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# Worry-Free, Small Group Travel

### Local Guides....At Your Service

All vacations are fully guided by locals who understand the history and customs in each region that we visit. These individuals are selected for their extensive knowledge of local industries and the centuries of tradition behind the food, clothes, music and architecture you will experience. All tours will be escorted by a John Hall's Alaska representative as well. Gratuity for your John Hall's Alaska representative is not included with your package and is at your discretion.

### **Deluxe Hotel Stays**

John Hall's Alaska includes overnights at historic properties and luxury boutique hotels that offer deluxe room amenities and chef-inspired cuisine. Locations are chosen for both the beauty of the location and the comfort of the traveler.

### **Dining Considerations**

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are included every day that you travel with John Hall's Alaska. We hand select (and taste test) culinary adventures that combine home cooked meals with finer fare. Please be prepared to sample the celebrated dishes of Ireland and Scotland as you journey through these wonderful countries. We believe food tells a story and is therefore an important aspect of your travels here. Complimentary beverages provided at breakfast, lunch and dinner will include unlimited water, coffee, juice and tea. Most dinners will include one adult beverage, either a house specialty cocktail or a beer/ wine choice. Additional adult beverage orders will be the responsibility of the guest and may be paid by credit card or with cash.

### Baggage Handling, Tax, Port Charges, and Gratuities

Don't lift a finger! We take care of your large luggage, delivering it to your room every evening and picking it up from your room upon check out. We include all entrance fees, port charges, hotel charges, taxes, fees, and gratuities for activities, meals and baggage handling, so you don't need to reach for your pocket book while on vacation.



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# Highlights & Hotel Overnights

## IRELAND

- 1 Arrive Cork & Kinsale, IRL Trident Hotel, Kinsale
- 2 Blarney Castle & Queenstown Story, IRL Trident Hotel, Kinsale
- 3 Maritime Museum & Ring of Kerry, IRL Killarney Park Hotel, Killarney
- 4 Dingle Peninsula & Dingle Crystal, IRL Killarney Park Hotel, Killarney
- 5 Foynes Flying Boat Museum & Dromoland Castle, IRL Dromoland Castle, Newmarket-on-Fergus
- 6 Cliffs of Moher, Rathbaun Farm & Dublin, IRL Castlenock Hotel, Dublin
- 7 Dublin, St Patrick's Cathedral, Book of Kells & Guinness Brewery, IRL Castlenock Hotel, Dublin

## **NORTHERN IRELAND**

8 Belfast City & Titanic Belfast, NIR Titanic Hotel, Belfast

### **SCOTLAND**

- 9 Alloway & Glasgow, SCT Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow
- 10 Loch Lomond, Glen Coe, Fort William & Inverness, SCT Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness
- 11 Culloden Battlefield, Glenlivet Distillery & Atholl Palace, SCT Atholl Palace Hotel, Pitlochry
- 12 Atholl Palace Activity Day, SCT Atholl Palace Hotel, Pitlochry
- 13 St. Andrews, Scotland's Secret Bunker & Edinburgh, SCT Dalhousie Castle Hotel, Edinburgh
- 14 Edinburgh, Royal Mile & Palace of Holyroodhouse, SCT Dalhousie Castle Hotel, Edinburgh
- 15 Fly Home Edinburgh, SCT

## 2022 Departures & Pricing

TOUR	DATE	SINGLE	DOUBLE
IRST-927	SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 11	OCCUPANCY	OCCUPANCY
IRST-101	OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 15	\$9,375	\$7,240

#### Per Person Pricing Includes All:

Attractions & corresponding gratuities, accommodations, fully guided service, 41 meals & corresponding gratuities, 1 adult beverage with every lunch and dinner, taxes, baggage handling & corresponding gratuities, airport meet and greet, and a special World Adventure keepsake.

#### Flights:

Arrival and departure airfare is not included. Flights should be booked to arrive in Cork, Ireland and return from Edinburgh, Scotland.



