakfast, as we depart before the kitchen opens)
- Check out by 6:30AM.

- Meet at Starbucks College Green, 1 College Green, Dublin, no later than 6:50AM. (4-5 min. walk from the hotel.)
- Depart for **Belfast, Black Cab tour, Dunluce Castle, and Giant's Causeway guided tour**. [LINK](#).
- Dropped near St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, Donegall St, Belfast BT1 2HB after the tour (approx. 6:00PM).
- It will be approximately 0.6 mile / 15 min. walk to the hotel.
- Check in to hotel **Doubletree by Hilton Belfast City Ten Square** (10 Donegall Square South, Belfast, BT1 5JD, United Kingdom).
- Dinner on your own.

## Day 5 - DRIVING ½ DAY

- Breakfast on your own (It is not included because our departure is earlier than the kitchen opens. I suggest waiting to grab something to eat on the ferry once we are underway.)
- Walk 0.4 miles (approx. 10 minutes) to Belfast Grand Central Bus Terminal to board the bus no later than 6:30AM.
- Bus/Ferry/Bus from Belfast to Glasgow. Board at **Stenna Line Ferry Terminal** (address above) no later than 6:45AM.
- Arrive to Cairnryan at approx. 10:30AM. Bus ride to Glasgow. Arrives at Buchanan St. Station at approx. 1:30PM.
- Catch shuttle to Celtic Legend Car Rental. Pick up rental vans.
- Stop by **Pollok Country Park** to visit some hairy coos! [LINK](#) / late lunch?
- Drive to Loch Lomond / **Tarbet Hotel** (Tarbet, G83 7DE, United Kingdom), approx. 1.5 hours.
- Dinner on your own (at hotel?)

## Day 6 - DRIVING DAY

- Breakfast at the hotel (included)
- Check out by 9:30AM. Depart.
- Drive to Oban via Iveraray.
- Stop en route to Oban to see Kilchurn Castle & St. Conan's Kirk (both free entrance)
- Lunch on your own (private lunch stop for lunch is **Ben Cruachan Inn** [LINK](#)).
- Check in to hotel **The Scot** (George Street, Oban, PA34 5NX, United Kingdom).
- Dinner at **The View** (provided) at 5:45PM [LINK](#). **Ceilidh** [pronounced KAY-LEE] performance begins at 7:00PM.

## Day 7

- Breakfast on your own (probably included).
- Free time\* in Oban. [*Highly recommended: shopping run for Day 9 snacks/sack lunch; laundry day? Note: Just a 2 min. walk from our hotel is Mandarin Laundry, a staffed laundromat, which provides full wash/dry/folding services, hotel pick-up & drop-off, and self-serve machines. Prices and more info here: [LINK](#).*]
- Group tour of **Oban Distillery** at 4:15 PM (tickets included/provided).

- Dinner on your own (suggested: **The Lorne Pub**) [LINK](#)

## Day 8 - DRIVING DAY

- Breakfast on your own (*not included - our departure for the ferry is earlier than the hotel kitchen opens*).
- Isle of Mull (Tobermory) day
- Meet at the ferry terminal no later than 7:45AM. Board both vans on the ferry. Depart for Isle of Mull.
- Drive to Tobermory.
- Lunch on your own.
- **Tobermory Distillery Warehouse 1 Tour @ 1:30PM.** [8 of our 14 are on this tour.]
- Free time\* in Tobermory. Departure from Tobermory no later than 3:30PM to make the ferry departure.
- Return to Mull ferry terminal in Craignure no later than 4:15PM. Return by ferry to Oban at approx. 5:55PM.
- Dinner on your own.

## Day 9

- Breakfast on your own (*not included - our departure for the ferry is earlier than the hotel kitchen opens*).
- Isle of Mull (Iona and Staffa) day. **PACK SACK LUNCH / SNACKS!**
- Meet at the ferry terminal again as on day 8 no later than 6:50AM. Leave vans and board the tour bus. Depart for Isle of Mull.
- **Three Isles Early Bird guided tour** of the southern side of Mull, including town of Fionnport, Isle of Iona, Iona Abbey (entrance included with Explorer Pass), boat tour of Isle of Staffa (Fingal's Cave), puffin sighting, etc.
- Return to Mull ferry terminal in Craignure by 4:35PM. Return ferry to Oban. Arrive in Oban at 5:56PM.
- Dinner on your own.

