

# BEST OF IRELAND & SCOTLAND

16 Days | 20 April - 05 May 2022



Meet Sir Ludovic Shaw-Stewart at Ardgowan Estate,

## INSIGHT EXPERIENCES

Ardgowan: Sir Ludovic Shaw-Stewart welcomes you with a tour of his property, set on a 10,000-acre coastal estate, followed by the delightful and elegant tradition of a Scottish high tea.

Visit Trinity College with VIP access to the Book of Kells in Dublin • Irish National Stud and Japanese Gardens in Kildare • Waterford Crystal workshop • Londonderry with a Local Expert.

## TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Travel the Ring of Kerry • Cruise on Loch Ness  
Tour of Edinburgh with a Local Expert  
Visit Blarney Castle • Cliffs of Moher • Giant's Causeway • Culloden Moor • Cairns of Clava • Edinburgh Castle

## LAND ONLY

\$5,700 per person | Twin Share  
Single Supplement | \$1,800



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**DAY 1: 20 APRIL 2022**  
**WELCOME TO DUBLIN**

On arrival at Dublin airport, transfer to your hotel. Join your Travel Director for a friendly Welcome Dinner, an opportunity to get to know each other over a meal with wine.

**Meal(s):** Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** Clayton Hotel Charlemont, Dublin or similar - 2 Nights

**DAY 2: 21 APRIL 2022**  
**IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY**

An orientation with your Travel Director will take you past the Custom House and travel along the River Liffey. See the Guinness Storehouse, Christchurch Cathedral and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Enjoy your VIP priority entrance to the 9th century Book of Kells and a walk through the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College accompanied by a university insider, gaining their insight into modern life and the establishment's impressive history.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast

**DAY 3: 22 APRIL 2022**  
**KILDARE AND CORK**

Witness life behind the scenes of the National Stud Farm, where many legend racehorses are bred, before tracing the journey of the soul through life in the finest Japanese gardens in Europe, designed by master horticulturists, Tassa and Minoru. Continue on to Cork, Ireland's second most populous city, built on the River Lee. Travel along Grand Parade to see Cork's City Hall and Opera House.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Maldron Hotel South Mall, Cork or similar

**DAY 4: 23 APRIL 2022**  
**BLARNEY CASTLE AND KILLARNEY**

Visit the ruined 15th century Blarney Castle, home of the famous Stone of Eloquence - once kissed, never forgotten! Or enjoy a sensory walk in the extensive and varied estate gardens. The afternoon is at leisure before meeting with the group for a lovely dinner with wine.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** Killarney Plaza Hotel, Killarney or similar - 2 Nights

**DAY 5: 24 APRIL 2022**  
**RING OF KERRY - INSIGHT CHOICE**

Explore Killarney with Insight Choice. Choose between a memorable ride on a horse-drawn jaunting car with the local jarveys, or join a gentle hike with a Local Expert along the lake shore and past the grounds of Ross Castle, admiring the incredible scenery of the National Park. While there aren't any mountains to climb, walkers should be fit, have good walking shoes or boots, sunscreen and rain gear. Tour the superb seascapes, towering cliffs and spectacular mountains of the Ring of Kerry. Journey past lush lakelands and through delightful villages like Sneem. Cross the peat bogs of the Black Mountains to Moll's Gap and admire Queen Victoria's Ladies View. Upon returning in the mid-afternoon, the rest of the day is at leisure.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast

**DAY 6: 25 APRIL 2022**  
**THE CLIFFS OF MOHER**

Begin the day with a short ferry ride across the Shannon Estuary. Journey to the Visitors' Centre at the 700-foot Cliffs of Moher. Enjoy magnificent views of the Clare Coast before continuing to your hotel located at the gateway to the Wild Atlantic Way.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Connemara Coast Hotel, Galway or similar

**DAY 7: 26 APRIL 2022**  
**GLORIOUS GALWAY TO SLIGO BAY**

Join your Travel Director in Galway to see the infamous Lynch Memorial and the Church of St. Nicholas, where Christopher Columbus reputedly prayed before his discovery of America. Also see the aged Spanish Arch and Eyre Square, dedicated to the late US President, John F. Kennedy. Tour the wild Connemara region, a scenic wonderland of rivers, lakes and silent hills. Drive along the scenic shores of Sligo Bay.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa, Sligo or similar

**DAY 8: 27 APRIL 2022**  
**WALK IN THE GIANT'S STEPS**

The day begins in Drumcliffe, with a visit to the final resting place of Ireland's famous poet, William Butler Yeats. Cross into Northern Ireland and visit Londonderry with Ronan, one of What better way to

