



DUBLIN AND LONDON



*Educational
Tours*

→ *Discover the Global Classroom*

9 or 12 DAYS

Dublin and London

Ireland • Wales • England *Extension to France*



Number of overnight stays in parentheses. This tour may also be reversed.

Program Fee includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (10 with extension)
- Complete European breakfast and dinner daily (lunch instead of dinner on Day 6)
- Full-time bilingual EF Tour Director
- 2 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides: Dublin • London
- 1 sightseeing tour led by your tour director: Stratford
- 2 EF walking tours: Dublin • London
- 6 visits to special attractions: *Book of Kells* • St. Patrick's Cathedral • Welsh castle Warwick Castle • Anne Hathaway's cottage Shakespeare's birthplace

OPTIONAL:

Powerscourt and Glendalough • Hampton Court

WITH EXTENSION: All of the above PLUS:

- 2 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides: Paris • Versailles
- 1 EF walking tour: Paris
- 2 visits to special attractions: Notre Dame Cathedral • Versailles
- Eurostar high-speed train
- Whisper headsets for tour of Versailles



From St. Stephen's Green to Hyde Park, you'll be surprised by how much greenery can be found in these two world-class cities.

Day 1 Flight

Overnight flight to Ireland • Spend the night flying across the Atlantic.

Day 2 Dublin

Arrival in Dublin • Touch down in literary Dublin. After clearing customs, you are greeted by your EF Tour Director, who will remain with you throughout your stay.

Walking tour of Dublin • Join your EF Tour Director for a stroll through "Dublin's fair city." Originally a Viking settlement, Baile Átha Cliath (Dublin's original Gaelic name, which means "town of hurdles") is situated on the banks of the River Liffey, which divides the city north and south. This informative orientation is perfect for your first day in the historic capital of Ireland. Keep an eye out for Dublin's famous Georgian-era (18th-century) architecture as you stroll through the city. Walk down the brick-lined Grafton Street, the city's premier shopping street; visit the striking greenery of St. Stephen's Green, simply called Stephen's Green by local Dubliners; and make your way through Temple Bar, Dublin's hippest neighborhood. (Order of sights visited may vary.)

Day 3 Dublin

Guided sightseeing of Dublin • For a city of only 1 million people, Dublin has offered the world a disproportionately large number of great literary works. See what inspired writers like Joyce, Beckett and Yeats during your guided tour of Ireland's capital, scenically situated between Dun Laoghaire (pronounced "dun

leery") and the rocky peaks of Howth Head. Pass by the residence of the president of Ireland as you journey through Phoenix Park. Then continue down O'Connell Street, a wide, tree-lined avenue named for one of Ireland's most famous nationalists. Ride past the banks of the River Liffey to the 800-year-old St. Patrick's Cathedral, built to honor the patron saint of Ireland, who brought Christianity to the country in the 5th century. Jonathan Swift once served as dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Then see the famous doors of Dublin as you ride through the city's elegant Georgian squares. You'll also pass an ancient Viking site (the Vikings founded Dublin in the 9th century).

Book of Kells • Visit Trinity College, established by Queen Elizabeth I in 1592. Trinity alumni include playwright Samuel Beckett and satirist Jonathan Swift. In the Long Room of the Old Library, view the illuminated 8th-century *Book of Kells*, written by Irish monks and found buried in the ground in 1007. You'll also see a harp that originally belonged to famous Irish warrior Brian Boru.

Day 4 Dublin

Optional excursion to Powerscourt and Glendalough • Join a full-day optional excursion into the countryside of Wicklow to visit Powerscourt House, where you can walk through Ireland's most beautiful formal gardens; and Glendalough, a romantic glen where St. Kevin founded Ireland's most important monastery in the 6th century.



Learn before you go
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Free day in Dublin • Alternatively, enjoy a free day in Dublin to make your own discoveries. Ask your tour director for suggestions.

