



Timeless Ireland & Scotland

Spend a night in luxury at the magnificent Dromoland Castle.

Only in Ireland does it seem perfectly natural to be sharing tea, scones and Guinness cake at a farm one minute, and dining sumptuously at 5-star Dromoland Castle the next. Insight blends the finest hotels with expert local knowledge so you can fully appreciate the rugged natural beauty and warm hospitality of these timeless countries.

DAY 1 – DUBLIN AT LEISURE. 🍷 🍷 🍷

Welcome to Ireland! After being greeted by your Tour Director, transfers depart Dublin Airport at 08:00, 11:00 and 13:30 hours. Arrive at your distinguished hotel, brimming with style and character, located at the top of Grafton Street on leafy St. Stephen's Green. Tonight, join us for a *Welcome Reception with drink and a light meal, followed by time to relax.* Hotel: The Fitzwilliam (WR)

DAY 2 – THE FAIR CITY. 🏰 🍷 🍷

Drive along O'Connell Street and through Phoenix Park, then alongside the river Liffey to see the Guinness Brewery. Visit the *Old Library of Trinity College to admire the 8th century Book of Kells, its delicate paintings one of the treasures of the Middle Ages.* You are now at leisure to drink in the Irish atmosphere. (FB)

DAY 3 – DUBLIN – KILLARNEY. 🏰

Leaving Dublin, pass the green meadows where many of the finest Irish racehorses are bred. Enter County Tipperary en route to Cashel - the great Rock where St Patrick preached, using the shamrock to illustrate the gospel and so creating the Irish national emblem. Now the Rock is crowned with the noblest group of medieval monuments in Ireland. *Next you are invited to enjoy warm Irish hospitality at a private farm. Over a homemade scone and Guinness cake you are entertained with a personal insight into rural Irish life.* Continue through this land of song and legend to Killarney. Hotel: Killarney Park/Malton. (FB,D)

DAY 4 – LORDS OF THE RING. 🏰

Spend a day exploring the mystical Ring of Kerry. Breathtaking views over mountains and sea unfold as the road winds along cliffs and through tiny fishing towns. Continue to Torc Waterfall for photos, and a chance to join a qualified guide for a hike along the lake past

the Muckross Estate farmlands. Walk by West Meadow Bay and visit Muckross Abbey. For those who do not want to join the hike, take the coach back to Killarney for time at leisure. (FB)

DAY 5 – KILLARNEY – DROMOLAND CASTLE. 🏰 🍷 🍷 🍷

This morning cross the Shannon estuary by ferry and enter County Clare. *Stop at the Visitors' Centre and enjoy a walk along the Cliffs of Moher, rising approximately 700 feet above the pounding Atlantic waves.* Turning inland, head past the ruined abbey at Quin to visit Craggaunowen. *Set in idyllic woodland by a picturesque lake, this award winning reproduction of a Bronze Age settlement offers a glimpse of Celtic life.* Move on to the luxury 5 star Dromoland Castle - ancestral home of the O'Briens, descendants of the High King Brian Boru who routed the marauding Norse at Clontarf in 1014. *For your dining pleasure tonight, please join us at the elegant five-star castle restaurant.* Hotel: Dromoland Castle. (FB,HD)

DAY 6 – DROMOLAND CASTLE – BELFAST. 🏰 🍷 🍷

Your journey today takes you through the heart of the Emerald Isle - a landscape with its 'forty shades of green'. Cross into Northern Ireland and continue to the capital of Belfast, with its associations with the Titanic. A local guide shows you the highlights of the city, including the Renaissance-style City Hall and *includes a visit to the fantastic new Titanic Belfast Museum.* Check-in to your sumptuous



Rock of Cashel, Ireland

5 star hotel overlooking Belfast Lough, set in 12 acres of secluded gardens. Hotel: Culloden Estate and Spa. (FB)

DAY 7 – BELFAST – LOCH LOMOND.

Board the ferry over to Scotland and continue along the Ayrshire coast. Venture into Robbie Burns Country, to drive through the village of Alloway where Scotland's most famous poet was born. Continue past the lively city of Glasgow to your hotel overlooking Loch Lomond, 'Queen of Scottish Lakes'. Snuggle down in your room, an elegant blend of contemporary design with a graceful nod to the Loch's wild and baronial past. Hotel: Cameron House. (FB,D)

DAY 8 – SEAT OF THE CAMPBELLS. 🏰 🍷 🍷

Start your day with a delightful *cruise on Loch Lomond past stately homes and islands.* Back on dry land, travel through the rugged highland scenery to the turreted *Inveraray Castle, nestled beside Loch Fyne - the magnificent ancestral home of the Duke of Argyll.* Explore the rooms full of armor, tapestries, furniture, magnificent chandeliers, paintings, porcelain and silver before returning to the warm Scottish hospitality and timeless splendour of Cameron House. (FB,D)

DAY 9 – LOCH LOMOND – EDINBURGH. 🍷 🍷 🍷

A day in the Trossachs. This morning is devoted to the forested lochs and heather clad mountains of the Trossachs. *Then visit Scotland's oldest distillery to witness the age old process of making whisky. Round off your tour with a tutored nosing and tasting.* Now head south to the capital. Check-in to your refined and restful hotel in the shadow of the dramatic Edinburgh Castle. Tonight, selected departures attend the spectacular flood lit Military Tattoo at Edinburgh Castle. Hotel: Sheraton Grand (FB)







DAY 10 – EDINBURGH SIGHTSEEING. 🏰 🍷 🍷 🍷

Drive from the elegant squares of the 'New Town' to visit *Edinburgh Castle.* Witness Scotland's glittering crown jewels before continuing down the Royal Mile, past St Giles Cathedral to Holyrood Palace, and on to Princes Street to see the Sir Walter Scott monument. The afternoon is yours to discover more of this fine city. As evening falls, please join us for a Scottish *finalé Celebration Dinner*, with wine and good cheer. (FB,CD)

DAY 11 – EDINBURGH.