**Hotel:** Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast, Dinner  
the best local storytellers. Continue around the coast to the amazing Giant's Causeway, then take a spectacular drive along the Antrim Coast to your hotel, overlooking the sea at the head of Ballygally Bay.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** Ballygally Castle Hotel

**DAY 9: 28 APRIL 2022**  
**HIGH TEA AT ARDGOWAN ESTATE**

Cross the Irish Sea by ferry and journey to Ardgowan. Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart welcomes you to his family castle, set on a 10,000-acre coastal estate. Learn the history of the area, the family and the castle itself, followed by a traditional Scottish tea and scones. Continue to Glasgow where your Travel Director will show you the city's grand public buildings, including George Square and St. Mungo's Cathedral.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast, Afternoon Tea

**Hotel:** Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow or similar.

**DAY 10: 29 APRIL 2022**  
**GLENCOE AND LOCH NESS**

A scenic drive takes you along the Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond. Absorb the dramatic landscape of Glencoe, still echoing with the cries of massacred clansmen. Pause at the Commando Memorial for a view of Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis before reaching the Great Glen. Continue on to Loch Ness and embark on a cruise to soak up the scenery, historic monuments and intriguing tales of Nessie.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** Kingsmill Hotel, Inverness - 2 Nights

**DAY 11: 30 APRIL 2022**  
**A HIGHLANDS EXPERIENCE.**

In the morning, see the sights of Inverness before travelling to the Culloden Moor Visitor Centre, where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army was finally defeated. Not much more than a cannon shot away lies the prehistoric Clava burial cairns, dating back to around 2,000 B.C. Then have a 'wee dram' during a visit to the Glen Ord Distillery, hear stories of the whisky smugglers as you delve into the fascinating world of the single malt.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

**DAY 12: 01 MAY 2022**  
**ST. ANDREWS AND EDINBURGH**

A scenic drive takes you through the Grampian Mountains past the Duke of Atholl's Blair Castle. Drive down and cross the Tay to visit St. Andrews. As you arrive, pass the Old Course, the home of golf since its invention in the 15th century. Enjoy free time to explore. Why not wander to St. Andrews University where the love story of Kate Middleton and Prince William began? Alternately, stroll to West Sands Beach where the famous 'Chariots of Fire' scene was filmed. Continue to the Scottish capital, Edinburgh.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Malmaison Hotel, Edinburgh or similar - 3 Nights

**DAY 13, 14: 02, 03 MAY 2022**  
**SCOTLAND'S CAPITAL OF CULTURE**

On Day 13, join your Local Expert to see the highlights of the city. Drive along Princes Street to the ornate Scott Memorial, then see the 18th century New Town with its neoclassical Georgian facades. In the Old Town see the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of the Queen. Venture up the Royal Mile to visit Edinburgh Castle, home of Mons Meg, the Stone of Destiny and Scotland's Crown Jewels, the Honours of Scotland. In the afternoon, you are at leisure to continue exploring as you wish, or perhaps go shopping. Join your friends for your Celebration Dinner this evening. Spend the following day at your leisure in Edinburgh

**Meal(s):** 2 Breakfasts, Celebration Dinner with Wine

**DAY 15: 04 MAY 2022**  
**LONDON**

Travel across the British countryside to London where you will spend the evening.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast

**DAY 16: 05 MAY 2022**  
**LONDON**

Your journey ends with a transfer to the London airport.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast

Terms: \*Price is in Canadian Dollars, land only per person, based on sharing a twin room. Single & triple rooms are on a request basis. \$200.00 non-refundable deposit due within 3 days of booking. Insurance covering COVID-related expenses is highly recommended, please inquire for details. Final payment due 75 days prior to departure. Group Transfer: If flights are booked outside of the group transfer times, guests can make their own way to the/from hotels/airports or may be able to arrange for transfers at an additional cost. No refund for missed or unused transfers. Excludes: Any item not mentioned in the itinerary including but not limited to: personal expenses, drinks, optional excursions, gratuities to your assigned Travel Director, Driver and Local Guides. We reserve the right to alter, cancel arrangements or adjust pricing according to the number of confirmed guests. We reserve the right to vary itineraries/hotels/venues should circumstances (i.e. weather, traffic or timing) dictate, as well as cancel in accordance with operating requirements or circumstances beyond its control. TICO 1873715/ 1105151.

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