## Day 10 - DRIVING DAY

- Breakfast at the hotel (probably included - must eat between 8:00-8:45 AM).
- Check out of the hotel / depart by 8:45AM.
- Drive to **Glenfinnan Viaduct** to see the 10:45AM **Jacobite Steam Train** (Harry Potter train). (Glenfinnan Viaduct, Glenfinnan PH37 4LT, UK)
- Stop at **Loch Ness** while en route. Take Loch Ness boat cruise at 4:15PM (tickets included). (Jacobite Loch Ness Cruises - Clansman Harbour, Harbour, Clansman, Inverness IV3 8AU, UK).
- Arrive at Inverness and check in to hotel **Rossal House** (Rossal House 31 Island Bank Road, Inverness, IV2 4QS, UK).
- Dinner on your own

## Day 11

- Breakfast on your own (not included - accommodations are “self-catering”).
- Half of the group: **John O'Groats, Dunrobin Castle, and the Far North guided bus tour** (tickets included). Meet at Railway Terrace, Inverness, IV1 1NW. Look out for their coach or their sign on the lamp post. Meet by 8:00 / depart 8:15
- Other half of group: free time\* in Inverness
- Lunch and dinner on your own. (Recommendation: MacGregor's Pub: [LINK](#).)

## Day 12

- Breakfast on your own (not included - accommodations are “self-catering”).
- Same as day 11; swap with the other half of the group.
- Lunch and dinner on your own.

## Day 13 - DRIVING DAY

- Breakfast on your own (not included - accommodations are “self-catering”).
- Check out / depart by 8:30AM.
- Drive to Glasgow.
- Brunch/early lunch in **Pitlochry** on your own (at approximately 10:30AM)
- Stop en route to see **Stirling Castle** (entry covered by Explorer Pass) at approx. 1:00 PM. Resume trip by 2:30PM
- Check in to hotel **The Hazlitt Apartments** (27 Causeyside Street, Paisley, PA1 1UL, United Kingdom).
- Return rental vans (Ken and Kyle) to Celtic Legend Paisley branch (PA3 1QW). Shuttle service back to Paisley Gilmour Street station, then approx. 7-minute walk back to the hotel.
- Walk to farewell dinner at **The Pendulum** (11 Gauze St, Paisley, PA1 1EP) at 7:00PM (provided) [LINK](#).

## Day 14

- Breakfast on your own (not included - accommodations are “self-catering”).
- Check out / depart by 5:55AM.
- Reserved mini-bus shuttle from hotel to airport at 6:00AM (included/provided).
- Flight Glasgow (GLA) to Dublin (DUB) via RyanAir flight FR275 departs 8:20AM.
- Arrive in Dublin (DUB) at approximately 9:20AM.
- Flight Dublin (DUB) to Toronto (YYZ) via WestJet flight WS34 departs 12:15PM (BST/UTC+1).
- Arrive in Toronto at approximately 2:55PM (EDT/UTC-4).

Meals provided: 5-8 breakfasts, 3 dinners

**4 guided tours**, for which I will need to collect €6 and £6 from each group member. This will be split into four tips of €42 (x2) and £42 (x2) for each of our tour guides.

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\*Free Time suggestions by location:

