

ATLANTIC TRAVEL & TOURS

NORTH EUROPE UNITED KINGDOM & IRELAND

**INSPIRATION FOR A TAILOR-MADE
TRAVEL**



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Dear travelers,

We are delighted by your interest in Atlantic Travel & Tours, a **distinctive** tour operator specializing in **bespoke journeys** crafted specifically for **unique categories of travelers**. Forget about pre-packaged tours; here, every journey is a **custom creation!**

In an ever-evolving digital landscape, where information is readily accessible and travelers are more informed and discerning, we are committed to empowering individuals to become the true **architects** of their own adventures.

This brochure is replete with inspiration that transcends conventional tourist paths, and we trust it will provide you with excellent **ideas** to plan your next journey with our assistance. We eagerly anticipate accompanying you on this extraordinary experience!



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- **GET IN TOUCH WITH US**

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ONE OF OUR ITINERARIES? WOULD YOU LIKE TO **CUSTOMIZE IT TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS?** CONTACT US! WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO ASSIST YOU IN CREATING A **PERSONALIZED ITINERARY AND QUOTE.**



REASONS TO TRAVEL WITH US

**DISCOVER WHAT MAKES
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BESPOKE TRAVEL FOR EVERYONE



OUR TRAVEL ITINERARIES

We exclusively curate itineraries for innovative and original travel experiences that diverge from the conventional paths of mass tourism. Our aim is for each customer to be the protagonist of their own journey.

OUR TRAVEL CLASSES

We arrange travel for the following categories:

- **FIRST**
- **PREMIUM**
- **ECONOMY**

TRAVEL CATEGORIES



HONEYMOONS

One of the most beautiful and significant events in life warrants celebration with the highest level of attention and meticulous care for every detail.



ANNIVERSARIES

Seize the exceptional opportunity to commemorate and rejuvenate your bond of love in an ideal setting for the occasion, complete with a potential wedding vow renewal ceremony where applicable.



DISABLED - GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS

Life is an experience to be embraced fully, without exceptions. We are here to provide our assistance in organizing customized trips tailored to meet the diverse needs associated with various disabilities.



WELLNESS - GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS

We strive to incorporate extraordinary moments into our itineraries, whenever feasible, allowing for immersion in the beauty of nature, as well as in wellness centers and fitness facilities designed for rejuvenation and revitalization.



SENIOR - GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS

The ideal moment to embrace life fully and explore the world is now, alongside friends, former colleagues, and family! Seize the opportunity to forge unforgettable memories!

TRAVEL CATEGORIES



ENGLISH COURSES - GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS

We provide not only English courses but also exhilarating holidays that enable students to discover remarkable attractions while practicing the language in informal and engaging settings!



CULTURAL - GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS

Cultural attractions play a vital role in our travels. We are eager to partner with schools, universities, and cultural institutions to develop tailored travel experiences that inspire and enrich.

WE ORGANIZE ITINERARIES USING THE FOLLOWING TRANSPORTS



CAR

- ✔ RENTAL



VAN

- ✔ RENTAL
- ✔ SCHEDULED TOURS WITH DRIVER



COACH

- ✔ RENTAL WITH DRIVER
- ✔ SCHEDULED TOURS WITH DRIVER



MOTORHOME

- ✔ RENTAL

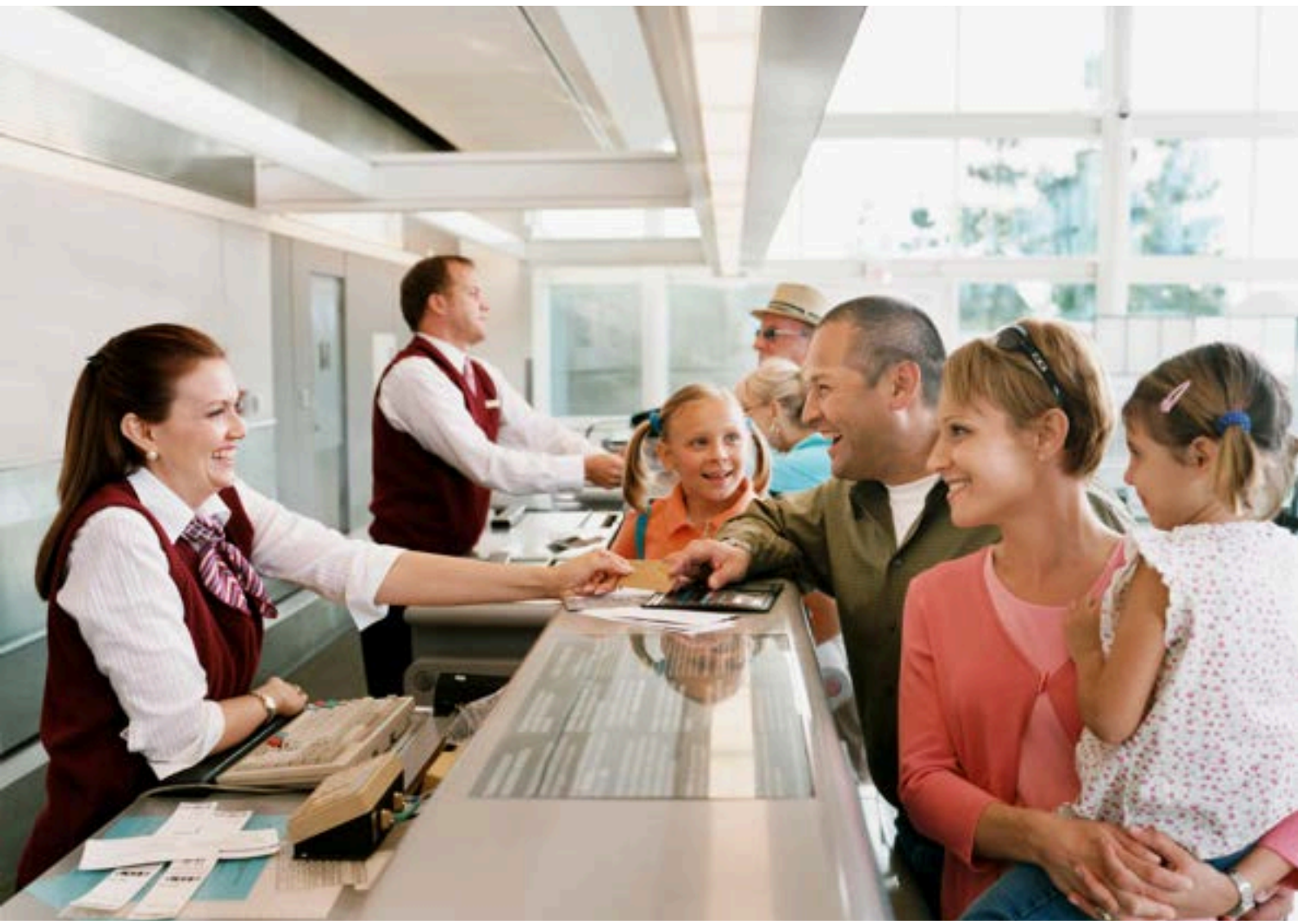


MOTORCYCLE

- ✔ CHARTER SERVICES
- ✔ TAILOR MADE TRAVEL ITINERARIES

PRIORITY CHECK-IN AND CHECKED BAGGAGE

Bid farewell to lengthy check-in queues! With our priority check-in service, you can swiftly obtain your boarding pass and check in your baggage. We are consistently prepared to provide this option, contingent upon airline availability, to enhance your travel experience, whether you are flying in premium or economy class. **Do not squander time; opt for comfort!**



NO QUEUES AT THE AIRPORT WITH THE FAST TRACK SERVICE



We understand the frustration of enduring lengthy waits at airport security. Therefore, we consistently incorporate fast track access into our travel packages, allowing you to bypass the queue and enjoy a stress-free experience.

The service is contingent upon the availability at each airport, thus we cannot assure its constant accessibility. Nevertheless, we are pleased to announce that it has been implemented in the majority of the airports we utilize. **Seize this opportunity!**





COMFORT IN AIRPORT LOUNGES

Once reserved solely for business and first-class passengers, airport lounges are now available to travelers in other classes as well. We provide the highest level of comfort and luxury to ensure your airport experience is memorable. In our travel packages, we consistently strive to include access to these exclusive areas at both departure and arrival points (subject to airport and airline availability). Relax, indulge in culinary delights, savor fine beverages, and enjoy refreshing showers, all within elegant and tranquil settings. **Seize this exceptional opportunity!**



OTHERS SERVICES

OUR EXCEPTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS WITH DIVERSE SUPPLIERS ENABLE US TO PROVIDE OUR CUSTOMERS WITH THE FINEST OF THE FOLLOWING SERVICES

ADVANCED LUGGAGE SHIPPING
TOURIST VISAS
CURRENCY EXCHANGE
INSURANCE POLICIES



	AUD	7.01
	NZD	5.05
	JPY	0.0913
	GBP	11.23
	EUR	9.71
	SGD	5.35
	CHF	7.00





ONE FREE INDIVIDUAL FOR EVERY 15 PAYING CUSTOMERS

Take advantage of our **perpetually active** promotion. If you can gather a **minimum of 15 individuals**, one person will receive a **complimentary** trip. Consider anyone who might be interested among family, friends, colleagues, or others. Additionally, if you require a tour leader or tour guide to assist you and your group throughout the entire tour, we can provide this service as well

ALWAYS TRAVEL WITH A PREMIUM DISCOUNT!



-20%

- ACTIVE YEAR-ROUND
- FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF TRAVELERS
- NO MINIMUM SPENDING THRESHOLD REQUIRED



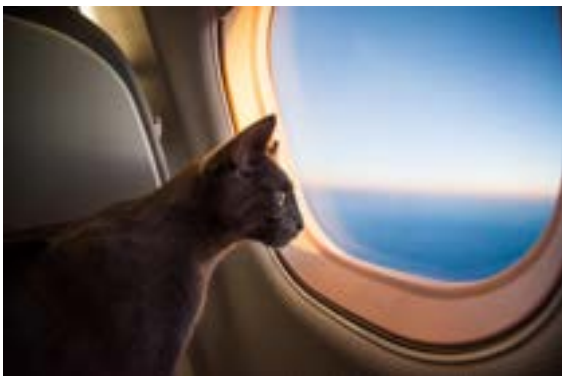
TRAVEL PHOTOGRAPHER

FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE TOUR
FOREVER



Certain journeys hold a unique significance: a honeymoon, a wedding anniversary marked by the renewal of vows, or cherished moments spent with close friends or family. Such beautiful occasions will be immortalized through professional photography and videography. Should you wish to incorporate this option into your upcoming trip, we are pleased to provide assistance with photographers who can transform your experience into a lasting memory.

TRAVELING WITH PETS



Do you wish to travel but are uncertain about who to entrust your four-legged companion to? Why not bring him or her along for the adventure? After all, he or she is an essential member of your family. We also arrange customized trips for this specific situation.

SERVICES OFFERED

- **TRANSPORT**
- **ACCOMMODATION**
- **PET SITTING SERVICE**
- **TRAVEL INSURANCE FOR ANIMALS**

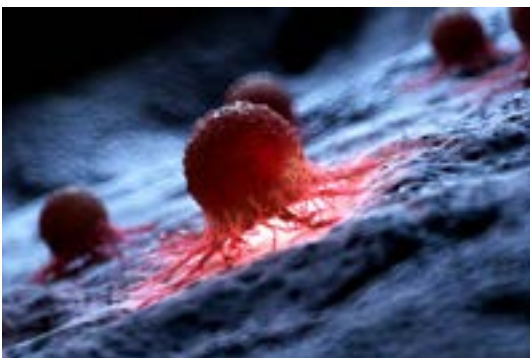




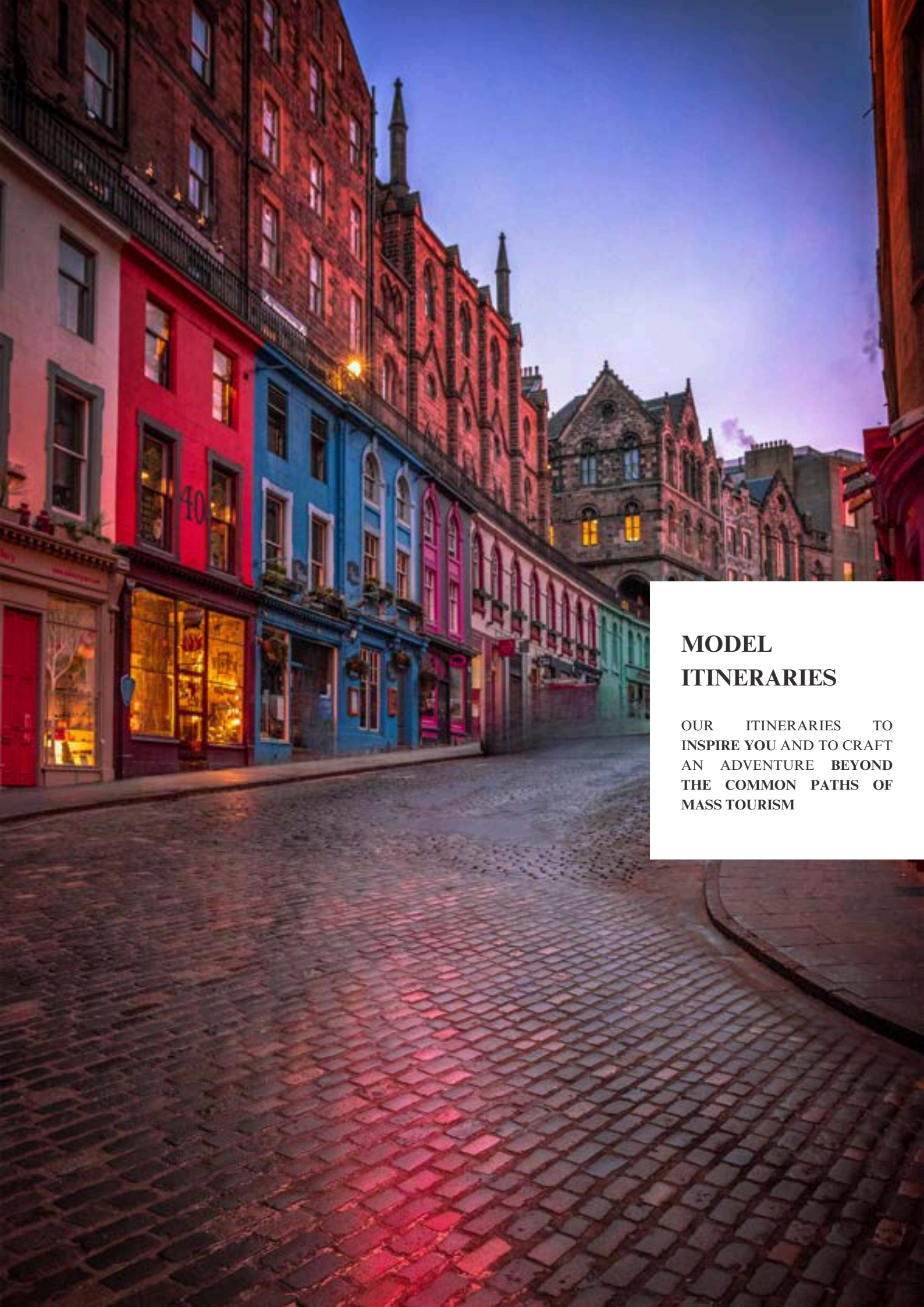
OUR COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND CANCER RESEARCH



THROUGH OUR TRIPS, WE AIM TO PROVIDE OUR CUSTOMERS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO **SUPPORT** NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS DEDICATED TO ADDRESSING THE FOLLOWING GLOBAL CHALLENGES.



- **CONSERVATION OF PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE**
- **GLOBAL WARMING**
- **CANCER RESEARCH**



MODEL ITINERARIES

OUR ITINERARIES TO
INSPIRE YOU AND TO CRAFT
AN ADVENTURE **BEYOND**
THE COMMON PATHS OF
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SOUTHERN ENGLAND

JOIN US FOR AN EXCEPTIONAL
TOUR THAT WILL TRANSPORT YOU
TO BEAUTIFUL AND TRANQUIL
HIDDEN LOCATIONS IN THE SOUTH
OF THE UK

From idyllic fishing villages to towering cliffs, prepare for an unforgettable adventure along the breathtaking coastline of the four counties of South West England: Dorset, Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall. Immerse yourself in the allure of the hinterland, where enchanting rural landscapes beckon with their quaint villages, verdant hills, and expansive moors

CUSTOMIZABLE ITINERARY FOR THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF TRAVELERS



DISABLED



- HONEYMOONS
- ANNIVERSARIES



OVER 65



- GROUPS
- FAMILIES



HOLIDAY FOR STUDENTS
ENROLLED IN ENGLISH
LANGUAGE COURSES



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IMPORTANT DETAILS



- EXETER



- CAR
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- MOTORCYCLE



9 DAYS OR MORE





ITINERARY

DAYS 1 & 2 - LYME REGIS, WEYMOUTH AND SHERBORNE - ENGLAND

EMBARK ON YOUR JOURNEY ALONG THE JURASSIC COAST, A REMARKABLE NATURAL MARVEL AND ENGLAND'S INAUGURAL UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE. HERE, MAJESTIC CLIFFS CONVERGE WITH PICTURESQUE HARBOUR TOWNS AND WILDLIFE-RICH COVES; YOU MAY EVEN ENCOUNTER FOSSILS! SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ARRANGE A GUIDED TOUR. EXPLORE THE HISTORIC LYME REGIS: MEANDER THROUGH ITS LABYRINTH OF NARROW, WINDING STREETS, IDEAL FOR AN INTRIGUING EXPLORATION! ENJOY A LEISURELY WALK ALONG THE RENOWNED HARBOUR OF THE COBB, WHOSE 13TH-CENTURY WALLS ESTABLISHED LYME REGIS AS A SIGNIFICANT TRADING HUB. RECOGNIZED AS THE BIRTHPLACE OF PALAEOLOGY, HISTORY AND FOSSIL AFICIONADOS SHOULD NOT OVERLOOK THE LYME REGIS MUSEUM, WHICH FEATURES EXHIBITIONS DEDICATED TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS FOSSIL HUNTER MARY ANNING AND MUCH MORE! PROCEED TO THE DELIGHTFUL WEYMOUTH, A COASTAL TOWN THAT WILL ENCHANT YOU WITH ITS GEORGIAN SEAFRONT ADORNED WITH HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, PUBS, AND CAFES THAT LINE THE EXPANSIVE, GOLDEN SANDY BAY. IT IS REPUTED THAT WEYMOUTH ENJOYS MORE SUNSHINE THAN ANY OTHER LOCATION IN ENGLAND - EVEN DURING WINTER! CONTINUE TO SHERBORNE, A QUINTESSENTIAL MEDIEVAL ENGLISH TOWN BOASTING HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE, A MAGNIFICENT ABBEY, AND TWO CASTLES. BE SURE TO EXPLORE THE AREA'S VIBRANT ART AND ANTIQUES SHOPPING SCENE! NOTABLE ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE THE HAYNES INTERNATIONAL MOTOR MUSEUM - BRITAIN'S LARGEST AUTOMOTIVE EXHIBITION, SHOWCASING VEHICLES FROM AROUND THE GLOBE, INCLUDING 400 DAZZLING CLASSIC CARS AND MOTORBIKES. DO NOT MISS THIS EXTRAORDINARY ADVENTURE!

DAYS 3 & 4 - EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK, DULVERTON AND LYNTON - ENGLAND

EXPLORE THE EXQUISITE AND TRANQUIL REGION OF EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK, A SANCTUARY OF STUNNING LANDSCAPES CHARACTERIZED BY UNDULATING MOORLAND. THIS REMARKABLE NATIONAL PARK SPANS 267 SQUARE MILES FROM WEST SOMERSET TO NORTH DEVON, ENCOMPASSING 34 MILES OF DRAMATIC COASTLINE FEATURING RUGGED CLIFFS, STRIKING GORGES, ENCHANTING WATERFALLS, AND THE HIGHEST SEA CLIFFS IN ENGLAND. IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE COUNTRYSIDE WHERE SHEEP AND CATTLE GRAZE, AND THE RENOWNED EXMOOR PONIES ROAM FREELY ACROSS THE MOORS. SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE AREA'S CHARMING VILLAGES, SUCH AS DULVERTON IN SOMERSET, WHERE A VARIETY OF QUAIN T SHOPS, EXCEPTIONAL RESTAURANTS, WELCOMING PUBS, AND DELIGHTFUL TEA ROOMS AWAIT. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE WOODS BAR & RESTAURANT, AN EXCELLENT PUB RENOWNED FOR ITS HIGH-QUALITY LOCAL CUISINE. PROCEED TO THE BREATHTAKING CLIFF-TOP TOWN OF LYNTON AND THE PICTURESQUE HARBOR VILLAGE OF LYNMOUTH IN DEVON. THESE TWIN TOWNS ARE CONNECTED BY A HISTORIC CABLE CAR: THE LYNTON AND LYNMOUTH CLIFF RAILWAY, ESTABLISHED IN 1888, IS THE HIGHEST AND STEEPEST HYDRAULICALLY OPERATED RAILWAY IN THE WORLD. ONCE AT THE SUMMIT, SAVOR THE VIEWS WHILE ENJOYING A TRADITIONAL CREAM TEA IN THE HERITAGE-LISTED STATION CAFÉ.



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DAY 5 - EXETER - ENGLAND

EXPLORE THE ENCHANTING CITY OF EXETER, A DELIGHTFUL LOCALE STEEPED IN CENTURIES OF HISTORY AND REMARKABLE ATTRACTIONS. BE SURE TO VISIT THE SPLENDID ROYAL ALBERT MEMORIAL MUSEUM, A VICTORIAN TREASURE RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE FINEST MUSEUMS IN THE UK. UNCOVER THE CITY'S MOST INTRIGUING FEATURE: THE ENIGMATIC UNDERGROUND PASSAGES. THESE MEDIEVAL TUNNELS, ORIGINALLY CONSTRUCTED TO PROVIDE EXETER WITH DRINKING WATER, PRESENT A DISTINCTIVE EXPERIENCE THROUGH GUIDED TOURS OF THEIR NARROW AND PICTURESQUE CORRIDORS—THE ONLY ONES ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC IN THE UK. ASCEND TO THE QUAYSIDE, WHERE A VIBRANT ARRAY OF CAFES, RESTAURANTS, AND PUBS AWAITS. BE SURE TO CHECK OUT MANGO'S CAFÉ & BAR, PIZZERIA ON THE WATERFRONT, AND THE TRADITIONAL PROSPECT INN. SHOPPING ENTHUSIASTS WILL REVEL IN THE NUMEROUS STORES SURROUNDING THE MAGNIFICENT EXETER CATHEDRAL. ADDITIONALLY, DO NOT OVERLOOK FORE STREET IN THE WEST END OF THE CITY, A SANCTUARY FOR ART, CRAFTS, ANTIQUES, AND UNIQUE PRODUCTS.

DAYS 6 & 7 - TORQUAY, PAIGNTON, BRIXHAM AND DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK - ENGLAND

EXPLORE THE STUNNING COUNTY OF DEVON, A VERITABLE TREASURE TROVE OF SCENIC BEAUTY. THIS REMARKABLE REGION IS HOME TO FIVE AREAS OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY, A UNESCO BIOSPHERE RESERVE, A UNESCO GEOPARK, A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE, AND TWO NATIONAL PARKS. THE RENOWNED SEASIDE RESORTS OF TORQUAY, PAIGNTON, AND BRIXHAM ARE SITUATED ALONG THE PICTURESQUE ENGLISH RIVIERA. SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, WHERE YOU CAN UNCOVER A UNIQUE ECOSYSTEM AND ENGAGE IN THRILLING ACTIVITIES SUCH AS COASTEERING OR CANOEING IN THE CAPTIVATING BAYS. CONTINUE INLAND WHERE DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AWAITS IN SOUTH DEVON. THIS PROTECTED MOORLAND PRESENTS BREATHTAKING VISTAS ACROSS 368 SQUARE MILES THAT HAVE INSPIRED ILLUSTRIOUS ARTISTS AND WRITERS. RECALL ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE'S FAMOUS TALE 'THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES,' SET IN THIS VERY LOCALE! ADDITIONALLY, WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE AGATHA CHRISTIE AND TED HUGHES, BOTH OF WHOM DREW INSPIRATION FROM THE UNTAMED NATURE OF THIS LAND. SHEEP, CATTLE, AND PONIES ROAM FREELY ACROSS THE MOORS. VISITORS CAN IMMERSE THEMSELVES IN THESE LANDSCAPES THROUGH A PLETHORA OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, RANGING FROM HIKING TRAILS TO HORSEBACK RIDING AND EXHILARATING CLIMBING. AFTER TWO DAYS OF ADVENTURE, UNWIND IN CHARMING LOCAL PUBS SUCH AS THE ROYAL OAK OR THE PETER TAVY INN, WHERE YOU CAN SAVOR REAL ALES AND HOME-COOKED MEALS. DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO INDULGE IN A TRADITIONAL CREAM TEA AT THE INVITING TEA ROOMS. THE NORTH DEVON COASTLINE IS EQUALLY BREATHTAKING, IDEAL FOR BIRDWATCHING AND WILDLIFE OBSERVATION, OR SIMPLY RELAXING ON THE UK'S FINEST SURFING BEACHES.



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DAYS 8 & 9 - TITANGEL AND BODELVA - ENGLAND

EXPLORE THE REMARKABLE RUINS OF TINTAGEL CASTLE, A SITE RICH IN THE LEGENDARY HISTORY OF KING ARTHUR. ELEGANTLY SITUATED ON A STUNNING HEADLAND ALONG THE NORTH COAST OF CORNWALL, THIS CASTLE BECKONS YOU TO DISCOVER ITS 12TH-CENTURY GROUNDS. SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE EXHIBITION CURATED BY ENGLISH HERITAGE, SHOWCASING INTRIGUING ARTEFACTS UNEARTHED AT THIS HISTORIC LOCATION. JUST AN HOUR'S DRIVE TO THE SOUTH, BE CAPTIVATED BY THE RENOWNED EDEN PROJECT IN BODELVA. IMMERSE YOURSELF IN A REALM OF EXOTIC FLORA AND FAUNA WITHIN ITS EXPANSIVE, BUBBLE-LIKE BIOMES, WHERE YOU WILL ENCOUNTER THE LARGEST INDOOR RAINFOREST IN THE WORLD. FURTHERMORE, PREPARE FOR EXHILARATING OUTDOOR ADVENTURES, INCLUDING THE LONGEST AND FASTEST ZIP LINE IN ENGLAND. DO NOT HESITATE—EXPERIENCE THESE UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS!



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WALES

EXPLORE A DESTINATION
ABUNDANT IN UNIQUE TRADITIONS,
HERITAGE, AND CULTURE.
RENOWNED AS THE LAND OF
MELODIES AND STEEPED IN MYTHS
AND LEGENDS, ITS STUNNING
LANDSCAPE WILL LEAVE YOU IN
AWE!

Wales is a veritable treasure trove of surprises! Explore stunning beaches, three captivating national parks, legendary castles, and the world's fastest cable car. Begin your journey in Llandudno in the north and be astonished all the way to Cardiff in the south: an expedition that will unveil the region's remarkable wonders

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13 DAYS OR MORE





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DAYS 1 & 2 - LLANDUDNO AND CONWY - WALES

EMBARK ON YOUR EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY NOW IN LLANDUDNO, THE LARGEST AND MOST ENCHANTING SEASIDE RESORT IN WALES! RENOWNED FOR ITS PICTURESQUE VICTORIAN ARCHITECTURE AND STUNNING PIER, LLANDUDNO PROVIDES A DISTINCTIVE EXPERIENCE. THE PIER, EXTENDING 700 METERS INTO THE SEA, IS THE LONGEST IN WALES AND UNDOUBTEDLY ONE OF THE MOST IMPRESSIVE IN ALL OF BRITAIN. CONSTRUCTED IN 1877, IT SERVES AS AN IDEAL LOCATION TO STROLL AND ENJOY THE SHOPS AND CAFES, WHILE ITS TRADITIONAL "PUNCH AND JUDY SHOWS" ENHANCE THE ENCHANTING ATMOSPHERE OF THIS LOCALE. REMEMBER THAT ALICE LIDDELL ALSO SPENT HER CHILDHOOD HOLIDAYS HERE; IT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE INSPIRED LEWIS CARROLL'S "ALICE IN WONDERLAND." TODAY, YOU CAN FOLLOW THE ALICE TRAIL AND DISCOVER LARGE SCULPTURES SUCH AS THE WHITE RABBIT, THE CHESHIRE CAT, AND THE MAD HATTER SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE TOWN. IN ADDITION TO THE BEAUTIFUL WHITE SANDY BEACHES, INCLUDING THE CENTRAL LLANDUDNO NORTH SHORE BEACH AND THE TRANQUIL WEST SHORE BEACH, SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE MAGNIFICENT GREAT ORME. THIS LIMESTONE HEADLAND, RISING OVER 200 METERS, MARKS THE BEGINNING OF THE WALES COAST PATH: THE LONGEST CONTINUOUS COASTAL PATH IN THE WORLD, STRETCHING 1,400 KILOMETERS ALONG THE WELSH COASTLINE. FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURE, TAKE A LEISURELY WALK ALONG THE WALES COAST PATH FROM LLANDUDNO TO CONWY! THIS SCENIC 11-KILOMETER ROUTE GUIDES YOU THROUGH BREATHTAKING LANDSCAPES WHERE YOU WILL ENCOUNTER NUMEROUS HISTORIC BUILDINGS DATING BACK TO THE 14TH AND 19TH CENTURIES, INCLUDING THE IMPOSING CONWY CASTLE, CONSTRUCTED BY KING EDWARD I BETWEEN 1283 AND 1289, AND RECOGNIZED AS A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE. BE SURE TO VISIT PLAS MAWR TOWN HOUSE AS WELL: LIKELY THE BEST-PRESERVED ELIZABETHAN HOUSE IN BRITAIN! ELEGANTLY BUILT BY ROBERT WYN IN THE 16TH CENTURY DURING SHAKESPEARE'S ERA, "PLAS MAWR" TRANSLATES TO "GREAT PALACE." AND IF YOU SEEK SOMETHING TRULY UNIQUE, DO NOT MISS BRITAIN'S SMALLEST HOUSE! THIS CHARMING FISHERMAN'S COTTAGE ON CONWY QUAY MEASURES A MERE 9 FEET BY 6 FEET—SUFFICIENT FOR A NARROW BED AND A FIREPLACE. IT IS SAID THAT ITS OCCUPANTS WERE ONLY SIX FEET TALL!

DAYS 3 & 4 - SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK AND ABERYSTWYTH - WALES

IN THE HEART OF SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK IN NORTH WALES, ADVENTURES AWAIT! IN BETHESDA, ONE CAN EXPERIENCE UNFORGETTABLE, ADRENALINE-PUMPING ACTIVITIES! WITH THE LARGEST, LONGEST, AND FASTEST ZIP LINE IN EUROPE, YOU CAN SOAR THROUGH THE AIR AT 160 KILOMETERS PER HOUR, SUSPENDED ON A STEEL CABLE. THOSE BRAVE ENOUGH TO EMBRACE THIS EXHILARATING EXPERIENCE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADMIRE THE EXPANSIVE HILLY LANDSCAPE BELOW AND EVEN CATCH A GLIMPSE OF THE SEA. IF YOU PREFER TO REMAIN ON SOLID GROUND, DO NOT MISS THE CHANCE TO VISIT BOUNCE BELOW! LOCATED IN BLAENAU FFESTINIOG WITHIN SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK, THE EXTRAORDINARY SIZE OF THE FORMER MINES ALLOWS BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS TO ENJOY JUMPING ON UNDERGROUND TRAMPOLINES. FOR A MORE TRANQUIL YET EQUALLY CAPTIVATING EXPERIENCE, VISIT THE RENOWNED MOUNT SNOWDON FOR ONE OF THE MOST BREATHTAKING VIEWS IMAGINABLE: ON A CLEAR DAY, YOU CAN SEE ALL THE WAY TO IRELAND AND BEYOND! AT THE SUMMIT, YOU WILL FIND A VISITOR CENTER COMPLETE WITH A CAFÉ AND GIFT SHOP. THE MOUNTAIN IS STEEPED IN ANCIENT LEGENDS, WITH MOUNT SNOWDON BELIEVED TO BE THE TOMB OF THE FORMIDABLE GIANT RHITTA GAWR, WHO WAS SLAIN BY THE LEGENDARY KING ARTHUR. DO NOT MISS THE SNOWDON MOUNTAIN RAILWAY, WHICH HAS TRANSPORTED APPROXIMATELY TWELVE MILLION PASSENGERS TO THE SUMMIT OVER THE PAST 120 YEARS! BOARD THE STEAM LOCOMOTIVE THAT REPLACED DONKEYS IN THE 19TH CENTURY. AS YOU ASCEND SLOWLY, TAKE IN THE STUNNING VISTAS. ON YOUR JOURNEY SOUTH, BE SURE TO STOP AT THE PURPLE MOOSE BREWERY IN PORTHMADOG! THIS MICROBREWERY HAS BEEN CRAFTING AWARD-WINNING BEERS FOR A DECADE AND OFFERS GUIDED TOURS AND PICNICS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. ALSO, DISCOVER CADER IDRIS IN SOUTHERN SNOWDONIA, A MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN RANGE WITH ALPINE LAKES WHERE LEGEND HAS IT THAT THOSE WHO FALL ASLEEP ON THE SUMMIT WILL AWAKEN AS POETS OR MADMEN... AND WHO KNOWS HOW MANY POETS HAVE DRAWN INSPIRATION FROM THIS PLACE! REMEMBER THAT IN NORTH WALES, THE WELSH LANGUAGE IS PREVALENT AND IS STILL SPOKEN BY OVER A FIFTH OF THE POPULATION! VISIT THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF WALES IN ABERYSTWYTH TO UNCOVER TREASURES SUCH AS THE BLACK BOOK OF CARMARTHEN - BELIEVED TO BE THE OLDEST WORK WRITTEN ENTIRELY IN WELSH. ADJACENT TO THE LIBRARY IS THE ELEGANT ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY - ALSO NOTED FOR HAVING HAD KING CHARLES AS A STUDENT. THE IMPOSING MAIN BUILDING IS AN IMMEDIATE FOCAL POINT WITH ITS VICTORIAN GOTHIC ARCHITECTURE. FINALLY, EXPLORE THE IMPRESSIVE RUINS OF ABERYSTWYTH CASTLE, CONSTRUCTED BY KING EDWARD I IN 1277 - A SITE RICH IN HISTORY WHERE OWAIN GLYNDŴR LED A REVOLUTION AGAINST THE ENGLISH RULERS! COME AND EXPERIENCE IT ALL: ADVENTURE, HISTORY, AND NATURAL BEAUTY AWAIT YOU IN THE ENCHANTING REALM OF SNOWDONIA!



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DAYS 5, 6 & 7 - BONCATH, LLANDYSUL, SKOMER ISLANDS, GRASSHOLM, SKOKHOLM, PEMBROKE AND COSHESTON - WALES

CONTINUE TO THE PICTURESQUE SOUTHWEST OF WALES, IN THE CAPTIVATING COUNTY OF PEMBROKESHIRE. ALONG THE WAY, SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAMPLE THE RENOWNED WELSH CHEESE. JUST A SHORT DISTANCE FROM ABERYSTWYTH, YOU WILL ENCOUNTER TWO OF THE FINEST CHEESE FACTORIES IN THE COUNTRY: CAWS CENARTH AND CAWS TEIFI. BOTH ARE WITHIN HALF AN HOUR OF EACH OTHER AND MERIT A VISIT! CAWS CENARTH IN BONCATH IS CELEBRATED FOR ITS SPECIALTIES, INCLUDING THE CREAMY BRIE 'PERL WEN' AND THE BLUE CHEESE 'PERL LAS', WHILE CAWS TEIFI IN LLANDYSUL IS KNOWN FOR THE ESTEEMED SEMI-HARD 'CELTIC PROMISE', AN AWARD-WINNING CAERPHILLY CHEESE REGARDED AS ONE OF THE BEST IN BRITAIN. CAWS TEIFI'S FOUNDER, JOHN SAVAGE-ONSTWEDDER, ARRIVED IN WALES FROM HOLLAND IN 1981 AND IS RECOGNIZED AS THE 'GODFATHER' OF WELSH ARTISAN CHEESE, HAVING INTRODUCED THE USE OF RAW MILK AND LOCAL INGREDIENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANCIENT TRADITIONS. BE SURE TO VISIT THE DÀ MHILE DISTILLERY, LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE DAIRY AND OPERATED BY JOHN'S SON. HERE, YOU CAN SAMPLE AWARD-WINNING GINS, ORGANIC WHISKY, AND EXCEPTIONAL SPIRITS. CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY TO THE BEGINNING OF THE PEMBROKESHIRE COAST PATH, WHICH AWAITS. OPENED IN 1970 AS WALES' FIRST LONG-DISTANCE NATIONAL TRAIL, IT IS NOW PART OF THE WALES COAST PATH THAT TRACES THE ENTIRE WELSH COASTLINE. SPANNING OVER 300 KILOMETERS OF NATURAL BEAUTY, THE PATH OFFERS BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF GOLDEN BEACHES, HIDDEN COVES, AND TOWERING CLIFFS WHERE SEABIRDS NEST. DO NOT MISS A BOAT TRIP AROUND THE UNINHABITED ISLANDS OF SKOMER, GRASSHOLM, AND SKOKHOLM - TRUE NATURAL PARADISES! DURING THE HIKE, IF THE CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE, YOU MAY HAVE THE CHANCE TO OBSERVE FLOCKS OF GANNETS OR PUFFINS, AND PERHAPS EVEN SEALS OR DOLPHINS! IF YOU PREFER TO REMAIN ON DRY LAND, ENJOY THE SPARKLING VISTAS OF THE TURQUOISE WATERS AND THE 250-MILLION-YEAR-OLD COASTAL ROCKS. IF YOU ENJOY WALKING, DO NOT OVERLOOK THE PATH ALONG CEMAES HEAD, WHICH IS ONE OF THE MOST SPECTACULAR, OFFERING INCREDIBLE VIEWS ALL THE WAY TO THE ISLE OF CARDIGAN AND CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH NUMEROUS SEABIRDS AND MARINE CREATURES SUCH AS DOLPHINS, AS WELL AS THE HORSES INTRODUCED TO PROTECT THIS COASTAL AREA! NOWHERE ELSE IN WALES CAN YOU EXPERIENCE SUCH A DRAMATIC MARITIME AND COASTAL LANDSCAPE AS IN PEMBROKESHIRE, SURROUNDED BY WATER ON THREE SIDES! FOR THOSE SEEKING A MORE CHALLENGING ADVENTURE THAN TRADITIONAL HIKING, CONSIDER COASTEERING IN PEMBROKESHIRE - A SPORT THAT ORIGINATED HERE IN THE 1990S! DISCOVER THE STUNNING ROCKY COASTLINE BY COMBINING EXHILARATING CLIMBS WITH REFRESHING JUMPS INTO THE WATER AS YOU EXPLORE EXTRAORDINARY SEA CAVES OR NATURAL ARCHES SCULPTED BY THE SEA! COASTEERING REQUIRES PROFICIENT SWIMMING SKILLS; SEVERAL LOCAL OPERATORS OFFER GUIDED TOURS SUITABLE FOR ALL LEVELS, PROVIDING WETSUITS AND NECESSARY EQUIPMENT. ALSO NOT TO BE MISSED ARE THE KAYAKING EXCURSIONS ALONG THE COAST NEAR THE TOWN OF MATHRY. CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY SOUTH OF PEMBROKESHIRE, WHERE YOU WILL FIND THE COUNTY'S MOST ICONIC CASTLE: PEMBROKE CASTLE. THIS MEDIEVAL ARCHITECTURAL MARVEL IMPRESSES WITH ITS 20-METER HIGH MAIN TOWER; FROM THE SUMMIT, YOU CAN APPRECIATE ITS STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE AS YOU GAZE OUT OVER THE SURROUNDING COUNTRYSIDE TOWARDS THE PORT TOWN OF MILFORD HAVEN. YOU WILL ALSO UNCOVER FASCINATING INSIGHTS INTO DAILY LIFE WITHIN THE CASTLE. CONTINUE NORTH, AND YOU WILL DISCOVER UPTON CASTLE AND GARDENS IN COSHESTON. ALTHOUGH THE CASTLE IS PRIVATE, THE ESTATE'S EXQUISITE ORNAMENTAL GARDENS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND FEATURE MAGNIFICENT MAGNOLIAS, CAMELLIAS, AND RHODODENDRONS THAT YOU MUST NOT MISS! EXPERIENCE THIS UNIQUE PEMBROKESHIRE ADVENTURE - EVERY MOMENT WILL BE UNFORGETTABLE!



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DAYS 8 & 9 - CARDIFF - WALES

CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY TO CARDIFF, THE WELSH CAPITAL. IN THE VIBRANT HEART OF THE CITY STANDS CARDIFF CASTLE, A HISTORIC TREASURE THAT SERVES NOT ONLY AS A CASTLE BUT ALSO AS A ROMAN FORTRESS, A NORMAN STRONGHOLD, AND A GOTHIC PALACE. THIS REMARKABLE COMPLEX ENCOMPASSES 2,000 YEARS OF CAPTIVATING HISTORY, FEATURING REMNANTS SUCH AS THE ROMAN WALL THAT ENCHANTS EVERY VISITOR. THE OPULENT FURNISHINGS OF THE CASTLE'S ROOMS ARE TRULY SPECTACULAR! IN THE 19TH CENTURY, THE RENOWNED ARTIST-ARCHITECT WILLIAM BURGESS CRAFTED A MEDIEVAL FANTASY FOR THE 3RD MARQUESS OF BUTE - THEN THE WEALTHIEST MAN IN THE WORLD - THE GRANDEUR OF WHICH REMAINS PALPABLE TODAY THROUGH LAVISH INTERIORS ADORNED WITH SHIMMERING GOLD ACCENTS, INTRICATE WOOD CARVINGS, AND STUNNING STAINED GLASS WINDOWS. DO NOT OVERLOOK THE IMPRESSIVE REPLICA OF THE TREBUCHET IN THE COURTYARD - IN THE 13TH CENTURY, IT WAS ONE OF THE MOST FORMIDABLE WAR MACHINES, CAPABLE OF BREACHING EVEN THE STURDIEST WALLS! CARDIFF CASTLE HAS ALSO SERVED AS THE BACKDROP FOR NOTABLE BBC PRODUCTIONS, INCLUDING THE ACCLAIMED SHERLOCK FEATURING BENEDICT CUMBERBATCH AND THE IMMENSELY POPULAR DOCTOR WHO SERIES. A GUIDED TOUR OF THE CASTLE WILL LEAD YOU TO ICONIC SITES SUCH AS THE DARK TOWER AND THE HISTORIC LIBRARY. BUT THERE'S MORE! EVERY HOUR, YOU CAN EMBARK ON A TOUR OF THE EXQUISITELY ORNATE ROOMS. FOR THOSE SEEKING AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE: DINE IN ELEGANCE WITHIN THE HISTORIC AMBIANCE OF CARDIFF CASTLE! ENJOY LIVE ENTERTAINMENT WHILE SAVORING A GOURMET THREE-COURSE WELSH MEAL ACCOMPANIED BY FINE MEAD. IF YOU'RE IN SEARCH OF ADVENTURE, DON'T MISS THE CARDIFF INTERNATIONAL WHITE WATER! THERE'S AN EXHILARATING RAFTING COURSE AND INDOOR SURFING - PERFECT FOR REFINING YOUR SKILLS! FOR SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS, A GUIDED TOUR OF THE NATIONAL STADIUM OF WALES IS ESSENTIAL! WITH A CAPACITY OF 74,500, YOU CAN IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE EXCITEMENT OF RUGBY AND FOOTBALL MATCHES AT ONE OF THE MOST ICONIC VENUES IN WALES!