Departure transfers arrive at Edinburgh Airport at 06:15 & 09:00. (FB)

11 DAYS ~ IRELAND ~ SCOTLAND

- Key**
-  LUXURY HOTELS IN DESIRABLE LOCATIONS PLUS NIGHTS
 -  PREMIUM HIGHLIGHTS
 -  VISITS INCLUDE ENTRANCE
 -  HIGHLIGHT MEALS
 -  DRINK INCLUDED
 -  GUIDED SIGHTSEEING OR ORIENTATION TOUR
- See hotel details on page 216-222



▲ A flavour of Scotland



TOUR CODE:
G450

Your Unique and Exclusive Gold Departures

Starts	Ends	Twin Share	Single Supp.	Option	Starts	Ends	Twin Share	Single Supp.	Option	Starts	Ends	Twin Share	Single Supp.	Option	Starts	Ends	Twin Share	Single Supp.	Option																				
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Sun 13 May	-	Wed 23 May	\$4825	\$1770	Sun 24 Jun	-	Wed 04 Jul	\$4950	\$1865	# Sun 05 Aug	-	Wed 15 Aug	\$5185	\$2010	* Sun 16 Sep	-	Wed 26 Sep	\$4950	\$1865	Sun 27 May	-	Wed 06 Jun	\$4825	\$1770	Sun 08 Jul	-	Wed 18 Jul	\$4950	\$1865	Sun 19 Aug	-	Wed 29 Aug	\$5085	\$2010	Sun 30 Sep	-	Wed 10 Oct	\$4825	\$1770
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Reductions

Triple room reduction n/a

Insight's Great Savings & Discounts

SAVE \$480 per person with Young Traveller Discount

SAVE up to \$259 per person with 2nd Tour Discount

SAVE up to \$259 per person with Frequent Traveller Discount

Early Payment Discount 12 mths 10 mths 6 mths

SAVE per person \$480 \$360 \$240

For additional information regarding Insight's Great Savings and Discounts, please see page 214.

Extra Accommodation

Per person, per night	Twin	Single	Triple
The Fitzwilliam, Dublin	\$229	\$393	\$197
Sheraton Grand, Edinburgh	\$384	\$685	n/a
01 Aug - 31 Aug '12	\$384	\$685	n/a
All other times	\$312	\$541	n/a

Notes

All prices are in US dollars.

* This departure stays at the Europa Hotel in Belfast.

The Edinburgh Tattoo is included on this departure.

DEF  **Definite Departures (DEF)**

These are regularly updated and listed on our website www.insightvacations.com (see page 215 for details).



TOUR PACE

This expertly planned itinerary evokes the Golden Age of travel as it follows one of the truly classic routes to Scotland. Experience the age old towns, historic sites and superb scenery, while still leaving plenty of time for personal exploration.

YOUR LUXURY GOLD HOTELS

Insight has compiled a compendium of luxury hotels, which tastefully fuse traditional charm and atmosphere with modern design. Stay in elegantly appointed rooms, dine in culinary splendour and enjoy exemplary service from friendly and helpful staff.

YOUR EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION OF INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

Dublin: Drive along O'Connell Street and through Phoenix Park. See the Guinness Brewery. Visit the Old Library of Trinity College to see the Book of Kells.

Cashel: See the great Rock where St Patrick preached.

Co. Limerick: Gain a personal insight into rural Irish life at a private farm

Killarney: Enjoy a scenic tour around the Ring of Kerry with dramatic mountains, valleys, lakes and sea vistas. Join a qualified guide for a two and a half hour hike over wooded paths and lake shore trails.

Cliffs of Moher: Stop by the Visitor's Centre and look out to the Atlantic Ocean from the majestic cliffs.

Co. Clare: Visit the open air archaeological museum of Craggaunowen.

Belfast: See the City Hall on your guided tour. Visit the new Titanic Belfast Exhibition..

Alloway: See the birthplace of Robert Burns.

Loch Lomond: Cruise on the serene waters of the lake.

Inverary: Visit the baronial castle nestled beside Loch Fyne.

Trossachs: Experience the wonderful scenery.

Crieff: Then visit Scotland's oldest distillery to witness the age old process of making whisky.

Edinburgh: Visit the castle housing the 'Honours of Scotland'. Selected departures experience the Edinburgh Military Tattoo Guided city tour down the Royal Mile past Holyroodhouse Palace and over to Princes Street and the 18C 'New Town'.

YOUR DELICIOUS DINING EXPERIENCES

Get to know your Tour Director and fellow guests over a Welcome Reception including a light meal (WR)

Dine in style at Dromoland Castle's renowned restaurant. (HD).

Highlight Celebration dinner with wine in Edinburgh (CD).

10 Buffet Breakfasts (BB), 3 three course dinners with choice (D).

YOUR INCLUSIVE GOLD SERVICES

Escorted by your 'Personal Concierge', an Insight professional Tour Director; and accompanied by expert local guides where appropriate.

Enjoy the unique comfort of Insight's luxury air-conditioned 40 seat coach with extended leg room and on-board restroom

Insight Traveller Welcome pack

Airport arrival and departure transfers at scheduled times on Day 1 and Day 11.

HIGHLIGHT MEALS & INCLUDED SIGHTSEEING ARE WORTH APPROXIMATELY US\$504