# Daily Itinerary: Days 1-5

# ARRIVE CORK & KINSALE OVERNIGHT

Upon arrival at the Cork airport, you will be greeted by your John Hall's Alaska representative and escorted to your awaiting motorcoach. Travel to Kinsale where you will check into the Trident Hotel, overlooking Kinsale Harbour for a two night stay. Kinsale is a historic fishing town on the southern coastline of County Cork. The remainder of the afternoon is free to relax after your travels and this evening you will enjoy dinner in the hotel's Fisher Street restaurant. *Dinner* 

# 2 BLARNEY CASTLE & QUEENSTOWN STORY

Start off your time in Ireland with a visit to Blarney Castle and Gardens. The castle was built in 1446 and today you will have an opportunity to climb the spiral stairs to the top of the castle and kiss the famous Blarney Stone, said to bestow the gift of eloquence on all those who dare. While on the castle grounds, you can visit the Castle Gardens and Rock Close. You will have some free time in the town of Blarney to visit the Blarney Woollen Mills before traveling to Cobh, one of the main points of emigration during the great famine. Here you will visit "The Queenstown Story" which portrays the hardship of life on board a ship as it sailed to the "New World". Annie Moore, the first ever emigrant to be processed on Ellis Island when it officially opened on January 1st, 1892 left from Cobh with her two brothers. Return to Kinsale with the remainder of the late afternoon free to enjoy browsing its many shops. All Meals

### 3 WEST CORK, MIZEN HEAD, KENMARE & KILLARNEY

Depart Kinsale and travel along the southern coastline to Mizen Head, the most southerly point of Ireland. Here you will visit the award winning Maritime Museum. You can also take a ten-minute walk across the Arched Bridge over the crashing waves to the Lighthouse. Following this adventure you will travel up the coast via lovely lazy towns & villages to Kenmare, an example of one of Ireland's few planned towns. Kenmare and its Gaelic name Neidin (Little Nest) so named because of its fine setting nestling as it does among the mountains of Cork and Kerry. You continue to Killarney taking in a 20-mile stretch of the famous Ring of Kerry. This evening you will check into your hotel for a two night stay. All Meals

# 4 DINGLE PENINSULA & DINGLE CRYSTAL

This morning experience the unspoiled beauty of the Dingle Peninsula, once cited as 'the most beautiful place on earth' by National Geographic. You will visit the Dingle Crystal Workshop founded by Sean Daly who designs, cuts, and signs each individual piece of crystal. As you travel around Slea Head, you will get some breathtaking views of the Atlantic coastline and see some beehive huts (early monastic settlements) dating back over a thousand years. View the Blasket Islands and see the locations for such films as Ryan's Daughter and Far and Away. You will have lunch in Dingle, followed by some free time to check out the many craft shops and the Dingle Crystal shop before returning to Killarney. All Meals

# **5** FOYNES FLYING BOAT MUSEUM & DROMOLAND CASTLE

Leaving Killarney this morning, travel to the Foynes Flying Boat Museum. This museum recalls the historic time from 1939 to 1945 when Foynes became the center of the aviation world. You will enjoy a guided tour and go inside a full scale replica of a Boeing 314 flying boat, the only one of its kind in the world. It was in this very building that Irish Coffee originated in 1943 and before departing you will be shown how to make the perfect Irish Coffee. Continue on to Newmarket- on - Fergus where you will check into the luxurious Dromoland Castle. The castle, built in the 16th century, was once the royal seat of the O'Brien clan and retains priceless reminders of the castle's historic past. The remainder of your day is free to enjoy some of the castle's many activities which include golf, fishing, falconry, clay pigeon shooting, tennis, archery and horseback riding. The golf course at Dromoland is regarded as one of the finest 18 hole parkland golf courses in the country. You may also like to try out the luxurious health spa. This evening you will enjoy dinner in the elegant surroundings of the castle's Earl of Thomond restaurant (jacket required for dinner). All Meals



# Highlights Days 1-5

#### Kinsale

Blarney Castle and Gardens Queenstown Story Killarney Mizen Head Maritime Museum Ring of Kerry Dingle Peninsula Dingle Crystal Workshop Foynes Flying Boat Museum Make An Authentic Irish Coffee Dromoland Castle + Activities





# Daily Itinerary: Days 6-10

#### 6 CLIFFS OF MOHER, RATHBAUN FARM & DUBLIN

After breakfast, travel to the majestic Cliffs of Moher which rise to a height of 600 feet over the Atlantic Ocean. O'Brien's Tower stands near the highest point and has served as a viewing point for visitors for hundreds of years. Continue through the lunar type landscape of the Burren which takes its name from the Irish word 'bhoireann' meaning, 'a stony place' or 'a rocky place'. Your next stop is Rathbaun Farm where a traditional ploughman's lunch will be laid out for us. Lunch will be followed by a guided tour of the sheep farm. Farm owner Fintan Connelly will give a demonstration on sheep shearing and sheep herding. From here you continue across the Irish midlands to Dublin for a two night stay. This evening dinner will be served at your hotel. All Meals