DAYS 10 & 11 - HENSOL AND SWANSEA - WALES

TRAVEL TO SWANSEA, THE SECOND LARGEST CITY IN WALES, LOCATED JUST AN HOUR'S DRIVE WEST OF CARDIFF. EN ROUTE TO SWANSEA, MAKE SURE TO STOP AT LANERCH VINEYARD IN HENSOL, WHERE YOU CAN SAVOR EXQUISITE CUISINE IN ITS REFINED RESTAURANT AND BISTRO. ANNUALLY, APPROXIMATELY 10,000 BOTTLES OF PREMIUM SPARKLING, WHITE, AND ROSÉ WINE ARE PRODUCED HERE. BE SURE TO SAMPLE THE 'CARIAD' WINE, WHICH TRANSLATES TO 'TREASURE' IN WELSH. POET DYLAN THOMAS CHARACTERIZED SWANSEA AS 'AN UGLY BUT BEAUTIFUL CITY,' HAVING SPENT HALF OF HIS LIFE THERE. VISIT HIS BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED BIRTHPLACE, WHERE THE ESTEEMED AUTHOR CRAFTED HIS POETRY AND THE RENOWNED PLAY 'UNDER MILK WOOD.' AT THE DYLAN THOMAS CENTRE, EXPLORE "LOVE THE WORDS," A PERMANENT INTERACTIVE EXHIBITION HONORING THE ARTIST'S LIFE. THIS CULTURAL MUSEUM, SITUATED IN THE HISTORIC TOWN HALL, FEATURES LETTERS, MANUSCRIPTS, AND RECORDINGS OF THE LEGENDARY WRITER. ADDITIONALLY, DO NOT OVERLOOK THE MODERN NATIONAL WATERFRONT MUSEUM! THIS REMARKABLE VENUE DELVES INTO THE INDUSTRIAL AND MARITIME HISTORY OF WALES SINCE THE EARLY 19TH CENTURY, A PERIOD WHEN THE COUNTRY WAS RENOWNED FOR ITS COAL AND STEEL PRODUCTION. DISCOVER A WORKING REPLICA OF RICHARD TREVITHICK'S 1802 STEAM LOCOMOTIVE. SAMPLE SEAWEED BREAD, A WELSH SPECIALTY MADE WITH FRESH SEAWEED FROM THE NORTH GOWER COAST. VISIT SWANSEA MARKET TO TASTE THIS DELICACY ALONGSIDE OTHER LOCAL TREATS SUCH AS COCKLES. THE ORIGINAL SWANSEA MARKET OPENED IN 1897 BENEATH THE MAGNIFICENT GLASS AND WROUGHT IRON ROOF, THE LARGEST IN THE UK! ALTHOUGH IT WAS DESTROYED DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR AND SUBSEQUENTLY REBUILT, IT NOW STANDS AS THE LARGEST MARKET OF ITS KIND IN WALES, FEATURING OVER 100 STALLS. EXPLORE THE TWO STUNNING BEACHES OF THE GOWER PENINSULA! THREE-CLIFFS BAY, LOCATED JUST 25 MINUTES FROM SWANSEA, BOASTS A PICTURESQUE SANDY BEACH AND IS AN EXCELLENT SPOT FOR SWIMMING, WITH ITS SMALL COVES AND SHELTERED CAVES. FURTHER WEST LIES RHOSILI BAY: AN EXPANSIVE BEACH NEARLY THREE KILOMETERS LONG, ONCE A FAVORED LOCATION OF THE YOUNG DYLAN THOMAS. MANY REGARD RHOSILI BAY AS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BEACH IN BRITAIN!



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DAYS 12 & 13 - BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK - WALES

EXPLORE THE BREATHTAKING BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK, THE YOUNGEST OF WALES' NATIONAL PARKS, ENCOMPASSING OVER 1,300 SQUARE KILOMETERS OF PRISTINE NATURAL BEAUTY. IDEAL FOR EXTENSIVE HIKES, INCLUDING THE RENOWNED BEACONS TRAIL, THIS PARK IS A TRUE GEM WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED. IT BOASTS REMARKABLE ATTRACTIONS, SUCH AS DAN YR OGOF, RECOGNIZED AS THE NATIONAL CAVE CENTRE OF WALES. LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERN REGION OF THE PARK AND LIKELY THE LARGEST CAVE COMPLEX IN EUROPE. SPANNING APPROXIMATELY 17 KILOMETERS, THESE CAVES NARRATE ANCIENT AND CAPTIVATING TALES. DISCOVERED IN 1912 BY BROTHERS TOMMY AND JEFF MORGAN, ARMED ONLY WITH CANDLES, THEY ARE NOW OVERSEEN BY THEIR DESCENDANTS. A ONE-KILOMETER UNDERGROUND TRAIL PROVIDES VISITORS THE CHANCE TO TRAVERSE THIS EXTRAORDINARY, WELL-LIT SUBTERRANEAN REALM, SHOWCASING STUNNING ROCK FORMATIONS ALONG WITH IMPRESSIVE STALACMITES AND STALACTITES. BE SURE TO VISIT THE CATHEDRAL CAVE, WHICH REACHES A DEPTH OF 150 METERS AND A HEIGHT OF TEN METERS; IT IS A MAGNIFICENT VENUE FOR CELEBRATIONS, INCLUDING WEDDINGS. EXPERIENCE THE BREATHTAKING VISTAS OF PEN-Y-FAN, THE HIGHEST PEAK IN SOUTH WALES. NUMEROUS TRAILS LEAD TO THE 886-METER SUMMIT! ADDITIONALLY, THIS NATIONAL PARK IS DESIGNATED AS AN INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY RESERVE, WHERE LIGHT POLLUTION IS MINIMIZED, ALLOWING FOR STUNNING VIEWS OF THE MILKY WAY, PLANETS, AND DISTANT GALAXIES ON CLEAR NIGHTS. TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE STARGAZING EVENINGS! FOR WHISKY ENTHUSIASTS, A VISIT TO PENDERYRN DISTILLERY, LOCATED JUST 30 MINUTES FROM THE CAVES, IS A MUST. FEATURING AN ARCHITECTURALLY STRIKING VISITOR CENTER AND AWARD-WINNING MALT WHISKIES CRAFTED FROM THE FINEST BRECON SPRING WATER, THIS DISTILLERY PROVIDES UNFORGETTABLE TASTING EXPERIENCES! LASTLY, BE SURE TO VISIT BRECON, KNOWN FOR ITS ELEGANT GEORGIAN ARCHITECTURE. THIS CHARMING TOWN MARKS THE TERMINUS OF THE MONMOUTHSHIRE AND BRECON CANAL, CELEBRATED AS BRITAIN'S MOST BEAUTIFUL CANAL, WHICH MEANDERS THROUGH PICTURESQUE LANDSCAPES FOR 35 MILES.



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IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE VERDANT, UNTAMED WILDERNESS, PRISTINE LOCHS, AND MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN RANGES OF THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS, CELEBRATED FOR THEIR STUNNING LANDSCAPES AND PREMIER ATTRACTIONS!

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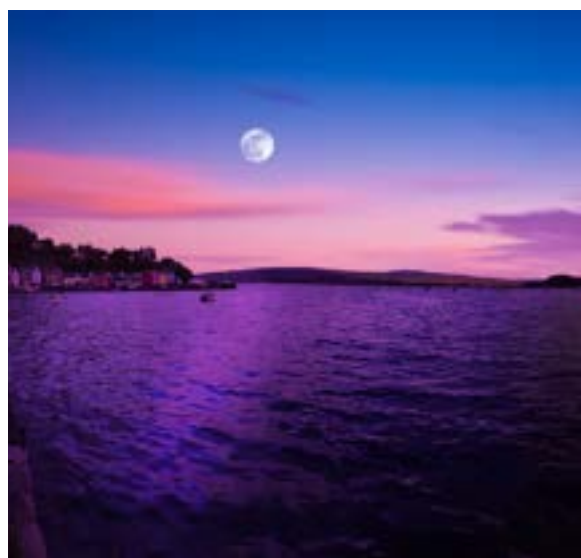
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7 DAYS OR MORE





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DAY 1 - LOCH LOMOND AND THE TROSSACHS NATIONAL PARK - SCOTLAND

THE INITIAL DESTINATION ON YOUR JOURNEY IS LOCH LOMOND, LOCATED JUST A TWO-HOUR DRIVE FROM EDINBURGH AND AN HOUR FROM GLASGOW. DESPITE ITS CLOSENESS TO VIBRANT URBAN LIFE, THIS AREA IS A PICTURESQUE HAVEN. SITUATED IN THE HEART OF THE MAGNIFICENT LOCH LOMOND & THE TROSSACHS NATIONAL PARK, THIS LOCH IS THE LARGEST FRESHWATER LAKE IN THE UK, ADORNED WITH CHARMING ISLANDS AND ENCIRCLED BY ANCIENT WOODLANDS. HERE, YOU CAN RELISH MOMENTS OF ABSOLUTE TRANQUILITY. SEIZE THE CHANCE TO TRAVERSE SCENIC TRAILS, FISH IN SERENE WATERS, RIDE HORSES AMIDST BREATHTAKING LANDSCAPES, OR ENGAGE IN BOULDERING. ALTERNATIVELY, OPT TO DRIVE ALONG THE SCENIC DUKES PASS, WHERE STUNNING VISTAS OF THE NATIONAL PARK AWAIT.

DAY 2 - LOCH AWE, KILCHURN CASTLE AND OBAN - SCOTLAND

ALONG THE WESTERN SHORE, THE ROUTE ENTERS THE NORTHERN SECTION OF THE NATIONAL PARK. DURING THE SUMMER, YOU MAY ENCOUNTER SOME CROWDS; HOWEVER, IN SPRING AND AUTUMN, YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE GLENS AT YOUR LEISURE. THE DRIVE FROM LOCH LOMOND TO THE CHARMING TOWN OF OBAN TAKES LESS THAN ONE HOUR AND FORTY-FIVE MINUTES AND IS FILLED WITH UNMISSABLE PHOTOGRAPHIC OPPORTUNITIES. THE ROUTE CONTINUES TOWARD THE WEST COAST, PASSING THE IMPRESSIVE LOCH AWE. BE SURE TO VISIT THE MAJESTIC RUINS OF KILCHURN CASTLE, ONCE THE HEART OF THE CAMPBELL CLANS AND SITUATED AMIDST THE MOUNTAINS. SUBSEQUENTLY, YOU WILL ARRIVE IN OBAN, A PICTURESQUE COASTAL TOWN OFFERING STUNNING VIEWS OF THE ENCHANTING HEBRIDEAN ISLES.

DAY 3 - MULL ISLAND - SCOTLAND

DISCOVER THE CAPTIVATING ISLE OF MULL IN THE INNER HEBRIDES, A GENUINE PHOTOGRAPHIC HAVEN CHARACTERIZED BY ITS VERDANT HILLS, DARK ROCKS, AND PRISTINE WHITE SANDS! EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY FERRY FROM OBAN, AN EARLY DEPARTURE WILL AFFORD YOU AMPLE TIME TO EXPLORE EVERY FACET OF THIS REMARKABLE ISLAND. IMMERSE YOURSELF IN ITS DISTINCTIVE WILDLIFE: DURING A GUIDED TOUR, YOU MAY ENCOUNTER SEALS, OTTERS, BUZZARDS, AND THE MAGNIFICENT GOLDEN EAGLES. BE SURE TO VISIT DUART CASTLE, WHICH COMMANDS A STUNNING VIEW OF THE SEA AND IS ENVELOPED BY BREATHTAKING SCENERY. ADMIRE THE VIBRANT HOUSES OF TOBERMORY AND THE FISHING VESSELS IN THE CHARMING HARBOR.



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DAY 4 - GLENCOE, FORT WILLIAM, NEVIS GORGE AND STEALL FALLS - SCOTLAND

TAKE THE FERRY TO LOCHALINE, LOCATED ON THE NORTHERN PART OF MULL, AND PREPARE FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE SCENIC JOURNEY BACK TO THE MAINLAND, LEADING TO GLENCOE. THIS GLEN IS RENOWNED AS THE MOST ROMANTIC IN SCOTLAND, ENVELOPED IN THE NATURAL SPLENDOR OF THE HIGHLANDS. BE SURE TO EXPERIENCE THE CHAIRLIFT; IN JUST TWELVE MINUTES, YOU CAN RELISH BREATHTAKING VIEWS FROM 670 METERS ABOVE SEA LEVEL! IN THE AFTERNOON, PROCEED TO FORT WILLIAM ALONG THE SHORES OF LOCH LINNHE. HERE, YOU WILL DISCOVER THE PREMIER OUTDOOR CENTER! JUST A SHORT DISTANCE FROM BEN NEVIS, THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN IN GREAT BRITAIN, YOU WILL ENCOUNTER COUNTLESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXHILARATING HIKES OR BIKE RIDES. ADDITIONALLY, DO NOT OVERLOOK ONE OF THE MOST PICTURESQUE WALKS IN THE REGION: THROUGH THE NEVIS GORGE TO THE STUNNING STEALL FALLS!

DAYS 5, 6 & 7 - GLENFINNAN, LOCH NESS, URQUHART CASTLE AND INVERNESS - SCOTLAND

CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY FROM FORT WILLIAM TO GLENFINNAN, AN ESSENTIAL EARLY MORNING EXPERIENCE! SURROUNDED BY PRISTINE NATURE, THE RENOWNED VIADUCT WILL LEAVE YOU IN AWE. UPON RETURNING TO FORT WILLIAM, PREPARE FOR AN EXHILARATING TRIP TO INVERNESS, ALONGSIDE THE LEGENDARY LOCH NESS. SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTAKE IN BOAT TOURS THAT UNVEIL THE CAPTIVATING HISTORY AND NATURAL WONDERS OF THE LOCH, AS WELL AS THE ENIGMATIC LOCH NESS MONSTER! VISIT URQUHART CASTLE, BEAUTIFULLY POSITIONED ON THE SHORES OF THE LOCH, WHERE YOU CAN IMMERSE YOURSELF IN OVER A MILLENNIUM OF SCOTTISH HISTORY. ADDITIONALLY, EXPLORE THE VIBRANT CITY OF INVERNESS! CENTRALLY LOCATED, INVERNESS CASTLE IS A STUNNING HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR ITINERARY. THIS HISTORIC FORTRESS, DATING BACK TO 11 AD, HAS WITNESSED CENTURIES OF TUMULTUOUS EVENTS; TODAY, YOU CAN ADMIRE ITS NEO-NORMAN GRANDEUR FROM THE LOOKOUT POINT, OFFERING BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE CITY AND THE HIGHLANDS. INVERNESS ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL, DEDICATED TO SCOTLAND'S PATRON SAINT, ST ANDREW, WILL CAPTIVATE YOU: APPRECIATE THE EXTRAORDINARY ARCHITECTURE DESIGNED BY ALEXANDER ROSS AND MARVEL AT THE INTRICATE STONE AND WOODWORK, ALONG WITH THE EXQUISITE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS. DO NOT OVERLOOK THE INVERNESS MUSEUM & ART GALLERY: A TRUE TREASURE TROVE FOR ENTHUSIASTS OF HIGHLAND ART AND CULTURE! UNCOVER COMPELLING NARRATIVES ABOUT THE LOCAL PAST AND TRADITIONS THROUGH ENGAGING EXHIBITIONS THAT ENCOMPASS ARCHAEOLOGY AND JACOBITE MEMORABILIA. EXPERIENCE SCOTLAND'S FIRST LOCH NESS MONSTER-INSPIRED "BREWSTILLERY"! ESTABLISHED IN 2023, THIS DISTILLERY PRODUCES SUSTAINABLE CRAFT BEERS AND WHISKIES THAT CELEBRATE SCOTTISH FOLKLORE. JOIN EXCLUSIVE TOURS TO UNCOVER THE SECRETS BEHIND THIS REMARKABLE CREATION! IF YOU WISH TO EXPLORE THE REGION'S TUMULTUOUS HISTORY, VISIT CULLODEN BATTLEFIELD, JUST 15 MINUTES FROM INVERNESS. DISCOVER THIS HISTORIC SITE OF BRITAIN'S LAST GREAT BATTLE AND BE SURE TO VISIT THE INTERACTIVE CENTRE FEATURING FASCINATING EXHIBITS! HEAR THE STORIES OF THE HIGHLAND REGIMENTS FROM THE BATTLE OF CULLODEN TO THE PRESENT DAY AT THE MUSEUM AT FORT GEORGE. WITH AN IMPRESSIVE COLLECTION OF 40,000 EXHIBITS, UNCOVER THE LEGACY OF THE VALIANT SOLDIERS RECRUITED FROM THE CLANS OF THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS! FINALLY, THERE ARE EXCEPTIONAL VENUES FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT OUT! THE EDEN COURT THEATRE AND CINEMA, SITUATED ON THE PICTURESQUE BANKS OF THE RIVER NESS IN THE HEART OF THE CITY, IS THE IDEAL LOCATION TO EXPERIENCE THRILLING PERFORMANCES. WITH A PROGRAMME ENCOMPASSING DRAMA, DANCE, OPERA, MUSICALS, COMEDY, AND CONCERTS, THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY TO ENJOY. REMEMBER: IT IS THE LARGEST ENTERTAINMENT VENUE IN THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS!



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DAYS 1, 2 & 3 - EDINBURGH - SCOTLAND

EDINBURGH'S OLD TOWN PRESENTS A REMARKABLE JOURNEY THROUGH TIME, WHERE HISTORY RESONATES AT EVERY CORNER. IMMERSE YOURSELF IN A CAPTIVATING LABYRINTH OF COBBLED STREETS, WINDING ALLEYS, AND ENIGMATIC PASSAGeways. EXPLORE HISTORIC SITES AND CHARMING NOOKS. STROLL ALONG THE HISTORIC ROYAL MILE, WHICH LINKS EDINBURGH CASTLE TO THE PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE. THIS VIBRANT THOROUGHFARE IS ADORNED WITH DELIGHTFUL SHOPS, INVITING RESTAURANTS, AND SIGNIFICANT MONUMENTS THAT CELEBRATE SCOTTISH CULTURE. BE SURE TO VISIT ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, A MASTERPIECE OF GOTHIC ARCHITECTURE RENOWNED FOR ITS STAINED GLASS WINDOWS AND THE ILLUSTRIOUS THISTLE CHAPEL. THIS SACRED SITE SERVES AS THE MOTHER CHURCH OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND AND IS ESSENTIAL FOR THOSE SEEKING TO UNCOVER THE NATION'S RICH RELIGIOUS HERITAGE. FOR LUNCH, INDULGE IN TRADITIONAL HAGGIS AT ONE OF THE LOCAL PUBS. CONTINUE YOUR ADVENTURE WITH A VISIT TO THE CASTLE; AS SOON AS YOU STEP ONTO THE ESPLANADE, YOU CAN SENSE THE ENERGY OF ONE OF SCOTLAND'S MOST REMARKABLE HISTORIC MONUMENTS. ABSORB THE BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE CITY AND UNCOVER THE INTRIGUING STORIES BEHIND THESE ANCIENT WALLS AS YOU EXPLORE THE GRAND HALLS, ROYAL CHAMBERS, MONUMENTS, AND DUNGEONS. PROCEED TO THE END OF THE ROYAL MILE, WHERE YOU WILL ARRIVE IN THE CAPTIVATING CANONGATE AND HOLYROOD AREA, WHICH BOASTS A HISTORY SPANNING OVER 800 YEARS. DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE, AN ELEGANT ROYAL RESIDENCE WITH CONNECTIONS TO MONARCHS THROUGHOUT THE AGES, SITUATED AT THE FOOT OF THE ROYAL MILE. TODAY, IT SERVES AS THE OFFICIAL SCOTTISH RESIDENCE OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING. DISCOVER MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS' BEDROOM AND THE ROOM WHERE HER CONFIDANT DAVID RIZZIO MET A TRAGIC END, AND BE SURE TO VISIT THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET. CONTINUE YOUR EXPLORATION BY HEADING TO THE ROYAL YACHT BRITANNIA, ONE OF THE UK'S PREMIER ATTRACTIONS. STEP ABOARD HER MAJESTY'S HISTORIC FLOATING RESIDENCE TO EXPLORE THE ENGINE ROOM, A ROLLS ROYCE, AND MAGNIFICENT ROOMS ACROSS FIVE DECKS. AFTER THE TOUR, TAKE SOME TIME TO DISCOVER SHORE IN LEITH, ONE OF EDINBURGH'S TRENDIEST NEIGHBORHOODS. WANDER THROUGH THE WONDERS OF THE ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN, FEATURING ITS ENCHANTING GLASSHOUSE, REMARKABLE DISPLAYS, AND AN INCREDIBLE VARIETY OF COLORFUL PLANTS, LOCATED IN THE INVERLEITH AREA. DO NOT MISS PRINCES STREET AND GEORGE STREET, AS THEY ARE IDEAL FOR SHOPPING! YOU WILL FIND A WIDE SELECTION OF THE LATEST BRANDS; IF YOU APPRECIATE DESIGNER SHOPPING, HEAD TO MULTREES WALK AND THE NEWLY OPENED ST JAMES QUARTER, WHICH ALSO BOASTS UNMISSABLE RESTAURANTS. CONTINUE UP CALTON HILL, WHERE YOU CAN ADMIRE THE NATIONAL MONUMENT WHILE ENJOYING SPECTACULAR VIEWS OF THE CITY SKYLINE. IF YOU WISH TO IMMERSE YOURSELF IN CULTURE, VISIT THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL GALLERY TO VIEW SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST RENOWNED ART. FINALLY, DO NOT OVERLOOK ARTHUR'S SEAT—THIS ANCIENT VOLCANO OFFERS STUNNING VIEWS OF THE CITY AND IS AN EXCELLENT LOCATION FOR HIKING. WITH WELL-MARKED TRAILS LEADING TO THE SUMMIT, REACHING THIS SCENIC SPOT BELOVED BY LOCALS AND VISITORS ALIKE IS EFFORTLESS.



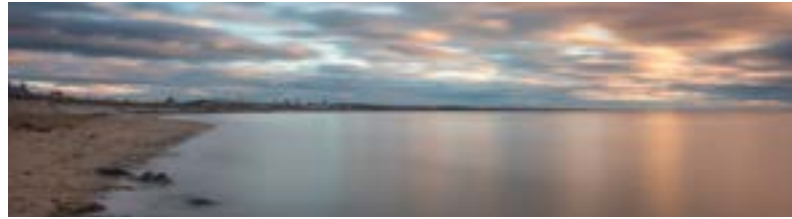
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DAY 4 - ST ANDREWS - SCOTLAND

DEPART FROM EDINBURGH AND PROCEED TO ST ANDREWS, A HISTORIC TREASURE ON SCOTLAND'S EAST COAST, RENOWNED FOR ITS PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITY, BREATHTAKING COASTAL SCENERY, AND AS THE BIRTHPLACE OF GOLF. IMMERSE YOURSELF IN MEDIEVAL ARCHITECTURE, PICTURESQUE BEACHES, AND CHARMING STREETS LINED WITH SHOPS AND CAFES. UPON ARRIVAL, SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT ST ANDREWS CATHEDRAL, AN IMPRESSIVE RUIN THAT WAS ONCE THE LARGEST CHURCH IN SCOTLAND. CONSTRUCTED IN THE 12TH CENTURY, IT SERVED AS THE CENTERPIECE OF THE MEDIEVAL CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SCOTLAND AND IS CELEBRATED FOR ITS REMARKABLE ARCHITECTURE AND INTRIGUING HISTORY. THE SITE PROVIDES STUNNING VIEWS OF THE SURROUNDING LANDSCAPE AND IS ESSENTIAL FOR ANYONE WISHING TO DELVE INTO SCOTLAND'S HERITAGE, INCLUDING THE RUINS OF THE CASTLE PERCHED ON THE CLIFFS OVERLOOKING THE NORTH SEA, WHICH WAS THE FORMER RESIDENCE OF THE BISHOPS AND ARCHBISHOPS OF ST ANDREWS. ADMIRE THE STRIKING MEDIEVAL ARCHITECTURE, FEATURING THE REMNANTS OF A CASTLE CHAPEL, A GRAND TOWER, AND A DISTINCTIVE SYSTEM OF MINES UTILIZED DURING THE WARS OF THE THREE KINGDOMS. PAUSE FOR LUNCH AT A LOCAL CAFÉ BEFORE TAKING A LEISURELY STROLL ALONG WEST SANDS BEACH, A DELIGHTFUL STRETCH OF SANDY COASTLINE IN ST ANDREWS KNOWN FOR ITS IDYLIC VIEWS AND VIBRANT ATMOSPHERE. HERE, YOU WILL FIND AMPLE SPACE FOR LONG WALKS, BEACH SPORTS, AND APPRECIATING THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE SCOTTISH COASTLINE. THE BEACH IS ALSO CELEBRATED FOR ITS HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND PROXIMITY TO LOCAL ATTRACTIONS. IF YOU ARE A GOLF ENTHUSIAST, BE SURE TO VISIT THE OLD COURSE—A SCENIC ROUTE THAT GUIDES YOU FROM EDINBURGH TO ABERDEEN THROUGH THE STUNNING SCOTTISH COUNTRYSIDE! THIS HISTORIC JOURNEY INTERTWINES CHARMING VILLAGES, BREATHTAKING COASTAL VISTAS, AND A RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE, MAKING IT A FAVORED CHOICE FOR BOTH LOCALS AND TOURISTS. CONCLUDE YOUR DAY WITH DINNER IN ST ANDREWS AT ONE OF THE SEAFOOD RESTAURANTS OR EXPLORE THE LOCAL PUBS FOR LIVELY EVENINGS FEATURING LIVE MUSIC!

DAY 5 - DUNDEE AND PERTH - SCOTLAND

EMBARK ON AN UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY FROM ST ANDREWS TO DUNDEE! SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE V&A MUSEUM, A PRESTIGIOUS DESIGN INSTITUTION THAT SHOWCASES THE PINNACLE OF CREATIVITY FROM SCOTLAND AND BEYOND. EXPERIENCE A DIVERSE ARRAY OF EXHIBITIONS, ENCOMPASSING FASHION, TEXTILES, AND DIGITAL DESIGN, ALL HOUSED WITHIN A BREATHTAKING ARCHITECTURAL SETTING OVERLOOKING THE SEA. FOLLOWING A DELIGHTFUL LUNCH IN DUNDEE, PROCEED TO PERTH AND IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE PERTH MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY, A CULTURAL TREASURE THAT FEATURES A RICH COLLECTION OF ART, HISTORY, AND NATURAL SCIENCES. HERE, YOU CAN DELVE INTO EXHIBITIONS THAT SPAN LOCAL HISTORY TO CONTEMPORARY ART, MAKING IT AN INTRIGUING DESTINATION FOR VISITORS OF ALL AGES. BE SURE TO ENJOY A LEISURELY WALK ALONG THE RIVER TAY, SCOTLAND'S LONGEST RIVER, WHICH PRESENTS STUNNING VIEWS AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AMIDST PICTURESQUE SURROUNDINGS. CONCLUDE YOUR DAY WITH DINNER IN PERTH AND UNWIND IN YOUR COMFORTABLE ACCOMMODATION; IF YOU FEEL INCLINED, CONSIDER ATTENDING A LOCAL THEATRE PERFORMANCE OR PARTICIPATING IN A PUB QUIZ.



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DAY 6 - STONEHAVEN AND ABERDEEN - SCOTLAND

CONTINUE TO STONEHAVEN AND TAKE A LEISURELY STROLL ALONG THE PICTURESQUE HARBOUR BEFORE ENJOYING LUNCH IN THIS CHARMING COASTAL TOWN, RENOWNED FOR ITS DELIGHTFUL STREETS AND HISTORIC LANDMARKS SUCH AS DUNNOTTAR CASTLE. PERCHED ON A MAJESTIC ROCK AND ENCIRCLED BY THE MAGNIFICENT NORTH SEA ON THREE SIDES, THESE CAPTIVATING CLIFF-TOP RUINS WERE ONCE THE FORMIDABLE STRONGHOLD OF THE EARLS MARISCHAL, ONE OF SCOTLAND'S MOST INFLUENTIAL FAMILIES. IT IS A PHOTOGRAPHER'S PARADISE, A HISTORY ENTHUSIAST'S DREAM, AND AN ESSENTIAL DESTINATION FOR VISITORS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE! WANDER ALONG THE SEAFRONT, PASSING LOCAL BOUTIQUES AND A DIVERSE ARRAY OF DINING OPTIONS; IT TRULY IS A MUST-VISIT FOR BOTH TOURISTS AND RESIDENTS ALIKE! UPON ARRIVING IN ABERDEEN, BE CAPTIVATED BY THE ABERDEEN MARITIME MUSEUM, WHERE YOU CAN EXPLORE THE CITY'S RICH MARITIME HERITAGE THROUGH SHIP MODELS, PAINTINGS, AND HISTORICAL ARTEFACTS RELATED TO FISHING AND OIL EXPLORATION. BE SURE TO VISIT UNION SQUARE AS WELL: A VIBRANT SHOPPING CENTRE IN THE HEART OF THE CITY FEATURING EXCLUSIVE SHOPS, FINE DINING, AND NUMEROUS LEISURE OPTIONS! DINE IN ONE OF ABERDEEN'S MANY OUTSTANDING RESTAURANTS; IF YOU SEEK AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT, ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE DRAWN INTO THE LIVELY NIGHTLIFE OF THE CITY CENTRE!

DAY 7 - ABERDEEN - SCOTLAND

IN THE HEART OF ABERDEEN, THE CITY OF ABERDEEN DISTILLERY INVITES YOU TO PARTAKE IN A DISTINCTIVE EXPERIENCE: CRAFTING YOUR OWN CUSTOM GIN! ENGAGE IN EVERY ASPECT, FROM DISTILLATION TO ADJUSTING THE ABV, AND SELECTING AND INCORPORATING YOUR OWN UNIQUE FLAVOR. FROM ORANGE BLOSSOM TO NETTLES, CREATE A GIN THAT REFLECTS YOUR PERSONAL TASTE. ADDITIONALLY, DON'T OVERLOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO DESIGN YOUR OWN LABEL! DUTHIE PARK IS A HAVEN OF NATURAL BEAUTY, FEATURING SPECTACULAR GARDENS, A BOATING LAKE, AND NUMEROUS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, MAKING IT AN IDEAL DESTINATION FOR BOTH LOCALS AND VISITORS. RENOWNED FOR ITS VIBRANT FLORAL DISPLAYS AND THE WINTER GARDENS—A STUNNING COURTYARD GARDEN SHOWCASING A COLORFUL ARRAY OF PLANTS AND FLOWERS—DUTHIE PARK OFFERS TRANQUIL SPACES FOR RELAXATION. IT SERVES AS A SERENE RETREAT FROM THE CITY'S HUSTLE AND BUSTLE, PERFECT FOR NATURE ENTHUSIASTS! KING'S COLLEGE CHAPEL IS A REMARKABLE STRUCTURE THAT HAS CAPTIVATED VISITORS FOR CENTURIES. THIS EMBLEM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN, ONE OF THE OLDEST IN THE UK, IS A SITE OF EXTRAORDINARY BEAUTY AND TRANQUILITY. WITH MORE MEDIEVAL WOODWORK THAN ANY OTHER CHURCH IN SCOTLAND, AN INTERIOR VISIT IS ESSENTIAL! FURTHERMORE, DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT ABERDEEN BEACH! THIS CLASSIC SEAFRONT FEATURES A CHARMING SHOPPING STREET, COZY CAFES, AND AN ART DECO BALLROOM. ENJOY AN ICE CREAM WHILE GAZING OUT AT THE MAJESTIC NORTH SEA, OR TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE REFRESHING SEA AIR WITH A WALK OR RUN ALONG THE PROMENADE FROM FOOTDEE TO THE RIVER DON. IN THE COMING DAYS, DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE BEAUTIFUL ISLANDS OF SHETLAND OR ORKNEY WITH ONE OF THE FANTASTIC ITINERARIES WE PROPOSE BELOW!



ITINERARY A

EXPLORING THE REMOTE, MAJESTIC, AND UNTAMED ARCHIPELAGO OF THE SHETLAND ISLANDS

DAY 8 - SUMBURGH, VIRKIE AND BRESSAY - SCOTLAND

EMBARK ON A FERRY JOURNEY FROM ABERDEEN FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURE IN THE REMOTE AND RUGGED ARCHIPELAGO OF THE STUNNING SHETLAND ISLANDS! BEGIN YOUR EXPLORATION IN SUMBURGH, WHERE THE RENOWNED SUMBURGH HEAD LIGHTHOUSE, VISITOR CENTRE, AND NATURE RESERVE AWAIT. HERE, YOU WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO ENGAGE IN AN IMMERSIVE AND INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE. UNCOVER THE INTRIGUING HISTORY AND NATURAL HERITAGE OF SUMBURGH HEAD, FROM ITS GEOLOGICAL ORIGINS TO IRON AGE SETTLERS, LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS, AND THE REMARKABLE LOCAL WILDLIFE, INCLUDING WHALES AND PUFFINS. PROCEED TO VIRKIE TO VISIT THE IRON AGE VILLAGE OF OLD SCATNESS, UNEARTHED IN 1975 DURING ROAD CONSTRUCTION. THIS REMARKABLE SITE HAS BEEN PRESERVED AND STUDIED BY THE SHETLAND AMENITY TRUST AS PART OF THEIR ACCESS TO HERITAGE PROJECT, ENABLING YOU TO FULLY ENGAGE WITH SHETLAND'S ANCIENT HISTORY! BE SURE TO EXPERIENCE THE GARTHS CROFT TOUR IN BRESSAY! HERE, ON A SMALL FARM DEDICATED TO NATIVE BREEDS, YOU WILL HAVE THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EXCLUSIVE TOUR, OBSERVING SHEEP, RAMS, AND LAMBS UP CLOSE, WHILE LEARNING ABOUT THE TRADITIONAL FARMING TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED IN DAILY OPERATIONS. YOU WILL ALSO BE CAPTIVATED BY FASCINATING STORIES ABOUT LOCAL CROFTING.

DAY 9 - SCALLOWAY, LERWICK, BRESSAY AND NOSS - SCOTLAND

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT SCALLOWAY MUSEUM, WHERE YOU CAN IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE CAPTIVATING HISTORY OF THE SHETLAND BUS THROUGH ENGAGING EXHIBITS. THE MUSEUM ALSO FEATURES A POIGNANT MEMORIAL, INAUGURATED IN 2003, TO HONOR THOSE WHO SERVED AND LOST THEIR LIVES DURING THE SHETLAND BUS OPERATIONS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR. EXPLORE THE COVERT MISSIONS TO NORWAY AND BE CAPTIVATED BY THE 'SCALLOWAY AT WAR' SECTION, WHERE EACH NARRATIVE COMES TO LIFE. DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT SCALLOWAY CASTLE, THE HISTORIC RESIDENCE OF PATRICK STEWART, EARL OF ORKNEY AND SHETLAND. INFAMOUSLY KNOWN AS 'BLACK PATIE,' HE WAS NOTORIOUS FOR HIS TYRANNICAL GOVERNANCE. ACCUSED OF EMPLOYING FORCED LABOR TO CONSTRUCT THE CASTLE IN 1599, HE WAS EXECUTED IN EDINBURGH IN 1615. THIS FORMIDABLE EXAMPLE OF A LATE 16TH-CENTURY TOWER HOUSE IS ONE OF ONLY TWO CASTLES IN SHETLAND AND SERVES AS A SYMBOL OF EARL PATRICK'S OPPRESSIVE RULE. ON THE SHORES OF CLICKIMIN LOCH IN LERWICK STANDS AN EXTRAORDINARY BROCH, A SOPHISTICATED ROUND STONE DWELLING CHARACTERISTIC OF SCOTLAND. CLICKIMIN BROCH BEARS EVIDENCE OF SETTLEMENTS DATING BACK OVER A MILLENNIUM. THE TOWER REMAINS MAJESTIC, AND THE ENTIRE HEADLAND IS ENCIRCLED BY A ROBUST WALL. UPON ENTRY, VISITORS CAN OBSERVE THE ENIGMATIC FORT THAT FACES THE BROCH ITSELF; TO THE WEST LIE THE REMNANTS OF STRUCTURES DATING FROM 1000 BC TO 500 AD. SEABIRDS AND SEALS PROVIDE A REMARKABLE WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE, WITH WALKS THROUGH THE STUNNING BRESSAY & NOSS NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE, WHERE ONE CAN SPOT THE EXTRAORDINARY SEABIRDS AND SHETLAND SEALS AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF THE MAGNIFICENT CLIFFS OF NOSS. THE PANORAMIC VIEWS ALONG THE ROUTE ARE BREATHTAKING, COMPLEMENTED BY AN EXPERT GUIDE SHARING INTRIGUING WILDLIFE FACTS AND ENGAGING STORIES. ADDITIONALLY, YOU CAN PARTAKE IN DAILY MORNING AND AFTERNOON CRUISES TO WITNESS THE WONDER OF OVER 25,000 SEABIRDS, INCLUDING PUFFINS, GUILLEMOTS, RAZORBILLS, AND GREATER SKUAS. TOURS ORGANIZED BY SHETLAND SEABIRDS ALSO OFFER THRILLING CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH SEALS, SPECTACULAR VISTAS, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO OBSERVE WHALES AND OTTERS.



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DAY 10 - LERWICK - SCOTLAND

SHETLAND PHOTOGRAPHY TOURS AND WORKSHOPS OFFER AN EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR A PERSONALIZED EXPERIENCE. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GUIDED THROUGH REMARKABLE PHOTOGRAPHY TECHNIQUES, CAPTURING STUNNING LANDSCAPES AND A DIVERSE ARRAY OF SPECIES, ENSURING AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE IN SHETLAND AS THEY CREATE DREAM IMAGES. DISCOVER THE ALLURE OF HISTORY AT LERWICK MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES, LOCATED IN A RESTORED 19TH-CENTURY WHARF. THIS CAPTIVATING MUSEUM NARRATES THE VIBRANT STORY OF SHETLAND, FROM ITS GEOLOGICAL ORIGINS TO CONTEMPORARY TIMES. THE GALLERIES SHOWCASE INCREDIBLE TREASURES, INCLUDING DELICATE SHETLAND LACE, PICTISH ART, AND THE FIRST TELEPHONE INTRODUCED TO THE ISLANDS IN 1883. EXPLORE THE RESTORED BOAT SHED, WHERE TRADITIONALLY HAND-BUILT BOATS ARE DISPLAYED IN THE MAGNIFICENT THREE-STORY BOAT HALL. JAMIESON & SMITH SERVES AS YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP FOR YARNS AND FIBERS CRAFTED FROM PREMIUM SHETLAND WOOL. WITH OVER 80% OF THEIR WOOL SOURCED FROM MORE THAN 700 LOCAL CROFTERS AND FARMERS, THEY PRODUCE LUXURY WOOL PRODUCTS SUCH AS YARN, KNITWEAR, BLANKETS, AND RUGS THAT EXEMPLIFY THE QUALITY AND AUTHENTICITY OF SHETLAND. FINALLY, VISIT LERWICK BREWERY, WHERE EXCEPTIONAL BEERS ARE CRAFTED! ESTABLISHED IN JUNE 2013, THIS FAMILY-RUN BUSINESS INTRODUCES AN EXCITING NEW DIMENSION TO SHETLAND'S BEVERAGE OFFERINGS. NESTLED ON THE HEATHER-COVERED HILL AT THE EDGE OF LERWICK, LERWICK BREWERY FEATURES STATE-OF-THE-ART 12-BARREL BREWING FACILITIES THAT PRODUCE BEERS CELEBRATING THE UNIQUE ESSENCE OF SHETLAND. DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAMPLE THESE EXTRAORDINARY HANDCRAFTED CREATIONS!

DAY 11 - BURRA ISLAND, ST. NINIAN'S ISLAND AND SUMBURGH HEAD - SCOTLAND

EXPERIENCE THE EXCITEMENT OF THE SHETLAND PONY EXPERIENCE AT PAPII ON THE ENCHANTING BURRA ISLAND, LOCATED JUST 25 MINUTES FROM LERWICK! HERE, YOU WILL HAVE THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE CLOSELY WITH THE CHARMING SHETLAND PONIES. DISCOVER THESE REMARKABLE ANIMALS IN THE SCENIC COASTAL FIELDS OR WITHIN THE RIDING SCHOOL. SEIZE THE FANTASTIC PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES AS YOU LEAD A PONY ON A BRIEF WALK AGAINST A STUNNING COASTAL BACKDROP. BE SURE TO VISIT THE BEAUTIFUL BEACH AT ST. NINIAN'S ISLE, WHICH CONNECTS THE SOUTH MAINLAND TO THE ISLAND AND IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE FROM BIGTON. THIS PICTURESQUE BEACH IS FREQUENTLY FEATURED IN SHETLAND PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS AND PHOTOGRAPHS AND IS SITUATED IN A RURAL FARMING AREA, COMPLETE WITH A CAPTIVATING ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE ON ST. NINIAN'S ISLE. LASTLY, EXPLORE JARLSOLF AT SUMBURGH HEAD, NEAR THE SOUTHERN TIP OF MAINLAND SHETLAND! THIS REMARKABLE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE SHOWCASES A COMPLEX OF ANCIENT SETTLEMENTS THAT SPAN OVER 4,000 YEARS OF HUMAN HISTORY. YOU WILL BE ASTONISHED BY THE ARRAY OF HISTORICAL TREASURES: LATE NEOLITHIC HOUSES, A BRONZE AGE VILLAGE, AN IRON AGE BROCH, A NORSE HOUSE, A MEDIEVAL FARMHOUSE, AND EVEN A 16TH-CENTURY LAIRD'S HOUSE.

DAY 12 - LERWICK, ABERDEEN - SCOTLAND

CONCLUDE YOUR REMARKABLE ADVENTURE BY EMBARKING ON A FERRY FROM LERWICK TO RETURN TO ABERDEEN AND PREPARE FOR YOUR FLIGHT HOME!



ITINERARY B

THE CAPTIVATING ORCADES ARCHIPELAGO: A VOYAGE THROUGH THE ECHOES OF ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS, EXEMPLARY LOCAL CRAFTSMANSHIP AND BREATHTAKING NATURAL BEAUTY!

DAY 8 - SANDWICK & STROMNESS - SCOTLAND

DISCOVER SKAILL HOUSE IN SANDWICK, ORKNEY'S MOST CAPTIVATING 17TH-CENTURY RESIDENCE. THIS HISTORIC HOME WAS INHABITED BY THE INDIVIDUAL WHO UNCOVERED SKARA BRAE IN 1850 AND NARRATES THE TALE OF MILLENNIA OF ORKNEY'S HISTORY. A VISIT TO SKAILL HOUSE IS A SINGULAR EXPERIENCE, PROVIDING A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE ON ORKNEY'S RICH AND DIVERSE PAST. OVERLOOKING THE STUNNING BAY OF SKAILL, THE HOUSE WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1620 BY BISHOP GRAHAM AND HAS UNDERGONE EXTENSIONS THROUGHOUT THE CENTURIES. JUST A SHORT STROLL AWAY LIES THE NEOLITHIC VILLAGE OF SKARA BRAE, WHILE THE SOUTH WING OF THE HOUSE IS SITUATED ON AN ANCIENT PRE-NORSE BURIAL SITE. SKARA BRAE IS AMONG THE BEST-PRESERVED PREHISTORIC SETTLEMENTS IN WESTERN EUROPE. DISCOVERED DURING A STORM IN 1850, THIS SITE OFFERS REMARKABLE INSIGHTS INTO LIFE 5,000 YEARS AGO, PREDATING THE CONSTRUCTION OF STONEHENGE. EXPLORE THIS ANCIENT VILLAGE AND OBSERVE DWELLINGS FEATURING STONE BEDS, CHESTS, AND SEATS. A REPLICA HOUSE ALLOWS VISITORS TO INVESTIGATE THE INTERIOR, WHILE THE VISITOR CENTER PROVIDES INTERACTIVE PRESENTATIONS, ENGAGING QUIZZES, AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW ARTIFACTS FROM THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS OF THE 1970S. LASTLY, DO NOT OVERLOOK THE ORKNEY BREWERY IN STROMNESS, AN AWARD-WINNING, FAMILY-OPERATED VISITOR CENTER IDEAL FOR BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN. HOUSED IN A HISTORIC VICTORIAN SCHOOLHOUSE, ADULTS CAN LEARN ABOUT THE BREWING PROCESS OF LOCAL CRAFT BEER, WHILE CHILDREN CAN DON PERIOD SCHOOL UNIFORMS. ADDITIONALLY, THE TASTING HALL BAR AND SHOP ON-SITE OFFERS VISITORS THE CHANCE TO TAKE HOME AN AUTHENTIC ORKNEY SOUVENIR.