## Dublin

- **Trinity College / Book of the Kells** (entry fees are adults €26, students/seniors €21-23, family rate €65) - this includes access to the Book of Kells, the Long Room in the Old Library, and the digital exhibition in the Red Pavilion. Additional tour options include a 45-minute guided tour with a student guide (€39), or a professional guide (€65), or a basic ticket (limited supply/sells out quickly) for €19.
- **Chester Beatty** (free admission): this world-class museum is a 5-minute walk from the center of the Temple Bar district on the grounds of Dublin Castle. It houses an incredible collection of rare manuscripts, ancient books, and artistic treasures from across the globe. There is a rooftop garden and cafe for a reasonably priced lunch.
- **Love Lane**. Outdoor art gallery with colorful murals, street art, and ceramic tiles featuring quotes and poetry. (Free!)
- **Temple Bar Gallery and Studios**. Gallery showcasing cutting-edge contemporary Irish and international art. It is one of the oldest artist-led organizations in the city. (Free!)
- **Photo Museum Ireland**. In Meeting House Square, this is the leading gallery for contemporary photography in Ireland. (Free!)
- **National Photographic Archive**. Focuses on historical Irish photography. (Free!)
- **Ha'penny Bridge**. Iconic 1816 cast-iron footbridge. While it once cost a half-penny to cross, today it is free!
- **National Museum of Ireland, Collins Barracks**. Housed in a massive former military barracks, this museum focuses on decorative arts and history. It is a fantastic place to spend a rainy afternoon exploring the evolution of Irish life and military endeavors. (Free!)
- **The Dublin Portal**. Located on North Earl St., facing toward O'Connell St. (near The Spire), this is a visual bridge between several rotating locations. It was unveiled in May of 2024 as a live-streaming public art installation. It is a live, two-way video link (no audio) to other cities around the world. It isn't a *long* thing, but it's pretty cool, so if you happen to be going by it, it is definitely worth stopping for a few minutes. (Free!)
- **Irish Rock'n'Roll Museum Experience**. This is a 3-part guided tour experience with a jam room (a fully working rehearsal room for you to play with your own band), a cinema (sit back and relive the exciting history of Irish Rock'n'Roll, and a recording studio (Temple Lane Recording Studios that have been at the center of Irish music since 1984). Open 10:30AM-5:00PM. Tickets are €22 adults, €19 seniors/students, €17 teens, or €65 family rate.

Free-time suggestions (cont'd.)

## Oban

- **Museum of War and Peace** (free entrance!)
- **Dunstaffnage Castle** (Explorer pass entrance included)
- **Dunolie Castle** (Explorer pass entrance included)
- **McCaig's Tower** (Coliseum-looking enclosed park with great views of Oban, free)
- **Kilchurn Castle** (free entrance)
- **Ganava Sands** (beach, free)
- **Pulpit Hill Viewpoint** (less busy than McCaig's Tower for Oban vantage point, free)
- **Gylen Castle** ruins (free-but only accessible via Isle of Kerrara passenger ferry)
- **Oban esplanade** (shopping, for example: Oban Chocolate Shop, etc.)
- **Oban Cycles**. [LINK](#). Not free, but if you are in the mood for a bike ride, this could be a great way to spend a few hours or a full day!
- **Sea Kayaking!** [LINK](#). Also not free, but if you are up for the adventure...
- **Seafood Shack** (freshest seafood you will ever eat!)

## Tobermory\*\*

- **The Mull Museum**. (Free!)
- **Aros Park**. Former estate converted into public park, includes several maintained paths and multiple waterfalls. (Free!)
- **Rubha nan Gall Lighthouse**. Approx. a 4km round trip walk takes you through woodland and along the shoreline, with the historic lighthouse at one end, and frequent sightings of coastal birds and seals along the way! (Free!)
- **Tackle and Books**. A shop about fishing, books, and books about fishing.
- **An Tobar**. This is an arts center set in an old Victorian primary school. It frequently hosts contemporary arts exhibitions, with a cafe and a shop on site.
- **Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust**. Gift shop and conservation site.
- **Tobermory Stores**. Great takeaway food- soup, salads, sandwiches, pies, etc. Good selection of vegan and gluten free stuff.
- **Mull Pottery Studio and Shop**.
- **Blue Island Gallery**. Art gallery, shop, and Thai food? A reviewer said they served Pad Thai?! [Amanda Smith](#)
- **Hasn Candle Company**. Artisan candle crafting shop.
- **Isle of Mull Soap**. Pretty self-explanatory.

Free-time suggestions (cont'd.)

## Inverness

- **Leaky's Bookshop** (free entrance, not open on Sundays)
- **Inverness Museum and Art Gallery** (free)
- **Inverness Botanic Gardens and Cafe** (free admission)
- **Ness Islands** (free walking tour among the group of connected river islands, circular 3-mile foot path)
- **The Victorian Market** (local shops of various sorts)
- **Inverness Cathedral of St. Andrew** (free entrance-gift shop and small cafe on grounds)
- **Clava Cairns** (4000 year-old Bronze Age cemetery, short drive from Inverness, free entrance)
- **Culloden Battlefield** (entrance fees vary depending on if you are simply going to the visitor center or joining a guided tour of the moor/battlefield, ranging from £8 to £16.50 per person, plus £5 parking per vehicle. There is a family rate of approx. £36)
- **Cawdor Castle** (in nearby Nairn, about a 20 minute drive. Entrance fees are £17 (ages 16+), £15 (over 60), or £8.50 (ages 6-15).