Day 5 Dublin • North Wales

Transfer to North Wales • Ferry across the Irish Sea to Wales. Land at Holyhead and enjoy wonderful vistas as you cross the island of Anglesey to the mainland. While on the island, visit either Beaumaris Castle, a fortification dating from the 13th century that once guarded the Menai Straits, or Conwy Castle, Edward I's medieval masterpiece. Then continue through the scenic mountains and valleys of Snowdonia National Park to the North Wales region.

Day 6 North Wales • London

Transfer to London • Pass through the beautiful landscapes of Wales as you travel to London.

Visit to Warwick Castle • Your journey through the English countryside begins at Warwick Castle. Former home of Richard the Kingmaker—a pivotal figure during the War of the Roses—Warwick is considered by many to be the finest medieval castle in England. Climb the towers and ramparts, view the treasures in the Great Hall, or descend deep into the castle's bowels for a look at the dungeon and torture chamber. But tread softly as you go—the castle is reputedly haunted by the ghost of Sir Fulke Greville, who was stabbed to death here by a servant in 1628.

Tour director-led sightseeing of Stratford • “It is something, I thought, to have seen the dust of Shakespeare.” Discover what inspired

Washington Irving's famous words as you tour Stratford-upon-Avon, where Shakespeare was born, raised and buried. Step back into the Elizabethan age as you visit the half-timbered home in which the Bard was born, as well as see the old-fashioned English gardens and orchard of Anne Hathaway's Cottage, a picturesque thatched farmhouse where Shakespeare's wife spent her childhood.

Arrival in London • Arrive in London, Europe's largest city.

Day 7 London

Guided sightseeing of London • A local guide leads you on a panoramic tour of London. Begin in Grosvenor Square, which is sometimes called “Little America” because it's the site of the U.S. embassy and the house where Eisenhower once lived. Continue to Hyde Park Corner, located at the southeast corner of Hyde Park, one of London's largest parks. At bustling Piccadilly Circus, the intersection of five busy streets, check out the bright lights and big-city displays, before heading to Trafalgar Square. Pass Speaker's Corner, where anyone with something to say is invited to speak his or her mind. Snap a photo of the Houses of Parliament and continue along London's South Bank for views of the famous Tower of London and London Bridge. Stroll across the Millennium Bridge for an orientation of St. Paul's Cathedral, the magnificent 17th-century Baroque church designed by Sir Christopher Wren. Finally, witness a London tradition—the Changing of the Guard (subject to scheduling).

EF walking tour of London • Stroll through the heart of London on our EF walking tour, which begins along the banks of the River Thames. These shadowy waters gave the city its name, which derives from Llyn-Dyn, Celtic for “city of the lake.” Walk along the Strand and see the spot considered to be London's geographic center; all measurements of distances to London end here. Enter Trafalgar Square and pause at Nelson's Column, built to commemorate his 1805 victory in the Battle of Trafalgar. Continue on to Leicester Square, where duelists once fought to the death. Then saunter through London's tiny Chinatown. Your walk ends at chic Covent Garden, where you'll enjoy watching street performers (or “buskers”) amuse the lively crowds. (The exact walking route may vary, depending on your hotel location and the day's other activities.)

Day 8 London

Optional Excursion to Hampton Court • In 1514, Cardinal Wolsey built Hampton Court, a splendid Renaissance palace of grandeur unprecedented in England. In fact, it was so grand that King Henry VIII deemed it too opulent for a cardinal and appropriated the estate for himself. On this optional excursion, walk amid the booming echoes of the medieval Great Hall and listen for the voices of former residents—many people consider this to be Britain's most haunted house. The palace's renowned Astronomical Clock shows the hour, day, month, phase of the moon and time of high tide at London Bridge. On the grounds of Hampton Court is one of the best outdoor mazes ever designed. Try to find your way to the middle of the hedgerow labyrinth and out again.