DAY 9 - BIRSAY AND STENNESS - SCOTLAND

DISCOVER BIRSAY IN WEST ORKNEY! HERE, YOU CAN OBSERVE THE RUINS OF THE REMARKABLE EARL'S PALACE. RICH IN HISTORY, WITH OVER 5,000 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS HABITATION, BIRSAY FEATURES REMNANTS FROM EVERY ERA—FROM THE IRON AGE TO THE PICTS, THE NORSE, AND BEYOND! EXPLORE NUMEROUS HISTORIC SITES, INCLUDING PREHISTORIC AND NORSE SETTLEMENTS ON THE BROUGH OF BIRSAY, AS WELL AS THE RUINS OF EARL'S PALACE. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BROUGH OF BIRSAY IS A TIDAL ISLAND, ACCESSIBLE ONLY AT LOW TIDE. AN EVOCATIVE EXPERIENCE AWAITS! VISIT KIRKBUSTER FARM MUSEUM, THE LAST AUTHENTIC EXAMPLE OF UNRESTORED EUROPE, WHICH PRESERVED ITS HISTORY UNTIL THE 1960S! IMMERSE YOURSELF IN A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE WITH ITS CENTRAL FIREPLACE AND NEUK STONE BED. DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE EDWARDIAN DRAWING ROOM AND THE MAGNIFICENT VICTORIAN GARDENS. THE SHED HOUSES AN EXTRAORDINARY COLLECTION OF AGRICULTURAL RELICS, AND YOU CAN ENJOY A PUTTING CHALLENGE ON THE GREEN! YOU CANNOT OVERLOOK MAESHOWE AT STENNESS, REGARDED AS THE MOST FASCINATING NEOLITHIC PALACE IN NORTH-WEST EUROPE! CONSTRUCTED APPROXIMATELY 5,000 YEARS AGO, THIS MONUMENTAL ARCHITECTURAL MASTERPIECE WILL ASTONISH YOU WITH ITS ENORMOUS INDIVIDUAL STONES AND IMPECCABLE DESIGN. VISIT THE STONES OF STENNESS ON THE SOUTH-EASTERN SHORE OF LOCH OF STENNESS: STANDING OVER 6 METRES HIGH AND VISIBLE FOR MILES! THESE ANCIENT CEREMONIAL STONES ARE BELIEVED TO BE OVER 5,000 YEARS OLD AND SERVE AS SILENT WITNESSES TO HISTORY. FINALLY, BE CAPTIVATED BY THE RING OF BRODGAR, DATING BACK TO 2500-2000 BC, BUILT IN A PERFECT CIRCLE WITH A DIAMETER OF 104 METRES AND ORIGINALLY COMPOSED OF SIXTY MEGALITHS; TODAY, TWENTY-SEVEN REMAIN. THE REASONS FOR THE CREATION OF THE RING REMAIN SHROUDED IN MYSTERY: IT MAY HAVE SERVED AS AN ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY, A RELIGIOUS SANCTUARY, OR A SITE FOR ANCIENT RITUALS. DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THESE HISTORICAL TREASURES!



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DAY 10 - LAMBHOLM, KIRKWALL, SOUTH RONALDSAY AND TANKERNESS - SCOTLAND

THE ITALIAN CHAPEL IN LAMBHOLM STANDS AS A REMARKABLE TESTAMENT TO ROMAN CATHOLIC HERITAGE, CONSTRUCTED BY ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR. THIS EXTRAORDINARY CHAPEL, CRAFTED BY DOMENICO CHIOCCHETTI AND HIS FELLOW CAPTIVES FROM NORTH AFRICA, COMPRISES TWO NISSEN HUTS TRANSFORMED INTO A SINGULAR WORK OF ART. TODAY, MANY YEARS AFTER ITS COMPLETION, IT RANKS AMONG ORKNEY'S MOST CAPTIVATING TOURIST ATTRACTIONS, DRAWING OVER 100,000 VISITORS ANNUALLY. ADDITIONALLY, THE HIGHLAND PARK WHISKY DISTILLERY IN KIRKWALL, SITUATED PROMINENTLY WITHIN THE DRAMATIC ORKNEY LANDSCAPE, OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE DESCENDANTS OF THE VIKINGS WHO PRODUCE THE ESTEEMED HIGHLAND PARK WHISKY, SHOWCASING THE PRIDE AND DEDICATION INVESTED IN EVERY SINGLE CASK. WITH OVER 220 YEARS OF EXPERTISE, THEY CREATE AN 'INTENSELY BALANCED' WHISKY UNPARALLELED IN QUALITY. DO NOT OVERLOOK THE CHANCE TO EXPLORE THE TOMB OF THE EAGLES ON SOUTH RONALDSAY, SERENDIPITOUSLY DISCOVERED BY LOCAL FARMER RONNIE SIMISON IN THE 1950S. THIS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE HOUSES AN EXTRAORDINARY COLLECTION OF BONES AND ARTEFACTS DATING BACK 5,000 YEARS. JUST HALF A MILE INLAND LIES A BRONZE AGE SITE WHERE RECENT EXCAVATIONS HAVE UNVEILED SIGNIFICANT INSIGHTS INTO THE DAILY LIVES OF ORKNEY'S ANCIENT INHABITANTS FROM 3,000 YEARS AGO. AT THE VISITOR CENTRE, YOU CAN HANDLE SOME OF THE ORIGINAL ARTEFACTS UNEARTHED AND PERUSE AN EXCEPTIONAL ARRAY OF ITEMS IN THE GIFT SHOP, INCLUDING LOCAL CRAFTS AND INTRIGUING BOOKS. LASTLY, DO NOT MISS THE SHEILA FLEET JEWELLERY WORKSHOP IN TANKERNESS, WHERE YOU WILL DISCOVER AN ENCHANTING COLLECTION OF GOLD, SILVER, AND ENAMEL DESIGNS THAT REFLECT THE VIBRANT WONDERS OF THE SEA, SKY, AND SURROUNDING NATURE. COME AND WITNESS THESE EXTRAORDINARY CREATIONS FOR YOURSELF!

DAY 11 - KIRKWALL AND ABERDEEN - SCOTLAND

CONCLUDE YOUR REMARKABLE ADVENTURE BY BOARDING THE KIRKWALL TO RETURN TO ABERDEEN AND PREPARE FOR YOUR FLIGHT HOME!



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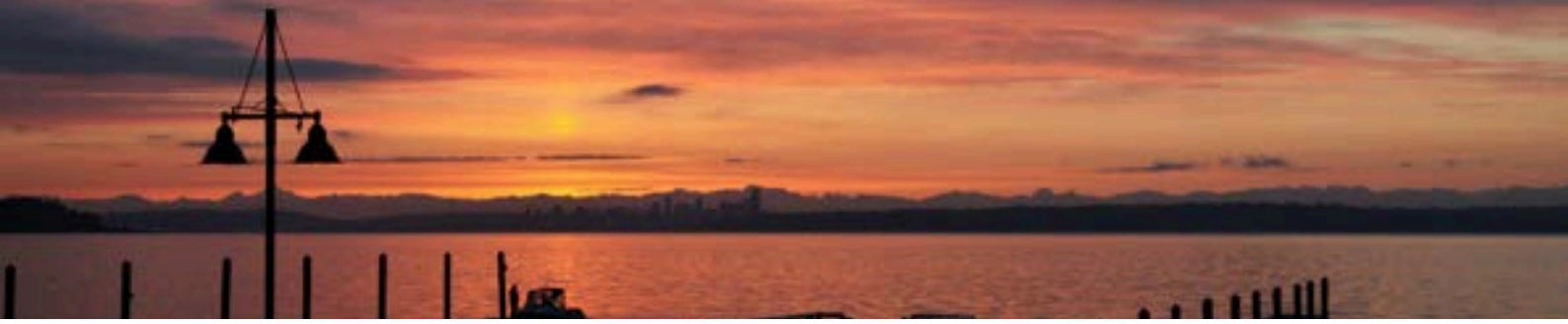


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DAYS 1 & 2 - MANCHESTER - ENGLAND

BEGIN YOUR EXCEPTIONAL MANCHESTER JOURNEY IN THE NORTHERN QUARTER, A DYNAMIC NEIGHBORHOOD TEEMING WITH INDEPENDENT CREATIVITY! TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEANDER THROUGH ITS DELIGHTFUL STREETS AND UNCOVER A PLETHORA OF DISTINCTIVE SHOPS, ART GALLERIES, AND CHARMING BOUTIQUES. CREATIVITY SPILLS ONTO THE STREETS, WITH BREATHTAKING STREET ART EMBELLISHING EVERY CORNER. PREPARE FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE AT AFFLECKS, A SANCTUARY FOR INNOVATIVE INDEPENDENT TRADERS, HOUSED IN A HISTORIC BUILDING THAT ORIGINATED AS A DEPARTMENT STORE IN THE 1860S. TODAY, IT ATTRACTS 24,000 VISITORS WEEKLY. ARRIVE AT OPENING TIME FOR A LEISURELY EXPLORATION AND BE SURE TO VISIT THE ROOFTOP BAR FOR A REFRESHING BEVERAGE! AS YOU PROCEED TO THE CITY'S OLDEST SECTION, DO NOT OVERLOOK THE VAULTED ARCH OF THE HANGING DITCH, REMNANTS OF A CAPTIVATING MEDIEVAL BRIDGE THAT NARRATES ANCIENT TALES. IT IS HERE THAT YOU WILL FIND THE CATHEDRAL VISITOR CENTRE. MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL AWAITS WITH ITS MAGNIFICENT GOTHIC NAVE. IF YOU SEEK SOMETHING A BIT DIFFERENT, THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF FOOTBALL IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED NEXT DOOR. TRAMS TRAVERSE THE CITY AND PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT MEANS TO DISCOVER THE ATTRACTIONS FURTHER! DISEMBARK AT ST PETER'S SQUARE AND CATCH A TRAM TO MEDIACITYUK. ADJACENT TO THE TRAM STOP IS RISE UP, WOMEN, A STATUE HONORING THE PIONEERING SUFFRAGETTE EMMELINE PANKHURST. ONBOARD THE TRAM, YOU WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO VIEW SOME OF THE CITY'S HIGHLIGHTS, FROM THE GRAND MANCHESTER CENTRAL LIBRARY TO THE CLASSIC BRITON'S PROTECTION PUB AND DEANSGATE TRAIN STATION. REMEMBER TO GLANCE RIGHT FOR CASTLEFIELD VIADUCT, AN OLD BRIDGE TRANSFORMED INTO A BEAUTIFUL GREEN SPACE; AND AFTER POMONA STATION, LOOK LEFT FOR OLD TRAFFORD, THE HOME OF MANCHESTER UNITED! UPON REACHING THE PIER, MAKE YOUR WAY TO PIER EIGHT AT THE LOWRY FOR A DELIGHTFUL LUNCH. AMONG THE TREASURES SHOWCASED IN THIS MULTIPURPOSE VENUE ARE 300 WORKS BY ARTIST LS LOWRY, CAPTURING THE INDUSTRIAL SPIRIT OF 19TH-CENTURY MANCHESTER. IF TIME ALLOWS, TAKE A FEW EXTRA MOMENTS TO EXPLORE MEDIACITY AND ENJOY OUTDOOR SCREENINGS - YOU MIGHT EVEN CATCH A GLIMPSE OF A CELEBRITY FROM THE NEARBY BBC STUDIOS! FOR A MORE LEISURELY AFTERNOON, ENJOY A DRINK AT ONE OF THE QUAYSIDE BARS BEFORE TAKING THE TRAM BACK INTO THE CITY. IF YOU'RE INCLINED TO VENTURE FURTHER, TAKE A STROLL ALONG THE CANALS - A WONDERFUL WAY TO VIEW THE CITY FROM A UNIQUE ANGLE - AND STOP AT ORDSALL HALL, A HISTORIC MANOR HOUSE WHERE YOU CAN RELISH THE OUTDOOR SPACE WHILE SAVORING TEA AND TOASTED CHEESE SANDWICHES FROM A QUAIN CAFÉ. FROM HERE, PROCEED TO THE RIVERSIDE PATH IN GRAFFITI PALACE - EVERY WALL IS ADORNED WITH VIBRANT GRAFFITI! CROSS THE BRIDGEWATER CANAL AND YOU WILL ARRIVE AT CASTLEFIELD BASIN - A BUSTLING BAR AND RESTAURANT SCENE THAT THRIVES AT ALL HOURS! PAUSE FOR A DRINK OR CONTINUE TO GAS WORKS BREW BAR FOR A LOCAL BREW IN AUTHENTIC TRADITIONAL PUB STYLE. SAVOR GENUINE CUISINE AT SAM'S CHOP HOUSE. THEIR MENU FEATURES CLASSICS SUCH AS CRISPY PORK AND SLOW-ROASTED BEEF PAIRED WITH PERFECT CHIPS - YOU WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED! "MADCHESTER" IS THE LEGENDARY MONIKER THAT CELEBRATES THIS REMARKABLE CITY, WHICH HAS BIRTHED ICONIC BANDS LIKE OASIS AND THE STONE ROSES. ASCEND TO 20 STORIES FOR SOPHISTICATED COCKTAILS WITH BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE CITY OR EXPLORE THE BARS IN THE NORTHERN QUARTER. GULLIVERS IS IDEAL FOR ENJOYING LIVE MUSIC WHILE DISCOVERING NEW EMERGING TALENTS IN THE LOCAL MUSIC SCENE.



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DAYS 3 & 4 - LEEDS AND SALTAIRE VILLAGE - ENGLAND

YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE AWAITS IN LEEDS, A VIBRANT AND PASSIONATE CITY! RICH IN CULTURE AND HERITAGE, IT OFFERS AN INCREDIBLE ARRAY OF EXPERIENCES TO EXPLORE. WITH INDEPENDENT RETAILERS, THRIVING MARKETS, DELECTABLE CUISINE, AND EXCEPTIONAL ATTRACTIONS SUCH AS BALLET, OPERA, ART, AND CONCERTS FEATURING WORLD-RENOWNED ARTISTS, LEEDS CATERS TO DIVERSE INTERESTS. THE CITY CENTER IS DYNAMIC AND LIVELY, BOASTING UNPARALLELED SHOPPING OPPORTUNITIES ALONGSIDE THE PICTURESQUE LOCAL COUNTRYSIDE, INCLUDING THE STUNNING YORKSHIRE DALES WITHIN EASY REACH. DISCOVER A REALM OF WONDER AT LEEDS CITY MUSEUM! EXPLORE FOUR FLOORS OF INTERACTIVE AND ENGAGING GALLERIES WHERE YOU CAN ENCOUNTER THE LEEDS TIGER, VISIT THE ANCIENT WORLDS TO MEET NESYAMUN, THE LEEDS MUMMY, AND EXCAVATE FOSSILS IN THE LIFE ON EARTH GALLERY. DO NOT OVERLOOK LEEDS ART GALLERY, ARGUABLY THE FINEST COLLECTION OF 20TH-CENTURY BRITISH ART OUTSIDE LONDON. THIS DYNAMIC GALLERY SHOWCASES REMARKABLE LOCAL COLLECTIONS AND AN EXCITING ARRAY OF TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS. EXPERIENCE STUNNING PRINTS, WATERCOLORS, PAINTINGS, AND CONTEMPORARY WORKS BY LOCAL ARTISTS SUCH AS HENRY MOORE AND BARBARA HEPWORTH. THE HENRY MOORE INSTITUTE SERVES AS THE EPICENTER FOR THE STUDY OF SCULPTURE IN THE HEART OF LEEDS, FEATURING A YEAR-ROUND PROGRAM OF EXHIBITIONS, TALKS, AND LECTURES THAT ENHANCE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF BOTH HISTORICAL AND CONTEMPORARY SCULPTURE. ADDITIONALLY, YOU ARE NEVER FAR FROM EXCEPTIONAL SHOPPING EXPERIENCES! WITH OVER 1,000 STORES IN A COMPACT, PEDESTRIANIZED CENTER, YOU CAN INDULGE IN LUXURY BRANDS THAT RIVAL THOSE OF LONDON OR MILAN, SUCH AS LOUIS VUITTON AND VIVIENNE WESTWOOD IN THE FASHIONABLE VICTORIA QUARTER. DO NOT MISS TRINITY LEEDS! THIS MODERN SHOPPING CENTER IS HOME TO OVER 120 STORES AND 12 RESTAURANTS AND HAS BEEN SELECTED AS THE SITE OF THE FIRST VICTORIA'S SECRET STORE OUTSIDE LONDON. YOU WILL ALSO FIND THE UK'S LARGEST EVERYMAN CINEMA ALONGSIDE TOP BRANDS SUCH AS APPLE AND MANGO. KIRKGATE MARKET FEATURES OVER 800 TRADERS OFFERING EVERYTHING FROM THE ESSENTIAL TO THE EXOTIC, WHILE THE CORN EXCHANGE AWAITS WITH CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE RETAILERS HOUSED IN ONE OF BRITAIN'S MOST BEAUTIFUL VICTORIAN BUILDINGS. FINALLY, SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT SALTAIRE VILLAGE, JUST A 30-MINUTE DRIVE FROM LEEDS! THIS ENCHANTING UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE IS A TRUE GEM, BEAUTIFULLY PRESERVED AS A VICTORIAN INDUSTRIAL VILLAGE. THE MILL OWNER, SIR TITUS SALT, ESTABLISHED THIS EXTRAORDINARY VILLAGE TO PROVIDE HIS 3,000 WORKERS AN ESCAPE FROM THE POLLUTION AND OVERCROWDING OF THE CITY. TODAY, SALTAIRE ATTRACTS MILLIONS OF VISITORS DUE TO ITS STUNNING ARCHITECTURE AND CAPTIVATING ATTRACTIONS. DO NOT MISS THE IMPRESSIVE SIR TITUS SALT MILL COMPLEX, WHICH HOUSES THE 1853 GALLERY, WHERE YOU CAN VIEW ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST ART COLLECTIONS BY BRADFORD'S RENOWNED DAVID HOCKNEY, AS WELL AS ENJOY DELIGHTFUL LOCAL SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS. AND BE SURE TO VISIT THE VILLAGE'S ARCHITECTURAL TREASURE: THE SALTAIRE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, ONE OF BRITAIN'S FINEST VICTORIAN MASTERPIECES!

DAY 5 - KINGSTON UPON HULL - ENGLAND

KINGSTON UPON HULL, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS HULL, IS A DESTINATION THAT PROMISES TO IMPRESS! THIS DYNAMIC MEDIEVAL PORT CITY, WITH A POPULATION OF APPROXIMATELY 260,000, BOASTS AN ARRAY OF MUST-VISIT ATTRACTIONS. THE DEEP AQUARIUM WILL ASTOUND YOU WITH ITS STUNNING ARCHITECTURE, WHILE THE MARITIME MUSEUM AND THE STREETLIFE MUSEUM ARE ESSENTIAL STOPS. BE SURE TO EXPLORE THE OLD TOWN, WHERE YOU CAN APPRECIATE THE EXQUISITE HISTORIC BUILDINGS SUCH AS HULL MINSTER AND TRINITY HOUSE. FOR GIN ENTHUSIASTS, A CLASS AT HOTHAM'S GIN SCHOOL & DISTILLERY IS A MUST; ART AFICIONADOS WILL ENJOY THE FERENS ART GALLERY AND THE HUMBER STREET GALLERY. AND FOR SHOPPING? THE PARAGON ARCADE IS THE IDEAL LOCATION! YOU WILL EASILY DISCOVER INVITING RESTAURANTS IN THE OLD TOWN: CONSIDER LION & KEY OR HUMBER FISH CO., AN EXCELLENT SEAFOOD RESTAURANT BY THE HARBOUR.



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DAY 6 - SCARBOROUGH - ENGLAND

CONTINUE ON TO SCARBOROUGH. THE MARKET REFERENCED IN THE RENOWNED FOLK SONG "SCARBOROUGH FAIR" NO LONGER EXISTS; HOWEVER, IT HAS BEEN REPLACED BY THE VIBRANT SOUTH BAY COVERED MARKET, BRIMMING WITH REGIONAL SPECIALTIES. THE OLD HARBOR AND THE MAJESTIC CASTLE PROMONTORY PRESENT A BREATHTAKING SIGHT; ALTHOUGH ONLY REMNANTS OF THE ONCE-MIGHTY FORTRESS REMAIN, ONE CAN ENVISION THE BATTLES FOUGHT AGAINST VIKINGS AND TUDOR REBELS. THE PATHWAYS SURROUNDING SCARBOROUGH CASTLE PROVIDE UNFORGETTABLE VIEWS OF THE COASTLINE AS YOU EXPLORE THE EVOCATIVE MEDIEVAL RUINS. BE SURE TO VISIT THE SCARBOROUGH MARITIME HERITAGE CENTRE, WHICH IS DEDICATED TO THE TOWN'S MARITIME HISTORY AND FEATURES ENGAGING INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS.

DAY 7 - SURROUNDINGS OF SCARBOROUGH, ROBIN HOOD'S BAY AND WHITBY - ENGLAND

FROM SCARBOROUGH, PROCEED TO RAVENSCAR TO UNCOVER THE CAPTIVATING HAYBURN WYKE FALLS, ACCESSIBLE VIA A COASTAL NATURE TRAIL. THESE WATERFALLS CASCADE FROM THE FOREST ONTO THE PEBBLE BEACH, CREATING A REMARKABLE NATURAL SPECTACLE. YOU MAY SWIM IN THE REFRESHING WATERS, EXPLORE CAVES AND ROCK POOLS, OR SIMPLY UNWIND. ADDITIONALLY, THE BEACH AT HAYBURN WYKE, SITUATED BETWEEN CLOUGHTON AND SCALBY, IS EQUALLY BREATHTAKING. AS YOU CONTINUE TO RAVENSCAR, YOU WILL ENCOUNTER A RICH INDUSTRIAL HISTORY, HIGHLIGHTED BY THE REMNANTS OF THE OLD ALUM FACTORY; VISIT THE REMAINS OF THE QUARRIES AND INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES THAT NARRATE TALES OF YESTERYEAR. ALSO NOTEWORTHY IS THE WORLD WAR II RADAR STATION, WHICH HAS STOOD SINCE 1941. FOR THOSE SEEKING OUTDOOR ADVENTURE, FYLINGDALES MOOR ABOVE RAVENSCAR OFFERS STUNNING VISTAS AND UNIQUE WILDLIFE. RAVENSCAR IS MERELY 20 MINUTES FROM ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, A CHARMING FISHING VILLAGE NESTLED WITHIN THE NORTH YORK MOORS NATIONAL PARK, WITH A FASCINATING HISTORY DATING BACK TO THE 18TH CENTURY AS A SMUGGLERS' HAVEN, THANKS TO ITS HARBOUR SHIELDED BY MARSHES ON THREE SIDES. DISCOVER HOW FISHERMEN AND ARISTOCRATS COEXISTED IN THIS CLANDESTINE WORLD OF TUNNELS CONCEALED WITHIN HOUSES. TO FURTHER EXPLORE THE VILLAGE'S HISTORY AND ITS CONNECTIONS TO ROBIN HOOD, VISIT THE ROBIN HOOD'S BAY MUSEUM. YOUR JOURNEY CONTINUES IN WHITBY, A PICTURESQUE HARBOUR TOWN THAT APPEARS TO BE STRAIGHT OUT OF A POSTCARD. QUAINET YET LIVELY, YOU WILL FIND HARBOURSIDE FAIRS AND ACTIVITIES ALONG THE HIGH STREET NEARLY YEAR-ROUND. THE IMPOSING MEDIEVAL WHITBY ABBEY AND ST MARY'S CHURCH WILL LEAVE YOU IN AWE. IMAGINE BRAM STOKER COMPOSING DRACULA IN 1890; YOU CAN EVEN ASCEND THE 199 STEPS OF THE ABBEY JUST AS HE DID! FROM THE SUMMIT, ENJOY SPECTACULAR VIEWS OF THE TOWN THAT ONCE FLOURISHED ON WHALING. DO NOT OVERLOOK THE MUSEUM DEDICATED TO THE ESTEEMED NAVIGATOR JAMES COOK, WHO COMMENCED HIS CAREER HERE; EXPLORE THE REPLICA OF HIS RENOWNED SHIP ENDEAVOUR, MOORED IN THE HARBOUR AS A MUSEUM.



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DAYS 8 & 9 - SANDSEND, STAITHES AND SALTBURN BY THE SEA - ENGLAND

SANDSEND IS A BRIEF DRIVE NORTH OF WHITBY AND IS RENOWNED FOR ITS STUNNING BEACHES ALONG THE JURASSIC COAST—A PARADISE FOR FOSSIL ENTHUSIASTS. BEGIN YOUR DAY WITH A LEISURELY WALK ALONG THE SHORE, REMAINING VIGILANT FOR NATURAL TREASURES; ARCHAEOLOGISTS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE FREQUENTLY VISIT TO SEEK HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS AS WELL AS FOSSILS. FOR THOSE WHO PREFER COMPANIONSHIP ON THEIR JOURNEY, GUIDED TOURS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH LOCAL EXPERTS AT YORKSHIRE COAST ROCK. THE MEANDERING COBBLED STREETS LEAD TO THE PICTURESQUE COASTAL VILLAGE OF STAITHES, A HISTORIC JEWEL WITH A VIKING NAME MEANING 'LANDING PLACE.' HERE, YOU WILL DISCOVER DELIGHTFUL 18TH-CENTURY COTTAGES AND CAN EXPLORE THE HISTORY OF YOUNG JAMES COOK'S APPRENTICESHIP IN THIS LOCALE. A FEW MILES AWAY LIES SALTBURN BY THE SEA—A SEASIDE TOWN EXUDING IRRESISTIBLE VICTORIAN CHARM. EXPERIENCE THE EXCITEMENT OF THE SALTBURN CLIFF TRAMWAY, THE UK'S OLDEST WATER-BASED CABLE CAR, WHICH WILL TRANSPORT YOU TO THE BEACH WHERE YOU CAN ATTEMPT SURFING OR STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING ON THE GOLDEN SANDS.

DAYS 10 & 11 - NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE AND NEWCASTLE GATESHEAD - ENGLAND

YOUR ADVENTURE WILL CULMINATE IN NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE! BEGIN YOUR DAY WITH A LEISURELY STROLL ALONG THE PICTURESQUE QUAYSIDE OF NEWCASTLE GATESHEAD, WHERE YOU CAN ADMIRE THE STUNNING VIEWS OF THE SEVEN ICONIC BRIDGES THAT CONNECT NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE AND GATESHEAD. BE SURE TO VISIT THE AWARD-WINNING GATESHEAD MILLENNIUM BRIDGE, THE WORLD'S FIRST AND ONLY BASCULE BRIDGE, WHICH DRAMATICALLY ELEVATES VESSELS BENEATH IT, CREATING A CAPTIVATING EFFECT REMINISCENT OF A GIANT EYELID OPENING AND CLOSING. KEEP YOUR CAMERA AT THE READY! NEARBY, IN A CHARMING INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE RIVER TYNE, YOU WILL DISCOVER THE BALTIC CENTRE FOR CONTEMPORARY ART, THE LARGEST GALLERY OF ITS KIND GLOBALLY. HERE, YOU CAN IMMERSE YOURSELF IN A DYNAMIC INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM OF CONTEMPORARY VISUAL ART, FEATURING REGULAR EXHIBITIONS FROM RENOWNED ARTISTS SUCH AS DAMIEN HIRST, YOKO ONO, AND JANET CARDIFF. FURTHER ALONG THE SOUTH BANK, YOU WILL ENCOUNTER SAGE GATESHEAD, A VIBRANT HUB FOR LIVE MUSIC AND MUSIC EDUCATION. THIS REMARKABLE VENUE EMBRACES EVERY GENRE, FROM ACOUSTIC TO INDIE, COUNTRY TO FOLK, JAZZ TO ELECTRONIC, AND CLASSICAL, HOSTING CONCERTS BY THE ROYAL NORTHERN SINFONIA. FOR A TRULY UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE ON NEWCASTLE GATESHEAD AND THE RIVER TYNE, EMBARK ON AN UNFORGETTABLE BOAT TOUR WITH RIVER ESCAPES, WHICH WILL GUIDE YOU ALONG ENCHANTING COASTLINES AND PICTURESQUE COUNTRYSIDE. NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE IS ALSO RENOWNED FOR ITS THREE CATHEDRALS: THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS, AN EXTRAORDINARY ARCHITECTURAL GEM THAT HAS DOMINATED THE NEWCASTLE SKYLINE AND GUIDED SHIPS ON THE RIVER TYNE FOR OVER 500 YEARS; THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST MARY; AND ST JAMES' PARK. WITH FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND FANS FILLING NEWCASTLE UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB'S STADIUM EACH WEEK TO 'WORSHIP THE PITCHES,' FOOTBALL IS PRACTICALLY A RELIGION HERE! SPEND THE AFTERNOON EXPLORING THIS ICONIC STADIUM WITH A GUIDED TOUR, WHERE YOUR EXPERT GUIDE WILL TAKE YOU TO EXCLUSIVE AREAS YOU HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE, AS WELL AS SOME FAMOUS ONES! AND DO NOT FORGET TO VISIT THE SIR BOBBY ROBSON MEMORIAL GARDEN! OPENED IN MAY 2011, IT HONORS THE LIFE OF THE BELOVED GEORDIE WHO MANAGED NEWCASTLE UNITED FROM 1999 TO 2004 AND IS REMEMBERED AS ONE OF ENGLAND'S FINEST MANAGERS. FOR ADDITIONAL SPORTING EXCITEMENT IN NEWCASTLE GATESHEAD, CONSIDER ATTENDING LOCAL RUGBY UNION (NEWCASTLE FALCONS) OR RUGBY LEAGUE MATCHES. BASKETBALL ENTHUSIASTS WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THE GAMES AT NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY'S SPORT CENTRAL TO WITNESS THE BRITISH CHAMPIONS, NEWCASTLE EAGLES, LED BY THE CHARISMATIC FABULOUS FLOURNOY!



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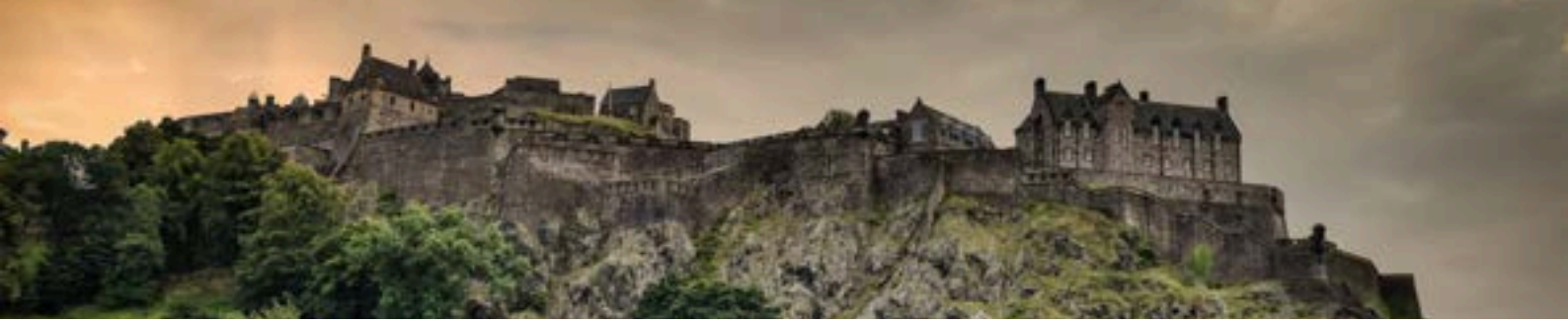


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FOR THE FIRST TWO DAYS, SELECT A CITY OF YOUR CHOICE BETWEEN GLASGOW AND EDINBURGH.

DAYS 1 & 2 - GLASGOW - SCOTLAND

DISCOVER GLASGOW, SCOTLAND'S LARGEST CITY, A VERITABLE TREASURE TROVE THAT PROMISES TO DELIGHT! WITH ITS WORLD-RENOWNED MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES, STUNNING ARCHITECTURE, ENCHANTING PARKS, AND MUST-SEE ATTRACTIONS, THIS METROPOLIS OFFERS A FEAST FOR THE SENSES. INDULGE IN LUXURY SHOPPING AT HIGH-END BOUTIQUES AND INDEPENDENT SHOPS, COMPLEMENTED BY AN EXCEPTIONAL ARRAY OF BARS, PUBS, AND RESTAURANTS THAT ENSURE EVERY MEAL IS MEMORABLE. DO NOT OVERLOOK THE KELVINGROVE ART GALLERY & MUSEUM, ONE OF SCOTLAND'S TRUE GEMS! HERE, YOU WILL ENCOUNTER 22 INNOVATIVE THEMED GALLERIES SHOWCASING OVER 8,000 OBJECTS. ITS COLLECTIONS ENCOMPASS NATURAL HISTORY, HISTORIC WEAPONRY, AND ARTISTIC MASTERPIECES FROM VARIOUS ERAS. BE SURE TO ADMIRE SALVADOR DALI'S ICONIC "CHRIST OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS" AND THE CAPTIVATING SIR ROGER, THE ASIAN ELEPHANT. FOR A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE, LOOK UP: A SPITFIRE AIRCRAFT IS SUSPENDED FROM THE CEILING! THE SPLENDIDLY REFURBISHED BUILDING IS IDEAL FOR FAMILIES AND FEATURES A RESTAURANT, CAFÉ, AND GIFT SHOP. VISIT THE REMARKABLE GLASGOW BOTANIC GARDENS, WHERE YOU CAN MEANDER THROUGH EXTRAORDINARY BOTANICAL COLLECTIONS AND TAKE IN THE VIEW OF THE KIBBLE PALACE, A STUNNING GLASSHOUSE DESIGNED BY JOHN KIBBLE THAT HOUSES THE NATIONAL COLLECTION OF TREE FERNS. DISCOVER EXOTIC PLANTS FROM TROPICAL RAINFORESTS IN THE EXQUISITE PALM HOUSE. BE SURE TO STOP BY THE GARDENS' NEW TEA ROOM! THE GALLERY OF MODERN ART (GOMA) IS AN ABSOLUTE ESSENTIAL; IT IS SCOTLAND'S MOST VISITED GALLERY! SITUATED IN THE HEART OF THE CITY ON ROYAL EXCHANGE SQUARE, IT PRESENTS THOUGHT-PROVOKING EXHIBITIONS OF BOTH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL WORKS, ALONGSIDE ENGAGING EVENTS FEATURING CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS. YOU CAN ALSO DELVE INTO THE BUILDING'S HISTORY THROUGH A PERMANENT EXHIBITION. WHILE THERE, DO NOT MISS THE WELL-STOCKED SHOP AND COZY CAFÉ. OUTSIDE THE GALLERY STANDS THE FAMOUS STATUE OF THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON. IMMERSE YOURSELF IN GLASGOW'S LEGENDARY MUSIC SCENE—DESIGNATED A UNESCO CITY OF MUSIC! EXPERIENCE UNFORGETTABLE CONCERTS IN STUNNING VENUES, FROM THE OVO HYDRO, WHERE THE BIGGEST NAMES PERFORM, TO THE GLASGOW ROYAL CONCERT HALL FOR CLASSICAL AND WORLD MUSIC, AND DO NOT FORGET KING TUT'S WAH WAH HUT FOR EMERGING INDIE ARTISTS IN AN INTIMATE SETTING. A VISIT TO THE RIVERSIDE MUSEUM PROMISES A PERFECT DAY OUT! LOCATED ALONG THE PICTURESQUE BANKS OF THE RIVER CLYDE, THIS MUSEUM INVITES YOU TO EXPLORE GLASGOW'S RICH HISTORY THROUGH EXTRAORDINARY EXHIBITS, INCLUDING CLASSIC CARS AND POWERFUL LOCOMOTIVES. STROLL ALONG A HISTORIC COBBLED STREET FEATURING SHOPS FROM 1895 TO THE 1980S AND ENGAGE WITH IMMERSIVE DISPLAYS. BOARD A TRAIN, TRAM, OR BUS TO DISCOVER THE WORLD OF VINTAGE PUBLIC TRANSPORT. DELVE INTO GLASGOW'S SHIPBUILDING HERITAGE AND EXPLORE HISTORIC CARS AND MOTORBIKES, OR TEST YOUR SKILLS AT EXTINGUISHING A FIRE WITH THE INTERACTIVE FIRE ENGINE! DO NOT MISS THE TALL SHIP GLENLEE, THE ONLY FLOATING SAILING SHIP BUILT IN THE UK: THERE ARE PLENTY OF ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN ON BOARD, INCLUDING A TODDLERS' PLAY AREA IN THE HOLD AND A MOUSE CHASE! THE HOUSE FOR AN ART LOVER IS A MASTERPIECE CRAFTED BY THE ILLUSTRIOUS ARCHITECT CHARLES RENNIE MACKINTOSH IN THE SCENIC BELLAHOUSTON PARK. THE EXTERIOR OF THE HOUSE WAS CONSTRUCTED USING AUTHENTIC MATERIALS INSPIRED BY THE ORIGINAL 1901 PLANS. INSIDE, MACKINTOSH DESIGNED ENCHANTING SPACES SUCH AS THE DOUBLE-HEIGHT ENTRANCE HALL, DINING ROOM, OVAL ROOM, AND MUSIC ROOM, COLLECTIVELY FORMING 'THE MACKINTOSH SUITE,' READY FOR VISITORS TO EXPLORE. DO NOT FORGET TO VISIT THE ART LOVERS CAFE, GALLERY, AND SHOP! THE BURRELL COLLECTION IS ONE OF THE LARGEST ART COLLECTIONS EVER ASSEMBLED BY A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL, FEATURING OVER 9,000 OBJECTS SPANNING 6,000 YEARS! REOPENED ON 29 MARCH 2022 AFTER A COMPREHENSIVE REFURBISHMENT, THIS COLLECTION IS HOUSED IN AN AWARD-WINNING BUILDING WITHIN POLLOK COUNTRY PARK, GLASGOW'S LARGEST GREEN SPACE. NAMED AFTER ITS BENEFACITOR SIR WILLIAM BURRELL, IT SHOWCASES EXTRAORDINARY WORKS BY ARTISTS SUCH AS RODIN, DEGAS, AND CÉZANNE, ALONGSIDE MAGNIFICENT LATE MEDIEVAL, CHINESE, AND ISLAMIC ART. THE BURRELL HOSTS REGULAR TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS AND OFFERS A DIVERSE RANGE OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN. IN GLASGOW'S VIBRANT WEST END, DO NOT MISS ASHTON LANE—A CHARMING COBBLED PEDESTRIAN STREET OFF BYRES ROAD, BRIMMING WITH FRIENDLY CAFES, LIVELY PUBS, AND DELECTABLE RESTAURANTS! ALTERNATIVELY, EXPLORE FINNIESTON, CELEBRATED FOR ITS REMARKABLE NEW RESTAURANTS THAT ARE CAPTIVATING THE CITY!



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DAYS 1 & 2 - EDINBURGH - SCOTLAND

EDINBURGH'S OLD TOWN PRESENTS A REMARKABLE JOURNEY THROUGH TIME, WHERE HISTORY RESONATES AT EVERY CORNER. IMMERSE YOURSELF IN A CAPTIVATING LABYRINTH OF COBBLED STREETS, WINDING ALLEYS, AND ENIGMATIC PASSAGEWAYS. EXPLORE HISTORIC SITES AND CHARMING NOOKS. STROLL ALONG THE HISTORIC ROYAL MILE, WHICH LINKS EDINBURGH CASTLE TO THE PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE. THIS VIBRANT THOROUGHFARE IS ADORNED WITH DELIGHTFUL SHOPS, INVITING RESTAURANTS, AND SIGNIFICANT MONUMENTS THAT CELEBRATE SCOTTISH CULTURE. BE SURE TO VISIT ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, A MASTERPIECE OF GOTHIC ARCHITECTURE RENOWNED FOR ITS STAINED GLASS WINDOWS AND THE ILLUSTRIOUS THISTLE CHAPEL. THIS SACRED SITE SERVES AS THE MOTHER CHURCH OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND AND IS ESSENTIAL FOR THOSE SEEKING TO UNCOVER THE NATION'S RICH RELIGIOUS HERITAGE. FOR LUNCH, INDULGE IN TRADITIONAL HAGGIS AT ONE OF THE LOCAL PUBS. CONTINUE YOUR ADVENTURE WITH A VISIT TO THE CASTLE; AS SOON AS YOU STEP ONTO THE ESPLANADE, YOU CAN SENSE THE ENERGY OF ONE OF SCOTLAND'S MOST REMARKABLE HISTORIC MONUMENTS. ABSORB THE BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE CITY AND UNCOVER THE INTRIGUING STORIES BEHIND THESE ANCIENT WALLS AS YOU EXPLORE THE GRAND HALLS, ROYAL CHAMBERS, MONUMENTS, AND DUNGEONS. PROCEED TO THE END OF THE ROYAL MILE, WHERE YOU WILL ARRIVE IN THE CAPTIVATING CANONGATE AND HOLYROOD AREA, WHICH BOASTS A HISTORY SPANNING OVER 800 YEARS. DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE, AN ELEGANT ROYAL RESIDENCE WITH CONNECTIONS TO MONARCHS THROUGHOUT THE AGES, SITUATED AT THE FOOT OF THE ROYAL MILE. TODAY, IT SERVES AS THE OFFICIAL SCOTTISH RESIDENCE OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING. DISCOVER MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS' BEDROOM AND THE ROOM WHERE HER CONFIDANT DAVID RIZZIO MET A TRAGIC END, AND BE SURE TO VISIT THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET. CONTINUE YOUR EXPLORATION BY HEADING TO THE ROYAL YACHT BRITANNIA, ONE OF THE UK'S PREMIER ATTRACTIONS. STEP ABOARD HER MAJESTY'S HISTORIC FLOATING RESIDENCE TO EXPLORE THE ENGINE ROOM, A ROLLS ROYCE, AND MAGNIFICENT ROOMS ACROSS FIVE DECKS. AFTER THE TOUR, TAKE SOME TIME TO DISCOVER SHORE IN LEITH, ONE OF EDINBURGH'S TRENDIEST NEIGHBORHOODS. WANDER THROUGH THE WONDERS OF THE ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN, FEATURING ITS ENCHANTING GLASSHOUSE, REMARKABLE DISPLAYS, AND AN INCREDIBLE VARIETY OF COLORFUL PLANTS, LOCATED IN THE INVERLEITH AREA. DO NOT MISS PRINCES STREET AND GEORGE STREET, AS THEY ARE IDEAL FOR SHOPPING! YOU WILL FIND A WIDE SELECTION OF THE LATEST BRANDS; IF YOU APPRECIATE DESIGNER SHOPPING, HEAD TO MULTREES WALK AND THE NEWLY OPENED ST JAMES QUARTER, WHICH ALSO BOASTS UNMISSABLE RESTAURANTS. CONTINUE UP CALTON HILL, WHERE YOU CAN ADMIRE THE NATIONAL MONUMENT WHILE ENJOYING SPECTACULAR VIEWS OF THE CITY SKYLINE. IF YOU WISH TO IMMERSE YOURSELF IN CULTURE, VISIT THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL GALLERY TO VIEW SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST RENOWNED ART. FINALLY, DO NOT OVERLOOK ARTHUR'S SEAT—THIS ANCIENT VOLCANO OFFERS STUNNING VIEWS OF THE CITY AND IS AN EXCELLENT LOCATION FOR HIKING. WITH WELL-MARKED TRAILS LEADING TO THE SUMMIT, REACHING THIS SCENIC SPOT BELOVED BY LOCALS AND VISITORS ALIKE IS EFFORTLESS.