#### 7 SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, THE BOOK OF KELLS & THE GUINNESS BREWERY

Participate in a tour of Ireland's capital city, Dublin, today! Witness the Georgian Squares with their 18th Century houses, the Phoenix Park, statue filled O'Connell Street and fashionable Grafton Street. Visit Saint Patrick's Cathedral, a site which has been at the heart of Dublin history for over 800 years. Then visit the Old Library at Trinity College to view the famous Book of Kells. Round out your day with a stop at the Guinness Brewery founded in 1759. Here you will enjoy a guided tour which concludes with a delicious pint of Guinness in the 360-degree roof top bar. You will have some free time in the city before enjoying dinner in a local restaurant. All Meals

# 8 BELFAST CITY & TITANIC BELFAST

Travel to Belfast this morning for a tour of the city including City Hall, one of the finest Classical Renaissance buildings in Europe, the Linen Hall Library, which has been lending books for over 200 years, and the Grand Opera House, often described as the most beautiful Victorian theatre in the world! You will also see the Ulster Museum and Queen's University. Visit Titanic Belfast, nine galleries that tell the story of the RMS Titanic, her completion in Belfast, and her famous maiden voyage and tragic end. This evening you check into the Titanic Hotel. *All Meals* 

#### 9 FERRY TO CAIRNRYAN, ALLOWAY & GLASGOW

Scotland awaits! Journey to the port of Belfast where you will board a ferry for a 2 ½ hour sailing across the North Atlantic to Cairnryan in Scotland. Upon arrival in Scotland you will travel the coast road to Alloway, the birthplace of Robert Burns, regarded as the national poet of Scotland. Following a stop at Burns Cottage, you will continue on to Glasgow for an overnight stay and dinner in your hotel. *All Meals* 

### **GLASGOW CITY & INVERNESS**

This morning includes a panorama tour of Glasgow, often described as Great Britain's finest Victorian city. Departing Glasgow, you travel north along the bank of Loch Lomond, into the Scottish Highlands. Continue through the historic glen of Glen Coe to Fort William on the shores of Loch Linnhe. Then wind your way around the foothills of Scotland's highest mountain, Ben Nevis (4,406ft) to Fort Augustus. Journey along the banks of Loch Ness before arriving in Inverness, the capital of the highlands for an overnight stay. This evening you will enjoy dinner in your hotel. *All Meals* 





- Cliffs of Moher Rathbaun Sheep Farm Dublin City Tour St. Patrick's Cathedral Book of Kells Guinness Brewery Tour Belfast Belfast City Hall
- Belfast Linen Hall Library Belfast Grand Opera House Titanic Belfast Alloway Glasgow Scottish Highlands Loch Ness Inverness





# Daily Itinerary: Days 11-15

#### III CULLODEN BATTLEFIELD, GLENLIVET DISTILLERY & ATHOLL PALACE

After breakfast, travel a short distance to Culloden for your first stop. The last major battle in Great Britain was fought here on April 16, 1746 and this morning you can relive the drama with a visit to Culloden Visitor Centre. No visit to Scotland would be complete without a visit to a distillery and today you travel to Glenlivet in the heart of Scotland's whiskey-making country. Enjoy a guided tour through Glenlivet's production area and sample three whiskies before departing. Continue south through the scenic Grampian Mountains to Avimore. From here you continue to Pitlochry where you will check into the luxurious Atholl Palace Hotel and enjoy dinner in your hotel. All Meals

# 12 ATHOLL PALACE ADVENTURE DAY

The day is yours to spend how you wish. You will have many options without leaving the grounds of your hotel. You will find several walks around the hotel gardens as well as four all-weather tennis courts. A 9-hole Pitch 'n' Putt course, putters and golf balls are available at reception. Visit the Atholl Palace Museum, which charts the history of the hotel or take a stroll to the Black Spout Waterfall. The hotel leisure center includes a spa bath, plunge pool, steam room, sauna and gym or indulge yourself in a spa treatment in the Lavender Spa. Your coach will be available to facilitate other activities such as fishing in one of the nearby lakes or golf at the Pitlochry Golf Course, said to be one of the finest inland golfing facilities in Scotland. This evening, regroup and have dinner at your hotel. All Meals

# I ST. ANDREWS, SCOTLAND'S SECRET BUNKER & EDINBURGH

Checking out of Atholl Palace, hit the road for Dundee before crossing the Tay Bridge to St. Andrews. Not only is St. Andrews the home of golf, it is also an ancient ecclesiastical capital and home to Scotland's oldest university. Following lunch in St. Andrews, you continue to Scotland's Secret Bunker. Hidden beneath a Scottish Farmhouse, a tunnel leads to an underground nuclear command bunker built in 1951 and operational until 1993, Scotland's best kept secret for over 40 years. Continue south as you travel to Edinburgh City for a two-night stay. *All Meals* 