Free time in London • Alternatively, enjoy free time in London. You might wish to visit the original Hard Rock Cafe or Madame Tussauds wax museum, take a cruise down the Thames or browse through the countless stores along Oxford Street. Attend a Shakespearean drama at a replica of the Globe Theatre, or visit the fascinating, hands-on exhibits of London's Natural History Museum.

Day 9 Home

Return home • Your tour director assists with the transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

There's something new to discover on every street.



EXTENSION

Day 9 London • Paris

Transfer via the Eurostar from London to Paris • In London, board the high-speed Eurostar, an 18-car train that runs through the tunnel connecting Britain with continental Europe. Completed in May 1994, the Channel Tunnel provides travelers with easy access to and from the continent. Enjoy state-of-the-art technology as you glide under the English Channel to France.

Arrival in Paris • Disembark in Paris, cosmopolitan City of Light.

Day 10 Paris

Guided sightseeing of Paris • Discover the city on the Seine, beginning with the imposing Arc de Triomphe, commemorating Napoleon's Grande Armée. Take a drive down the elegant Champs-Élysées to the Place de la Concorde. Pass the Conciergerie, where prisoners of the Revolution spent their final days, and see Les Invalides, Louis XIV's grand retirement home for wounded soldiers. You'll also see the École Militaire, where Napoleon graduated to lieutenant and was told he'd go far if circumstances allowed. Next, make a photo stop at the Eiffel Tower to marvel at the 6,000-ton centerpiece for the 1889 World's Fair. You'll hear the story of how this impressive—but once highly controversial—symbol of Paris was spared the wrecking ball in 1909. Pass the Opéra Garnier, where the famous Phantom of the Opera haunted his dear Christine, and

marvel at Église de la Madeleine, designed as a temple of glory for Napoleon's army. Continue past the geometric gardens of the Tuileries as you make your way to the Place Vendôme, a vast square surrounded by elegant 17th-century façades.

Guided visit to Versailles • Step back into *le grand siècle* as you experience the opulence of Versailles, the elaborate palace of Louis XIV. Built to be the envy of all of Europe, France's most extravagant château continually threatened to bankrupt the national treasury. Here, the Sun King held court in the most lavish style imaginable. At one point, 1,000 nobles were attended by 4,000 servants inside the palace, while 15,000 soldiers and servants inhabited the annexes. Stroll through the elegantly landscaped gardens, designed by André Le Nôtre. You'll also tour the State Apartments of the King himself and walk through the historic Hall of Mirrors, where France, Spain and England officially recognized the independence of the United States in 1783, and where the Treaty of Versailles, which ended WWI, was signed. You'll also witness the ornate decor of the Queen's State Apartments, furnished for Marie Antoinette. (Please note: Because of the extreme popularity of Versailles, guided visits of the interior cannot be guaranteed during peak seasons. In this case, your group will hear a presentation from your guide before entering the palace. Please also note that Versailles is closed every Monday.)

Day 11 Paris

Walking tour of Paris • Your walking tour of Paris centers around the Île de la Cité, considered the birthplace of Paris. This island surrounded entirely by the Seine has been inhabited since the 3rd century B.C. and was the political and religious center of France for centuries. Île de la Cité houses three of Paris' most important buildings: Notre Dame Cathedral; the Conciergerie, Paris' first prison; and St. Chapelle, the Gothic Catholic church.

Visit to Notre Dame Cathedral • Built between 1163 and 1361 over the remains of an ancient Roman temple, it was here that Napoleon crowned himself emperor in 1804. Victor Hugo once described the sculptured façade of Notre Dame as "a vast symphony in stone." However, had it not been for the creation of his famous hunchback, Quasimodo, the cathedral might never have returned to its former glory. Hugo's novel *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* helped inspire a 23-year restoration of the cathedral that began in 1841. Step inside to admire the stained-glass rose windows and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings.

Day 12 Home

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