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DAYS 3 & 4 - PITLOCHRY, STORNOWAY, PORT OF NESS, BUTT OF LEWIS AND MANGERSTA - SCOTLAND

EMBARK ON AN EXTRAORDINARY ADVENTURE ALONG THE MAGNIFICENT PITLOCHRY DAM, A REMARKABLE FEAT OF ENGINEERING THAT PRESENTS STUNNING VISTAS OF LOCH FASKALLY AND THE RIVER TUMMEL. BE SURE TO VISIT THE FISH LADDER, A DISTINCTIVE STAIRCASE-LIKE RAMP FACILITATING THE MIGRATION OF SALMON TO THE UPPER REACHES OF THE RIVER. CONTINUE YOUR EXPLORATION ALONG THE RIVER TUMMEL, ENVELOPED BY THE VERDANT LANDSCAPES OF PERTSHIRE. MAKE AN ESSENTIAL STOP AT BLAIR ATHOL DISTILLERY, FOLLOWED BY EDRADOUR DISTILLERY, RENOWNED FOR BEING THE SMALLEST IN SCOTLAND. ADDITIONALLY, TAKE THE TIME TO EXPLORE BLAIR CASTLE, BUT FIRST, PAUSE AT THE QUEEN'S VIEW VIEWPOINT, A BELOVED PANORAMIC LOOKOUT OF QUEEN VICTORIA, WHERE YOU CAN APPRECIATE ONE OF SCOTLAND'S MOST ICONIC VISTAS. AFTER A BRIEF LUNCH IN THE TEA-ROOM OF BLAIR CASTLE, PREPARE TO UNCOVER THE MAJESTIC HEBRIDES, WITH YOUR NEXT DESTINATION BEING THE ISLE OF LEWIS IN STORNOWAY. UPON DISEMBARKING, MEANDER THROUGH THE TRANQUIL STREETS OF THIS CHARMING TOWN AND PROCEED TO LEWIS CASTLE, THE 19TH-CENTURY VICTORIAN EDIFICE THAT DOMINATES STORNOWAY. SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO STROLL THROUGH AN ENCHANTING FOREST OF OAK, CHESTNUT, AND PINE TREES. YOUR NEXT MARVELS WILL INCLUDE THE PORT OF NESS AND THE BUTT OF LEWIS LIGHTHOUSE; DO NOT OVERLOOK EOROPIE BEACH, WITH ITS BREATHTAKING SHORES AND CLIFFS OVERLOOKING THE TUMULTUOUS ATLANTIC OCEAN. IN THE EVENING, ARRIVE AT THE REMOTE VILLAGE OF MANGERSTA AND ENJOY A WALK ALONG THE SERENE AND PICTURESQUE MANGERSTA BEACH. NEARBY, YOU WILL DISCOVER THE MANGERSTA SEA STACKS: IMMERSSED IN PRISTINE NATURE, TRAVERSING THE CLIFFS THAT PLUNGE INTO THE ATLANTIC WILL TRULY EVOKE A SENSE OF BEING AT THE EDGE OF THE WORLD IN WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE KINGDOM OF THE EAGLES. HERE, YOU WILL HAVE THE UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY TO WITNESS THE LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF EAGLES IN ALL OF EUROPE.

DAY 5 - UIG SANDS, ARNOL'S BLACKHOUSE, GEARRANNAN BLACKHOUSE VILLAGE, CARLOWAY BROCH, CALLANISH STANDING STONES AND BOSTADH BEACH - SCOTLAND

TODAY, YOU EMBARK ON AN EXTRAORDINARY ADVENTURE ON THE ISLE OF LEWIS! BEGIN YOUR DAY AT UIG SANDS, ONE OF THE ISLAND'S MOST STUNNING BEACHES. THE EXPANSE OF WHITE SAND APPEARS BOUNDLESS, AND THE VIBRANT COLORS WILL LEAVE YOU IN AWE. REMEMBER THAT IN 1831, IN THIS BAY NESTLED BETWEEN THE FINE SAND DUNES, THE 93 PIECES OF THE MOST INTRIGUING AND ENIGMATIC CHESS SET WERE UNEARTHED! AFTER A BRIEF LUNCH AT THE SCALLOPS SHACK, WHERE YOU CAN SAVOR FRESHLY COOKED SCALLOPS PREPARED BEFORE YOUR EYES, YOUR JOURNEY CONTINUES SOUTH WITH ESSENTIAL STOPS: ARNOL'S BLACKHOUSE, GEARRANNAN BLACKHOUSE VILLAGE, CARLOWAY BROCH, AND THE DAY'S HIGHLIGHT: THE CALLANISH STANDING STONES. THIS PREHISTORIC NEOLITHIC SITE IS ENVELOPED IN AN EVOCATIVE AURA; IT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE SERVED AS AN ANCIENT ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY. STROLL AMONG THESE STONE CIRCLES, ERECTED NEARLY CONTEMPORANEOUSLY WITH THE EGYPTIAN PYRAMIDS, TO FULLY APPRECIATE THEIR MYSTERY AND ALLURE. PROCEED TO GREAT BERNERA ISLAND, LINKED TO LEWIS BY A SMALL ROAD BRIDGE, AND ARRIVE AT BOSTADHA BEACH. HERE, YOU MAY BE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO OBSERVE A SEAL COLONY IN A TRANQUIL AND SECLUDED SETTING, WITH CRYSTAL-CLEAR WATERS THAT TRANSITION THROUGH VARIOUS SHADES OF BLUE!



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DAY 6 - TARBET, LUSKENTYRE, SEILEBOST, SCARISTA, BORVE BEACH AND LEVERBURGH - SCOTLAND

TODAY, WE INVITE YOU TO DEPART FROM THE ENCHANTING ISLE OF LEWIS AND EXPLORE THE REMARKABLE HARRIS! THESE TWO ISLANDS, UNITED IN ONE MARVEL, CONSTITUTE THE LARGEST OF THE OUTER HEBRIDES. THE STUNNING ISLE OF HARRIS FEATURES NATURAL LANDSCAPES THAT ARE TRULY BREATHTAKING. GEOGRAPHICALLY, IT IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS: THE WEST COAST, CHARACTERIZED BY EXPANSIVE WHITE BEACHES KISSED BY CRYSTAL-CLEAR WATERS, AND THE EAST COAST, WHICH RISES DRAMATICALLY WITH MAJESTIC MOUNTAIN RANGES AND RUGGED CLIFFS. THE VIBRANT CAPITAL, TARBET, GREETES YOU WITH ITS QUIANT HARBOR AND DISTINCTIVE HOUSES, NESTLED WITHIN A SHELTERED BAY AND SURROUNDED BY IMPOSING MOUNTAINS. HERE, YOU WILL DISCOVER CHARMING SHOPS OFFERING LOCAL PRODUCTS RENOWNED WORLDWIDE, FROM HARRIS GIN PRODUCED BY THE ESTEEMED DISTILLERY TO THE EXQUISITE HARRIS TWEED, A WOOL FABRIC METICULOUSLY HAND-WOVEN BY SKILLED LOCAL ARTISANS. EXPERIENCE SOME OF THE MOST PRISTINE AND SPECTACULAR BEACHES IN EUROPE! REFERRING TO THEM AS "CARIBBEAN" IS NO EXAGGERATION. LUSKENTYRE, SEILEBOST, SCARISTA, AND BORVE BEACH ARE MERELY A FEW OF THE STUNNING STRETCHES OF WHITE SAND EMBRACED BY WATERS OF EXTRAORDINARY HUES: FROM BLUE TO TURQUOISE TO AQUAMARINE. A TRUE PARADISE FOR THE EYES AND THE SOUL! CONCLUDE THIS UNFORGETTABLE DAY WITH A DELIGHTFUL DINNER IN LEVERBURGH FEATURING FRESH LOBSTER. DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTAKE IN THIS UNIQUE EXPERIENCE!

DAY 7 - RODEL AND EILEEN GLAS LIGHTHOUSE - SCOTLAND

SPEND THE FOLLOWING MORNING EXPLORING THE EASTERN COAST, THE MOST UNTAMED AND CAPTIVATING ESSENCE OF HARRIS. TRAVERSE THE GOLDEN ROAD, WHICH SPANS THE ISLAND'S EASTERN REGION. IT IS NO WONDER THAT STANLEY KUBRICK SELECTED THIS REMARKABLE LOCATION TO FILM SCENES FOR HIS ICONIC WORK "2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY." REVEL IN THE MAGNIFICENT BEACHES AND OTHERWORLDLY LANDSCAPES THAT UNFOLD WITH EACH TURN; IT IS UNDOUBTEDLY ONE OF THE MOST STUNNING SCENIC DRIVES IN SCOTLAND. ARRIVE IN RODEL AND VISIT THE EXQUISITE ST. CLEMENT CHURCH. IN THE AFTERNOON, JOURNEY TO THE ENCHANTING ISLAND OF SCALPAY AND FOLLOW THE TRAIL LEADING TO THE PICTURESQUE EILEEN GLAS LIGHTHOUSE, ONE OF THE FIRST FOUR LIGHTHOUSES CONSTRUCTED IN SCOTLAND.

DAY 8 - BERNERAY ISLAND, BENBECULA ISLAND AND SOUTH UIST ISLAND - SCOTLAND

TODAY, A NEW ADVENTURE OF DISCOVERY AWAITS YOU! THE FERRY RIDE FROM LEVENBURGH TO BERNERAY LASTS ONLY AN HOUR AND IS SURPRISINGLY ENJOYABLE. UPON DISEMBARKING, YOU WILL FEEL AS THOUGH YOU ARE AT THE EDGE OF THE WORLD! BERNERAY IS A TRANQUIL ISLAND ENCOMPASSING LESS THAN 6 SQUARE MILES, EASILY CHARACTERIZED BY A FEW KEY FEATURES: A STUNNING WHITE SANDY BEACH, A HOSTEL SITUATED IN RESTORED BLACKHOUSES BY THE SEA, AND A COZY CAFÉ WHERE YOU CAN SAVOR A DELIGHTFUL BREAKFAST. BERNERAY IS DIRECTLY LINKED BY A BRIDGE TO NORTH UIST, FROM WHICH YOU CAN CONTINUE TO THE FLAT, SERENE ISLAND OF BENBECULA. ALTHOUGH IT IS THE MOST UNASSUMING OF THE OUTER HEBRIDES, IT BOASTS AMENITIES SUCH AS HOSPITALS, AIRPORTS, AND SUPERMARKETS THAT RENDER IT MORE 'CIVILIZED' THAN ITS NEIGHBORING ISLANDS. HOWEVER, IF YOU VENTURE OFF THE MAIN ROAD, YOU WILL BE CAPTIVATED BY THE PRISTINE NATURAL BEAUTY! WITH HILLS AND MOUNTAINS ON ONE SIDE AND OVER 20 MILES OF GOLDEN BEACHES ON THE OTHER, THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF REMARKABLE OPTIONS FOR RELAXING ON THE SAND! ADDITIONALLY, IF YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR SCOTTISH HISTORY, YOU MUST VISIT THE BIRTHPLACE OF FLORA MACDONALD AND THE MONOLITH DATING BACK TO 2000 BC, LOCATED AT THE SOUTHERN TIP OF THE ISLAND. LASTLY, DO NOT OVERLOOK THE HEBRIDEAN SCOTTISH CELTIC JEWELLERY: A SHOP WHERE YOU CAN PURCHASE EXQUISITE CELTIC JEWELRY.



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DAY 9 - CASTELBAY OR ERISKAY, MACHAIR WAY AND FROBOST BEACH - SCOTLAND

PREPARE FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURE! TODAY, WE WILL EMBARK ON A BREATHTAKING EXCURSION TO LITTLE BARRA IN CASTELBAY OR TO A DREAM DESTINATION: ERISKAY! THIS CAPTIVATING ISLAND IS RENOWNED FOR ITS EXPANSIVE WHITE SANDY BEACHES. SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT PRINCE'S COCKLE STRAND, THE PRINCIPAL BEACH ON THE WEST COAST, WHERE BONNIE PRINCE CHARLIE FIRST SET FOOT ON SCOTTISH SOIL ON 23 JULY 1745. BUT THE JOURNEY DOES NOT CONCLUDE THERE! IN 1941, THE SS POLITICIAN SANK TO THE SEABED WITH OVER 264,000 BOTTLES OF WHISKY ABOARD. LOCALS RALLIED TO RECOVER SOME OF THE VALUABLE CARGO, AND ONE OF THE ORIGINAL BOTTLES REMAINS ON DISPLAY IN THE AM POLITICIAN PUB, WHERE YOU WILL PAUSE FOR A SNACK AND AN ENJOYABLE GAME OF POOL. ADDITIONALLY, MAKE A BRIEF VISIT TO THE LOCAL CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL BEFORE RETURNING TO SOUTH UIST. FOLLOW THE SIGNPOSTED MACHAIR WAY WALKING TRAIL AND ADMIRE FROBOST BEACH, ONE OF THE COUNTLESS MACHAIR-LINED BEACHES ALONG THE WEST COAST.

DAY 10 - SCOLPAIG TOWER AND LOCHMADDY - SCOTLAND

IT IS TIME TO BID FAREWELL TO THE OUTER HEBRIDES. THE FERRY TO THE ISLE OF SKYE DEPARTS FROM LOCHMADDY IN THE LATE AFTERNOON, ALLOWING AMPLE TIME IN THE MORNING TO EXPLORE NORTH UIST. THIS SERENE, FLAT ISLAND SERVES AS A SANCTUARY FOR NATURE ENTHUSIASTS AND BIRDCATCHERS. THE LANDSCAPE IS CHARACTERIZED BY THE SURROUNDING WATERS, FEATURING LAKES AND MARSHES WHERE DEER, TROUT, AND SALMON SIGNIFICANTLY OUTNUMBER THE HUMAN POPULATION. VISIT NATURE RESERVES DEDICATED TO MIGRATORY BIRDS, ADMIRE THE INTRIGUING SCOLPAIG TOWER, AND UNCOVER ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMNANTS AMIDST ENDLESS UNSPOILED BEACHES ADORNED WITH DUNES AND MACHAIR: PURE TRANQUILITY AWAITS. THE TOWN OF LOCHMADDY IS HOME TO THE TAIGH CHEARSABBHAGH, AN ARTS CENTER AND MUSEUM, AS WELL AS THE FERRY TERMINAL THAT LINKS THE UISTS TO UIG ON THE ISLE OF SKYE. DO NOT MISS THIS EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCE!

DAY 11 - FAIRY GLEN, DUNTULUM CASTLE, CORAL BEACH, PORTREE, FAIRY POOLS, ELGOL AND LOCH CORUIISK - SCOTLAND

THE CAPTIVATING ISLE OF SKYE CONTINUES TO ENCHANT VISITORS WITH ITS ETHEREAL ALLURE. JOURNEY TO THE TROTTERNISH PENINSULA, RENOWNED FOR SHOWCASING WHAT MANY DEEM THE ISLAND'S MOST STUNNING REGION. BEGIN YOUR EXPLORATION AT FAIRY GLEN, A VALLEY THAT PRESERVES ITS ENCHANTING ESSENCE, PRESENTING ITSELF AS A TIMELESS MICROCOSM. HOWEVER, IT IS AT THE QUIRAING WHERE THE MAGIC REACHES ITS ZENITH: THE LANDSCAPES APPEAR TO HAVE EMERGED FROM A FANTASY NOVEL, FEATURING A BREATHTAKING PANORAMA OF ROCKY PINNACLES AND REMARKABLE VOLCANIC FORMATIONS. PROCEED TO DUNTULUM CASTLE, FOLLOWED BY A VISIT TO THE CEMETERY WHERE FLORA MACDONALD IS INTERRED. ENJOY A STROLL ALONG CORAL BEACH BEFORE CONCLUDING THE EVENING IN PORTREE, ADMIRING ITS VIBRANT HARBOR FILLED WITH FISHING BOATS. A NEW DAY AND FRESH ADVENTURES AWAIT YOU ON SKYE. THE ENCHANTING FAIRY POOLS INVITE YOU TO THE HEART OF THE CUIILLINS FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE MORNING, FOLLOWED BY A VISIT TO THE NEARBY TALISKER DISTILLERY. IN THE AFTERNOON, TRAVEL SOUTH TO ELGOL. FROM THIS SECLUDED VILLAGE, EMBARK ON A BOAT EXCURSION TO LOCH CORUIISK, A GLACIAL LAKE NESTLED AMID THE MAJESTIC CUIILLIN MOUNTAINS, AND MAKE A FINAL STOP AT SLIGACHAN OLD BRIDGE.



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DAY 12 - ARMADALE, MALLAIG, ARDNAMURCHAN PENINSULA AND TOBERMORY - SCOTLAND

PREPARE FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURE! BEGIN YOUR EXTENSIVE TRAVEL DAY FROM SKYE AT DAWN, MAKING YOUR WAY TO ARMADALE, WHERE YOU WILL EMBARK ON THE FERRY TO MALLAIG. DO NOT OVERLOOK ONE OF THE MOST STUNNING SEGMENTS OF THE ROAD TO THE ISLES: THE ALTERNATIVE COASTAL ROUTE FROM MORAR TO ARISAIG. THIS CAPTIVATING SINGLE-LANE COASTAL ROAD MEANDERS PAST BREATHTAKING SILVER SAND BEACHES! THE ARDNAMURCHAN PENINSULA, KNOWN AS "THE HEADLAND OF THE GREAT SEAS," IS A VIBRANT LANDSCAPE OF OPEN HILLS, DRAMATIC CLIFFS, AND PICTURESQUE BEACHES. ITS WILD AND UNSPOILED BEAUTY IS TRULY CAPTIVATING! TOBERMORY AWAITS ON THE HORIZON, CHARACTERIZED BY ITS DISTINCTIVE BLACK SLATE ROOFS AND VIVIDLY COLORED FACADES!

DAY 13 - GLENGORM CASTLE, CALGARY BAY, SALEN AND BUNESSAN - SCOTLAND

WITH ITS CRYSTAL-CLEAR AND SHIMMERING WATERS, GOLDEN BEACHES, AND THE ROMANTIC REMNANTS OF TWO VESSELS STRANDED ON THE ROCKS, THE ISLE OF MULL IS A SMALL, UNTAMED PARADISE AWAITING EXPLORATION. BEGIN IN TOBERMORY AND PROCEED TOWARDS GLENGORM CASTLE, A RECENTLY RESTORED EDIFICE TRANSFORMED INTO AN EXCLUSIVE HOTEL. ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC, IT PROVIDES SPECTACULAR VIEWS OF THE ATLANTIC AND THE STUNNING OUTER HEBRIDES. CONTINUE TOWARDS CALGARY BAY, RENOWNED FOR ITS FAMOUS WHITE BEACH, THE MOST CELEBRATED BEACH ON THE ISLAND. THE ROUTE FROM CALGARY BAY TO SALEN IS A JOURNEY OF PURE EMOTION: FOLLOW THE WEST COAST WHILE ADMIRING EXTRAORDINARY VISTAS OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN AND THE ISLANDS OF TRESHNISH, GOMETRA, AND ULVA. ALONG THIS RUGGED ROAD, YOU WILL ALSO ENCOUNTER THE EAS FORS WATERFALL, A SERIES OF CASCADES CULMINATING IN A MAJESTIC FINAL DROP OF OVER 30 METERS! A PHOTO OPPORTUNITY IN SALEN IS ESSENTIAL BEFORE CONTINUING ALONG THE COAST TO REACH BUNESSAN BY EVENING.

DAY 14 - IONA ISLAND, ROSS OF MULL, CRAIGNURE, DUART CASTLE AND OBAN - SCOTLAND

AN EXTRAORDINARY ADVENTURE AWAITS YOU AT FIONNPHORT HARBOUR, WITH THE ISLE OF IONA EMERGING BEFORE YOU! THIS HIDDEN GEM, THE CRADLE OF CHRISTIANITY IN SCOTLAND, IS A CAPTIVATING LOCALE WHERE TIME APPEARS TO STAND STILL AND TRANQUILITY PREVAILS. THE ISLAND'S HEART IS THE EXQUISITELY RESTORED BENEDICTINE ABBEY, YET THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF NATURAL WONDERS AND EXPANSES OF FLOWER-LADEN FIELDS TO EXPLORE. IT IS WITHIN THE PROFOUND SILENCE, INTERRUPTED ONLY BY YOUR FOOTSTEPS AND THE ISLAND'S LEISURELY PACE, THAT YOU CAN TRULY APPRECIATE ITS SPIRITUAL ESSENCE. AFTER SPENDING HALF A DAY ON IONA, RETURN TO THE MAINLAND TO CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY. TRAVERSE THE LONGEST PENINSULA ON THE ISLE OF MULL: THE ROSS OF MULL. HERE, YOU WILL ENCOUNTER VERDANT VALLEYS, SHIMMERING WATERFALLS, TRANQUIL LOCHS, MAJESTIC MOUNTAINS, HISTORIC CASTLES, AND CHARMING SHAGGY SHEEP AND COWS. BEFORE ARRIVING IN CRAIGNURE TO CATCH THE FINAL FERRY TO OBAN, MAKE AN ESSENTIAL STOP AT DUART CASTLE, A STUNNING FORTRESS WITH A RUGGED SILHOUETTE THAT COMMANDS THE ISLAND'S WEST COAST. ARRIVE IN OBAN IN THE EVENING AND ALLOW TIME TO VISIT THE DISTILLERY IN THE CENTER AND ASCEND MCCAIG'S TOWER.



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DAYS 15 & 16 - INVERNESS - SCOTLAND

YOUR FINAL DESTINATION WILL BE INVERNESS. EXPLORE THIS VIBRANT CITY: CENTRALLY SITUATED, INVERNESS CASTLE IS A REMARKABLE ADDITION TO YOUR ITINERARY. THIS HISTORIC FORTRESS, DATING BACK TO 11 AD, HAS WITNESSED CENTURIES OF UPHEAVAL; TODAY, YOU CAN ADMIRE ITS NEO-NORMAN SPLENDOR FROM THE LOOKOUT POINT, OFFERING BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE CITY AND THE HIGHLANDS. DEDICATED TO SCOTLAND'S PATRON SAINT, ST ANDREW, INVERNESS CATHEDRAL WILL CAPTIVATE YOU: APPRECIATE THE EXQUISITE ARCHITECTURE DESIGNED BY ALEXANDER ROSS AND MARVEL AT THE INTRICATE STONE AND WOODWORK, ALONG WITH THE STUNNING STAINED GLASS WINDOWS. DON'T OVERLOOK THE INVERNESS MUSEUM & ART GALLERY - A TREASURE TROVE FOR ENTHUSIASTS OF HIGHLAND ART AND CULTURE! UNCOVER COMPELLING NARRATIVES OF THE LOCAL PAST AND TRADITIONS THROUGH ENGAGING DISPLAYS, INCLUDING ARCHAEOLOGY AND JACOBAN RELICS. EXPERIENCE SCOTLAND'S INAUGURAL LOCH NESS MONSTER-INSPIRED BREWERY! ESTABLISHED IN 2023, THIS DISTILLERY PRODUCES SUSTAINABLE CRAFT BEERS AND WHISKIES THAT CELEBRATE SCOTTISH FOLKLORE. PARTICIPATE IN EXCLUSIVE TOURS TO UNVEIL THE SECRETS BEHIND THIS EXCEPTIONAL CREATION! FOR A DEEPER EXPLORATION OF THE REGION'S TUMULTUOUS HISTORY, VISIT CULLODEN BATTLEFIELD, LOCATED JUST 15 MINUTES FROM INVERNESS. DISCOVER THIS HISTORIC SITE OF BRITAIN'S LAST GREAT BATTLE AND BE SURE TO VISIT THE INTERACTIVE CENTER FEATURING FASCINATING ARTIFACTS! HEAR THE STORIES OF THE HIGHLAND REGIMENTS FROM THE BATTLE OF CULLODEN TO THE PRESENT DAY AT THE MUSEUM AT FORT GEORGE. WITH AN IMPRESSIVE COLLECTION OF 40,000 ARTIFACTS, UNCOVER THE LEGACY OF THE VALIANT SOLDIERS RECRUITED FROM THE CLANS OF THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS! FINALLY, THERE ARE SOME FANTASTIC VENUES FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT OUT! THE EDEN COURT THEATRE AND CINEMA, SITUATED ON THE PICTURESQUE BANKS OF THE RIVER NESS IN THE HEART OF THE CITY, IS THE IDEAL LOCATION TO EXPERIENCE THRILLING PERFORMANCES. WITH A PROGRAM THAT SPANS DRAMA, DANCE, OPERA, MUSICALS, COMEDY, AND CONCERTS, THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY ON THE HORIZON. REMEMBER: IT IS THE LARGEST ENTERTAINMENT VENUE IN THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS! FINALLY, PROCEED TO THE AIRPORT TO AWAIT YOUR FLIGHT HOME.



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DAYS 1 & 2 - LIVERPOOL - ENGLAND

EMBARK ON AN EXTRAORDINARY ADVENTURE IN LIVERPOOL, A CITY RENOWNED FOR ITS ABUNDANCE OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS, THEATRES, MUSEUMS, AND GALLERIES, SECOND ONLY TO LONDON. WITH ITS ICONIC UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE WATERFRONT, LIVERPOOL SERVES AS A VERITABLE TREASURE TROVE OF HISTORY AND CULTURE. THIS VIBRANT AND INVITING CITY WILL MAKE YOU FEEL INSTANTLY AT HOME WITH ITS MODERN ATTRACTIONS AND YOUTHFUL ENERGY. THE THREE GRACES—THE ROYAL LIVER BUILDING, THE CUNARD BUILDING, AND THE PORT OF LIVERPOOL BUILDING—HAVE DEFINED ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST RECOGNIZABLE SKYLINES FOR NEARLY A CENTURY. THESE MAGNIFICENT STRUCTURES STAND AS TANGIBLE SYMBOLS OF LIVERPOOL'S INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE AND TRUE EMBLEMS OF ITS COMMERCIAL PROWESS. THE ALBERT DOCK IS AN ARCHITECTURAL MASTERPIECE UNLIKE ANY OTHER. OPENED IN 1846, IT SWIFTLY BECAME A REPOSITORY OF PRECIOUS CARGO FROM AROUND THE GLOBE. TODAY, FOLLOWING A REDEVELOPMENT EXCEEDING £100 MILLION, IT HAS EVOLVED INTO ONE OF LIVERPOOL'S MOST VIBRANT AND COSMOPOLITAN HUBS, AS WELL AS A PREMIER HISTORIC DESTINATION. YOU WILL ENCOUNTER MUST-SEE ATTRACTIONS SUCH AS TATE LIVERPOOL, THE BEATLES STORY, AND THE MERSEYSIDE MARITIME MUSEUM, ALONGSIDE AN ARRAY OF SHOPS, CAFES, BARS, HOTELS, AND RESTAURANTS. THERE IS NO BETTER WAY TO EXPERIENCE THE ESSENCE OF LIVERPOOL THAN ABOARD THE MERSEY FERRIES. WHILE ENJOYING THE CAPTIVATING ON-BOARD COMMENTARY, YOU WILL UNCOVER THE CITY'S INTRIGUING HISTORY AS YOU ADMIRE ITS SPECTACULAR LANDMARKS. ADDITIONALLY, REMEMBER THAT LIVERPOOL'S WATERFRONT IS A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE—YET ANOTHER REASON TO INDULGE IN A LEISURELY RIVER CRUISE. THE ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL, THE LARGEST IN THE UK AND ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT BUILDINGS OF THE 20TH CENTURY, FEATURES SOARING GOTHIC ARCHES, A GIGANTIC ORGAN, AND IMPOSING BELLS, ALL WHILE PROVIDING A WELCOMING AND SERENE ATMOSPHERE. IT IS UTILIZED CREATIVELY FOR WORSHIP, CONCERTS, AND EXHIBITIONS. FURTHERMORE, DO NOT MISS THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE ANFIELD WITH LIVERPOOL FC. IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE REMARKABLE HERITAGE OF ENGLAND'S MOST SUCCESSFUL FOOTBALL CLUB. DISCOVER RARELY ACCESSIBLE AREAS OF THE STADIUM AS PASSIONATE GUIDES SHARE CAPTIVATING ANECDOTES ABOUT ANFIELD'S LEGENDARY HISTORY AND LIVERPOOL FC'S PROMISING FUTURE. THE MUSEUM OF LIVERPOOL, SITUATED ON THE RENOWNED PIER HEAD AND HOUSED WITHIN A LANDMARK STRUCTURE, IS THE WORLD'S FIRST NATIONAL MUSEUM DEDICATED TO THE HISTORY OF A REGIONAL CITY. IT IS ALSO THE LARGEST NEW NATIONAL MUSEUM IN BRITAIN IN OVER A CENTURY. STEP ABOARD THE ELEVATED RAILWAY, GET CLOSE TO THE STAGE WHERE JOHN LENNON AND PAUL MCCARTNEY FIRST MET, IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE CITY'S RICH SPORTING AND CREATIVE HERITAGE, AND DISCOVER WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A TRUE LIVERPUDIEN. DO NOT MISS THE IMMERSIVE 360° FILMS ABOUT LIVERPOOL, EVERTON FC, AND THE BEATLES. HOME TO THE NATIONAL COLLECTION OF MODERN ART IN THE NORTH, TATE LIVERPOOL CELEBRATED ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY AS A CULTURAL LANDMARK IN THE CITY IN 2008. LOCATED ON THE GRADE I LISTED ALBERT DOCK AND JUST A SHORT WALK FROM THE CITY CENTER, IT HAS BECOME A VENUE FOR MAJOR INTERNATIONAL MODERN ART EXHIBITIONS AND CONSISTENTLY OFFERS EXCITING NEW DISPLAYS FROM THE NATIONAL COLLECTION—MAKING IT THE IDEAL PLACE TO VIEW YOUR FAVORITE ARTWORKS OR DISCOVER NEW TALENT. CONTINUE TO THE CAVERN CLUB: FIFTY YEARS AFTER THE BEATLES FIRST PERFORMED ON ITS STAGE, THE CAVERN CLUB REMAINS ONE OF LIVERPOOL'S PREMIER MUSIC VENUES. THE CLUB NOW FEATURES TWO STAGES THAT PRESENT A DIVERSE ARRAY OF LIVE MUSIC EVERY DAY. THE ICONIC STAGE BENEATH THE BRICK ARCHES IS THE IMAGE MOST COMMONLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE CAVERN CLUB, WHERE YOU CAN ENJOY LIVE PERFORMANCES FROM SOLO ARTISTS AND COVER BANDS ALMOST EVERY AFTERNOON AND EVENING. ADDITIONALLY, DO NOT MISS THE CAVERN LIVE LOUNGE, EQUIPPED WITH A STATE-OF-THE-ART SOUND SYSTEM. THE BEATLES STORY, LOCATED IN LIVERPOOL'S HISTORIC ALBERT DOCK, IS A DISTINCTIVE VISITOR ATTRACTION THAT WILL TAKE YOU ON AN EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY THROUGH THE LIFE, TIMES, CULTURE, AND MUSIC OF THE BEATLES. DISCOVER HOW FOUR YOUNG LADS FROM LIVERPOOL ASCENDED TO THE DIZZYING HEIGHTS OF GLOBAL FAME AND BECAME THE GREATEST BAND OF ALL TIME. ST GEORGE'S HALL IS REGARDED AS ONE OF THE FINEST NEOCLASSICAL BUILDINGS IN THE WORLD AND IS A GRADE I LISTED STRUCTURE. MEASURING 169 FEET IN LENGTH AND 74 FEET IN WIDTH, IT FEATURES A TUNNEL-VAULTED CEILING THAT IS THE LARGEST OF ITS KIND IN EUROPE. THIS MAGNIFICENT CEILING IS SUPPORTED BY ENORMOUS RED GRANITE COLUMNS THAT EMBODY THE ARTISTIC, SCIENTIFIC, AND MORAL ASPIRATIONS OF THE VICTORIAN ERA. ST GEORGE'S HALL IS ALSO HOME TO A FULL CONCERT ORGAN WITH 7,000 PIPES, SECOND IN SIZE ONLY TO THE ORGAN AT THE ALBERT HALL. INSIDE THE HERITAGE CENTRE, YOU WILL FIND CAPTIVATING DISPLAYS, HISTORICAL RECONSTRUCTIONS, AND INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES THAT BRING THE HISTORY OF ST GEORGE'S HALL TO LIFE.



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DAYS 3 & 4 - MANCHESTER - ENGLAND

CONTINUE YOUR REMARKABLE MANCHESTER ADVENTURE IN THE NORTHERN QUARTER, A DYNAMIC NEIGHBORHOOD TEEMING WITH INDEPENDENT CREATIVITY! TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEANDER THROUGH ITS DELIGHTFUL STREETS AND UNCOVER A PLETHORA OF UNIQUE SHOPS, ART GALLERIES, AND CHARMING BOUTIQUES. CREATIVITY SPILLS ONTO THE STREETS, WITH BREATHTAKING STREET ART EMBELLISHING EVERY CORNER. PREPARE FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE AT AFFLECKS, A SANCTUARY FOR INNOVATIVE INDEPENDENT TRADERS, HOUSED IN A HISTORIC BUILDING THAT ORIGINATED AS A DEPARTMENT STORE IN THE 1860S. TODAY, IT ATTRACTS 24,000 VISITORS WEEKLY. ARRIVE AT OPENING TIME FOR A LEISURELY EXPLORATION AND BE SURE TO VISIT THE ROOFTOP BAR FOR A REFRESHING BEVERAGE! AS YOU JOURNEY TOWARD THE CITY'S OLDEST SECTION, DO NOT OVERLOOK THE VAULTED ARCH OF THE 'HANGING DITCH,' THE REMNANTS OF A CAPTIVATING MEDIEVAL BRIDGE THAT NARRATES ANCIENT TALES. IT IS HERE THAT YOU WILL FIND THE CATHEDRAL VISITOR CENTRE. MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL AWAITS WITH ITS MAGNIFICENT GOTHIC NAVE. IF YOU SEEK SOMETHING A BIT DIFFERENT, THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF FOOTBALL IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED NEXT DOOR. TRAMS TRAVERSE THE CITY AND PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT MEANS TO EXPLORE THE ATTRACTIONS FURTHER! DISEMBARK AT ST PETER'S SQUARE AND CATCH A TRAM TO MEDIACITYUK. ADJACENT TO THE TRAM STOP IS RISE UP, WOMEN, A STATUE HONORING THE PIONEERING SUFFRAGETTE EMMELINE PANKHURST. ONBOARD THE TRAM, YOU WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO VIEW SOME OF THE CITY'S HIGHLIGHTS, FROM THE GRAND MANCHESTER CENTRAL LIBRARY TO THE CLASSIC BRITON'S PROTECTION PUB AND DEANSGATE TRAIN STATION. REMEMBER TO GLANCE RIGHT FOR CASTLEFIELD VIADUCT, AN OLD BRIDGE TRANSFORMED INTO A BEAUTIFUL GREEN SPACE; AND AFTER POMONA STATION, LOOK LEFT FOR OLD TRAFFORD, THE HOME OF MANCHESTER UNITED! UPON REACHING THE PIER, PROCEED TO PIER EIGHT AT THE LOWRY FOR A DELIGHTFUL LUNCH. AMONG THE TREASURES SHOWCASED IN THIS MULTIPURPOSE VENUE ARE 300 WORKS BY ARTIST LS LOWRY, CAPTURING THE INDUSTRIAL SPIRIT OF 19TH-CENTURY MANCHESTER. IF TIME ALLOWS, TAKE A FEW EXTRA MOMENTS TO EXPLORE MEDIACITY AND ENJOY OUTDOOR SCREENINGS - YOU MIGHT EVEN CATCH A GLIMPSE OF A CELEBRITY FROM THE NEARBY BBC STUDIOS! FOR A MORE LEISURELY AFTERNOON, ENJOY A DRINK IN ONE OF THE QUAYSIDE BARS BEFORE TAKING THE TRAM BACK INTO THE CITY. IF YOU'RE INCLINED TO VENTURE FURTHER, TAKE A STROLL ALONG THE CANALS - A SPLENDID WAY TO VIEW THE CITY FROM A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE - AND STOP AT ORDSALL HALL, A HISTORIC MANOR HOUSE WHERE YOU CAN RELISH THE OUTDOOR SPACE WHILE ENJOYING TEA AND TOASTED CHEESE SANDWICHES FROM A QUAIN CAFÉ. FROM HERE, PROCEED TO THE RIVERSIDE PATH IN GRAFFITI PALACE - EVERY WALL IS ADORNED WITH VIBRANT GRAFFITI! CROSS THE BRIDGEWATER CANAL AND YOU WILL ARRIVE AT CASTLEFIELD BASIN - A BUSTLING BAR AND RESTAURANT SCENE THAT THRIVES AT ALL HOURS! PAUSE FOR A DRINK OR CONTINUE TO GAS WORKS BREW BAR FOR A LOCAL BREW IN AUTHENTIC TRADITIONAL PUB STYLE. SAVOR GENUINE CUISINE AT SAM'S CHOP HOUSE. THEIR MENU FEATURES CLASSICS SUCH AS CRISPY PORK AND SLOW-ROASTED BEEF ACCOMPANIED BY PERFECT CHIPS - YOU WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED! "MADCHESTER" IS THE LEGENDARY MONIKER THAT CELEBRATES THIS EXTRAORDINARY CITY, WHICH HAS BIRTHED ICONIC BANDS LIKE OASIS AND THE STONE ROSES. ASCEND TO 20 STORIES FOR ELEGANT COCKTAILS WITH BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE CITY OR EXPLORE THE BARS IN THE NORTHERN QUARTER. GULLIVERS IS IDEAL FOR ENJOYING LIVE MUSIC WHILE DISCOVERING NEW EMERGING TALENTS FROM THE LOCAL MUSIC SCENE.



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DAYS 5 & 6 - SHEFFIELD - ENGLAND

DISCOVER SHEFFIELD, A CITY WITH A RICH HERITAGE IN METALWORK THAT DATES BACK TO THE 12TH CENTURY. THIS LOCALE HAS TRANSFORMED INTO A VIBRANT CULTURAL HUB. WITH A THIRD OF ITS AREA NESTLED WITHIN THE PICTURESQUE PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK, IT SERVES AS A SANCTUARY FOR OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS, ADVENTURERS, AND CREATIVES ALIKE. FROM SHOPPING IN THE CITY CENTER TO EXHILARATING OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, SHEFFIELD OFFERS AN ARRAY OF REMARKABLE EXPERIENCES THAT ARE NOT TO BE OVERLOOKED. VISIT THE MILLENNIUM GALLERY, WHERE A DYNAMIC EXHIBITION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THE FINEST NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ART AND DESIGN, ALONGSIDE THE REGION'S MOST EXCEPTIONAL CREATIVE TALENT. HERE, YOU WILL ENCOUNTER UNIQUE COLLECTIONS THAT CELEBRATE SHEFFIELD'S METALWORK AND THE EXTRAORDINARY ART AND ARTIFACTS INTRODUCED TO THE CITY BY THE RENOWNED ARTIST AND WRITER JOHN RUSKIN. SHEFFIELD'S METALWORK COLLECTION IS ESTEEMED AS ONE OF THE FINEST GLOBALLY, FEATURING OVER 800 EXQUISITE PIECES OF CUTLERY, TABLEWARE, AND WARES THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE CITY'S FAME, ALONGSIDE BEAUTIFUL OBJECTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD. DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE GUILD OF ST GEORGE'S DISTINCTIVE RUSKIN COLLECTION, ESTABLISHED IN THE 19TH CENTURY TO INSPIRE THE PEOPLE OF SHEFFIELD. THIS REMARKABLE COLLECTION OF ART, ILLUSTRATED MANUSCRIPTS, AND MINERALS IS SHOWCASED THROUGH EVER-EVOLVING EXHIBITIONS THAT HONOR RUSKIN'S VISIONARY IDEAS. DURING YOUR VISIT, BE SURE TO STOP BY THE AMBULO CAFÉ, WHERE YOU CAN INDULGE IN DELICIOUS COFFEE AND FANTASTIC GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICHES. HERE'S A SECRET TIP: THE MILLENNIUM GALLERY ALSO BOASTS SOME OF THE FINEST SHOPPING IN SHEFFIELD! IF YOU ARE IN SEARCH OF THE PERFECT GIFT, THE GALLERY SHOP OFFERS A WIDE RANGE OF ITEMS, FROM HOME ESSENTIALS AND HANDCRAFTED JEWELRY TO BOOKS, CARDS, AND STATIONERY. DELVE INTO INDUSTRIAL HISTORY WITH A VISIT TO KELHAM ISLAND, ONE OF SHEFFIELD'S OLDEST MANUFACTURING SITES, BOASTING OVER 900 YEARS OF HISTORY. THIS MAN-MADE ISLAND WAS CENTRAL TO THE 20TH-CENTURY INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION. TODAY, REMNANTS OF OLD CUTLERS AND STEELWORKS COEXIST WITH VIBRANT INDEPENDENT SHOPPING CENTERS, TRENDY RESTAURANTS, AND CHARMING MICROBREWERIES. THE KELHAM ISLAND MUSEUM HAS BEEN WELCOMING VISITORS SINCE 1982, GUIDING YOU THROUGH TIME WITH HISTORIC OBJECTS AND ARCHIVAL MATERIALS THAT NARRATE SHEFFIELD'S EXTRAORDINARY INDUSTRIAL LEGACY. EXPERIENCE THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF THE INDUSTRIAL AGE AS YOU NAVIGATE INTERACTIVE GALLERIES THAT ILLUSTRATE THE TRANSITION FROM SKILLED LABOR TO LARGE-SCALE MANUFACTURING. RELIVE THE EXCITEMENT OF LIFE AND WORK IN SHEFFIELD DURING THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION, TRACING THE CITY'S EVOLUTION FROM THE VICTORIAN ERA THROUGH THE TWO WORLD WARS TO COMPREHEND HOW STEEL PRODUCTION INFLUENCED NOT ONLY SHEFFIELD BUT THE WORLD AT LARGE. DO NOT MISS THE IMPRESSIVE 12,000HP RIVER DON ENGINE—THE MOST POWERFUL WORKING STEAM ENGINE IN EUROPE—WHILE OUTSIDE, YOU WILL ENCOUNTER ONE OF THE WORLD'S FEW REMAINING BESSEMER CONVERTERS. DISCOVER A UNIQUE VENUE AT GARDENERS REST, ADJACENT TO THE CUTLERY WORKS. THIS PUB FEATURES A STUNNING BEER GARDEN OVERLOOKING THE RIVER AND IS HOME TO THE SHEFFIELD BREWERY COMPANY. NOTABLY, IT IS ALSO SHEFFIELD'S FIRST COMMUNITY-OWNED PUB, PURCHASED BY OVER 400 REGULARS IN 2017. IF YOU SEEK SOMETHING NEW BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL PUBS ON KELHAM ISLAND, CONSIDER HEIST BREW CO., AN EMERGING PLAYER IN THE LOCAL BEER SCENE. THEY HAVE RELOCATED THEIR BREWERY AND OPENED A SPACIOUS TASTING ROOM IN NEEPSEND, COMPLETE WITH TWO BARS AND A LARGE AREA ACCOMMODATING UP TO 200 PATRONS. FOR FOOD ENTHUSIASTS, SLAP & PICKLE OFFERS DELECTABLE BURGERS AND FRIES (INCLUDING GLUTEN-FREE AND VEGAN OPTIONS), ALONG WITH ENTERTAINING SHUFFLEBOARD TABLES AND ARCADE GAMES. IF YOU ARE A VEGAN BEER AFICIONADO, VISIT CHURCH - TEMPLE OF FUN, A FULLY VEGAN BAR WITH AN UNMISSABLE SELECTION. THE OLD WORKSHOP ALSO PROVIDES DELICIOUS PLANT-BASED DISHES TO COMPLEMENT YOUR DRINKS.