## I4 EDINBURGH HIGHLIGHTS

A full day of touring historic Edinburgh is the highlight today. First, travel down Princess Street and the historic Royal Mile before visiting the Palace of Holyroodhouse - the official Scottish residence of her Majesty the Queen. Hear the tales of some truly intriguing characters - the Bodysnatchers, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde and Greyfriars Bobby. You will visit the majestic Edinburgh Castle and enjoy the breathtaking views of the city from the castle ramparts. You will have some free time in the city before returning to your hotel. This evening you will enjoy a traditional Scottish evening of song and dance accompanied by a great selection of Scottish cuisine at the Spirit of Scotland Show at the Jam House. All Meals

### 15 DEPART EDINBURGH AIRPORT

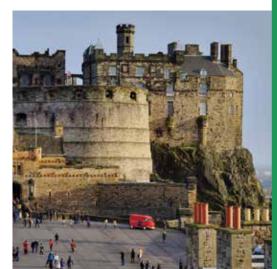
After breakfast, transfer to the Edinburgh airport for your flight home. *Breakfast* 





# Highlights Days 11-15

Culloden Battlefield Glenlivet Distillery Atholl Palace Atholl Palace Activity Day St. Andrews The Old Course Scotland's Secret Bunker Edinburgh The Royal Mile Palace of Holyroodhouse Edinburgh Castle Dalhousie Castle Spirit of Scotland Show



## The Dress Code: Casual attire during the day. A few dinners will require sport coats, dress pants and collared shirts for men.

### Suggested Packing List

Comfortable walking shoes, jeans or capris for touring days. Don't forget the sun protection: sunblock, sun glasses and a hat. You will want to pack business casual attire (i.e. slacks, black pants, closed toed shoes) for 6 evening dinners where shorts and casual sandals will feel under dressed. Don't forget to bring a raincoat, light hat, mittens and a travel umbrella!

### **Mobility & Dietary Restrictions**

This tour will require the ability to walk an easy mile or two on cobbled and sometimes uneven pavement. Some attractions and historic sites (i.e. castles) may only be accessed fully by taking uneven and small stairs. Please be aware of these requirements before joining the tour. This tour is not recommended for those requiring the use of a mobility device that may include a wheelchair, scooter or walker.

Salt-free, kosher, food allergies or any other special dietary meals must be requested at the time of booking and we will do everything we can to honor your request. Please reconfirm your meal selection with your waiter at each dining location.

### Luggage Handling

One piece of luggage per guest will be delivered to your room while traveling between hotels and islands. Airlines stipulate that checked luggage should not exceed 50 pounds. Carry-ons should be manageable and fit in the overhead storage compartments of airplanes and motorcoaches. Gratuities for lugage handling is included with our packages.

### Flights

This tour begins in Cork, Ireland. If arriving on September 27th or October 1st, please schedule your arrival flight to land prior to 2pm. Upon completion of the tour, you may return home on flights from Edinburgh after 10am. We recommend flights after 12pm so that you don't miss breakfast. Due to TSA security checks, please arrive at your local airport 3 hours prior to the plane departure time. The John Hall's Alaska team can provide assistance with flight arrangements.



## Surround yourself in the history of these ancient lands!

### **Making A Reservation**

To confirm your reservation, please send a deposit of \$1000.00 USD per person within ten days of your reservation. To reserve your space by credit card, please contact our office: 800.325.2270. Mastercard, Visa, Discover, American Express and personal checks are acceptable forms of deposit payment.

A discount of \$300 USD per person will be extended for those paying their tour balance by cash or check.

### **Final Tour Payments**

There are no monies due between the deposit and the final payment. Final payment must reach John Hall's Alaska 90 days prior to tour departure date. If payment is not received on time, space may be released. Re-booking will be subject to availability. Guests will be charged \$35 USD per check that is submitted with insufficient funds. We will send final payment reminders to you two weeks before the due date.

If you intend to take out trip insurance, please do so before making your final payment.

### **Tour Cancellation**

If a cancellation is made in writing at least 90 days prior to departure, a full refund will be made, minus a 4% fee on any monies originally paid by credit card. For cancellations made less than 90 days prior to departure, the following per person charges apply:

60-90 days - 50% of total charges; 45- 59 days - 75% of total charges, inside of 45 days - 100% of fare

### **Tipping/Gratuities**

All gratuities have been included in the price of your package with the exception of your John Hall's Alaska Representative. This includes all waitering staff, local drivers and guides, and luggage handling gratuities while on tour. Tipping your Tour Representative is not required and should reward exemplary service.

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