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DAYS 7 & 8 - DERBY - ENGLAND

CONTINUE YOUR EXTRAORDINARY ADVENTURE THROUGH DERBY'S CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL TREASURES. IMMERSE YOURSELF IN A RICH AND REWARDING EXPERIENCE AS YOU EXPLORE THE VIBRANT CULTURAL SCENE AND EMBRACE THE FASCINATING HERITAGE OF THIS UNIQUE LOCALE. FROM HISTORY TO MUSEUMS, ART GALLERIES TO ICONIC ARCHITECTURE, EACH STOP PROVIDES A UNIQUE INSIGHT INTO THE CAPTIVATING CULTURAL FABRIC OF THE CITY. START YOUR CITY EXPLORATION AT THE ATMOSPHERIC MARKET PLACE. HERE YOU WILL BE SURROUNDED BY BEAUTIFUL HISTORIC BUILDINGS, JUST A STONE'S THROW FROM THE FORMER RESIDENCE OF ERASMUS DARWIN. THIS ILLUSTRIOUS POLYMATH PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN THE MIDLANDS ENLIGHTENMENT MOVEMENT AND INSPIRED HIS GRANDSON CHARLES DARWIN TO FORMULATE THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION. DISCOVER THE MAGNIFICENT MOSAIC STARS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE MARKET PLACE; INTERACT WITH THEM BY SCANNING THE STARS WITH YOUR MOBILE TO LEARN ABOUT THE DISTINGUISHED FIGURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CITY AND THEIR INFLUENCE NOT ONLY ON DERBY BUT ALSO ON THE WORLD. CONTINUING ALONG MARKET PLACE, YOU WILL ARRIVE AT IRON GATE AND SADLER GATE, TWO HISTORIC CORNERS OF THE CITY CENTER. ON YOUR RIGHT STANDS DERBY CATHEDRAL, THE SEAT OF THE LOCAL BISHOP - A TRUE HISTORICAL GEM! AS YOU APPROACH THE CATHEDRAL, LOOK UP TO ADMIRE THE VARIOUS ARCHITECTURAL STYLES THAT EMBELLISH THIS ANCIENT STREET, NAMED AFTER THE VIKING CRAFTSMEN WHO RESIDED HERE. TO YOUR LEFT, YOU WILL NOTICE A LARGE MARBLE OBELISK TOPPED BY AN ORRERY - MARKING THE BIRTHPLACE OF DERBY'S MOST RENOWNED ARTIST, JOSEPH WRIGHT (BORN 3 SEPTEMBER 1734) WHILE TO YOUR RIGHT YOU WILL FIND BENNETT'S, BELIEVED TO BE THE OLDEST DEPARTMENT STORE IN THE WORLD. STANDING PROUDLY IN THE CATHEDRAL QUARTER IS THE CATHEDRAL QUARTER ITSELF. DESIGNATED A CATHEDRAL IN 1927, THE ORIGINAL ALL SAINTS CHURCH DATES BACK TO 943 AD, BUILT BY KING EDMUND I AS A ROYAL COLLEGIATE CHURCH. THE MAIN STRUCTURE VISIBLE TODAY WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1725 BY GEORGIAN ARCHITECT JAMES GIBBS. THE TOWER IS ONE OF THE TALLEST IN ENGLAND AT 212 FEET AND HOUSES THE OLDEST RING OF TEN BELLS IN THE WORLD! DURING YOUR VISIT, CLIMB THE 189 STEPS TO THE TOP OF THE CATHEDRAL FOR BREATHTAKING VIEWS ACROSS THE CITY! YOU WILL ALSO DISCOVER TREASURES SUCH AS THE 18TH-CENTURY BAKEWELL SCREEN AND A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE TO FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE OF DERBYSHIRE. YOU WILL ALSO NOT MISS THE TOMB EFFIGY OF ELIZABETHAN NOBLEWOMAN BESS OF HARDWICK; HARDWICK HALL IN THE NORTH OF THE COUNTY WAS BUILT FOR HER. TURN RIGHT AS YOU LEAVE THE CATHEDRAL AND DISCOVER A SMALL TUDOR BUILDING THAT IS MARKEDLY DIFFERENT FROM THE GRANDEUR OF THE CATHEDRAL BUT NO LESS HISTORIC! THE DOLPHIN IS, IN FACT, THE OLDEST PUB IN THE CITY, HAVING BEEN ESTABLISHED IN 1530! STOP HERE FOR A PINT OR A QUICK BITE. LEAVING THE DOLPHIN, HEAD RIGHT UP THE SLOPE TO THE BANKS OF THE RIVER DERWENT WHERE YOU WILL FIND THE HISTORIC DERBY SILK MILL; YOU CAN STILL APPRECIATE THE HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE WHERE THE WORLD'S FIRST SILK FACTORY WAS BUILT - LOMBE'S MILL IN 1721. DON'T OVERLOOK THE SILK MILL ALE & CIDER HOUSE NEXT DOOR, WHERE YOU WILL FIND A MURAL COMMEMORATING THE SILK MILL LOCKOUT OF 1833-4, WHICH LED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COUNTRY'S FIRST NATIONAL TRADE UNIONS! DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE SILK MILL, A MAJESTIC STATUE OF CHARLES EDWARD STUART, KNOWN AS 'BONNIE PRINCE CHARLIE', RIDES PROUDLY ACROSS CATHEDRAL GREEN. THIS LEGENDARY FIGURE LED THE JACOBITE RISING OF 1745, AIMING TO RESTORE THE BRITISH CROWN TO HIS FATHER JAMES II, WHO WAS DEPOSED IN THE GLORIOUS REVOLUTION OF 1688 IN FAVOR OF MARY II AND WILLIAM OF ORANGE. CHARLIE MARCHED TO LONDON FROM SCOTLAND AND REACHED DERBY ON 4 DECEMBER 1745. AFTER A COUNCIL OF WAR TO DELIBERATE THEIR NEXT MOVE, THEY ULTIMATELY DECIDED TO ABANDON THE MARCH AT SWARKESTONE BRIDGE, JUST SOUTH OF DERBY. AS YOU CONTINUE PAST THE OLD DOLPHIN AND HEAD TOWARDS MARKET PLACE, YOU WILL FIND SADLER GATE ON YOUR RIGHT, A QUINTESSENTIAL ENGLISH STREET FILLED WITH CHARMING SHOPS, COZY CAFES, HISTORIC PUBS, AND DELIGHTFUL RESTAURANTS ADORNING TIMELESS BUILDINGS. ONE OF THE MAIN ATTRACTIONS IS THE OLD BELL HOTEL, THE SECOND OLDEST PUB IN DERBY AND ONE OF THE OLDEST COACHING INNS IN ENGLAND. DO STOP FOR A REAL ALE OR HOME-COOKED MEAL AS YOU GET TRANSPORTED BACK IN TIME IN THE REMARKABLE TUDOR BAR.



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AT THE END OF SADLER GATE, YOU WILL FIND THE DERBY MUSEUM & ART GALLERY ON YOUR LEFT. THIS REMARKABLE INSTITUTION DRAWS VISITORS FROM ACROSS THE NATION WITH ITS EXTRAORDINARY EXHIBITS, INCLUDING THE WORLD'S LARGEST COLLECTION OF JOSEPH WRIGHT PAINTINGS, ROMAN AND VIKING ARTEFACTS FROM LOCAL HISTORY, AN ANCIENT EGYPTIAN EXHIBITION, AND EVEN A PREHISTORIC HIPPOPOTAMUS! RECENT TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS HAVE FEATURED JAPANESE ART AND DRAWINGS BY THE RENOWNED LEONARDO DA VINCI. UPON EXITING THE MUSEUM, PROCEED ONTO FRIAR GATE. HERE, YOU CAN OBSERVE THE MEDIEVAL CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH, WHERE SAMUEL JOHNSON MARRIED ELIZABETH PORTER IN 1735; HE IS CREDITED WITH AUTHORIZING THE WORLD'S FIRST COMMON ENGLISH DICTIONARY. CONTINUE ALONG FRIAR GATE TO APPRECIATE THE CAPTIVATING ARCHITECTURE THAT ENVELOPS YOU. THIS STREET DERIVES ITS NAME FROM A FORMER DOMINICAN FRIARY THAT EXISTED HERE DURING THE MIDDLE AGES AND IS LINED WITH VIBRANT BARS, INVITING RESTAURANTS, AND AN IMPRESSIVE ARRAY OF SHOPS, RANGING FROM ANTIQUES TO CRAFT BEERS. AS YOU APPROACH THE FORMER RAILWAY JUNCTION OF FRIAR GATE BRIDGE, YOU WILL UNCOVER ANOTHER GEM OF DERBY MUSEUMS, PICKFORD'S HOUSE. THIS FORMER RESIDENCE OF THE DISTINGUISHED GEORGIAN ARCHITECT JOSEPH PICKFORD HAS BEEN CONVERTED INTO A MUSEUM DEDICATED TO DOMESTIC LIFE IN GEORGIAN DERBY. IF YOU ARE IN THE MOOD FOR A DELIGHTFUL SNACK, DO CONSIDER STOPPING AT THE HISTORIC GREYHOUND PUB JUST ACROSS THE ROAD FROM PICKFORD'S HOUSE, WHERE YOU WILL SAVOR SMOKEHOUSE-INSPIRED DISHES PAIRED WITH EXCELLENT CRAFT BEERS FROM THE ESTEEMED DERBY BREWING CO., IN TRIBUTE TO THE HISTORIC GREYHOUND STADIUM THAT ONCE STOOD NEARBY. ONCE YOU HAVE BUILT UP AN APPETITE, TAKE A LEISURELY STROLL BACK TO THE CITY CENTRE. WHY NOT INDULGE IN A NIGHT OUT AT THE DERBY THEATRE? LOOKING FOR A MEMORABLE SHOPPING EXPERIENCE? HEAD DOWN THE STRAND AND EXPLORE THE HISTORIC STRAND SHOPPING ARCADE, WHERE YOU WILL DISCOVER A SELECTION OF CHARMING INDEPENDENT SHOPS, IDEAL FOR FINDING THAT UNIQUE GIFT FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL. FROM JEWELLERY TO HOME INTERIORS, MUSIC TO LINGERIE, THERE TRULY IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE! YOU CAN ALSO EXPLORE ALL THAT ST. PETER'S QUARTER HAS TO OFFER ALONG ST. PETER'S STREET, THE BUSTLING THOROUGHFARE IN DERBY CITY CENTRE. THIS AREA IS A GENUINE HAVEN FOR FASHION ENTHUSIASTS! HERE, YOU WILL FIND TOP BRANDS SUCH AS TK MAXX, WATERSTONES, AND BLACKS. IF YOU ARE IN SEARCH OF FURNITURE OR HOME DECOR, BE SURE TO VISIT HUNTER'S ON BABINGTON LANE—ESTABLISHED IN 1928, IT IS DERBY'S OLDEST FURNITURE AND HOMEWARES SHOP.

DAYS 9 & 10 - NOTTINGHAM AND SHERWOOD FOREST - ENGLAND

VISIT NOTTINGHAM, SITUATED IN THE HEART OF ENGLAND'S EAST MIDLANDS, A CITY RICH IN THE ALLURE OF THE ROBIN HOOD LEGEND. HERE, HISTORY AND MODERNITY CONVERGE IN A CAPTIVATING BLEND. IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE HISTORIC AMBIANCE OF THE LACE MARKET AS YOU PASS BY ST MARY'S CHURCH, THE LARGEST MEDIEVAL STRUCTURE IN THE CITY. THIS REMARKABLE TESTAMENT TO NOTTINGHAM'S PROSPERITY IN THE 15TH CENTURY WILL CAPTIVATE YOU WITH ITS GRAND ARCHITECTURE: A TOWERING SPIRE, GRACEFUL COLUMNS, EXPANSIVE WINDOWS, AND ALABASTER MONUMENTS THAT REFLECT THE AFFLUENCE OF LOCAL MERCHANTS AND NOBILITY. DESPITE THE ADVERSITIES FACED DURING THE 16TH CENTURY REFORMATION, THE 17TH CENTURY CIVIL WAR, AND THE TRANSFORMATIONS OF THE 18TH CENTURY, ST MARY'S HAS RECLAIMED ITS SPLENDOR THROUGH METICULOUS RESTORATION OVER THE PAST TWO HUNDRED YEARS. APPRECIATE THE MAGNIFICENT WEST FAÇADE, THE CHAPEL OF THE HOLY GHOST, THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS, AND THE FLAWLESS STONE FLOOR. THE SERENE CHURCHYARD IS THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF GEORGE AFRICANUS, A FORMER SLAVE WHO BECAME A PROSPEROUS NOTTINGHAM BUSINESSMAN IN THE 18TH AND 19TH CENTURIES; A SITE THAT ENCHANTS VISITORS! DISCOVER THE NATIONAL JUSTICE MUSEUM! ENCOUNTER HISTORICAL FIGURES CLAD IN PERIOD ATTIRE AT THE SHIRE HALL. DELVE INTO THE VICTORIAN COURTROOM, GEORGIAN PRISONS, AND ANCIENT CELLS SPREAD ACROSS FIVE INTRIGUING FLOORS.



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SAVOR A DELIGHTFUL LUNCH AT DELILAH, FEATURING AN EXCEPTIONAL SELECTION OF TAPAS-STYLE DISHES. UNWIND IN THEIR AWARD-WINNING BAR AND CAFÉ, WHERE THE INTIMATE AND INFORMAL AMBIANCE ENHANCES EVERY MOMENT. EXPLORE THE UK'S LARGEST NETWORK OF CAVES—OVER 800 UNDERGROUND MARVELS CONCEALED BENEATH THE STREETS OF NOTTINGHAM! AT THE CITY OF CAVES, YOU WILL GAIN ACCESS TO THE MOST EXTENSIVE PUBLIC SECTION OF THIS REMARKABLE NETWORK. EMBARK ON AN UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY THROUGH HISTORY AS YOU NAVIGATE ANCIENT CAVES, WWII AIR RAID SHELTERS, AND A MEDIEVAL TANNERY. DO NOT OVERLOOK NOTTINGHAM CONTEMPORARY, ONE OF THE UK'S LARGEST CONTEMPORARY ART GALLERIES! SHOWCASING ROTATING EXHIBITIONS OF INTERNATIONAL ART WITHIN AN ICONIC STRUCTURE, THIS GALLERY SERVES AS THE VIBRANT HEART OF MODERN ART IN THE CITY. PARTICIPATE IN ENGAGING EVENTS, INCLUDING TALKS, FILM SCREENINGS, AND LIVE PERFORMANCES. FREE FAMILY ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE EVERY WEEKEND AND DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS! DINE AT OTTAR AT CONTEMPORARY FOR A RICH AND DIVERSE SEASONAL MENU, COMPLEMENTED BY AWARD-WINNING CHOCOLATES AND IRRESISTIBLE CAKES. OLD MARKET SQUARE SERVES AS THE IDEAL MEETING POINT FOR BOTH LOCALS AND VISITORS, WHERE FRIENDS GATHER, SHOPPERS UNWIND, AND THE DAYS BECOME MEMORABLE! IT RANKS AS THE SECOND LARGEST PUBLIC SPACE IN THE UK AFTER TRAFALGAR SQUARE AND IS CENTRAL TO THE CITY'S SOCIAL LIFE. THIS 'BEATING HEART' HOSTS SPECTACULAR EVENTS YEAR-ROUND, SUCH AS THE SUMMER RIVIERA BEACH. REMEMBER TO VISIT THE REGULAR FARMERS' MARKETS, WHERE YOU CAN PURCHASE FRESH LOCAL PRODUCE, INCLUDING ARTISANAL CHEESES AND MEATS! FOR A RESPITE FROM THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE, EXPLORE ONE OF THE HISTORIC PUBS, SUCH AS THE BELL INN OR THE CHARMING MALT CROSS. ALTERNATIVELY, INDULGE IN FRENCH LIVING FOR EXCEPTIONAL COUNTRY CUISINE IN A DELIGHTFUL SETTING! BE SURE TO SEE THE STATUE OF FOOTBALL LEGEND BRIAN CLOUGH AT SPEAKERS CORNER! AS DUSK FALLS, TAKE A LEISURELY STROLL TO THE CASTLE QUARTER AND CAPTURE AN UNFORGETTABLE MOMENT BESIDE THE STATUE OF THE LEGENDARY OUTLAW ROBIN HOOD! YE OLDE TRIP TO JERUSALEM IS A MUST-VISIT, REPUTED TO BE THE UK'S OLDEST PUB! THIS HISTORIC GEM, CARVED INTO THE ROCK BENEATH NOTTINGHAM CASTLE, OFFERS A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME WITH ITS HISTORIC IMAGES AND CURIOSITIES. IT IS ALSO THE PERFECT VENUE TO ENJOY A DELICIOUS DINNER IN ONE OF ITS COZY NOOKS OR TO SIMPLY RELAX. TO CONCLUDE THE EVENING IN STYLE, CHECK THE SCHEDULE AT NOTTINGHAM PLAYHOUSE! ONE OF THE UK'S MOST ESTEEMED PRODUCING THEATRES SINCE 1948, IT PRESENTS ORIGINAL AND CLASSIC SHOWS THAT WILL LEAVE YOU IN AWE. FINALLY, IF YOU SEEK A DELIGHTFUL DRINK, HEAD TO REVOLUCIÓN DE CUBA FOR EXCEPTIONAL LATE-NIGHT COCKTAILS, VIBRANT DANCING, AND LIVE MUSIC ON SELECT NIGHTS! THE FOLLOWING DAY, DO NOT MISS THE EXTRAORDINARY SHERWOOD FOREST! EXCITING ADVENTURES AWAIT, WITH EACH TRAIL OFFERING THRILLING EXPERIENCES SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES, ABILITIES, AND INTERESTS, SUCH AS AN EXHILARATING ROBIN HOOD-THEMED GUIDED TOUR, A CAPTIVATING WALK, OR EVEN LEARNING ARCHERY TECHNIQUES. ADDITIONALLY, DO NOT FORGET THAT THE HISTORIC VILLAGE OF EDWINSTOWE IS JUST A STONE'S THROW AWAY, ALONG WITH A CRAFT CENTER CONVENIENTLY LOCATED ACROSS FROM THE VISITOR CENTER. AS YOU MEANDER THROUGH THE VILLAGE, YOU WILL UNCOVER NUMEROUS SITES THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO SHERWOOD'S HISTORY, INCLUDING THE NEARBY ST MARY'S CHURCH, RENOWNED FOR BEING THE LOCATION OF ROBIN AND MARIAN'S WEDDING.



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DAY 11 - LEICESTER - ENGLAND

TAKE THE TIME TO EXPLORE AND IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE CAPTIVATING HISTORY OF LEICESTER, AN IDEAL CITY FOR AN AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCE. WITH A COMPACT CITY CENTER AND A RICH HISTORICAL CORE, YOU CAN SPEND TIME UNCOVERING THE 2,000 YEARS OF NARRATIVES THAT RENDER THIS METROPOLIS DISTINCTIVE. BEGIN YOUR DAY WITH A COFFEE AT ONE OF LEICESTER'S UNIQUE CAFES IN THE LANES. CAFÉ MBRIKI, CAFÉ DIDO, OR THE MERCHANT OF VENICE ALL PROVIDE CHARMING ATMOSPHERES PERFECT FOR PLANNING YOUR ADVENTURES. YOUR FIRST DESTINATION IS THE NEWARKE HOUSES MUSEUM, ADJACENT TO DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY. HERE, YOU CAN VIEW TWO OF LEICESTER'S MOST HISTORIC HOUSES, WHICH HOUSE AN EXTRAORDINARY COLLECTION OF SOCIAL AND LOCAL HISTORY, INCLUDING 1950S RECONSTRUCTIONS AND DISPLAYS OF LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT ARTIFACTS. SITUATED IN THE HEART OF THE HISTORIC NEWARKE AREA, THIS MUSEUM IS MERELY THE BEGINNING OF YOUR JOURNEY! UPON LEAVING THE MUSEUM, STROLL THROUGH RUPERTS GATEWAY, PART OF THE OLD CASTLE ENCLOSURE, TO ST MARY DE CASTRO CHURCH, THE LEGENDARY SITE WHERE GEOFFREY CHAUCER IS SAID TO HAVE WED. PROCEED TO ONE OF THE CITY'S MOST ICONIC LANDMARKS: THE GUILDHALL, LOCATED NEXT TO LEICESTER CATHEDRAL. CONSTRUCTED IN 1390, THIS BUILDING FEATURES ONE OF THE BEST-PRESERVED TIMBER HALLS IN ENGLAND. UNCOVER THE REMARKABLE STORIES BEHIND THIS MEDIEVAL TOWN HALL, WHICH HAS SERVED AS A THEATRE AND PRISON OVER THE CENTURIES. AFTER THIS HISTORICAL IMMERSION, PREPARE FOR A DELIGHTFUL LUNCH! HEAD TO WYGSTON'S HOUSE, ANOTHER ANCIENT TIMBER STRUCTURE DATING BACK TO THE 15TH CENTURY THAT NOW HOSTS A FINE DINING RESTAURANT. ALTERNATIVELY, CHOOSE THE CITY'S OLDEST PUB, THE GLOBE, RENOWNED FOR ITS SELECTION OF GOURMET PUB FARE. ONCE YOU HAVE SATISFIED YOUR APPETITE, DISCOVER THE INTRIGUING STORY OF THE LOST KING, WHO WAS UNCOVERED BENEATH A CAR PARK IN LEICESTER A DECADE AGO! AT THE KING RICHARD III VISITOR CENTRE, YOU CAN TRACE THE NARRATIVE OF RICHARD III'S LIFE AND REDISCOVERY, FROM THE WARS OF THE ROSES TO THE BATTLE OF BOSWORTH, AND THE EXCITING DISCOVERY OF HIS REMAINS THROUGH A BLEND OF TRADITIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY AND MODERN TECHNIQUES. AFTER DELVING INTO RICHARD III'S HISTORY, TREAT YOURSELF TO A LIGHT DINNER AT ONE OF THE MANY LOCAL CAFÉS! CHLOE GOURMET OFFERS FRENCH DELICACIES ON CANK STREET, OR YOU MAY WISH TO VISIT THE VEGAN CAFÉ WHERE IT ALL BEGAN (INDEED, THIS IS WHERE THE TERM VEGANISM WAS BORN!). PRANA CAFÉ HAS RECENTLY OPENED ON HORSEFAIR STREET, PRESENTING DELICIOUS PLANT-BASED DISHES IN STUNNING SURROUNDINGS, AND DO NOT OVERLOOK DONALD WATSON VEGAN BAR ON GRANBY STREET. WHAT BETTER WAY TO CONCLUDE A DAY RICH IN HISTORY?

DAY 12 - STRATFORD UPON AVON - ENGLAND

DISCOVER THE ALLURE OF STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, A CHARMING MEDIEVAL TOWN NESTLED IN THE PICTURESQUE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE, BOASTING OVER 800 YEARS OF CAPTIVATING HISTORY. THIS ENCHANTING LOCALE IS RENOWNED AS THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE. STROLL THROUGH ITS SCENIC STREETS AND VERDANT RIVERSIDE GARDENS. VISIT SHAKESPEARE'S CHILDHOOD RESIDENCE, WHERE THE LITERARY GENIUS WAS BORN IN 1564, AND EXPLORE THE EARLY YEARS HE SHARED WITH HIS WIFE, ANNE HATHAWAY. SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TOUR SHAKESPEARE'S FATHER'S WORKSHOP, WHERE HE HONED HIS SKILLS AS A GLOVE MAKER. TAKE A LEISURELY WALK ALONG THE SERENE BANKS OF THE AVON TO THE EXQUISITE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE CELEBRATED PLAYWRIGHT. BE SURE TO ATTEND A PERFORMANCE BY THE ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY AT THE COURTYARD THEATRE FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE. THE TOWN FEATURES PREMIER HIGH-END DESIGNER BOUTIQUES ALONGSIDE INDEPENDENT SHOPS OFFERING DISTINCTIVE, HIGH-QUALITY PRODUCTS. EMBARK ON AN ADVENTURE ON THE RIVER AVON WITH A RENTAL MOTORBOAT OR ROWING BOAT, OR PARTICIPATE IN AN ORGANIZED TOUR TO SAVOR THE BREATHTAKING VISTAS. JUST A MILE FROM THE CENTER, VISIT ANNE HATHAWAY'S COTTAGE, THE STUNNING THATCHED HOME OF SHAKESPEARE'S WIFE, REGARDED AS ONE OF THE MOST ROMANTIC SPOTS IN ENGLAND. IMMERSE YOURSELF IN SHAKESPEARE'S REMARKABLE LIFE AT SHAKESPEARIENCE, WHERE CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY HONORS HIS GENIUS IN AN ENGAGING AND INNOVATIVE MANNER. LASTLY, DO NOT OVERLOOK THE BUTTERFLY FARM, THE LARGEST EXHIBITION OF BUTTERFLIES AND INSECTS IN EUROPE.



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DAYS 13 & 14 - BIRMINGHAM - ENGLAND

YOUR FINAL DESTINATION WILL BE BIRMINGHAM, A CITY THAT HAS ADEPTLY TRANSFORMED ITS INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE INTO A DYNAMIC AND VIBRANT PRESENT. EXPLORE EXCEPTIONAL SHOPPING CENTERS, WORLD-CLASS ART GALLERIES, THRILLING FESTIVALS, AND REMARKABLE EVENTS. ADDITIONALLY, DO NOT OVERLOOK THE IMPRESSIVE NETWORK OF CANALS AND WATERWAYS—EVERY CORNER OF BIRMINGHAM PRESENTS A DELIGHTFUL SURPRISE AWAITING DISCOVERY. BEGIN YOUR DAY WITH AN INTRIGUING VISIT TO THE BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY, WHICH BOASTS AN EXTRAORDINARY COLLECTION OF OVER 800,000 ITEMS, ENCOMPASSING FINE ART, CERAMICS, METALWORK, JEWELRY, AS WELL AS NATURAL HISTORY, ARCHAEOLOGY, AND ETHNOGRAPHY. FOLLOWING YOUR ARTISTIC JOURNEY, MEANDER TO VICTORIA SQUARE, WHERE YOU CAN ADMIRE THE MAJESTIC TOWN HALL, A NEOCLASSICAL MASTERPIECE THAT HOSTS UNMISSABLE CULTURAL EVENTS. SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE LIBRARY OF BIRMINGHAM, ONE OF THE CITY'S MOST MODERN STRUCTURES; ASCEND TO THE UPPER FLOORS FOR BREATHTAKING PANORAMIC VIEWS OF THE CITY AND ITS STUNNING ROOFTOP GARDENS. JUST A SHORT WALK FROM THE LIBRARY LIES CENTENARY SQUARE, A LIVELY OUTDOOR SPACE THAT HOUSES SYMPHONY HALL AND THE ICC (INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE). IF YOU ARE A MUSIC ENTHUSIAST, BE SURE TO VISIT SYMPHONY HALL OR SIMPLY ENJOY A LEISURELY STROLL AROUND THE AREA. CONTINUE ALONG BIRMINGHAM'S RENOWNED CANALS, WHICH HAVE BEEN RESTORED AND ARE LINED WITH CHARMING CAFES AND RESTAURANTS, OFFERING A UNIQUE AMBIANCE TO UNWIND AND EXPLORE THE CITY'S INDUSTRIAL LEGACY. FOR DINNER, VENTURE TO THE BALTI TRIANGLE, A VIBRANT NEIGHBORHOOD CELEBRATED FOR ITS EXCEPTIONAL INDIAN AND PAKISTANI RESTAURANTS; AMONG THE MANY DELECTABLE CHOICES, YOU WILL UNDOUBTEDLY FIND ADIL'S, AL FRASH, AND SHABAB. BEGIN YOUR SECOND DAY WITH A DELIGHTFUL VISIT TO CADBURY WORLD, WHERE YOU CAN IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE HISTORY OF CHOCOLATE AND UNCOVER THE SECRETS OF CADBURY'S FAMED PRODUCTION IN THIS INTERACTIVE MUSEUM THAT WILL ENCHANT BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS ALIKE. ONCE YOU HAVE SATISFIED YOUR CHOCOLATE CRAVINGS, PROCEED TO THE JEWELLERY QUARTER, A HISTORIC DISTRICT RENOWNED FOR ITS ARTISANAL JEWELRY SHOPS AND LIVELY ART GALLERIES. VISIT THE MUSEUM OF THE JEWELLERY QUARTER TO LEARN ABOUT THE CITY'S RICH GOLDSMITHING HERITAGE. BE SURE TO STOP BY ST PHILIP'S CATHEDRAL—THIS TRANQUIL LOCATION WILL LEAVE YOU IN AWE WITH ITS BAROQUE ARCHITECTURE. SPEND THE AFTERNOON SHOPPING AT THE FANTASTIC BULLRING SHOPPING CENTER, ONE OF THE LARGEST IN EUROPE, IDEAL FOR BOTH FASHION ENTHUSIASTS AND BARGAIN SEEKERS. ADJACENT TO THE BULLRING IS GRAND CENTRAL, FEATURING A VAST ARRAY OF SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS TO EXPLORE. FOR DINNER, WE RECOMMEND DIGBETH, AN EMERGING NEIGHBORHOOD KNOWN FOR ITS TRENDY RESTAURANTS, INNOVATIVE STREET FOOD VENUES, AND INSPIRING ART GALLERIES. CHOOSE FROM ONE OF THE MANY ETHNIC RESTAURANTS OR INDULGE IN DINNER AT ONE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S CONTEMPORARY PUBS. AND AFTER DINNER? EXPERIENCE DIGBETH'S VIBRANT NIGHTLIFE! WITH CHARMING PUBS ALWAYS READY TO PROVIDE LIVE MUSIC AND EXCITING EVENTS, THERE ARE AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO REVEL UNTIL THE EARLY HOURS.



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DAYS 1 & 2 - MANCHESTER - ENGLAND

CONTINUE YOUR REMARKABLE MANCHESTER ADVENTURE IN THE NORTHERN QUARTER, A DYNAMIC NEIGHBORHOOD TEEMING WITH INDEPENDENT CREATIVITY! TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEANDER THROUGH ITS DELIGHTFUL STREETS AND UNCOVER A PLETHORA OF UNIQUE SHOPS, ART GALLERIES, AND CHARMING BOUTIQUES. CREATIVITY SPILLS ONTO THE STREETS, WITH BREATHTAKING STREET ART EMBELLISHING EVERY CORNER. PREPARE FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE AT AFFLECKS, A SANCTUARY FOR INNOVATIVE INDEPENDENT TRADERS, HOUSED IN A HISTORIC BUILDING THAT ORIGINATED AS A DEPARTMENT STORE IN THE 1860S. TODAY, IT ATTRACTS 24,000 VISITORS WEEKLY. ARRIVE AT OPENING TIME FOR A LEISURELY EXPLORATION AND BE SURE TO VISIT THE ROOFTOP BAR FOR A REFRESHING BEVERAGE! AS YOU JOURNEY TOWARD THE CITY'S OLDEST SECTION, DO NOT OVERLOOK THE VAULTED ARCH OF THE 'HANGING DITCH,' THE REMNANTS OF A CAPTIVATING MEDIEVAL BRIDGE THAT NARRATES ANCIENT TALES. IT IS HERE THAT YOU WILL FIND THE CATHEDRAL VISITOR CENTRE. MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL AWAITS WITH ITS MAGNIFICENT GOTHIC NAVE. IF YOU SEEK SOMETHING A BIT DIFFERENT, THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF FOOTBALL IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED NEXT DOOR. TRAMS TRAVERSE THE CITY AND PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT MEANS TO EXPLORE THE ATTRACTIONS FURTHER! DISEMBARK AT ST PETER'S SQUARE AND CATCH A TRAM TO MEDIACITYUK. ADJACENT TO THE TRAM STOP IS RISE UP, WOMEN, A STATUE HONORING THE PIONEERING SUFFRAGETTE EMMELINE PANKHURST. ONBOARD THE TRAM, YOU WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO VIEW SOME OF THE CITY'S HIGHLIGHTS, FROM THE GRAND MANCHESTER CENTRAL LIBRARY TO THE CLASSIC BRITON'S PROTECTION PUB AND DEANSGATE TRAIN STATION. REMEMBER TO GLANCE RIGHT FOR CASTLEFIELD VIADUCT, AN OLD BRIDGE TRANSFORMED INTO A BEAUTIFUL GREEN SPACE; AND AFTER POMONA STATION, LOOK LEFT FOR OLD TRAFFORD, THE HOME OF MANCHESTER UNITED! UPON REACHING THE PIER, PROCEED TO PIER EIGHT AT THE LOWRY FOR A DELIGHTFUL LUNCH. AMONG THE TREASURES SHOWCASED IN THIS MULTIPURPOSE VENUE ARE 300 WORKS BY ARTIST LS LOWRY, CAPTURING THE INDUSTRIAL SPIRIT OF 19TH-CENTURY MANCHESTER. IF TIME ALLOWS, TAKE A FEW EXTRA MOMENTS TO EXPLORE MEDIACITY AND ENJOY OUTDOOR SCREENINGS - YOU MIGHT EVEN CATCH A GLIMPSE OF A CELEBRITY FROM THE NEARBY BBC STUDIOS! FOR A MORE LEISURELY AFTERNOON, ENJOY A DRINK IN ONE OF THE QUAYSIDE BARS BEFORE TAKING THE TRAM BACK INTO THE CITY. IF YOU'RE INCLINED TO VENTURE FURTHER, TAKE A STROLL ALONG THE CANALS - A SPLENDID WAY TO VIEW THE CITY FROM A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE - AND STOP AT ORDSALL HALL, A HISTORIC MANOR HOUSE WHERE YOU CAN RELISH THE OUTDOOR SPACE WHILE ENJOYING TEA AND TOASTED CHEESE SANDWICHES FROM A QUAIN CAFÉ. FROM HERE, PROCEED TO THE RIVERSIDE PATH IN GRAFFITI PALACE - EVERY WALL IS ADORNED WITH VIBRANT GRAFFITI! CROSS THE BRIDGEWATER CANAL AND YOU WILL ARRIVE AT CASTLEFIELD BASIN - A BUSTLING BAR AND RESTAURANT SCENE THAT THRIVES AT ALL HOURS! PAUSE FOR A DRINK OR CONTINUE TO GAS WORKS BREW BAR FOR A LOCAL BREW IN AUTHENTIC TRADITIONAL PUB STYLE. SAVOR GENUINE CUISINE AT SAM'S CHOP HOUSE. THEIR MENU FEATURES CLASSICS SUCH AS CRISPY PORK AND SLOW-ROASTED BEEF ACCOMPANIED BY PERFECT CHIPS - YOU WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED! "MADCHESTER" IS THE LEGENDARY MONIKER THAT CELEBRATES THIS EXTRAORDINARY CITY, WHICH HAS BIRTHED ICONIC BANDS LIKE OASIS AND THE STONE ROSES. ASCEND TO 20 STORIES FOR ELEGANT COCKTAILS WITH BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE CITY OR EXPLORE THE BARS IN THE NORTHERN QUARTER. CULLIVERS IS IDEAL FOR ENJOYING LIVE MUSIC WHILE DISCOVERING NEW EMERGING TALENTS FROM THE LOCAL MUSIC SCENE.



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DAYS 3 & 4 - LIVERPOOL - ENGLAND

EMBARK ON AN EXTRAORDINARY ADVENTURE IN LIVERPOOL, A CITY RENOWNED FOR ITS ABUNDANCE OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS, THEATRES, MUSEUMS, AND GALLERIES, SECOND ONLY TO LONDON. WITH ITS ICONIC UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE WATERFRONT, LIVERPOOL SERVES AS A VERITABLE TREASURE TROVE OF HISTORY AND CULTURE. THIS VIBRANT AND INVITING CITY WILL MAKE YOU FEEL INSTANTLY AT HOME WITH ITS MODERN ATTRACTIONS AND YOUTHFUL ENERGY. THE THREE GRACES—THE ROYAL LIVER BUILDING, THE CUNARD BUILDING, AND THE PORT OF LIVERPOOL BUILDING—HAVE DEFINED ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST RECOGNIZABLE SKYLINES FOR NEARLY A CENTURY. THESE MAGNIFICENT STRUCTURES STAND AS TANGIBLE SYMBOLS OF LIVERPOOL'S INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE AND TRUE EMBLEMS OF ITS COMMERCIAL PROWESS. THE ALBERT DOCK IS AN ARCHITECTURAL MASTERPIECE UNLIKE ANY OTHER. OPENED IN 1846, IT SWIFTLY BECAME A REPOSITORY OF PRECIOUS CARGO FROM AROUND THE GLOBE. TODAY, FOLLOWING A REDEVELOPMENT EXCEEDING £100 MILLION, IT HAS EVOLVED INTO ONE OF LIVERPOOL'S MOST VIBRANT AND COSMOPOLITAN HUBS, AS WELL AS A PREMIER HISTORIC DESTINATION. YOU WILL ENCOUNTER MUST-SEE ATTRACTIONS SUCH AS TATE LIVERPOOL, THE BEATLES STORY, AND THE MERSEYSIDE MARITIME MUSEUM, ALONGSIDE AN ARRAY OF SHOPS, CAFES, BARS, HOTELS, AND RESTAURANTS. THERE IS NO BETTER WAY TO EXPERIENCE THE ESSENCE OF LIVERPOOL THAN ABOARD THE MERSEY FERRIES. WHILE ENJOYING THE CAPTIVATING ON-BOARD COMMENTARY, YOU WILL UNCOVER THE CITY'S INTRIGUING HISTORY AS YOU ADMIRE ITS SPECTACULAR LANDMARKS. ADDITIONALLY, REMEMBER THAT LIVERPOOL'S WATERFRONT IS A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE—YET ANOTHER REASON TO INDULGE IN A LEISURELY RIVER CRUISE. THE ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL, THE LARGEST IN THE UK AND ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT BUILDINGS OF THE 20TH CENTURY, FEATURES SOARING GOTHIC ARCHES, A GIGANTIC ORGAN, AND IMPOSING BELLS, ALL WHILE PROVIDING A WELCOMING AND SERENE ATMOSPHERE. IT IS UTILIZED CREATIVELY FOR WORSHIP, CONCERTS, AND EXHIBITIONS. FURTHERMORE, DO NOT MISS THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE ANFIELD WITH LIVERPOOL FC. IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE REMARKABLE HERITAGE OF ENGLAND'S MOST SUCCESSFUL FOOTBALL CLUB. DISCOVER RARELY ACCESSIBLE AREAS OF THE STADIUM AS PASSIONATE GUIDES SHARE CAPTIVATING ANECDOTES ABOUT ANFIELD'S LEGENDARY HISTORY AND LIVERPOOL FC'S PROMISING FUTURE. THE MUSEUM OF LIVERPOOL, SITUATED ON THE RENOWNED PIER HEAD AND HOUSED WITHIN A LANDMARK STRUCTURE, IS THE WORLD'S FIRST NATIONAL MUSEUM DEDICATED TO THE HISTORY OF A REGIONAL CITY. IT IS ALSO THE LARGEST NEW NATIONAL MUSEUM IN BRITAIN IN OVER A CENTURY. STEP ABOARD THE ELEVATED RAILWAY, GET CLOSE TO THE STAGE WHERE JOHN LENNON AND PAUL MCCARTNEY FIRST MET, IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE CITY'S RICH SPORTING AND CREATIVE HERITAGE, AND DISCOVER WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A TRUE LIVERPUDIEN. DO NOT MISS THE IMMERSIVE 360° FILMS ABOUT LIVERPOOL, EVERTON FC, AND THE BEATLES. HOME TO THE NATIONAL COLLECTION OF MODERN ART IN THE NORTH, TATE LIVERPOOL CELEBRATED ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY AS A CULTURAL LANDMARK IN THE CITY IN 2008. LOCATED ON THE GRADE I LISTED ALBERT DOCK AND JUST A SHORT WALK FROM THE CITY CENTER, IT HAS BECOME A VENUE FOR MAJOR INTERNATIONAL MODERN ART EXHIBITIONS AND CONSISTENTLY OFFERS EXCITING NEW DISPLAYS FROM THE NATIONAL COLLECTION—MAKING IT THE IDEAL PLACE TO VIEW YOUR FAVORITE ARTWORKS OR DISCOVER NEW TALENT. CONTINUE TO THE CAVERN CLUB: FIFTY YEARS AFTER THE BEATLES FIRST PERFORMED ON ITS STAGE, THE CAVERN CLUB REMAINS ONE OF LIVERPOOL'S PREMIER MUSIC VENUES. THE CLUB NOW FEATURES TWO STAGES THAT PRESENT A DIVERSE ARRAY OF LIVE MUSIC EVERY DAY. THE ICONIC STAGE BENEATH THE BRICK ARCHES IS THE IMAGE MOST COMMONLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE CAVERN CLUB, WHERE YOU CAN ENJOY LIVE PERFORMANCES FROM SOLO ARTISTS AND COVER BANDS ALMOST EVERY AFTERNOON AND EVENING. ADDITIONALLY, DO NOT MISS THE CAVERN LIVE LOUNGE, EQUIPPED WITH A STATE-OF-THE-ART SOUND SYSTEM. THE BEATLES STORY, LOCATED IN LIVERPOOL'S HISTORIC ALBERT DOCK, IS A DISTINCTIVE VISITOR ATTRACTION THAT WILL TAKE YOU ON AN EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY THROUGH THE LIFE, TIMES, CULTURE, AND MUSIC OF THE BEATLES. DISCOVER HOW FOUR YOUNG LADS FROM LIVERPOOL ASCENDED TO THE DIZZYING HEIGHTS OF GLOBAL FAME AND BECAME THE GREATEST BAND OF ALL TIME. ST GEORGE'S HALL IS REGARDED AS ONE OF THE FINEST NEOCLASSICAL BUILDINGS IN THE WORLD AND IS A GRADE I LISTED STRUCTURE. MEASURING 169 FEET IN LENGTH AND 74 FEET IN WIDTH, IT FEATURES A TUNNEL-VAULTED CEILING THAT IS THE LARGEST OF ITS KIND IN EUROPE. THIS MAGNIFICENT CEILING IS SUPPORTED BY ENORMOUS RED GRANITE COLUMNS THAT EMBODY THE ARTISTIC, SCIENTIFIC, AND MORAL ASPIRATIONS OF THE VICTORIAN ERA. ST GEORGE'S HALL IS ALSO HOME TO A FULL CONCERT ORGAN WITH 7,000 PIPES, SECOND IN SIZE ONLY TO THE ORGAN AT THE ALBERT HALL. INSIDE THE HERITAGE CENTRE, YOU WILL FIND CAPTIVATING DISPLAYS, HISTORICAL RECONSTRUCTIONS, AND INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES THAT BRING THE HISTORY OF ST GEORGE'S HALL TO LIFE.

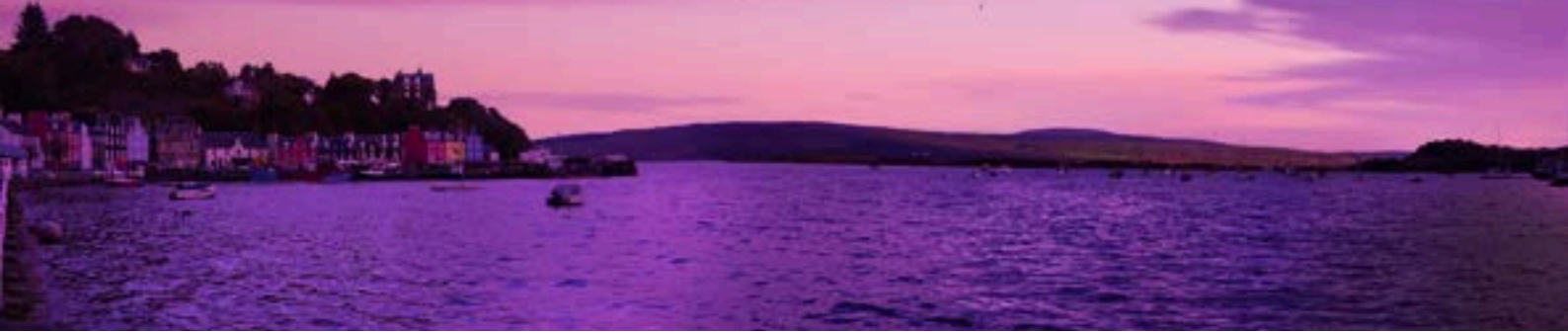


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DAYS 5, 6 & 7 - ISLE OF MAN - UNITED KINGDOM

EMBARK FROM LIVERPOOL ON AN EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY TO THE ISLE OF MAN! WITH ORIGINS DATING BACK TO 6500 BC, THIS CAPTIVATING DESTINATION OFFERS FAR MORE THAN ITS NATURAL BEAUTY; ITS CULTURE IS RICH AND DIVERSE, STEEPED IN HERITAGE, NARRATIVES, AND FOLKLORE. BEGIN YOUR EXPLORATION AT ONE OF THE ISLAND'S MOST INTRIGUING HISTORICAL SITES: PEEL CASTLE. WITNESSED BY MISSIONARIES, VIKING WARRIORS, AND KINGS, THIS ANCIENT FORTRESS, CONSTRUCTED IN THE 11TH CENTURY, PROVIDES A FASCINATING GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY, COMPLEMENTED BY STUNNING VIEWS OF PEEL AND THE IRISH SEA. THE CASTLE GROUNDS FEATURE REMARKABLE HISTORICAL ARTEFACTS, INCLUDING THE 10TH-CENTURY TOMB OF THE 'PAGAN LADY,' WHICH CONTAINS A BEAUTIFULLY PRESERVED VIKING NECKLACE, AND A COLLECTION OF SILVER COINS DATING BACK TO APPROXIMATELY 1030, BOTH OF WHICH ARE EXHIBITED IN THE MANX MUSEUM'S VIKING GALLERY. FOLLOWING YOUR HISTORICAL EXCURSION, INDULGE IN LUNCH AT THE CHARMING FISHING TOWN OF PEEL. BE SURE TO SAVOR VISITOR FAVORITES SUCH AS ROOTS BY THE SEA, THE BOATYARD, AND DAVISON'S ICE CREAM PARLOUR! YOU CAN SELECT FROM A VARIETY OF HISTORIC TREASURES TO EXPLORE IN PEEL, OR VISIT THEM ALL! UNCOVER THE ISLAND'S VIKING HERITAGE AT THE HOUSE OF MANANNAN, OR DELVE INTO THE KNOCKALOE CENTRE FOR WWI INTERNMENT—DID YOU KNOW THAT PILATES ORIGINATED HERE? PROCEED TO THE ISLE OF MAN CATHEDRAL TO LEARN ABOUT ITS HISTORY AND ADMIRE ITS GRANDEUR. CONCLUDE YOUR EVENING IN THE CAPITAL, DOUGLAS, WHERE YOU CAN ENJOY DELECTABLE SMALL PLATES AND COCKTAILS AT FRANK MATCHAM'S, ADJACENT TO THE REMARKABLE GAIETY THEATRE, DESIGNED BY THE LEGENDARY THEATRE ARCHITECT FRANK MATCHAM HIMSELF. OPENED IN 1900 AND FULLY RESTORED, THIS THEATRE REMAINS ONE OF THE FINEST IN THE BRITISH ISLES. WITH AN IMPRESSIVE ARRAY OF ENTERTAINMENT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE! ADDITIONALLY, PARTICIPATE IN A THEATRE TOUR MOST SATURDAYS FROM EASTER TO THE END OF SEPTEMBER TO DISCOVER EVEN MORE ABOUT THIS MAGNIFICENT VENUE! BEGIN YOUR SECOND DAY IN A TRUE CULTURAL HAVEN: BOARD THE TRADITIONAL ISLE OF MAN STEAM RAILWAY AND BE TRANSPORTED BACK IN TIME AS YOU JOURNEY BETWEEN DOUGLAS AND THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE ISLAND ON A HISTORIC VICTORIAN RAILWAY. DO NOT MISS THE CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE THE ENCHANTMENT OF BRITAIN'S LONGEST-OPERATING NARROW-GAUGE STEAM LINE, STILL FUNCTIONING WITH ITS ORIGINAL LOCOMOTIVES AND CARRIAGES! UPON ARRIVAL IN CASTLETOWN, PREPARE FOR YOUR FIRST ESSENTIAL STOP: CASTLE RUSHEN! ONCE THE RESIDENCE OF THE KINGS AND LORDS OF MANN, THIS MAJESTIC CASTLE WAS CONSTRUCTED IN THE 12TH CENTURY FOR A NORWEGIAN KING AND WAS BESIEGED BY THE LEGENDARY ROBERT THE BRUCE! TODAY, THIS STUNNING CASTLE OPERATES AS A MUSEUM, COMPLETE WITH HISTORIC DÉCOR AND REALISTIC SETTINGS, EARNING IT THE DISTINCTION OF BEING ONE OF THE BEST-PRESERVED MEDIEVAL CASTLES IN EUROPE. WHILE IN CASTLETOWN, BE SURE TO VISIT THE OLD HOUSE OF KEYS AND THE NAUTICAL MUSEUM, BOTH ACCESSIBLE VIA GUIDED TOURS. AT THE OLD HOUSE OF KEYS, YOU WILL EXPLORE AN ELEGANT GEORGIAN BUILDING THAT HAS HOSTED SIGNIFICANT DEBATES ON THE ISLAND, INCLUDING DISCUSSIONS ON WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE. AT THE NAUTICAL MUSEUM, YOU WILL UNCOVER THE FASCINATING TALE OF GEORGE QUAYLE AND HIS ARMED YACHT PEGGY, THE FIRST KNOWN EXAMPLE IN BRITAIN! ENJOY A DELIGHTFUL LUNCH AT POPULAR SPOTS SUCH AS KELLAS, THE SHORE GANSEY, OR CREGNEASH CAFE BEFORE CONTINUING YOUR CULTURAL EXPLORATION! AT CREGNEASH, YOU CAN VISIT BRITAIN'S OLDEST OPEN-AIR FOLK MUSEUM... STEP INTO CHARMING MANX COTTAGES TO DISCOVER HOW CROFTERS LIVED THROUGH ENGAGING STORIES AND CRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS. AND DO NOT OVERLOOK THE ISLAND'S UNIQUE WILDLIFE: TAILLESS CATS AND LOAGHTAN SHEEP!

FOLLOWING THIS DELIGHTFUL EXPERIENCE, PROCEED TO MEAYLL CIRCLE ON MEAYLL HILL. THIS ENIGMATIC CAIRN, WHICH DATES BACK OVER A MILLENNIUM, IS ENVELOPED IN CAPTIVATING LEGENDS OF VIKING BURIALS. REFERRED TO AS RHULLICK Y LAGG SHLIGGAGH IN MANX, TRANSLATING TO 'GRAVEYARD OF THE VALLEY OF BROKEN SLATES,' THIS DISTINCTIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE COMPRISES 12 BURIAL CHAMBERS ARRANGED IN A CIRCULAR FORMATION, COMPLETE WITH SIX ENTRANCE PASSAGES. ADDITIONALLY, REMNANTS FROM WORLD WAR II CAN BE DISCOVERED NEAR THE SUMMIT OF THE HILL. EXPLORE ARTIFACTS SUCH AS INTRICATELY DECORATED POTTERY AND TOOLS UNEARTHED FROM THE CHAMBERS AT THE MANX MUSEUM! CONCLUDE YOUR EVENING IN PORT ERIN - WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND SAMPLING THE INNOVATIVE NON-BERRY SPARKLING WINES FROM FORAGING VINTNERS AT THEIR ECLECTIC BAR ADJACENT TO RAGLAN PIER! FOLLOW THIS WITH A DELECTABLE ITALIAN PIZZA AT BYRON'S, WHERE YOU CAN RELISH EACH BITE WHILE ENJOYING THE STUNNING VIEWS OF PORT ERIN BAY FROM THEIR PICTURESQUE BEACHSIDE LOCATION!



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DAY THREE PRESENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO UNCOVER THE REMARKABLE HISTORICAL TREASURES OF THE NORTHERN PART OF THE ISLAND. BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY IN LAXEY, A QUIANT MINING VILLAGE SITUATED ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE ISLAND. HERE LIES THE ICONIC GREAT LAXEY WHEEL, A SYMBOL OF PRIDE FOR THE ISLE OF MAN AND THE LARGEST OPERATIONAL WATER WHEEL GLOBALLY. WITH A DIAMETER EXCEEDING 72 FEET, THIS VICTORIAN ENGINEERING MARVEL SERVED THE MINE FOR 70 YEARS AND HAS BECOME THE ISLAND'S MOST NOTABLE TOURIST ATTRACTION. DELVE INTO THE MINES TO GAIN INSIGHT INTO THE MINERS' LIVES, WITNESS THE MAJESTIC WHEEL IN OPERATION, OR ASCEND TO THE SUMMIT FOR BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE GLEN MOOAR VALLEY. TAKE A MOMENT TO SAVOR A DELIGHTFUL LUNCH AT ONE OF LAXEY'S POPULAR EATERIES, SUCH AS THE SHED, LAXEY BEACH STOP CAFE, OR THE SHORE LAXEY. FOLLOWING LUNCH, CONSIDER EMBARKING ON ONE OF THE ISLAND'S HISTORIC RAILWAYS. THE SNAEFELL MOUNTAIN RAILWAY WILL TRANSPORT YOU TO THE PEAK OF THE ISLAND'S SOLE MOUNTAIN, WHILE THE MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY WILL GUIDE YOU NORTHWARD TO EXPLORE ADDITIONAL CAPTIVATING CULTURAL SITES. BOTH RAILWAYS ARE NARROW-GAUGE TREASURES FROM THE ERA—DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE THE ONLY ELECTRIC MOUNTAIN RAILWAY IN THE BRITISH ISLES! FOR ENTHUSIASTS OF HISTORIC TRANSPORT, A RIDE ON THE DOUGLAS BAY HORSE TRAMWAY IS ESSENTIAL; THIS HORSE-DRAWN TRAMWAY EXEMPLIFIES STUNNING VICTORIAN ENGINEERING. PROCEED TO MAUGHOLD AND ADMIRE THE EXTRAORDINARY CASHTAL YN ARD. THIS MEGALITHIC TOMB, ALSO REFERRED TO AS THE CASTLE OF THE HEIGHTS, DATES BACK TO 2000 BC AND IS SET ON PICTURESQUE GROUNDS OVERLOOKING THE CHARMING VILLAGE OF MAUGHOLD. ENVELOPED IN MYSTERY AND MYTHOLOGY, THIS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE IS AMONG THE LARGEST AND BEST-PRESERVED IN THE BRITISH ISLES, WITH SOME BELIEVING IT SERVED AS A COMMUNAL BURIAL SITE FOR NEOLITHIC CHIEFS AND THEIR FAMILIES. WHILE IN MAUGHOLD, BE SURE TO VISIT THE ATMOSPHERIC KIRK MAUGHOLD CHURCH AND ITS INTRIGUING CROSS HOUSE, WHICH FEATURES HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT CELTIC CROSSES DATING BACK TO EARLY CHRISTIANITY. FOUNDED AROUND 447 AD BY ST MAUGHOLD, A FORMER IRISH HIGHWAYMAN, THIS SITE RECOUNTS INCREDIBLE TALES OF ITS HISTORY. SPEND THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING IN RAMSEY, WHERE YOU CAN EXPLORE MILNTOWN ESTATE! TOUR THE HOUSE OR STROLL THROUGH ITS VERDANT GARDENS. THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY HAS RESIDED HERE SINCE THE 16TH CENTURY, AND AFTER EXTENSIVE RENOVATIONS IN THE 17TH CENTURY AND VARIOUS CHALLENGES OVER THE YEARS, YOU CAN NOW APPRECIATE IT IN ITS ORIGINAL SPLENDOR, THANKS TO THE RESTORATION UNDERTAKEN BY DEEMSTER JOHN CHRISTIAN IN THE 19TH CENTURY. CONCLUDE AN UNFORGETTABLE DAY WITH A DRINK AT THE FYNODEREE DISTILLERY, SAMPLING EXQUISITE SPIRITS WITH AUTHENTIC MANX HERITAGE! DO NOT MISS THIS EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY; THE ISLE OF MAN AWAITS!



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DAYS 1, 2, 3 & 4 - LONDON - ENGLAND

EMBARK ON YOUR EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY IN LONDON, THE CAPITAL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, WITH A VISIT TO THE RENOWNED BRITISH MUSEUM, ESTABLISHED IN 1753 BY AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT AND THE COLLECTIONS OF SIR HANS SLOANE. THIS MUSEUM RANKS AMONG THE LARGEST GLOBALLY, SHOWCASING HUMAN CREATIONS FROM PREHISTORY TO THE PRESENT, WITH COLLECTIONS FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE GLOBE. DO NOT OVERLOOK HIGHLIGHTS SUCH AS THE ROSETTA STONE, THE MAGNIFICENT SCULPTURES OF THE PARTHENON, AND THE ENIGMATIC MUMMIES OF ANCIENT EGYPT. RELISH AN EXHILARATING LUNCHTIME RECITAL AT THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE, WHERE MEMBERS OF THE ORCHESTRA OF THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE, THE ROYAL OPERA CHORUS, AND THE JETTE PARKER YOUNG ARTISTS PROGRAMME PERFORM SONG AND CHAMBER MUSIC. IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE VIBRANT ATMOSPHERE OF COVENT GARDEN, WHERE STREET THEATRE, DELECTABLE FOOD, CAPTIVATING MUSIC, AND INTRIGUING WINDOW SHOPPING AWAIT. THE CENTRAL SQUARE BUZZES WITH QUIRKY PERFORMERS AND ENGAGING EVENTS DAILY. PARTICIPATE IN A SAMBA LESSON AT THE BRAZILIAN BAR GUANABARA, WHERE MOST NIGHTS FEATURE ICONIC STYLES SUCH AS GAFIERA, SAMBA, AND FORRÓ. ON YOUR SECOND DAY, AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE AWAITS AT THE MUSEUM OF LONDON, WHERE YOU CAN DELVE INTO THE CAPITAL'S TUMULTUOUS HISTORY. DISCOVER PREHISTORIC LONDON, OBSERVE THE CITY'S TRANSFORMATION UNDER ROMAN AND SAXON RULE, MARVEL AT MEDIAEVAL LONDON, AND EXPLORE THE CHAOTIC YEARS OF CIVIL WARS, PLAGUES, AND FIRES. PROCEED TO THE GALLERIES OF MODERN LONDON TO STROLL THROUGH VICTORIAN STREETS AND VIEW THE LORD MAYOR'S SPLENDID CARRIAGE IN THE RECREATED GARDENS. VISIT LONDON WALL, A TREASURED REMNANT OF ANCIENT ROMAN DEFENSES; CONSTRUCTED IN 200 AD, THIS WALL HAS SHAPED THE CITY'S FORM AND SIZE FOR OVER A MILLENNIUM. PAUSE FOR LUNCH AT BODEAN'S BBQ, WHERE AUTHENTIC AMERICAN BARBECUE IS SERVED WITH GENEROUS PORTIONS OF STEAKS, RIBS, AND OTHER CLASSIC DISHES. THE AMERICAN AMBIANCE ENHANCES THE EXPERIENCE, COMPLEMENTED BY FRIENDLY SERVICE. DO NOT MISS THE BANK OF ENGLAND MUSEUM, LOCATED WITHIN THE BANK OF ENGLAND, WHERE YOU CAN EXPLORE THE INSTITUTION'S HISTORY FROM ITS FOUNDING IN 1694 TO ITS CURRENT ROLE AS THE NATION'S CENTRAL BANK. VIEW GOLD BARS FROM ANTIQUITY TO THE PRESENT, HISTORIC COINS, AND A UNIQUE COLLECTION OF BANKNOTES, ALONGSIDE PIKES AND MUSKETS USED TO SAFEGUARD THE BANK, AS WELL AS ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS SUCH AS ROMAN POTTERY AND MOSAICS. WITNESS THE CEREMONY OF THE KEYS AT THE TOWER OF LONDON, WHERE EACH EVENING THE CHIEF YEOMAN WARDER PERFORMS THIS ANCIENT TRADITION, ACCOMPANIED BY A GUARD ESCORT, A PRACTICE THAT HAS CONTINUED FOR 700 YEARS. ON DAY THREE, IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE BEAUTY OF RICHMOND PARK, LONDON'S LARGEST ROYAL PARK (1,000 HECTARES/2,500 ACRES), WHERE 650 DEER ROAM FREELY. THIS ENCHANTING LANDSCAPE OF HILLS AND WOODS, ADORNED WITH ANCIENT TREES AND DIVERSE FLORA AND FAUNA, PROVIDES A TRANQUIL RETREAT FOR EVERY VISITOR. WITH PLAYGROUNDS AT KINGSTON AND PETERSHAM GATES AND TWO GOLF COURSES NEAR ROEHAMPTON GATE, ACTIVITIES ABOUND. YOU MAY ALSO FISH AT PEN PONDS OR EXPLORE HORSEBACK RIDING AND CYCLING TRAILS. DO NOT MISS THE ISABELLA PLANTATION, AN ORGANIC WOODLAND GARDEN THAT WILL LEAVE YOU IN AWE. WHEN IT IS TIME TO DINE, CHOOSE FROM PEMBROKE LODGE WITH ITS BREATHTAKING VIEWS, ROEHAMPTON CAFÉ, OR THE FOOD STALLS IN THE MAIN CAR PARKS. BE SURE TO VISIT THE NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM, WHERE YOU CAN DISCOVER HOW BRITAIN'S HISTORY HAS SHAPED THE PRESENT AND FUTURE, AS WELL AS THE ARMY'S INFLUENCE ON BRITISH AND EUROPEAN HISTORY THROUGH ENGAGING EXHIBITIONS AND A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF EVENTS. CONTINUE TO THE SAATCHI GALLERY, FOUNDED IN 1985 BY CHARLES SAATCHI, KNOWN FOR ITS PROVOCATIVE CONTEMPORARY ARTWORKS AND EXHIBITIONS FEATURING EMERGING ARTISTS. IT WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE RISE OF DAMIEN HIRST AND TRACEY EMIN DURING THE YOUNG BRITISH ARTISTS EXHIBITIONS IN 1992 AND HAS BEEN LOCATED AT THE DUKE OF YORK'S HEADQUARTERS SINCE 2008. DO VISIT TATE BRITAIN AS WELL, HOME TO THE LARGEST COLLECTION OF BRITISH ART IN THE WORLD. EXPLORE WORKS FROM THE LAST FIVE CENTURIES IN EXHIBITIONS THAT INCLUDE MASTERPIECES BY LEGENDARY ARTISTS SUCH AS HOGARTH, GAINSBOROUGH, AND TURNER IN THE CLORE GALLERY. FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE DINNER, HEAD TO MY OLD DUTCH, THE ORIGINAL PANCAKE HOUSE SINCE 1958, WHERE YOU CAN ENJOY SAVORY OR SWEET PANCAKES IN A WARM AND INVITING ATMOSPHERE.



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DAY FOUR IS DEVOTED TO THE VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM, ONE OF THE LARGEST ART AND DESIGN MUSEUMS GLOBALLY, CELEBRATING OVER 3,000 YEARS OF HUMAN CREATIVITY. ADMIRE THE MEDIEVAL RENAISSANCE GALLERIES, THE EXQUISITE WILLIAM AND JUDITH BOLLINGER JEWELLERY GALLERY, AND MUCH MORE. ADDITIONALLY, DO NOT OVERLOOK HYDE PARK, ONE OF THE LARGEST URBAN PARKS IN THE WORLD. SPANNING 142 HECTARES (350 ACRES) OF MAJESTIC TREES, SHIMMERING LAKES, AND EXPANSIVE LAWNS, IT OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR SWIMMING, BOATING, OR SIMPLY UNWINDING AMIDST THE BEAUTIFUL ORNAMENTAL GARDENS. ENGAGE IN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS TENNIS OR HORSEBACK RIDING, AND EXPLORE ICONIC LANDMARKS LIKE THE SERPENTINE BRIDGE OR THE DIANA MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN. LASTLY, NO VISIT TO LONDON IS COMPLETE WITHOUT A TRIP TO THE TATE MODERN. SITUATED IN THE FORMER BANKSIDE POWER STATION ALONG THE RIVER THAMES, THIS NATIONAL MUSEUM PROVIDES ACCESS TO REMARKABLE WORKS BY SOME OF THE 20TH CENTURY'S MOST INFLUENTIAL ARTISTS, INCLUDING PICASSO AND WARHOL. BE SURE TO EXPLORE THE DISTINCTIVE SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS OF CARNABY, LOCATED JUST FIVE MINUTES FROM THE OXFORD CIRCUS AND PICCADILLY CIRCUS TUBE STATIONS IN THE HEART OF LONDON'S WEST END. THE EXCLUSIVE BOUTIQUES ACROSS THE 13 STREETS CREATE A TRUE SHOPPING HAVEN. CONCLUDE YOUR DAY AT THE FLAT IRON, WHERE YOU CAN SAVOR AN EXCEPTIONAL STEAK AT THIS SOHO RESTAURANT. SIMPLY SELECT THE IDEAL SIDE TO ACCOMPANY THE SUCCULENT MEAT.

DAY 5 - OXFORD - ENGLAND

VISIT THE ENCHANTING CITY OF OXFORD AND MARVEL AT THE STUNNING VIEWS FROM THE TOWER OF THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, THE HIGHEST POINT OF THE OXFORD SKYLINE. THIS REMARKABLE EDIFICE, ONE OF THE OLDEST IN THE WORLD, EXEMPLIFIES 13TH-CENTURY ECCLESIASTICAL ARCHITECTURE. LOCATED IN THE HEART OF OXFORD, THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH EMBODIES THE SPIRITUALITY OF BRITAIN'S OLDEST UNIVERSITY. AFTER EXPLORING THE CHURCH, TAKE A LEISURELY STROLL AROUND THE PICTURESQUE RADCLIFFE SQUARE TO ADMIRE THE RENOWNED RADCLIFFE CAMERA, PART OF THE BODLEIAN LIBRARIES, FROM EVERY ANGLE. IMMERSE YOURSELF IN A MILLENNIUM OF HISTORY AT OXFORD CASTLE AND PRISON. STEP BACK IN TIME WITH CAPTIVATING COSTUMED TOURS THAT GUIDE YOU THROUGH ENTHRALLING NARRATIVES. INVESTIGATE MEDIEVAL SIEGES, INFAMOUS TRIALS, AND NOTABLE PRISONERS; UNCOVER THE EVOLUTION OF CRIME AND PUNISHMENT OVER THE AGES. ENTER THE PADDED PRISON CELL AND ENCOUNTER THE FEARED "BLACK PANTHER," A NOTORIOUS INMATE FROM THE 1970S. ENJOY BREATHTAKING VIEWS FROM THE SUMMIT OF ST. GEORGE'S TOWER AND CASTLE MOUND, THEN DESCEND INTO THE ATMOSPHERIC NORMAN CRYPT. EXPLORE THE AUSTERE SECTIONS OF D WING AND DEBTORS TOWER, WHERE YOU CAN WANDER THROUGH THE CELLS AND HEAR THE STORIES OF THE YOUNG INMATES. IT IS TIME TO INDULGE YOUR PALATE—OXFORD BOASTS EXCEPTIONAL CULINARY OPTIONS. DISCOVER THE OXFORD COVERED MARKET, A TRUE TREASURE FEATURING OVER 50 INDEPENDENT VENDORS OFFERING A DISTINCTIVE ARRAY OF FOOD, CAFES, AND BARS. ESTABLISHED IN 1770, THIS MARKET IS AMONG THE OLDEST IN THE UK AND PROVIDES AN UNPARALLELED SHOPPING EXPERIENCE. WITH A VAST SELECTION RANGING FROM FOOD TO FASHION AND GIFTS, YOU WILL FIND NOTHING ORDINARY HERE. RELAX WITH A MEAL OR DRINK IN THE VIBRANT AMBIANCE OF THE MARKET OR OPT FOR A LIGHT REPAST AT THE ASHMOLEAN CAFÉ ON BEAUMONT STREET. DO NOT MISS MINI PLANT OXFORD! THIS ICONIC FACTORY PRODUCES ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST RENOWNED CAR BRANDS AND OFFERS A FASCINATING GLIMPSE INTO CONTEMPORARY CAR MANUFACTURING. DURING THE TOUR, YOU WILL DISCOVER EVERY STAGE OF THE MINI'S CREATION, FROM THE REMARKABLE WORK OF THE 1,200 ROBOTS ASSEMBLING THE BODYWORK TO THE FINAL ASSEMBLY WHERE YOU CAN WITNESS THE CAR TAKING SHAPE FIRSTHAND. STROLL ALONG OXFORD'S CHARMING HIGH STREET, FLANKED BY MAJESTIC UNIVERSITY WALLS, WITH INDEPENDENT SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS EAGER TO WELCOME YOU. FINALLY, ENJOY A MAGICAL EVENING WALK THROUGH OXFORD'S HISTORIC CITY CENTER, ADMIRING THE UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS FROM A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE, FREE FROM THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE. TRAVERSE THE WINDING STREETS FREQUENTED BY STUDENTS HURRYING TO CLASS; TREAT YOURSELF TO A RELAXING DRINK IN ONE OF THE ELEGANT BARS OR SPEND AN INTIMATE EVENING IN A HISTORIC PUB.



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DAYS 6 & 7 - BIBURY & CANTERBURY - ENGLAND

BEGIN YOUR DAY BY HEADING TO BIBURY, A DELIGHTFUL COTSWOLD VILLAGE THAT IS SURE TO LEAVE YOU IN AWE. WILLIAM MORRIS (1834-96) REFERRED TO IT AS "THE PRETTIEST VILLAGE IN ENGLAND," WHILE FOX NEWS RECOGNIZES IT AS ONE OF THE MOST PICTURESQUE LOCATIONS GLOBALLY. ADDITIONALLY, A HUFFINGTON POST ARTICLE (1 MAY 2014) LISTS IT AMONG "THE MOST CHARMING TOWNS IN EUROPE THAT YOU SHOULD SEE SOON." BIBURY HAS CONSISTENTLY APPEARED ON NUMEROUS LISTS OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL VILLAGES, NOT ONLY IN THE COTSWOLDS BUT THROUGHOUT THE UK. THE ICONIC LOCAL STONE COTTAGES OF ARLINGTON ROW ARE RENOWNED FOR BEING THE MOST PHOTOGRAPHED AND ENCHANTING IN THE COUNTRY. ORIGINALLY CONSTRUCTED AS MONASTIC WOOL WAREHOUSES IN 1380, THESE STRUCTURES WERE TRANSFORMED INTO A STUNNING ROW OF WEAVERS' COTTAGES IN THE 17TH CENTURY. OTHER ATTRACTIONS IN BIBURY INCLUDE BIBURY TROUT FARM AND THE HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST MARY, WHERE YOU CAN VIEW A STAINED GLASS WINDOW DESIGNED BY KARL PARSONS IN 1927. THE RIVER COLN MEANDERS THROUGH BIBURY, BORDERED BY THE VILLAGE'S MAIN STREET AND A PICTURESQUE MARSHLAND KNOWN AS RACK ISLE, WITH ARLINGTON ROW IN THE BACKGROUND. NEXT, PROCEED TO CANTERBURY, THE HISTORIC AND CAPTIVATING SEAT OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND, A CITY THAT ENCHANTS WITH ITS BEAUTY AND OFFERS A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCES. VISIT THE MAGNIFICENT CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL, ONE OF ENGLAND'S OLDEST AND MOST CELEBRATED TREASURES, WITH ORIGINS TRACING BACK TO THE 6TH CENTURY. SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADMIRE THE EXTRAORDINARY STAINED GLASS WINDOWS AND PAY RESPECTS AT THE TOMB OF THOMAS BECKET. CONTINUE TO ST AUGUSTINE'S ABBEY, A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE. FOUNDED IN THE 6TH CENTURY BY ST AUGUSTINE, THIS RUINED ABBEY IS AMONG THE MOST SIGNIFICANT RELIGIOUS SITES IN THE COUNTRY. UNCOVER THE INTRIGUING HISTORY OF THE CANTERBURY ROMAN MUSEUM, WHICH BEGAN IN 1868 WHEN WORKMEN UNEARTHED A PERFECTLY PRESERVED ROMAN FLOOR MOSAIC WHILE WORKING ON A NEW SEWER SYSTEM. FOLLOWING THE SECOND WORLD WAR, FURTHER EXCAVATIONS REVEALED AN IMPRESSIVE UNDERFLOOR HEATING SYSTEM AND EXQUISITE WALL PAINTINGS IN BOMBED-OUT CELLARS. THE SITE HAS SINCE EVOLVED INTO A MUSEUM, HOUSING ONE OF THE FEW ROMAN MOSAICS VISIBLE IN THE UK. THE CANTERBURY ROMAN MUSEUM IS KENT'S SOLE ROMAN MUSEUM, PROVIDING VISITORS WITH A CAPTIVATING INSIGHT INTO LIFE IN ROMAN BRITAIN; EXPLORE THE CITY'S HISTORY AS YOU STROLL THROUGH THE MARKET AND UNCOVER HIDDEN GEMS IN THE STREETS OF ROMAN CANTERBURY. WHEN YOU'RE READY TO SHOP, WHITEFRIARS AWAITS WITH PREMIER FASHION AND LIFESTYLE BRANDS, FEATURING WELL-KNOWN HIGH STREET NAMES ALONGSIDE THE ELEGANT FENWICK DEPARTMENT STORE. IN THE EVENING, TAKE A LEISURELY WALK ALONG THE PICTURESQUE RIVER STOUR THAT FLOWS THROUGH THE HEART OF THE CITY, OFFERING ENCHANTING VIEWS AND TRANQUIL WALKS ALONG ITS BANKS. BE SURE TO VISIT WESTGATE GARDENS, A SPLENDID PUBLIC PARK FILLED WITH STUNNING GARDENS, WATERWAYS, AND HISTORIC MONUMENTS. IF YOU ARE IN THE MOOD FOR A MEAL, NUMEROUS RESTAURANTS AND PUBS NEARBY OFFER DELICIOUS DINING OPTIONS!



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DAY 8 - DOVER - ENGLAND

CONTINUE YOUR EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY TO ICONIC DOVER! DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE MAJESTIC DOVER CASTLE, A MEDIEVAL FORTRESS THAT RANKS AMONG THE LARGEST IN ENGLAND AND HAS PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN THE NATION'S HISTORY. HERE, YOU CAN RELISH BREATHTAKING VIEWS ACROSS THE ENGLISH CHANNEL AND EXPLORE CAPTIVATING EXHIBITS, FROM THE GREAT TOWER TO SECRET WARTIME TUNNELS AND REMARKABLE MEDIEVAL UNDERGROUND WORKINGS. IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE CASTLE'S RICH HISTORY THROUGH INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS AND HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENTS. CONSIDER TAKING A GUIDED TOUR TO UNCOVER ITS SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN HISTORIC EVENTS SUCH AS THE NAPOLEONIC WARS AND WORLD WAR II. AFTER YOUR EXPLORATION OF THE CASTLE, PROCEED TO THE DOVER SEAFRONT PROMENADE, WHERE YOU CAN ENJOY STUNNING VIEWS OF THE ENGLISH CHANNEL AND THE RENOWNED WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER. THIS PROMENADE IS PERFECT FOR A LEISURELY WALK, A BIKE RIDE, OR SIMPLY INHALING THE FRESH SEA AIR. WITH ITS WELL-MAINTAINED PATHS, INVITING BENCHES, AND PICTURESQUE LANDSCAPES, IT PROVIDES A TRANQUIL ATMOSPHERE IDEAL FOR ANY VISITOR. IF YOU SEEK A BIT OF ADVENTURE, DO NOT FORGET TO TRY EXHILARATING WATER SPORTS SUCH AS KAYAKING OR PADDLEBOARDING! FOR LUNCH, SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAVOR DELICIOUS SEAFOOD AT ONE OF THE LOCAL RESTAURANTS ALONG THE WATERFRONT. DOVER IS CELEBRATED FOR ITS FRESH FISH AND SEAFOOD; INDULGE IN SPECIALTIES LIKE FISH AND CHIPS OR A LOCAL SEAFOOD PLATTER! AFTER LUNCH, PREPARE TO BE AWED BY THE WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER! THESE ICONIC CLIFFS EXTEND ALONG 8 MILES OF COASTLINE AND OFFER SPECTACULAR VIEWS OF THE ENGLISH CHANNEL. A SYMBOL OF BRITISH RESILIENCE THROUGHOUT THE CENTURIES, THESE NATURAL WONDERS INVITE YOU TO HIKE THE CLIFF-TOP TRAILS AND ABSORB THEIR TIMELESS BEAUTY. BE SURE TO VISIT THE SOUTH FORELAND LIGHTHOUSE! ESTABLISHED IN 1843, THIS HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSE HAS BEEN AN ESSENTIAL PART OF MARITIME NAVIGATION FOR OVER A CENTURY. ENJOY MAGNIFICENT VIEWS OF THE ENGLISH CHANNEL AND THE SURROUNDING LANDSCAPE. CONTINUE TO THE DOVER MUSEUM, A CAPTIVATING INSTITUTION THAT CELEBRATES THE TOWN'S RICH HISTORY THROUGH EXHIBITS RANGING FROM ANCIENT ARTIFACTS TO ENGAGING INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS. DISCOVER GALLERIES DEDICATED TO THE ROMAN OCCUPATION, THE MIDDLE AGES, AND THE SECOND WORLD WAR; IT IS A MUST FOR HISTORY ENTHUSIASTS! AS EVENING DESCENDS, TAKE A LEISURELY STROLL THROUGH DOVER TOWN CENTRE; EXPLORE CHARMING STREETS LINED WITH QUAIN SHOPS, COZY CAFES, AND LIVELY PUBS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LOCAL HISTORY, DO NOT MISS THE CHANCE TO VISIT THE 19TH-CENTURY TOWN HALL. FOR DINNER, INDULGE IN TRADITIONAL BRITISH CUISINE AT ONE OF THE MANY LOCAL PUBS OR RESTAURANTS; ENJOY A HEARTY MEAL ACCOMPANIED BY REAL ALES OR CIDERS! FOR EVENING ENTERTAINMENT, VISIT THE MARLOWE THEATRE! THIS MODERN VENUE OFFERS A SPECTACULAR ARRAY OF THEATRE, DANCE, COMEDY, AND MUSIC; WITH STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES AND ELEGANT SEATING, IT PROMISES TO BE A NIGHT TO REMEMBER! ALTERNATIVELY, UNWIND WITH A QUIET EVENING STROLL ALONG THE SEAFRONT WHILE WATCHING THE TWINKLING LIGHTS REFLECT ON THE WATER—A PERFECT CONCLUSION TO A MEMORABLE DAY!



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DAY 9 - CAMBRIDGE - ENGLAND

YOUR NEXT DESTINATION WILL BE THE FAMOUS CITY OF CAMBRIDGE. BEGIN WITH AN UNFORGETTABLE STROLL THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, A PRESTIGIOUS INSTITUTION NESTLED IN THE HEART OF ENGLAND. WITH ITS CENTURIES-OLD LEGACY AND GLOBAL ACCLAIM, THIS UNIVERSITY EPITOMIZES ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE. BE SURE TO VISIT KING'S COLLEGE, RENOWNED FOR ITS STUNNING GOTHIC ARCHITECTURE AND THE MAGNIFICENT KING'S COLLEGE CHAPEL. ESTABLISHED IN 1441 BY KING HENRY VI, THIS COLLEGE NOT ONLY FEATURES BEAUTIFUL GARDENS IDEAL FOR LEISURELY WALKS BUT ALSO FOSTERS A VIBRANT STUDENT COMMUNITY. EXPLORE THE FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM, ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST ESTEEMED ART MUSEUMS. DISCOVER OVER HALF A MILLION WORKS OF ART AND HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS THAT SPAN VARIOUS ERAS AND CULTURES. THE MUSEUM'S STRIKING ARCHITECTURE AND CAPTIVATING EXHIBITIONS ENSURE THAT EACH VISIT IS A DISTINCTIVE CULTURAL EXPERIENCE; EXPLORE THE GALLERIES AND DO NOT OVERLOOK THE INVALUABLE EGYPTIAN ARTIFACTS AND EXQUISITE PAINTINGS. IT'S TIME FOR ENJOYMENT! PROCEED TO THE RIVER FOR AN EXHILARATING PUNTING EXPERIENCE: EITHER HIRE A PUNT TO NAVIGATE YOURSELF OR JOIN A GUIDED TOUR. AS YOU GLIDE ALONG THE TRANQUIL WATERS, RELISH THE SPECTACULAR VIEWS OF THE SURROUNDING COLLEGES. FOR LUNCH, DO NOT MISS THE EAGLE, A HISTORIC PUB CELEBRATED FOR ITS LIVELY AND INVITING ATMOSPHERE. WITH TRADITIONAL DECOR AND AN IMPRESSIVE SELECTION OF LOCAL BEERS ALONGSIDE CLASSIC BRITISH FARE SUCH AS FISH AND CHIPS OR SUCCULENT BURGERS, IT IS HARD TO RESIST! AFTER LUNCH, IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE BEAUTY OF THE BOTANICAL GARDEN: A DELIGHTFUL HISTORIC GARDEN SPANNING OVER 40 ACRES, FEATURING PLANTS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE. IT IS AN EXCELLENT PLACE TO UNWIND WHILE DISCOVERING NEW PLANT SPECIES! REMEMBER TO VISIT MARKET SQUARE! THIS VIBRANT MARKET IN THE HEART OF CAMBRIDGE IS IDEAL FOR SHOPPING, WITH CHARMING SHOPS AND ENTICING RESTAURANTS, A TRUE PARADISE FOR SOUVENIR ENTHUSIASTS! DISCOVER THE ROUND CHURCH, THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE, ONE OF THE CITY'S OLDEST STRUCTURES DATING BACK TO THE 12TH CENTURY. ITS DISTINCTIVE CIRCULAR ARCHITECTURE WILL LEAVE YOU IN AWE! FOR DINNER, OPT FOR THE OLD BICYCLE SHOP! THIS WHIMSICALLY CHARMING RESTAURANT OFFERS A DIVERSE MENU TO CATER TO EVERY TASTE, FROM PIZZAS TO VEGAN SELECTIONS. CONCLUDE YOUR DAY WITH A WALK UNDER THE STARS ALONG THE RIVER OR THROUGH THE PICTURESQUE STREETS OF THE CITY. IF YOU WISH TO RELAX FURTHER, STOP BY ONE OF THE LOCAL PUBS SUCH AS CAMBRIDGE BLUE - THE LAID-BACK ATMOSPHERE AND EXCELLENT BEERS WILL MAKE YOU FEEL AT HOME IN NO TIME.



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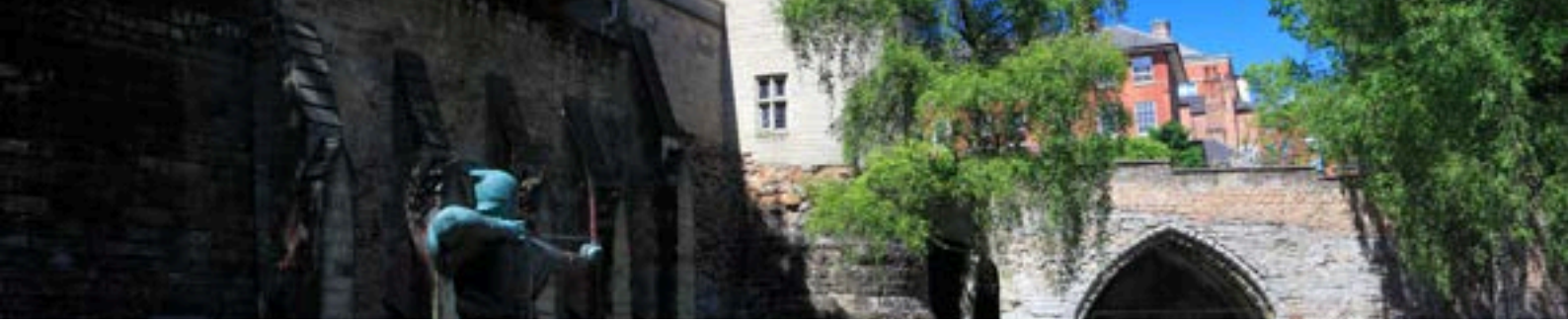
DAYS 10 & 11 - NORWICH - ENGLAND

LEAVE CAMBRIDGE AND EXPLORE NORWICH! DOMINATING CASTLE HILL, THE MAGNIFICENT NORWICH CASTLE, A FORMER NORMAN ROYAL PALACE ESTABLISHED BY WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR, STANDS AS ONE OF EUROPE'S MOST CAPTIVATING ARCHITECTURAL GEMS. THIS REMARKABLE CASTLE HAS FUNCTIONED AS A MUSEUM SINCE 1894, WHERE HISTORY AND CULTURE ARE INTRICATELY WOVEN TOGETHER. DO NOT OVERLOOK NORWICH CATHEDRAL! WITH ITS TOWERING SPIRE THAT HAS GRACED THE CITY SKYLINE FOR OVER 900 YEARS, THIS CATHEDRAL IS A VERITABLE REPOSITORY OF NARRATIVES. FROM ITS INCEPTION AS A BENEDICTINE MONASTERY TO ITS PRESENT-DAY STATUS AS A MODERN CATHEDRAL, EVERY CORNER REVEALS NEW INSIGHTS FOR VISITORS. AFTER ADMIRING THE BREATHTAKING INTERIOR OF THE CATHEDRAL, PROCEED TO ELM HILL, NORWICH'S MOST ENCHANTING MEDIEVAL STREET! THIS PICTURESQUE COBBLED THOROUGHFARE WILL CAPTIVATE YOU WITH ITS HISTORIC RESIDENCES AND CHARMING SHOPS. DESPITE THE DEVASTATING FIRE OF 1507, ELM HILL HAS BEEN RESTORED AND NOW GLIMMERS WITH CRAFT MARKETS AND COZY CAFES. ELM HILL IS A TRUE HAVEN FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS; EACH SEASON PRESENTS UNFORGETTABLE VISTAS! IN SUMMER, YOU CAN EXPLORE SHOPS LIKE THE BEAR SHOP, WHILE AUTUMN SHOWCASES THE VIBRANT HUES OF THE FOLIAGE. WINTER ENVELOPS THE AREA IN A MAGICAL AMBIANCE, AND SPRING BREATHES LIFE INTO ELM HILL, MAKING IT VIBRANT AND FULL OF ENERGY. DISCOVER ARTISAN BOUTIQUES, ANTIQUE SHOPS, AND ART GALLERIES; VISIT THE FOOD THEATRES OR LOCAL DELICATESSENS. BE SURE TO STOP BY THE BRITONS ARMS, THE SOLE STRUCTURE TO SURVIVE THE FIRE OF '507—A TUDOR COACHING INN THAT HAS SERVED AS A FILM LOCATION! ADDITIONALLY, A STROLL THROUGH THE CATHEDRAL QUARTER OFFERS A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE WITH ITS CHARMING STREETS AND MEDIEVAL ARCHITECTURE. SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA! RENOWNED FOR ITS CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAMS ATTENDED BY ILLUSTRIOUS AUTHORS SUCH AS IAN MCEWAN AND KAZUO ISHIGURO, THE CAMPUS ALSO FEATURES ICONIC WORKS OF ART. TAKE A LEISURE WALK AROUND THE UNIVERSITY LAKE AND KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE FRIENDLY RESIDENT RABBITS! IF YOU FIND YOURSELF IN NORWICH DURING SPRING, BE SURE TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL UEA LIVE FESTIVAL—AN UNMISSABLE EVENT THAT GATHERS SOME OF THE WORLD'S FINEST WRITERS AND THINKERS. NESTLED IN THE HEART OF THE BROADS NATIONAL PARK, THE CITY BOASTS EXCEPTIONAL OUTDOOR SPACES! ENJOY A RIVERSIDE WALK TO THE CATHEDRAL, TAKING IN ANCIENT MONUMENTS, OR EXPLORE MOUSEHOLD HEATH FOR BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE CITY SKYLINE AT SUNSET. WITH OVER 184 ACRES OF NATURAL BEAUTY AND WILDLIFE, THIS AREA IS IDEAL FOR ANY SEASON! ALSO, UNCOVER THE INTRIGUING HISTORY OF KETT'S REBELLION OF 1549 AS YOU VISIT MOUSEHOLD HEATH. FINALLY, DO NOT MISS THE PLANTATION GARDEN, TUCKED AWAY BEHIND ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHEDRAL—A HIDDEN GEM CREATED BY THE SKILLED VICTORIAN UPHOLSTERER HENRY TREVOR. THIS ENCHANTING SPOT PROVIDES A REFRESHING RESPITE FROM THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF DAILY LIFE, FEATURING GOTHIC WONDERS AND CAPTIVATING PATHWAYS. THE RENOWNED SAINSBURY CENTRE FOR VISUAL ARTS BECKONS! THIS STRIKING CUBE-SHAPED EDIFICE HAS SERVED AS THE BACKDROP FOR THREE MARVEL AVENGERS FILMS: AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON, ANTMAN 2, AND SPIDERMAN: HOMECOMING. EXPLORE AN EXTRAORDINARY COLLECTION OF GLOBAL ART, FEATURING MASTERPIECES BY LUMINARIES SUCH AS BACON AND PICASSO. IMMERSE YOURSELF IN BOTH PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS SHOWCASING ABSTRACT, CONSTRUCTIVIST, AND ART NOUVEAU WONDERS. SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN FAMILY-FRIENDLY TOURS AND ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE ART GALLERY, AND UNWIND IN THE LUMINOUS CAFÉ, WHICH BOASTS FLOOR-TO-CEILING WINDOWS OVERLOOKING THE CAMPUS. FOR AN EVEN MORE ENRICHING EXPERIENCE, VISIT THE EAST GALLERY AT NORWICH UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS, WHERE EXHIBITIONS ARE HELD YEAR-ROUND! ADDITIONALLY, DISCOVER THE MUSEUM OF NORWICH, SITUATED IN THE PICTURESQUE HISTORIC LANES AREA. HERE, YOU WILL ENCOUNTER CAPTIVATING DISPLAYS AND INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES THAT NARRATE THE HISTORY OF NORWICH THROUGH THE AGES. EXPLORE THE BRIDEWELL, A 16TH-CENTURY STRUCTURE THAT ONCE SERVED AS A HOUSE OF CORRECTION, AND STRANGERS' HALL, A SPLENDID TUDOR MANSION ADORNED WITH EXQUISITE FURNISHINGS AND PERIOD ARTWORK. DO NOT OVERLOOK THE FAMED GROSVENOR FISH BAR, WHICH HAS BEEN DELIGHTING PATRONS WITH THE FINEST FISH AND CHIPS IN TOWN FOR OVER 90 YEARS! WITH A LONG QUEUE OUTSIDE, IT IS AN ICONIC ESTABLISHMENT NOT TO BE MISSED. SAVOR CLASSICS SUCH AS BATTERED COD OR INDULGE IN GROSVENOR SIGNATURES LIKE THE 'SIX-QUID SQUID' OR 'LOONY TOONY.' FOR A DISTINCTIVE AMBIANCE, ENJOY YOUR MEAL IN THE CAVE SEATING LOCATED DOWNSTAIRS! IF YOU ARE A GIN AND TONIC ENTHUSIAST, PREPARE TO BE CAPTIVATED BY GYRE & GIMBLE'S GIN ACADEMY! CRAFT YOUR OWN BOTTLE WITH THE GUIDANCE OF AN EXPERT DISTILLER WHILE LEARNING TO SELECT AND BALANCE THE IDEAL BOTANICALS. SEAL YOUR CREATION WITH WAX AND TAKE HOME AN UNFORGETTABLE KEEPSAKE. AND REMEMBER: YOUR RECIPE WILL BE PRESERVED FOR FUTURE CONCOCTIONS! NORWICH HAS PROUDLY HELD THE TITLE OF UNESCO CITY OF LITERATURE FOR OVER A DECADE—A SANCTUARY FOR EMERGING AUTHORS! THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR WRITING OFFERS REGULAR COURSES FOR VISITING POETS AND NOVELISTS AND ORGANIZES THE NORWICH CRIME WRITING FESTIVAL EACH SEPTEMBER, ATTRACTING PROMINENT FIGURES FROM AROUND THE GLOBE.



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DISCOVER THE REMARKABLE ARRAY OF STALLS AT ONE OF THE OLDEST AND LARGEST OPEN-AIR MARKETS IN THE COUNTRY! SITUATED IN THE HEART OF THE CITY, NORWICH MARKET, RENOWNED FOR ITS ICONIC STRIPED ROOF, HOSTS OVER 180 RETAILERS PRESENTING AN EXTRAORDINARY SELECTION OF ITEMS RANGING FROM CLOTHING TO TOYS, BOOKS TO FRESH MEAT. IF YOU SEEK BOUTIQUES AND EXCLUSIVE BRANDS, BE SURE TO VISIT THE NEARBY CASTLE QUARTER OR CHANTRY PLACE! OUTSIDE THE MARKET STROLL THROUGH THE DELIGHTFUL NORWICH LANES, WHERE YOU WILL ENCOUNTER A MULTITUDE OF INDEPENDENT FASHION BOUTIQUES, ART GALLERIES, AND DISTINCTIVE JEWELLERY SHOPS. FOR VINTAGE JEWELLERY ENTHUSIASTS, MAGDALEN STREET IS A MUST-VISIT, WHILE THE ROYAL ARCADE, ADORNED WITH VIBRANT TILES AND STAINED GLASS, WILL CAPTIVATE YOU WITH ADDITIONAL INDEPENDENT SHOPS TO EXPLORE. DO NOT OVERLOOK JARROLD, THE AWARD-WINNING FIVE-STOREY DEPARTMENT STORE THAT ATTRACTS AFICIONADOS OF LUXURY BRANDS AND LOCAL ARTISAN PRODUCTS. GIVEN ITS STRONG LITERARY REPUTATION, IT IS NO SURPRISE THAT NORWICH ALSO EXCELS IN THE THEATRE SCENE. WITH FIVE PERMANENT THEATRES, THE MAIN ONE IS UNDOUBTEDLY THE NORWICH THEATRE ROYAL. THIS HISTORIC 1,300-SEAT AUDITORIUM (OPENED IN 1758) FEATURES A REGULAR PROGRAMME OF THRILLING MUSICALS, ENGAGING PLAYS, HILARIOUS COMEDIES, AND UNFORGETTABLE WEST END CONCERTS THAT CONSISTENTLY LEAVE AUDIENCES ON THE EDGE OF THEIR SEATS. BE SURE TO VISIT THE NORWICH PLAYHOUSE AS WELL—AN INTIMATE THEATRE GEM WHERE EVERY SEAT FEELS JUST A FEW STEPS FROM THE STAGE! HERE, YOU CAN ENJOY DELIGHTFUL PERFORMANCES WITH YOUR FAVOURITE COMEDY CHARACTERS AND EXPERIENCE UNMISSABLE LIVE CONCERTS. THE THEATRE ALSO BOASTS A COSY BAR WITH OUTDOOR SEATING BY THE RIVER. DO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE NORWICH PUPPET THEATRE, ONE OF ONLY FOUR PERMANENT PUPPET THEATRES IN THE UK, WHICH OFFERS WORKSHOPS AND SHOWS FOR ADULTS! ADDITIONALLY, DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL NORFOLK & NORWICH FESTIVAL EACH MAY, WHERE BREATHTAKING PERFORMANCES ENLIVEN THE CITY IN ATMOSPHERIC VENUES RANGING FROM HISTORIC PARKS AND CHURCHES TO INTRIGUING ABANDONED WASTELANDS. THE BOWLING HOUSE, AS THE NAME IMPLIES, IS A NIGHTCLUB CELEBRATED FOR ITS RETRO BOWLING ALLEY... BUT THERE IS SO MUCH MORE! SHARE DELECTABLE FOOD WITH FRIENDS WHILE SIPPING ON IRRESISTIBLE COCKTAILS AND SINGING YOUR HEART OUT IN A PRIVATE KARAOKE BOOTH. THE BOWLING HOUSE HAS BECOME A POPULAR DESTINATION SINCE ITS OPENING AND IS KNOWN FOR ITS VIBRANT SPECIAL EVENTS, INCLUDING COMEDY, LIVE MUSIC, AND THEATRE. ALTHOUGH NORWICH NO LONGER BOASTS A PUB FOR EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR, THERE ARE STILL EXCELLENT PUBS TO ENJOY A DRINK! RIBS OF BEEF, LOCATED NEAR THE MEDIEVAL FYE BRIDGE, IS REGARDED AS ONE OF THE HISTORIC SITES LINKED TO WOMEN ACCUSED OF WITCHCRAFT. ENJOY A PINT IN THE QUAIN OUTDOOR SEATING AREA WHEN THE SUN IS SHINING! ANOTHER GREAT OPTION IS SIR TOBY'S BEERS, KNOWN AS NORWICH'S SMALLEST BAR, WHILE FRANKS BAR IN THE HEART OF THE LANES OFFERS A CONVIVIAL ATMOSPHERE IDEAL FOR SIPPING DRINKS AND SHARING DELICIOUS FOOD WITH FRIENDS.



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DAYS 12 & 13 - NOTTINGHAM & SHERWOOD FOREST - ENGLAND

HEAD TO NOTTINGHAM, SITUATED IN THE HEART OF ENGLAND'S EAST MIDLANDS, A CITY RICH IN THE ALLURE OF THE ROBIN HOOD LEGEND. HERE, HISTORY AND MODERNITY CONVERGE IN A CAPTIVATING BLEND. IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE HISTORIC AMBIANCE OF THE LACE MARKET AS YOU PASS BY ST MARY'S CHURCH, THE LARGEST MEDIEVAL STRUCTURE IN THE CITY. THIS REMARKABLE TESTAMENT TO NOTTINGHAM'S PROSPERITY IN THE 15TH CENTURY WILL IMPRESS YOU WITH ITS GRAND ARCHITECTURE: A TOWERING SPIRE, GRACEFUL COLUMNS, EXPANSIVE WINDOWS, AND ALABASTER MONUMENTS THAT REFLECT THE AFFLUENCE OF LOCAL MERCHANTS AND NOBILITY. DESPITE THE CHALLENGES POSED BY THE 16TH CENTURY REFORMATION, THE 17TH CENTURY CIVIL WAR, AND THE TRANSFORMATIONS OF THE 18TH CENTURY, ST MARY'S HAS REGAINED ITS SPLENDOR THROUGH METICULOUS RESTORATION OVER THE PAST TWO CENTURIES. ADMIRE THE MAGNIFICENT WEST FAÇADE, THE CHAPEL OF THE HOLY GHOST, THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS, AND THE FLAWLESS STONE FLOOR. THE SERENE CHURCHYARD IS THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF GEORGE AFRICANUS, A FORMER SLAVE WHO BECAME A PROSPEROUS NOTTINGHAM BUSINESSMAN IN THE 18TH AND 19TH CENTURIES; A SITE THAT ENCHANTS VISITORS! DISCOVER THE NATIONAL JUSTICE MUSEUM! ENCOUNTER HISTORICAL FIGURES CLAD IN PERIOD ATTIRE AT THE SHIRE HALL. EXPLORE THE VICTORIAN COURTROOM, GEORGIAN PRISONS, AND ANCIENT CELLS ACROSS FIVE INTRIGUING FLOORS. EAT A DELECTABLE LUNCH AT DELILAH, FEATURING AN IMPRESSIVE ARRAY OF TAPAS-STYLE DISHES. UNWIND IN THEIR AWARD-WINNING BAR AND CAFÉ, WHERE THE INTIMATE AND CASUAL ATMOSPHERE ENHANCES EVERY MOMENT. DISCOVER THE UK'S LARGEST NETWORK OF CAVES—OVER 800 SUBTERRANEAN MARVELS LIE BENEATH THE STREETS OF NOTTINGHAM! AT THE CITY OF CAVES, YOU WILL GAIN ACCESS TO THE LARGEST PUBLIC SECTION OF THIS EXTRAORDINARY NETWORK. EMBARK ON AN UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY THROUGH HISTORY AS YOU NAVIGATE ANCIENT CAVES, WWII AIR RAID SHELTERS, AND A MEDIEVAL TANNERY. DO NOT MISS NOTTINGHAM CONTEMPORARY, ONE OF THE UK'S LARGEST CONTEMPORARY ART GALLERIES! SHOWCASING ROTATING EXHIBITIONS OF INTERNATIONAL ART WITHIN AN ICONIC BUILDING, THIS GALLERY SERVES AS THE VIBRANT HEART OF MODERN ART IN THE CITY. PARTICIPATE IN ENGAGING EVENTS SUCH AS LECTURES, FILM SCREENINGS, AND LIVE PERFORMANCES. FREE FAMILY ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE EVERY WEEKEND AND DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS! VISIT OTTAR AT CONTEMPORARY FOR A DIVERSE AND EXQUISITE SEASONAL MENU, COMPLEMENTED BY AWARD-WINNING CHOCOLATES AND DELECTABLE CAKES. OLD MARKET SQUARE SERVES AS AN IDEAL GATHERING PLACE FOR BOTH LOCALS AND VISITORS, WHERE FRIENDS CONVENE, SHOPPERS UNWIND, AND THE DAYS BECOME MEMORABLE. IT RANKS AS THE SECOND LARGEST PUBLIC SPACE IN THE UK, FOLLOWING TRAFALGAR SQUARE, AND IS INTEGRAL TO THE CITY'S SOCIAL FABRIC. THIS VIBRANT HUB HOSTS SPECTACULAR EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, INCLUDING THE SUMMER RIVIERA BEACH. BE SURE TO EXPLORE THE REGULAR FARMERS' MARKETS, WHERE YOU CAN PURCHASE FRESH LOCAL PRODUCE, INCLUDING ARTISANAL CHEESES AND MEATS. FOR A RESPITE FROM THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE, CONSIDER VISITING ONE OF THE HISTORIC PUBS, SUCH AS THE BELL INN OR THE DELIGHTFUL MALT CROSS. ALTERNATIVELY, INDULGE IN FRENCH LIVING FOR EXCEPTIONAL COUNTRY CUISINE IN A CHARMING ATMOSPHERE. DO NOT OVERLOOK THE STATUE OF FOOTBALL LEGEND BRIAN CLOUGH AT SPEAKERS CORNER. AS DUSK APPROACHES, TAKE A LEISURELY STROLL TO THE CASTLE QUARTER AND CAPTURE AN UNFORGETTABLE MOMENT BESIDE THE STATUE OF THE ICONIC OUTLAW ROBIN HOOD. YE OLDE TRIP TO JERUSALEM IS A MUST-VISIT, REPUTED TO BE THE UK'S OLDEST PUB. THIS HISTORIC GEM, CARVED INTO THE ROCK BENEATH NOTTINGHAM CASTLE, OFFERS A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME WITH ITS HISTORICAL IMAGES AND CURIOSITIES. IT IS ALSO AN IDEAL VENUE TO ENJOY A DELIGHTFUL DINNER IN ONE OF ITS COZY ALCOVES OR TO SIMPLY RELAX. TO CONCLUDE YOUR EVENING IN STYLE, CHECK THE SCHEDULE AT NOTTINGHAM PLAYHOUSE. SINCE 1948, IT HAS BEEN ONE OF THE UK'S MOST ESTEEMED PRODUCING THEATRES, PRESENTING ORIGINAL AND CLASSIC PERFORMANCES THAT WILL LEAVE YOU IN AWE. FINALLY, IF YOU SEEK A REFRESHING DRINK, HEAD TO REVOLUCIÓN DE CUBA FOR EXCEPTIONAL LATE-NIGHT COCKTAILS, VIBRANT DANCING, AND LIVE MUSIC ON SELECT EVENINGS. THE FOLLOWING DAY, DO NOT MISS THE REMARKABLE SHERWOOD FOREST! EXCITING ADVENTURES AWAIT, WITH EACH TRAIL OFFERING THRILLING EXPERIENCES SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES, ABILITIES, AND INTERESTS, INCLUDING AN EXHILARATING ROBIN HOOD-THEMED GUIDED TOUR, A CAPTIVATING WALK, OR EVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ARCHERY TECHNIQUES. ADDITIONALLY, REMEMBER THAT THE HISTORIC VILLAGE OF EDWINSTOWE IS JUST A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY, ALONG WITH A CRAFT CENTRE CONVENIENTLY LOCATED ACROSS FROM THE VISITOR CENTRE. AS YOU EXPLORE THE VILLAGE, YOU WILL UNCOVER NUMEROUS SITES THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO SHERWOOD'S HISTORY, SUCH AS THE NEARBY ST MARY'S CHURCH, RENOWNED FOR BEING THE LOCATION OF ROBIN AND MARIAN'S WEDDING.



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DAYS 14 & 15 - SHEFFIELD - ENGLAND

DISCOVER SHEFFIELD, A CITY WITH A RICH HERITAGE IN METALWORK THAT DATES BACK TO THE 12TH CENTURY. THIS LOCALE HAS TRANSFORMED INTO A VIBRANT CULTURAL HUB. WITH A THIRD OF ITS AREA NESTLED WITHIN THE PICTURESQUE PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK, IT SERVES AS A SANCTUARY FOR OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS, ADVENTURERS, AND CREATIVES ALIKE. FROM SHOPPING IN THE CITY CENTER TO EXHILARATING OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, SHEFFIELD OFFERS AN ARRAY OF REMARKABLE EXPERIENCES THAT ARE NOT TO BE OVERLOOKED. VISIT THE MILLENNIUM GALLERY, WHERE A DYNAMIC EXHIBITION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS THE FINEST NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ART AND DESIGN, ALONGSIDE THE REGION'S MOST EXCEPTIONAL CREATIVE TALENT. HERE, YOU WILL ENCOUNTER UNIQUE COLLECTIONS THAT CELEBRATE SHEFFIELD'S METALWORK AND THE EXTRAORDINARY ART AND ARTIFACTS INTRODUCED TO THE CITY BY THE RENOWNED ARTIST AND WRITER JOHN RUSKIN. SHEFFIELD'S METALWORK COLLECTION IS ESTEEMED AS ONE OF THE FINEST GLOBALLY, FEATURING OVER 800 EXQUISITE PIECES OF CUTLERY, TABLEWARE, AND WARES THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE CITY'S FAME, ALONGSIDE BEAUTIFUL OBJECTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD. DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE GUILD OF ST GEORGE'S DISTINCTIVE RUSKIN COLLECTION, ESTABLISHED IN THE 19TH CENTURY TO INSPIRE THE PEOPLE OF SHEFFIELD. THIS REMARKABLE COLLECTION OF ART, ILLUSTRATED MANUSCRIPTS, AND MINERALS IS SHOWCASED THROUGH EVER-EVOLVING EXHIBITIONS THAT HONOR RUSKIN'S VISIONARY IDEAS. DURING YOUR VISIT, BE SURE TO STOP BY THE AMBULO CAFÉ, WHERE YOU CAN INDULGE IN DELICIOUS COFFEE AND FANTASTIC GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICHES. HERE'S A SECRET TIP: THE MILLENNIUM GALLERY ALSO BOASTS SOME OF THE FINEST SHOPPING IN SHEFFIELD! IF YOU ARE IN SEARCH OF THE PERFECT GIFT, THE GALLERY SHOP OFFERS A WIDE RANGE OF ITEMS, FROM HOME ESSENTIALS AND HANDCRAFTED JEWELRY TO BOOKS, CARDS, AND STATIONERY. DELVE INTO INDUSTRIAL HISTORY WITH A VISIT TO KELHAM ISLAND, ONE OF SHEFFIELD'S OLDEST MANUFACTURING SITES, BOASTING OVER 900 YEARS OF HISTORY. THIS MAN-MADE ISLAND WAS CENTRAL TO THE 20TH-CENTURY INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION. TODAY, REMNANTS OF OLD CUTLERS AND STEELWORKS COEXIST WITH VIBRANT INDEPENDENT SHOPPING CENTERS, TRENDY RESTAURANTS, AND CHARMING MICROBREWERIES. THE KELHAM ISLAND MUSEUM HAS BEEN WELCOMING VISITORS SINCE 1982, GUIDING YOU THROUGH TIME WITH HISTORIC OBJECTS AND ARCHIVAL MATERIALS THAT NARRATE SHEFFIELD'S EXTRAORDINARY INDUSTRIAL LEGACY. EXPERIENCE THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF THE INDUSTRIAL AGE AS YOU NAVIGATE INTERACTIVE GALLERIES THAT ILLUSTRATE THE TRANSITION FROM SKILLED LABOR TO LARGE-SCALE MANUFACTURING. RELIVE THE EXCITEMENT OF LIFE AND WORK IN SHEFFIELD DURING THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION, TRACING THE CITY'S EVOLUTION FROM THE VICTORIAN ERA THROUGH THE TWO WORLD WARS TO COMPREHEND HOW STEEL PRODUCTION INFLUENCED NOT ONLY SHEFFIELD BUT THE WORLD AT LARGE. DO NOT MISS THE IMPRESSIVE 12,000HP RIVER DON ENGINE—THE MOST POWERFUL WORKING STEAM ENGINE IN EUROPE—WHILE OUTSIDE, YOU WILL ENCOUNTER ONE OF THE WORLD'S FEW REMAINING BESSEMER CONVERTERS. DISCOVER A UNIQUE VENUE AT GARDENERS REST, ADJACENT TO THE CUTLERY WORKS. THIS PUB FEATURES A STUNNING BEER GARDEN OVERLOOKING THE RIVER AND IS HOME TO THE SHEFFIELD BREWERY COMPANY. NOTABLY, IT IS ALSO SHEFFIELD'S FIRST COMMUNITY-OWNED PUB, PURCHASED BY OVER 400 REGULARS IN 2017. IF YOU SEEK SOMETHING NEW BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL PUBS ON KELHAM ISLAND, CONSIDER HEIST BREW CO., AN EMERGING PLAYER IN THE LOCAL BEER SCENE. THEY HAVE RELOCATED THEIR BREWERY AND OPENED A SPACIOUS TASTING ROOM IN NEEPSEND, COMPLETE WITH TWO BARS AND A LARGE AREA ACCOMMODATING UP TO 200 PATRONS. FOR FOOD ENTHUSIASTS, SLAP & PICKLE OFFERS DELECTABLE BURGERS AND FRIES (INCLUDING GLUTEN-FREE AND VEGAN OPTIONS), ALONG WITH ENTERTAINING SHUFFLEBOARD TABLES AND ARCADE GAMES. IF YOU ARE A VEGAN BEER AFICIONADO, VISIT CHURCH - TEMPLE OF FUN, A FULLY VEGAN BAR WITH AN UNMISSABLE SELECTION. THE OLD WORKSHOP ALSO PROVIDES DELICIOUS PLANT-BASED DISHES TO COMPLEMENT YOUR DRINKS.



ITINERARY

DAYS 16 & 17 - LEEDS AND SALTAIRE VILLAGE - ENGLAND

YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE AWAITS IN LEEDS, A VIBRANT AND PASSIONATE CITY! RICH IN CULTURE AND HERITAGE, IT OFFERS AN INCREDIBLE ARRAY OF EXPERIENCES TO EXPLORE. WITH INDEPENDENT RETAILERS, THRIVING MARKETS, DELECTABLE CUISINE, AND EXCEPTIONAL ATTRACTIONS SUCH AS BALLET, OPERA, ART, AND CONCERTS FEATURING WORLD-RENOWNED ARTISTS, LEEDS CATERS TO DIVERSE INTERESTS. THE CITY CENTER IS DYNAMIC AND LIVELY, BOASTING UNPARALLELED SHOPPING OPPORTUNITIES ALONGSIDE THE PICTURESQUE LOCAL COUNTRYSIDE, INCLUDING THE STUNNING YORKSHIRE DALES WITHIN EASY REACH. DISCOVER A REALM OF WONDER AT LEEDS CITY MUSEUM! EXPLORE FOUR FLOORS OF INTERACTIVE AND ENGAGING GALLERIES WHERE YOU CAN ENCOUNTER THE LEEDS TIGER, VISIT THE ANCIENT WORLDS TO MEET NESYAMUN, THE LEEDS MUMMY, AND EXCAVATE FOSSILS IN THE LIFE ON EARTH GALLERY. DO NOT OVERLOOK LEEDS ART GALLERY, REGARDED AS ARGUABLY THE FINEST COLLECTION OF 20TH-CENTURY BRITISH ART OUTSIDE LONDON. THIS DYNAMIC GALLERY SHOWCASES REMARKABLE LOCAL COLLECTIONS AND AN EXCITING ARRAY OF TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS. EXPERIENCE STUNNING PRINTS, WATERCOLORS, PAINTINGS, AND CONTEMPORARY WORKS BY LOCAL ARTISTS SUCH AS HENRY MOORE AND BARBARA HEPWORTH. THE HENRY MOORE INSTITUTE SERVES AS THE EPICENTER FOR THE STUDY OF SCULPTURE IN THE HEART OF LEEDS, FEATURING A YEAR-ROUND PROGRAM OF EXHIBITIONS, TALKS, AND LECTURES THAT ENHANCE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF BOTH HISTORICAL AND CONTEMPORARY SCULPTURE. ADDITIONALLY, YOU ARE NEVER FAR FROM EXCEPTIONAL SHOPPING EXPERIENCES! WITH OVER 1,000 STORES IN A COMPACT, PEDESTRIANIZED CENTER, YOU CAN ENJOY LUXURY BRANDS THAT RIVAL THOSE OF LONDON OR MILAN, SUCH AS LOUIS VUITTON AND VIVIENNE WESTWOOD, IN THE FASHIONABLE VICTORIA QUARTER. DO NOT MISS TRINITY LEEDS! THIS NEW SHOPPING CENTER IS HOME TO OVER 120 STORES AND 12 RESTAURANTS AND HAS BEEN SELECTED AS THE LOCATION FOR THE FIRST VICTORIA'S SECRET STORE OUTSIDE LONDON. YOU WILL ALSO FIND THE UK'S LARGEST EVERYMAN CINEMA ALONGSIDE TOP BRANDS SUCH AS APPLE AND MANGO. KIRKGATE MARKET FEATURES OVER 800 TRADERS OFFERING EVERYTHING FROM THE ESSENTIAL TO THE EXOTIC, WHILE THE CORN EXCHANGE AWAITS WITH CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE RETAILERS HOUSED IN ONE OF BRITAIN'S MOST BEAUTIFUL VICTORIAN BUILDINGS. FINALLY, SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT SALTAIRE VILLAGE, JUST A 30-MINUTE DRIVE FROM LEEDS! THIS ENCHANTING UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE IS A TRUE GEM, BEAUTIFULLY PRESERVED AS A VICTORIAN INDUSTRIAL VILLAGE. THE MILL OWNER, SIR TITUS SALT, ESTABLISHED THIS EXTRAORDINARY VILLAGE TO PROVIDE HIS 3,000 WORKERS AN ESCAPE FROM THE POLLUTION AND OVERCROWDING OF THE CITY. TODAY, SALTAIRE ATTRACTS MILLIONS OF VISITORS DUE TO ITS STUNNING ARCHITECTURE AND CAPTIVATING ATTRACTIONS. DO NOT MISS THE IMPRESSIVE SIR TITUS SALT MILL COMPLEX, WHICH HOUSES THE 1853 GALLERY, WHERE YOU CAN VIEW ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST ART COLLECTIONS BY BRADFORD'S RENOWNED DAVID HOCKNEY, AS WELL AS SAMPLE DELIGHTFUL LOCAL SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS. AND BE SURE TO VISIT THE VILLAGE'S ARCHITECTURAL TREASURE: THE SALTAIRE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, ONE OF BRITAIN'S FINEST VICTORIAN MASTERPIECES!



ITINERARY

DAYS 18 & 19 - YORK - ENGLAND

YOUR REMARKABLE JOURNEY CULMINATES IN YORK, A CITY RENOWNED FOR A SIGNIFICANT REASON: IN 1664, NEW YORK, USA, WAS NAMED AFTER THE DUKE OF YORK, ESTABLISHING A LASTING CONNECTION BETWEEN THE 'BIG APPLE' AND THE CHARMING HISTORIC CITY OF YORK IN ENGLAND. EXPLORE THE MEDIEVAL HISTORY OF YORK AT THE EXCEPTIONAL YORKSHIRE MUSEUM! AN INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL AGES AWAITS YOU IN A CAPTIVATING SETTING, SURROUNDED BY BEAUTIFUL GARDENS AND THE RUINS OF AN ANCIENT ABBEY ALONG THE BANKS OF THE RIVER OUSE. STEP BACK IN TIME AT THE JORVIK VIKING CENTRE, ONE OF THE UK'S MOST BELOVED ATTRACTIONS, WHERE YOU CAN DISCOVER WHAT THE CITY RESEMBLED IN 975 AD. AS YOU STROLL AMONG THE AUTHENTIC REMNANTS OF 1,000-YEAR-OLD HOUSES, YOU'LL FEEL THE THRILL OF BEING IN ONE OF THE WORLD'S OLDEST CITIES! UNCOVER THE DELIGHTFUL ORIGINS OF TREATS SUCH AS TOFFEE CRISP, SMARTIES, AND KITKAT ON A TOUR AT YORK'S CHOCOLATE STORY. DO NOT MISS THE NATIONAL RAILWAY MUSEUM IN YORK, THE LARGEST IN THE UK. WITNESS NEARLY 300 HISTORIC TRAINS AND OVER 1 MILLION CAPTIVATING OBJECTS THAT WILL RENDER EVERY VISIT UNFORGETTABLE. VISIT THE ANCIENT CITY WALLS, WHICH OFFER UNIQUE VISTAS OF YORK; EXPLORE THEM BY ASCENDING THE STEPS AT BOOTHAM BAR FOR BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE CATHEDRAL AND MUSEUM GARDENS. AT THE HEART OF THE CITY LIES YORK MINSTER, A MAJESTIC MEDIEVAL GOTHIC CATHEDRAL, THE LARGEST IN NORTHERN EUROPE. SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLIMB THE CENTRAL TOWER FOR STUNNING VIEWS ACROSS THE CITY. CLIFFORD'S TOWER IS NEARLY ALL THAT REMAINS OF THE HISTORIC YORK CASTLE AND PRESENTS SPECTACULAR VIEWS OF THE CITY AND SURROUNDING COUNTRYSIDE. FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT, YOU CAN EVEN GLIMPSE THE BEAUTY OF THE NORTH YORK MOORS IN THE DISTANCE! INTERESTED IN SHOPPING? THE SHAMBLES WILL ENCHANT YOU WITH ITS HISTORIC TIMBER-FRAMED BUILDINGS FILLED WITH QUIANT RESTAURANTS AND CHARMING SHOPS. EXPERIENCE THEIR MEDIEVAL ALLURE WHILE ENJOYING TRADITIONAL DISHES! DO NOT OVERLOOK THE COPPERGATE CENTRE, A MODERN SHOPPING MALL THAT OFFERS MUCH MORE THAN THE USUAL BRANDS. IF YOU SEEK HIGH-END LUXURY, DO NOT FORGET BROWNS, OFTEN REFERRED TO AS THE 'HARRODS OF THE NORTH.' LASTLY, IF YOU ARE HUNGRY, BETTY'S TEAROOMS IS A RENOWNED ESTABLISHMENT THAT OFFERS EXQUISITE PASTRIES, FRESH CAKES, AND CLASSIC BRITISH AFTERNOON TEAS. TRY THE YORKSHIRE FAT RASCAL—A FRUIT SCONE WITH MELTED BUTTER THAT IS ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTFUL! ATE O'CLOCK FEATURES A REGULARLY CHANGING SEASONAL MENU AND A WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE; THIS MEDITERRANEAN BISTRO IS A LOCAL FAVORITE WHERE YOU CAN SAVOR TRADITIONAL DISHES SUCH AS YORKSHIRE STEAK! FINALLY, CAFÉ NO 8 IS A BISTRO THAT RECEIVES THE APPROVAL OF THE LOCALS! ENJOY SUCCULENT DISHES MADE WITH FRESH INGREDIENTS SUCH AS YORKSHIRE BLUE CHEESE OR YORKSHIRE LAMB. IT IS PERFECT FOR AL FRESCO DINING IN THE WARMER MONTHS—THE GARDEN EVEN OVERLOOKS THE HISTORIC CITY WALLS!



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ENGLAND

A HISTORICAL JOURNEY TO DISCOVER HENRY VIII: A CONTROVERSIAL MONARCH, AS WELL AS A BUILDER, PHILOSOPHER, MUSICIAN, LINGUIST, AND ATHLETE

This captivating tour will guide you on a journey to uncover the true essence of Henry VIII. Visit his childhood residence to gain insight into the rigorous education that molded him into a Renaissance prince. Explore his palaces, castles, and inns while experiencing life in Tudor times throughout the journey



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- LONDON

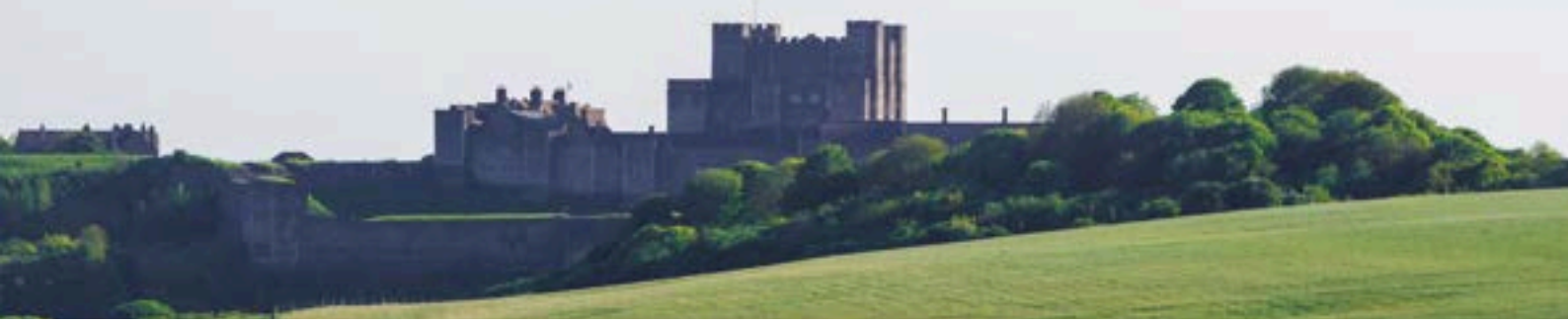


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9 DAYS OR MORE





ITINERARY

DAY 1 - LONDON - ENGLAND

BEGIN YOUR REMARKABLE HISTORICAL TOUR OF LONDON WITH A VISIT TO ELTHAM PALACE, THE CHILDHOOD RESIDENCE OF HENRY VIII. PROCEED WITH A CRUISE ALONG THE RIVER THAMES TO THE TOWER OF LONDON, WHERE YOU WILL OBSERVE TRAITOR'S GATE, AS ANNE BOLEYN AND CATHERINE HOWARD DID ON THEIR FATEFUL JOURNEY TO THE TOWER. THE TOWER OF LONDON IS RICH IN THE NATION'S HISTORY, BOASTING OVER 1,000 YEARS OF HERITAGE, AND WAS THE SITE OF SOME OF THE MOST BRUTAL EVENTS OF THE TUDOR PERIOD. TWO OF HENRY VIII'S WIVES, ANNE BOLEYN AND CATHERINE HOWARD, MET THEIR END HERE.

DAY 2 - CANTERBURY - ENGLAND

THE FOLLOWING DAY, PROCEED TO CANTERBURY, RENOWNED FOR ITS MAGNIFICENT CATHEDRAL, THE OLDEST IN ENGLAND. YOU WILL ALSO HAVE THE CHANCE TO EXPLORE THE RUINS OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S ABBEY, A BENEDICTINE MONASTERY THAT WAS DISMANTLED DURING THE DISSOLUTION. THIS UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE HAS SERVED AS A PILGRIMAGE DESTINATION FOR OVER A MILLENNIUM. ITS MEDIEVAL STREETS NARRATE CENTURIES-OLD TALES OF COMMERCE.

DAY 3 - DOVER - ENGLAND

CONTINUE TO HENRY VIII'S PRINCIPAL STRONGHOLD: DOVER CASTLE IN KENT, PERCHED ON THE CLIFFS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEFENSIVE HARBOR AND DEAL CASTLE. HENRY EMBARKED FROM THIS LOCATION ON HIS RENOWNED JOURNEY TO FRANCE, SUBSEQUENTLY OBSERVING THE SWIFT ADVANCEMENT OF HIS COASTAL FORTIFICATIONS FOLLOWING HIS EXCOMMUNICATION. THE GRAND KEEP WAS CONSTRUCTED DURING THE REIGN OF HENRY II AND FEATURED STATE ROOMS, BEDROOMS, GUEST ACCOMMODATIONS, AND COMMUNAL AREAS, AS WELL AS A KITCHEN, BAKEHOUSE, AND ALEHOUSE IN THE BASEMENT. WITH SMOKE WAFING FROM GENUINE FIREPLACES, ONE CAN EASILY BE TRANSPORTED BACK TO 1180 AND THE COURT OF HENRY II.

DAY 4 - LEEDS AND SEVENOAKS - ENGLAND

LEEDS CASTLE IS RENOWNED AS ENGLAND'S MOST EXQUISITE CASTLE, WITH A STRUCTURE ON THE SITE DATING BACK TO 1119. IT CAME INTO THE POSSESSION OF KING EDWARD I AND, IN THE 16TH CENTURY, BECAME THE RESIDENCE OF HENRY VIII'S FIRST WIFE, CATHERINE OF ARAGON. THE PRESENT CASTLE PRIMARILY REFLECTS 19TH-CENTURY ARCHITECTURE. SUBSEQUENTLY, YOU WILL VISIT KNOLE PLACE IN SEVENOAKS, CONSTRUCTED AS AN ARCHBISHOP'S PALACE OVER SIX CENTURIES AGO; KNOLE TRANSITIONED FROM THE ROYAL FAMILY TO THE SACKVILLES, WHO CONTINUE TO INHABIT IT TODAY. SPANNING OVER 1,000 ACRES, THIS ESTATE IS ONE OF ENGLAND'S LARGEST STATELY HOMES AND FEATURES THE ONLY MEDIEVAL DEER PARK IN THE COUNTRY.



ITINERARY

DAY 5 - HEVER AND PENSURST - ENGLAND

TRAVEL THROUGH THE ENGLISH COUNTRYSIDE TO THE MAGNIFICENT RESIDENCE OF THE BOLEYN FAMILY, HEVER CASTLE, A SITE THAT HAS BORNE WITNESS TO A MOMENTOUS LOVE AFFAIR CULMINATING IN DIVORCE, EXCOMMUNICATION, AND THREATS OF WAR. BOTH BOLEYN SISTERS SERVED AS MISTRESSES TO THE KING. IT TOOK ANNE SEVEN YEARS TO REALIZE HER AMBITIOUS ASPIRATION OF BECOMING QUEEN, AN EVENT THAT IRREVOCABLY ALTERED HENRY'S STANDING AND THE TRAJECTORY OF ENGLISH HISTORY. CONTINUING ONWARD, VISIT PENSURST PLACE, A HISTORIC ESTATE IN KENT, SITUATED JUST OUTSIDE HEVER. IT WAS ONCE THE PROPERTY OF THE DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM UNTIL HIS EXECUTION BY HENRY VIII.

DAY 6 - PORTSMOUTH - ENGLAND

PROCEED TO SOUTHSEA CASTLE IN THE HAMPSHIRE PORT CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, WHERE YOU WILL STAND IN THE VERY SPOT WHERE HENRY OBSERVED THE BATTLE AS HIS FLAGSHIP, THE MARY ROSE, SANK, RESULTING IN THE TRAGIC LOSS OF 800 LIVES. JUST A MILE AWAY LIES THE ESTEEMED ROYAL NAVAL DOCKYARD, WHERE YOU CAN EXPERIENCE THAT MOMENT AT THE MARY ROSE MUSEUM AND ENGAGE WITH ARTEFACTS RETRIEVED FROM THE SEABED. CENTURIES OF NAVAL HISTORY ARE SHOWCASED HERE, INCLUDING NELSON'S FLAGSHIP, VICTORY, AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT NAVAL TREASURES. CONCLUDE YOUR VISIT WITH A MEAL IN A HISTORIC 18TH-CENTURY TAVERN OVERLOOKING THE ENTRANCE TO THIS VIBRANT HARBOUR.

DAY 7 - MOLESEY - ENGLAND

CONTINUE TO HAMPTON COURT PALACE, WHICH WAS ACQUIRED BY CARDINAL WOLSEY FROM HENRY VIII. THIS EXQUISITELY PRESERVED TUDOR EDIFICE COMMEMORATES HENRY'S ASCENSION TO THE THRONE OVER 500 YEARS AGO. THROUGHOUT THE SEASON, SPECIAL EVENTS ARE HELD; YOU MAY HAVE THE CHANCE TO VISIT THE EXPANSIVE KITCHENS AND OBSERVE THE DISTRIBUTION OF TUDOR MEALS OR PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF HENRY'S WEDDING CELEBRATIONS.

DAY 8 - WINDSOR - ENGLAND

PROCEED TO WINDSOR TO EXPLORE THE LARGEST AND OLDEST INHABITED CASTLE IN EUROPE. STILL SERVING AS THE RESIDENCE OF THE SOVEREIGN, ARRIVE IN TIME TO WITNESS THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD AND THEN SPEND TIME IN THE SPLENDID STATE APARTMENTS. YOU MAY ALSO VISIT ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WHERE THE TOMB OF HENRY LIES ALONGSIDE THAT OF HIS CHERISHED WIFE, JANE SEYMOUR, THE MOTHER OF HIS MALE HEIR.

DAY 9 - LONDON - ENGLAND

RETURN TO LONDON.



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ENGLAND

WINSTON CHURCHILL, REGARDED AS THE GREATEST BRITON IN HISTORY, HAS CAPTIVATED THE NATION'S INTEREST FOR MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS HIS TENURE AS PRIME MINISTER DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR FOR WHICH HE IS MOST RENOWNED, HAVING GUIDED THE COUNTRY TO VICTORY

This tour presents a distinctive opportunity to explore the life of Winston Churchill, spanning his formative years at Blenheim Palace to his prominent tenure in the Cabinet War Rooms and his personal life at Chartwell. Additionally, you will have the chance to visit several lesser-known sites linked to Churchill's career, including his residence in London and the Admiralty Building

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6 DAYS OR MORE





ITINERARY

DAY 1 - LONDON - ENGLAND

BEGIN YOUR HISTORICAL ITINERARY IN LONDON WITH A VISIT TO WESTMINSTER AND PARLIAMENT SQUARE, THE EPICENTER OF BRITISH GOVERNANCE. DISCOVER THE PIVOTAL ROLE HE PLAYED IN GUIDING THE NATION TO TRIUMPH DURING WHAT HE TERMED THE "DARKEST HOUR" OF WORLD WAR II AT THE CHURCHILL STATUE. THEN PROCEED ALONG WHITEHALL TO VIEW RENOWNED LANDMARKS ASSOCIATED WITH WINSTON, INCLUDING DOWNING STREET, HIS RESIDENCE AS PRIME MINISTER, THE CENOTAPH, HORSE GUARDS, AND ADMIRALTY ARCH, WHERE HE SERVED AS FIRST SEA LORD.

DAY 2 - BLADON & WOODSTOCK - ENGLAND

YOU WILL EMBARK EARLY TODAY ON A TRAIN JOURNEY TO OXFORDSHIRE, A REGION WITH DEEP CONNECTIONS TO THE CHURCHILL FAMILY. YOUR FIRST STOP WILL BE ST MARTIN'S CHURCH IN THE QUIANT VILLAGE OF BLADON, WHERE YOU WILL PAY YOUR RESPECTS AT WINSTON'S GRAVE AND THAT OF HIS FAMILY BEFORE PROCEEDING TO BLENHEIM PALACE IN WOODSTOCK. STILL THE RESIDENCE OF THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH, THE PALACE PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN WINSTON'S LIFE; YOU WILL VIEW THE BEDROOM WHERE HE WAS BORN ON 30 NOVEMBER 1874. ADDITIONALLY, YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE PICTURESQUE GARDENS THAT HELD GREAT SIGNIFICANCE FOR HIM AND VISIT THE TEMPLE OF DIANA, WHERE HE CHOSE HIS FUTURE WIFE, CLEMENTINE HOZIER. WITHIN THE HOUSE, THERE IS A CHURCHILL EXHIBITION CHRONICLING HIS LIFE, ALONGSIDE THE SPLENDID STATE ROOMS, PRIVATE QUARTERS, AND ENCHANTING GARDENS.

DAY 3 - LONDON - ENGLAND

BEGIN YOUR DAY WITH AN EXTERIOR VISIT TO HYDE PARK GATE, WINSTON CHURCHILL'S RESIDENCE FROM 1945 UNTIL HIS PASSING ON JANUARY 24, 1965. PROCEED TO WESTMINSTER TO EXPLORE THE REMARKABLE CABINET WAR ROOMS AND THE CHURCHILL MUSEUM, WHERE YOU CAN GAIN INSIGHT INTO CHURCHILL'S PIVOTAL ROLE AS A WARTIME LEADER. THIS UNDERGROUND BUNKER SERVED AS THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMAND CENTER DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE BLITZ, ALLOWING YOU TO DISCOVER ICONIC SITES SUCH AS THE CABINET WAR ROOM, THE MAP ROOM, AND WINSTON'S PERSONAL BEDROOM. A BRIEF WALK WILL LEAD YOU TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT, WHERE YOU CAN ENJOY A LIGHT LUNCH AMIDST THESE OPULENT HISTORIC SURROUNDINGS. FOLLOWING THIS, EMBARK ON AN UNFORGETTABLE TOUR OF THE GRAND SEAT OF GOVERNMENT: IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, UNCOVER THE LOCATION WHERE WINSTON DELIVERED MANY OF HIS MOST IMPASSIONED SPEECHES, AND ENCOUNTER THE RENOWNED STATUE OF CHURCHILL AS A SPEAKER, GAZING DOWN UPON CONTEMPORARY POLITICIANS AND VISITORS NEAR CHURCHILL ARCH.



ITINERARY

DAY 4 - CHARTWELL - ENGLAND

THE HIGHLIGHT OF TODAY'S TOUR WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE A VISIT TO WINSTON CHURCHILL'S HISTORIC RESIDENCE AT CHARTWELL IN KENT. THIS CHARMING HOUSE IS MERELY A SHORT TRAIN RIDE FROM CENTRAL LONDON AND SERVED AS WINSTON'S HOME FROM 1922 UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE HIS PASSING. HERE, ONE WILL BE CAPTIVATED BY THE STUDY WHERE HE COMPOSED MUCH OF HIS WRITING AND SPEECHES, REFERRED TO AS HIS 'WORD FACTORY,' AS WELL AS THE DINING ROOM AND THE SERENE GARDENS WHERE HE ENJOYED RELAXING AND PAINTING. THE VIBRANT ATMOSPHERE OF CHARTWELL FACILITATES THE IMAGINATION OF DISCUSSIONS AMONG POLITICIANS AND DIGNITARIES REGARDING THE PRESSING ISSUES OF THE TIME THAT TRANSPIRED WITHIN THE VARIOUS ROOMS OF THE HOUSE.

DAY 5 - CAMBRIDGE - ENGLAND

ON THE FINAL DAY OF THE TOUR, YOU WILL JOURNEY BY TRAIN TO CAMBRIDGE TO VISIT THE CHURCHILL ARCHIVES, WHICH CONTAINS A DISTINCTIVE COLLECTION OF DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO HIS PERSONAL LIFE AND HIS TENURE AS CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF DURING THE WAR. YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE HISTORICAL TREASURES THAT OFFER A UNIQUELY INTIMATE CONNECTION TO CHURCHILL; THESE NATIONAL RELICS WILL SERVE AS A FITTING CONCLUSION TO YOUR JOURNEY. LUNCH WILL BE ENJOYED AT CAMBRIDGE'S HISTORIC EAGLE PUB, A FAVORED SPOT OF USAAF AND RAF PILOTS, WHERE THE CEILING STILL DISPLAYS SIGNATURES, SLOGANS, AND ILLUSTRATIONS LEFT BY THE AIRMEN.

DAY 6 - LONDON - ENGLAND

RETURN TO LONDON.



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ENGLAND, WALES, SCOTLAND

EXPLORE THE IMPACT OF THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION ON BRITAIN AND ITS CONTINUING INFLUENCE ON THE NATION TODAY

Explore how engineers addressed and surmounted geographical challenges through the construction of viaducts, bridges, aqueducts, tunnels, and locks. Examine the technological innovations and numerous remarkable structures that have fundamentally transformed the British economy, many of which have been restored for leisure activities

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20 DAYS OR MORE





ITINERARY

DAY 1 - MANCHESTER, MARPLES, NORWICH AND SHREWSBURY - ENGLAND

BEGIN YOUR DAY WITH A VISIT TO SALFORD QUAYS, THE PRIMARY LANDING STAGE OF THE MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL. THIS WATERWAY RUNS PARALLEL TO THE RIVER MERSEY, BESTOWING MANCHESTER WITH STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE AS AN INLAND PORT TO THE LIVERPOOL COAST. SALFORD SERVED AS A VITAL HUB FOR CANALS, PARTICULARLY THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH THE COTTON AND SILK SPINNING AND WEAVING INDUSTRIES IN THE LOCAL MILLS DURING THE 18TH AND 19TH CENTURIES. YOU WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY. FOLLOWING THIS, YOU WILL PROCEED TO MARPLES, A TOWN ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GREATER MANCHESTER. THIS AREA WAS THE EPICENTER OF CONSIDERABLE DEVELOPMENT DURING THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION, OWING TO ITS ABUNDANT COAL RESOURCES ESSENTIAL FOR SPINNING, WEAVING, AND DYEING COTTON CLOTH IN LOCAL MILLS. THE EXPANSION OF THE CANAL NETWORK, AND SUBSEQUENTLY THE RAILWAYS, FACILITATED THE TRANSPORTATION OF MATERIALS, FINISHED GOODS, AND LABOR TO THE FACTORIES. YOU WILL OBSERVE THE GRAND AQUEDUCT, WHICH ENABLES THE PEAK FOREST CANAL TO TRAVERSE THE RIVER GOYT. IN THE AFTERNOON, VISIT NORTHWICH AS YOU TRAVERSE THE CHESHIRE PLAINS. NEAR WINSFIELD, UNDERGROUND SALT MINING HAS ORIGINS DATING BACK TO ROMAN TIMES. THE SIGNIFICANT GROWTH OF THE INDUSTRY DURING THE 19TH CENTURY RELIED HEAVILY ON CANAL TRANSPORT. TO ACCOMMODATE THIS DEMAND, THE RECENTLY RESTORED ANDERTON BOAT LIFT WAS DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED IN NORTHWICH IN 1875, ALLOWING BARGES FROM THE RIVER WEAVER NAVIGATION TO TRANSFER THEIR SALT LOADS TO THE TRENT MERSEY CANAL. AFTER YOUR VISIT TO THIS BOAT LIFT, YOU WILL CONTINUE ON TO SHREWSBURY.

DAY 2 - SHREWSBURY AND TELFORD - ENGLAND

THE SHREWSBURY REGION IS LOCATED ON A BEND OF THE RIVER SEVERN, IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE WELSH BORDER IN SALOP, SHROPSHIRE. THIS PICTURESQUE AND HISTORIC MARKET TOWN IS DISTINGUISHED BY NUMEROUS BLACK AND WHITE TIMBER-FRAMED BUILDINGS AND IS RECOGNIZED AS THE BIRTHPLACE OF CHARLES DARWIN. TO THE EAST OF SHREWSBURY LIES THE NEW TOWN OF TELFORD, NAMED IN HONOR OF THOMAS TELFORD (1757-1834), WHO SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTED AS AN ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF BRITAIN'S CANALS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF MAJOR ROADS AND SCENIC BRIDGES THROUGHOUT THE NATION. DURING THE TOUR, YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW SEVERAL OF TELFORD'S ENGINEERING MASTERPIECES. EXPLORE VARIOUS STRUCTURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE RIVER SEVERN, INCLUDING A MAGNIFICENT SEVEN-ARCH BRIDGE IN THE VILLAGE OF ATCHAM, LOCATED JUST SOUTH OF SHREWSBURY. THIS BRIDGE, WHICH SPANS THE RIVER SEVERN, WAS CONSTRUCTED IN THE 1770S BY ENGINEER JOHN GWYNNE. YOU WILL ALSO HAVE THE CHANCE TO VISIT THE FIRST CAST IRON BRIDGE, BUILT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF IRON BRIDGE ACROSS A GORGE OF THE RIVER SEVERN. DESIGNED BY ROBERT PRITCHARD AND INAUGURATED IN 1781, THIS PROJECT REPRESENTED A SIGNIFICANT INNOVATION MADE POSSIBLE BY THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE BLAST FURNACE, INITIATING A SERIES OF CONSTRUCTIONS AIMED AT LEVERAGING RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN IRONWORKING.



ITINERARY

DAY 3 - ELLESMERE AND CHIRK CASTLE - ENGLAND

TODAY, YOU WILL PROCEED TO ELLESMERE, A CHARMING MARKET TOWN SITUATED NEAR THE WELSH BORDER, ADJACENT TO THE MERE—ONE OF THE MANY SHALLOW LAKES FORMED IN DEPRESSIONS FOLLOWING THE LAST ICE AGE—AND ALONG A SPUR OF THE LLANGOLLEN CANAL. TELFORD WAS ESTABLISHED HERE DURING THE CANAL'S CONSTRUCTION FROM 1793 TO 1805. ADDITIONALLY, YOU WILL VISIT CHIRK CASTLE IN THE WREXHAM DISTRICT OF NORTH WALES. CONSTRUCTED IN 1295 AS PART OF THE FORTIFICATIONS ALONG THE WELSH MARCHES TO SAFEGUARD ENGLAND, THE CASTLE IS CURRENTLY OWNED BY THE NATIONAL TRUST AND FEATURES BREATHTAKING VIEWS TO THE EAST, AN AWARD-WINNING GARDEN, AND AN INVITING INTERIOR.

DAYS 4 & 5 - ANGLESEY ISLAND, FFESTINIOG RAILWAY - PORTHMADOG AND LLANGOLLEN - WALES

YOUR ITINERARY WILL GUIDE YOU THROUGH WALES, TRAVERSING SNOWDONIA TO THE ISLE OF ANGLESEY. THIS JOURNEY WILL ALLOW YOU TO VIEW THE MENAI BRIDGE, ANOTHER OF TELFORD'S REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS, WHICH FACILITATES TRANSIT ACROSS THE MENAI STRAIT BETWEEN THE MAINLAND AND ANGLESEY, THEREBY PROVIDING ACCESS TO THE IRISH FERRY AT HOLYHEAD. THIS MONUMENTAL SUSPENSION BRIDGE, CONSTRUCTED OF WROUGHT IRON AND STONE, STANDS AS AN ENGINEERING MARVEL, COMPLETED JUST PRIOR TO TELFORD'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY. YOU WILL TRAVEL ALONG THE RAILWAY FROM BLAENAU FFESTINIOG TO PORTHMADOG. BLAENAU FFESTINIOG SERVED AS THE INDUSTRIAL CENTER OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST SLATE MINE, FEATURING 80 KILOMETERS OF UNDERGROUND RAILWAY ACROSS 26 LEVELS. THE JOURNEY TO PORTHMADOG IS BREATHTAKING, OFFERING SPECTACULAR VIEWS. BEFORE RETURNING TO LLANGOLLEN, YOU WILL PAUSE TO ADMIRE THE SCENERY SURROUNDING MOUNT SNOWDON (1,085 METERS), THE HIGHEST PEAK IN WALES. THE FOLLOWING DAY, YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE LLANGOLLEN CANAL, FURTHER TESTAMENT TO TELFORD'S INGENUITY, WHO COLLABORATED WITH WILLIAM JESSOP ON ITS CONSTRUCTION. IN 2009, AN UPPER SECTION OF THE CANAL WAS DESIGNATED AS A WORLD HERITAGE SITE. WITNESS THE HORSESHOE FALLS OF THE SHROPSHIRE UNION CANAL, A DAM CONSTRUCTED IN 1806 TO DIVERT WATER FROM THE UPPER RIVER DEE INTO THE CANAL. THIS DIVERSION CREATES A FLOW OF WATER INTO THE CANAL ITSELF, WHICH IS SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSPORTED VIA ELLESMERE TO ITS TERMINUS NORTH OF NANTWICH, WHERE IT INTERSECTS WITH THE BIRMINGHAM LIVERPOOL JUNCTION SOUTH-NORTH CANAL. FINALLY, VISIT THE IMPRESSIVE 'CANAL IN THE AIR' AT PONTCYSYLLTE AQUEDUCT. HERE, TELFORD DESIGNED A BRIDGE OVER THE DEE VALLEY, FEATURING GRAND STONE ARCHES BENEATH WHICH HE PLACED AN IRON CHANNEL FOR THE AQUEDUCT AND A PATHWAY FOR NAVIGATION.



ITINERARY

DAYS 6 & 7 - CHESTER, ELLESMERE PORT AND LIVERPOOL - ENGLAND

AS YOU JOURNEY NORTH THROUGH THE CHESHIRE PLAINS TOWARD LIVERPOOL, CONSIDER STOPPING IN THE HISTORIC CITY OF CHESTER, SITUATED ON THE NORTHERN BANK OF THE RIVER DEE AND THE SHROPSHIRE UNION CANAL. THIS CITY SERVED AS A SIGNIFICANT ROMAN FORT, WITH THE AMPHITHEATRE AND MUCH OF THE CITY WALLS ORIGINATING FROM THAT PERIOD. CHESTER'S ARCADED STREETS, KNOWN AS THE ROWS, TRACE BACK TO THE MIDDLE AGES, PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EXPLORATION. DEDICATE A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THE AFTERNOON TO ELLESMERE PORT, LOCATED AT THE CONFLUENCE OF THE SHROPSHIRE UNION CANAL AND THE MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL ON THE SOUTHERN BANK OF THE RIVER MERSEY. YOU WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE NATIONAL WATERWAYS MUSEUM. IF CONDITIONS ALLOW DURING YOUR VISIT, CONSIDER TAKING A BRIEF CRUISE ON THE CENTAUR ALONG THE SHROPSHIRE UNION CANAL. THIS CANAL REPRESENTS TELFORD'S FINAL MAJOR PROJECT, DESIGNED TO CONNECT WOLVERHAMPTON (BIRMINGHAM) TO PORT ELLESMERE, WITH NUMEROUS BRANCH CANALS ALONG THE ROUTE, ESTABLISHING A VITAL SOUTH-NORTH LINK WITHIN THE CANAL SYSTEM. THE FOLLOWING DAY, IN THE MORNING, ALLOCATE TIME FOR A PANORAMIC TOUR OF LIVERPOOL, VISITING THE CITY'S PRIMARY ATTRACTIONS AND RAILWAY-RELATED HISTORICAL SITES. BE SURE TO VISIT LIVERPOOL LIME STREET STATION AND ENJOY A CRUISE ON THE RIVER MERSEY.

DAYS 8 & 9 - BLACKPOOL, LANCASTER, CARNFORTH, ASKRIGG, WINDERMERE AND KESWICK - ENGLAND

CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY FROM BIRKENHEAD TO WINDERMERE IN THE LAKE DISTRICT, WHERE YOU WILL SPEND TWO NIGHTS. EN ROUTE, MAKE A BRIEF STOP IN BLACKPOOL. ENJOY A CRUISE ON THE LANCASTER CANAL, TRAVERSING THE LUNE AQUEDUCT. THE LANCASTER CANAL WAS DESIGNED TO FOLLOW THE LAND'S CONTOURS, SIGNIFICANTLY MINIMIZING THE NEED FOR LOCKS. ENGINEERED BY JOHN RENNIE, IT FACILITATED THE TRANSPORT OF COAL, LIME, SLATE, AND TIMBER BETWEEN KENDAL AND PRESTON. A RECENT ADDITION, THE RIBBLE LINK, WAS COMPLETED IN 2002 NEAR PRESTON TO CONNECT THE LANCASTER CANAL TO THE BROADER CANAL SYSTEM. PROCEED INLAND TO WITNESS THE IMPRESSIVE 24-ARCH RIBBLEHEAD VIADUCT AT CARNFORTH, CONSTRUCTED IN THE NORTH YORKSHIRE DALES ACROSS THE RIBBLE VALLEY TO SERVE THE SETTLE TO CARLISLE RAILWAY LINE. DISCOVER ITS HISTORY AND THE EVENTS THAT LED TO ITS THREATENED DESTRUCTION AND SUBSEQUENT PRESERVATION IN 1960. THE VIADUCT IS SITUATED IN THE YORKSHIRE DALES NEAR ASKRIGG, ALSO REFERRED TO AS 'DARROWBY' IN THE TELEVISION SERIES 'ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL.' WEATHER PERMITTING, YOU WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO EXPLORE THIS CHARMING TOWN. ARRIVE IN WINDERMERE IN THE LATE AFTERNOON. IT HAS EVOLVED INTO A POPULAR TOURIST DESTINATION SINCE THE RAILWAY'S ARRIVAL IN 1847, WITH THE WEST COAST MAIN LINE LINKING THE LANCASTER AND CARLISLE RAILWAYS. THE BREATHTAKING LANDSCAPES THAT DEFINE THIS REGION OF NORTH-WEST ENGLAND HAVE BEEN SHAPED BY HISTORICAL GLACIAL ACTIVITY THAT CARVED VALLEYS AND FORMED LAKES. YOU WILL ENCOUNTER SEVERAL LAKES DURING YOUR STAY, FOLLOWED BY A VISIT TO THE CASTLERIGG STONE CIRCLE IN KESWICK, AN IMPRESSIVE MONUMENT DATING BACK 4,000 YEARS. DRIVE THROUGH BORROWDALE AND HONISTER PASS, PAST BUTTERMERE, AND RETURN THROUGH GRASMERE, RYDAL, AND AMBLESIDE.



ITINERARY

DAY 10 - FORT WILLIAM - SCOTLAND

TRAVEL THROUGH LANARK, THE PERIPHERY OF GLASGOW, LOCH LOMOND, AND GLENCOE TO FORT WILLIAM. MAKE A STOP AT THE NEW LANARK VISITOR CENTRE BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH YOUR JOURNEY TO LUSS AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO YOUR FINAL DESTINATION. COMFORT BREAKS, A LUNCH INTERMISSION, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE TRIP.

DAY 11 - BANAVIE, FORT WILLIAM RAILWAY - MALLAIG, GLENFINNAN AND STIRLING - SCOTLAND

IN THE MORNING, PROCEED TO BANAVIE, LOCATED NEAR FORT WILLIAM, WHERE THE ROAD AND RAILWAY INTERSECT THE CALEDONIAN CANAL. THIS CANAL STRUCTURE, DESIGNED BY TELFORD, COMMENCED IN 1804 AND WAS COMPLETED IN 1822. A VARIATION IN THE WATER LEVEL AT THIS SITE PROMPTED TELFORD TO CONSTRUCT A SUBSTANTIAL RAMP CONSISTING OF EIGHT LOCKS (NEPTUNE'S STAIRCASE) TO FACILITATE THE FLOW OF WATER FROM LOCH LOCHY INTO LOCH LINNHE AT SEA LEVEL. NEXT, EMBARK ON THE JACOBITE, A TRAIN THAT TRAVERSES BREATHTAKING MOUNTAIN LANDSCAPES. ALONG THE WEST HIGHLAND RAILWAY, WHICH CONNECTS FORT WILLIAM AND MALLAIG, YOU WILL ENCOUNTER SEVERAL REMARKABLE BRIDGES, TUNNELS, AND THE GLENFINNAN VIADUCT. THIS LINE WAS INAUGURATED IN 1901 TO ENHANCE ACCESS FROM THE REMOTE ATLANTIC COAST TO GLASGOW AND BEYOND. SUBSEQUENTLY, VISIT THE GLENFINNAN MONUMENT AND VISITOR CENTRE BEFORE CONTINUING YOUR JOURNEY TO STIRLING VIA THE TROSSACHS.

DAYS 12 & 13 - STIRLING, FALKIRK, DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE - SCOTLAND - ENGLAND

BEFORE CROSSING THE BORDER INTO ENGLAND, TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT STIRLING CASTLE, ONE OF SCOTLAND'S LARGEST AND MOST SIGNIFICANT FORTIFICATIONS, WITH ORIGINS TRACING BACK TO THE 12TH CENTURY. MOST OF THE STRUCTURES VISIBLE TODAY WERE CONSTRUCTED BETWEEN 1490 AND 1600. ADDITIONALLY, EXPLORE FALKIRK, LOCATED APPROXIMATELY HALFWAY BETWEEN GLASGOW AND EDINBURGH. IT LIES ON THE UPPER FIRTH OF FORTH, THE ESTUARY OF THE RIVER FORTH. THE FORTH AND CLYDE CANAL RUNS TO THE NORTH OF THE CITY; AS THE NAME INDICATES, IT CONNECTS THE RIVER CLYDE (AND THE ATLANTIC OCEAN) TO THE WEST WITH THE FORTH (AND THE NORTH SEA) TO THE EAST. THE UNION CANAL OPERATES AT A HIGHER ELEVATION BETWEEN FALKIRK SOUTH AND EDINBURGH. CURRENTLY, BOTH CANALS ARE INTERCONNECTED BY THE FALKIRK WHEEL, AN INNOVATIVE MACHINE BUILT IN 2002 TO TRANSFER BOATS BETWEEN THE TWO WATERWAYS. THE FOLLOWING DAY, IN THE MORNING, EMBARK ON A GUIDED TOUR OF DURHAM CITY, INCLUDING A VISIT TO DURHAM CASTLE, WHICH PREDATES THE CATHEDRAL AND IS NOW PART OF THE LOCAL UNIVERSITY COMPLEX. BOTH STRUCTURES WERE DESIGNATED WORLD HERITAGE SITES IN 1986. VISIT NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, ORIGINALLY SETTLED BY THE ROMANS. IT WAS RECOGNIZED AS A WOOL MANUFACTURING CENTER IN THE 14TH CENTURY BUT GAINED PROMINENCE WITH A MONOPOLY ON COAL EXPORTS TO LONDON IN THE 16TH CENTURY. IT EVOLVED INTO A SIGNIFICANT CENTER FOR PRINTING IN THE 18TH CENTURY AND EXPERIENCED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH SHIPBUILDING AND HEAVY ENGINEERING DURING THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION. IN RECENT YEARS, THE CITY HAS UNDERGONE A REMARKABLE RENAISSANCE, WITH AREAS SUCH AS THE QUAYSIDE AND MILLENNIUM BRIDGE EXPERIENCING SUBSTANTIAL TRANSFORMATION. AFTER A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THE CITY FOLLOWED BY AN EXPLORATORY WALK, YOU WILL HAVE FREE TIME TO VISIT LOCAL MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES BEFORE RETURNING TO DURHAM VIA THE COASTAL ROUTE THROUGH SOUTH SHIELDS, SUNDERLAND, AND RYHOPE.



ITINERARY

DAYS 14, 15 & 16 - DARLINGTON, PICKERING RAILWAY - GOATHLAND, YORK, RIPON & HARROGATE - ENGLAND

COMMENCE YOUR DAY BY TRAVELING SOUTH TO DARLINGTON, WHERE YOU MAY EXPLORE THE SITE OF THE FIRST PUBLIC STEAM TRANSPORT. THE STOCKTON AND DARLINGTON RAILWAY, ESTABLISHED IN 1825, WAS INTENDED TO TRANSPORT COAL AND PASSENGERS TO THE COASTAL RIVER TEES. SOUTH OF DARLINGTON AND STOCKTON LIES THE NORTH YORK MOORS NATIONAL PARK, AN EXPANSIVE AREA OF HEATHER MOORLAND ADJACENT TO THE COASTAL TOWNS OF WHITBY AND SCARBOROUGH. MID-MORNING, BOARD THE RAILWAY TRAVERSING THE NORTH YORKSHIRE MOORS FROM PICKERING TO GOATHLAND, WHICH SERVED AS 'AIDENFIELD' IN THE TELEVISION SERIES HEARTBEAT. THIS LINE, INAUGURATED IN THE 19TH CENTURY FROM WHITBY, HAS BEEN PRESERVED THROUGH PRIVATE FUNDING. IN PICKERING, YOU WILL HAVE SOME LEISURE TIME TO VISIT THE CHURCH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL AND ADMIRE ITS FRESCOES. SUBSEQUENTLY, CONTINUE TO YORK, WHERE THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY IS AT YOUR LEISURE. DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTAKE IN A GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF THE CITY, WHERE YOU CAN VIEW THE PRINCIPAL ATTRACTIONS. THE AFTERNOON IS FREE FOR FURTHER PERSONAL EXPLORATION OR RELAXATION. YORK, KNOWN TO ITS ROMAN FOUNDERS AS EBORACUM, IS LOCATED ON THE RIVER OUSE AND IS A WALLED CITY WITH A RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE. IT SERVED AS A CRUCIAL ROAD JUNCTION WITH NAVIGABLE RIVER CONNECTIONS TO THE SEA AT HULL AND FURTHER INLAND. FROM 1839, YORK EMERGED AS A SIGNIFICANT RAILWAY HUB. PROCEED TO THE SOUTHERN END OF THE YORKSHIRE DALES TO VISIT FOUNTAINS ABBEY IN RIPON, A REMARKABLE RUIN DATING BACK TO 1593, FOLLOWED BY HARROGATE, A RENOWNED SPA TOWN FEATURING BEAUTIFUL PUBLIC PARKS AND GARDENS. ON YOUR RETURN TO YORK, STOP AT THE NATIONAL RAILWAY MUSEUM.

DAY 17 - BIRMINGHAM, CROMFORD, MATLOCK AND BELPER - ENGLAND

TODAY, YOU WILL PROCEED SOUTH, PAUSING IN BIRMINGHAM FOR AN OVERNIGHT STAY. EN ROUTE, VISIT THE DERWENT VALLEY FOR A TOUR THAT ENCOMPASSES CROMFORD VILLAGE, THE CROMFORD MILLS BUILDING, AND THE CANAL. YOU WILL ALSO HAVE THE CHANCE TO EXPLORE MASSON MILL IN MATLOCK, FOLLOWED BY A VISIT TO THE TOWN OF BELPER, KNOWN FOR ITS BRIDGES AND MILLS. UPON YOUR ARRIVAL IN BIRMINGHAM, TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE THINKTANK MUSEUM.



ITINERARY

DAYS 18, 19 & 20 - LONDON - ENGLAND

TODAY, YOU WILL PROCEED TO LONDON, WITH A STOP IN SWINDON, WHERE YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE STEAM MUSEUM. IN LONDON, EXPLORE THE BRUNEL MUSEUM AND DISCOVER MORE ABOUT THE FAMILY OF ENGINEERS WHO TRANSFORMED THE WORLD. IN ADDITION TO CONSTRUCTING THE WORLD'S FIRST TUNNEL THROUGH SOFT GROUND BENEATH A NAVIGABLE RIVER, THE BRUNELS HOSTED THE INAUGURAL UNDERWATER CONCERT AT THIS SITE IN 1827. IN THE AFTERNOON, YOU WILL RETURN TO YOUR HOTEL AND ENJOY FREE TIME FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY. THE FOLLOWING DAY, YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE LONDON. BEGIN WITH A VISIT TO THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, THE MARITIME MUSEUM, AND THE LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. AFTERWARDS, YOU WILL RETURN TO YOUR HOTEL TO RELAX AND PREPARE FOR YOUR JOURNEY HOME.



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DAYS 1, 2, 3 & 4 - LONDON - ENGLAND

BEGIN YOUR EXTRAORDINARY LITERARY ADVENTURE IN LONDON WITH A MORNING VISIT TO THE TATE GALLERY, WHERE YOU WILL FOCUS ON SOME OF BRITAIN'S MOST SIGNIFICANT ARTISTIC WORKS FROM THE PAST. YOU WILL GAIN INSIGHT INTO THE CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF EACH PAINTING FEATURED ON THE TOUR. IN THE AFTERNOON, YOU WILL EMBARK ON A GUIDED TOUR OF SHAKESPEARE'S GLOBE THEATRE, FOLLOWED BY AN AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE. THE EVENING WILL BE FREE. ON DAY TWO, IN THE MORNING, YOU WILL PROCEED TO RUSSELL SQUARE FOR A LITERARY TOUR OF THE BLOOMSBURY AREA, VISITING LOCATIONS SPECIFICALLY ASSOCIATED WITH VIRGINIA WOOLF AND THE BLOOMSBURY GROUP. AFTERWARDS, YOU WILL STOP AT LADY OTTOLINE MORRELL'S RESIDENCE ON GOWER STREET, EN ROUTE TO THE CHARLES DICKENS MUSEUM. EXPLORE THE FORMER HOME OF CHARLES DICKENS, NOW A MUSEUM, WHICH PROVIDES INSIGHT INTO THE AUTHOR'S LIFE AND WORK. IT IS HERE THAT HE PENNED OLIVER TWIST, THE PICKWICK PAPERS, AND NICHOLAS NICKLEBY, ACHIEVING INTERNATIONAL ACCLAIM AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST STORYTELLERS. FROM THE DICKENS MUSEUM, IT IS A SHORT WALK TO THE FOUNDLING HOSPITAL, SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM HOGARTH AND FREDERICK HANDEL. HERE YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE ORIGINAL BUILDING, ADORNED WITH ARTWORK DESIGNED TO ATTRACT PATRONS TO THE CHARITY, AS WELL AS THE POIGNANT EXHIBITION ON THE LIVES OF FOUNDLINGS. THIS WAS THE FIRST CHILDREN'S CHARITY IN THE UK AND ALSO THE FIRST PUBLIC ART GALLERY. AFTERNOON, FREE TIME. YOU MAY CHOOSE TO VISIT THE SIR JOHN SOANE HOUSE MUSEUM, FILLED WITH HIS ECLECTIC COLLECTION, OR THE NEARBY WALLACE COLLECTION. SIR JOHN SOANE'S MUSEUM HOUSES THE MUSEUM AND LIBRARY OF THE ESTEEMED 19TH-CENTURY ARCHITECT SIR JOHN SOANE. AT SOANE'S REQUEST, THE HOUSE HAS REMAINED UNCHANGED SINCE HIS DEATH NEARLY 180 YEARS AGO UNTIL TODAY. IN THE EVENING, ATTEND A SHOW AT THE NATIONAL THEATRE (IF THERE IS NO SUITABLE PERFORMANCE, ALTERNATIVES WILL BE PROVIDED). ON DAY THREE, IN THE MORNING VISIT FREDERICK LEIGHTON'S HOUSE, A MUSEUM LOCATED IN THE HOLLAND PARK DISTRICT OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA IN LONDON. THE FORMER RESIDENCE OF THE PAINTER FREDERIC LORD LEIGHTON, IT HAS BEEN OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SINCE 1929. HIS HOUSE INTRICATELY REFLECTS HIS ARTISTIC INTERESTS AND SHOWCASES SOME OF HIS MOST SIGNIFICANT WORKS. IN THE AFTERNOON, DON'T MISS THE VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM, WHERE YOU CAN ENJOY LUNCH IN THE BEAUTIFUL TEA ROOMS. HERE YOU CAN SPEND AS MUCH TIME AS YOU WISH IMMERSING YOURSELF IN THE MUSEUM'S EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF DECORATIVE ARTS. THE VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM IS THE LARGEST MUSEUM OF DECORATIVE ARTS AND DESIGN IN THE WORLD, HOUSING A PERMANENT COLLECTION OF OVER 4.5 MILLION OBJECTS AND WAS FOUNDED IN 1852, NAMED IN HONOR OF QUEEN VICTORIA AND PRINCE ALBERT. SPEND THE EVENING AT YOUR LEISURE. ON DAY FOUR, IN THE MORNING, VISIT THE BRITISH LIBRARY FOR A TOUR OF THE LIBRARY AND ITS REMARKABLE COLLECTION OF ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS. THEN HEAD TO TRAFALGAR SQUARE TO EXPLORE THE IMPRESSIVE NATIONAL GALLERY OF LONDON WITH A TOUR OF THE HIGHLIGHTS. THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES TO FURTHER EXPLORE THE GALLERY AND ALSO VISIT THE NEARBY PORTRAIT GALLERY. IN THE AFTERNOON, YOU WILL HAVE FREE TIME TO CONTINUE YOUR EXPLORATION OF THE CITY.



ITINERARY

DAYS 5, 6 & 7 - ROCHESTER, CANTERBURY, CRANBROOK, TUNBRIDGE WELLS, BURWASH, SMALLHYTHE & RYE - ENGLAND

COMMENCE YOUR JOURNEY IN LONDON, PROCEEDING TOWARDS TUNBRIDGE WELLS, WITH STOPS IN ROCHESTER AND CANTERBURY. IN ROCHESTER, DELVE INTO THE CITY, HIGHLIGHTING THE PROMINENT SITES LINKED TO CHARLES DICKENS. IN CANTERBURY, EXPLORE THE KEY LOCATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH GEOFFREY CHAUCER, ENSURING TO INCLUDE THE CATHEDRAL AND HISTORIC QUARTERS. ON THE SECOND DAY, DO NOT OVERLOOK CHARTWELL HOUSE, THE PRIMARY RESIDENCE OF SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL THROUGHOUT HIS ADULT LIFE. CHURCHILL AND HIS WIFE, CLEMENTINE, ACQUIRED THE PROPERTY IN 1922; IT IS SITUATED TWO MILES SOUTH OF WESTERHAM, KENT. SIGNIFICANT RENOVATIONS WERE UNDERTAKEN TO MODERNIZE AND SIMPLIFY THE STRUCTURE, RESULTING IN A COMPLETE TRANSFORMATION UPON COMPLETION. WINSTON CHURCHILL IS CELEBRATED AS ONE OF BRITAIN'S MOST DISTINGUISHED PRIME MINISTERS, BUT HE WAS ALSO A JOURNALIST, HISTORIAN, AND AMATEUR ARTIST. IN THE AFTERNOON, VISIT SISSINGHURST CASTLE GARDENS IN CRANBROOK, DESIGNED IN THE 1930S BY POET VITA SACKVILLE-WEST AND HER HUSBAND, HAROLD NICOLSON, A WRITER AND DIPLOMAT. SACKVILLE-WEST WAS A PROMINENT LITERARY FIGURE WITHIN THE BLOOMSBURY GROUP AND GAINED RECOGNITION THROUGH HIS WEEKLY COLUMNS AS A GARDENING CORRESPONDENT FOR THE OBSERVER, WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THE GARDEN'S RENOWN. THE GARDEN IS ARRANGED AS A SERIES OF 'ROOMS,' EACH WITH ITS OWN UNIQUE COLOR AND THEME, SEPARATED BY TALL CLIPPED HEDGES AND PINK BRICK WALLS. IN THE LATE AFTERNOON, RETURN TO YOUR HOTEL IN TUNBRIDGE WELLS. ON THE THIRD DAY, CONTINUE WITH A VISIT TO BATEMAN'S, A 17TH-CENTURY HOUSE IN BURWASH, EAST SUSSEX. THE WRITER RUDYARD KIPLING RESIDED THERE FROM 1902 UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1936. HIS WIFE BEQUEATHED THE PROPERTY TO THE NATIONAL TRUST FOLLOWING HER DEATH IN 1939, AND IT HAS BEEN ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC EVER SINCE. THEN PROCEED TO SMALLHYTHE. VISIT SMALLHYTHE PLACE, A HALF-TIMBERED HOUSE CONSTRUCTED BETWEEN THE 15TH AND 16TH CENTURIES, MANAGED BY THE NATIONAL TRUST SINCE 1947. THIS RESIDENCE WAS ONCE HOME TO THE RENOWNED VICTORIAN ACTRESS ELLEN TERRY. FINALLY, CONTINUE TO RYE TO EXPLORE LAMB HOUSE, FORMERLY OWNED BY THE WRITER HENRY JAMES. THIS HOUSE WAS FREQUENTED BY NUMEROUS CONTEMPORARY LITERARY FIGURES DURING HENRY JAMES'S RESIDENCE THERE.

DAYS 8 & 9 - COMPTON, WINCHESTER AND CHAWTON - ENGLAND

CONTINUE TO WINCHESTER, PASSING THROUGH COMPTON. IN COMPTON, TAKE A MOMENT TO VISIT THE MORTUARY CHAPEL OF G. F. WATTS. WATTS WAS A RENOWNED VICTORIAN PAINTER OF HIS ERA, THOUGH HE IS OFTEN OVERLOOKED TODAY. HIS REMARKABLE CHAPEL MERITS A VISIT. YOU MAY ALSO HAVE THE CHANCE TO EXPLORE HIS HOUSE AND GALLERY NEARBY, SHOULD THEY BE OPEN DURING YOUR STAY. NEXT, PROCEED TO WINCHESTER, WHERE YOU WILL HAVE THE PLEASURE OF VIEWING WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL, WHICH CONTAINS THE TOMB OF JANE AUSTEN. YOU WILL ALSO PASS THE RESIDENCE WHERE SHE SPENT HER FINAL DAYS. ALTHOUGH JANE AUSTEN DID NOT TYPICALLY RESIDE IN WINCHESTER, SHE VISITED FREQUENTLY AND CHOSE TO SPEND HER LAST MONTHS HERE TO BE CLOSER TO HER PHYSICIAN. ADDITIONALLY, YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE WINCHESTER CASTLE AND QUEEN ELEANOR'S GARDEN BEFORE ENJOYING AN EVENING AT LEISURE. ON YOUR SECOND DAY, JOURNEY TO JANE AUSTEN'S COUNTY, WITH A VISIT TO HER HOME IN CHAWTON, WHERE SHE LIVED FOR EIGHT YEARS. HERE, SHE PENNED MANY OF HER MOST CELEBRATED WORKS AT A SMALL TABLE DISPLAYED IN THE MUSEUM WITHIN HER FORMER RESIDENCE. AN INTRODUCTORY LECTURE ON AUSTEN'S LIFE AND WORKS WILL BE PROVIDED. THE VILLAGE OF CHEWTON IS LOCATED WITHIN THE SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK. IN THE AFTERNOON, RETURN TO WINCHESTER FOR SOME FREE TIME TO EXPLORE THE CITY.



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DAYS 10 & 11 - DORCHESTER, LYME REGIS, EXETER, PRINCETOWN AND TINTAGEL - ENGLAND

TODAY, ALLOCATE SOME TIME TO EXPLORE AN AREA RENOWNED FOR THE LITERARY CONTRIBUTIONS OF NOVELIST THOMAS HARDY. DEPART FROM WINCHESTER AND PROCEED SOUTH TO DORCHESTER AND LYME REGIS. IN THE MORNING, BE SURE TO VISIT THOMAS HARDY'S BIRTHPLACE AND MAX GATE HOUSE IN DORCHESTER, THE AUTHOR'S FORMER RESIDENCE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF DORCHESTER, DORSET. THE HOUSE WAS DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED BY THOMAS HARDY FOR HIS PERSONAL USE IN 1885, AND HE RESIDED THERE UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1928. IN 1940, IT WAS BEQUEATHED TO THE NATIONAL TRUST BY HARDY'S SISTER. IN THE AFTERNOON, THE TOUR WILL CONCENTRATE ON LYME REGIS AND ITS CONNECTIONS TO JANE AUSTEN AND JOHN FOWLES. STOP TO ADMIRE THE COBB, THE TOWN'S ICONIC PIER. FOLLOWING THIS, PROCEED TO EXETER. THE NEXT DAY, TOUR THE TOWN BEFORE HEADING TO PRINCETOWN TO VISIT THE DARTMOOR PRISON MUSEUM. HERE, PARTICIPATE IN A LECTURE ON THE LITERARY HISTORY OF THE MUSEUM, FOCUSING ON AUTHORS EVELYN WAUGH, AGATHA CHRISTIE, AND SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE, BEFORE CONTINUING TO THE JAMAICA INN, MADE FAMOUS BY DAPHNE DU MAURIER'S NOVEL, FOR A TRADITIONAL PUB LUNCH. WEATHER PERMITTING, ENSURE YOU TAKE AN AFTERNOON VISIT TO THE LEGENDARY TINTAGEL AND THE CASTLE ASSOCIATED WITH KING ARTHUR AS DESCRIBED BY MALORY. RETURN TO EXETER FOR THE NIGHT.

DAY 12 - GALMPTON, GLASTONBURY AND BATH - ENGLAND

TODAY, YOU WILL PROCEED FROM EXETER TO BATH. EN ROUTE, YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT GREENWAY IN GALMPTON, THE RESIDENCE OF AGATHA CHRISTIE. A LUNCH STOP WILL BE MADE IN GLASTONBURY. FOLLOWING THIS, YOU WILL CONTINUE TO BATH, WHERE YOU CAN EMBARK ON A WALKING TOUR OF THE CITY, ENCOMPASSING THE PRIMARY TOURIST ATTRACTIONS. EXPLORE QUEEN SQUARE AND THE ROYAL CRESCENT.



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DAYS 13 & 14 - BATH, TINTERN AND STRATFORD UPON AVON - WALES - ENGLAND

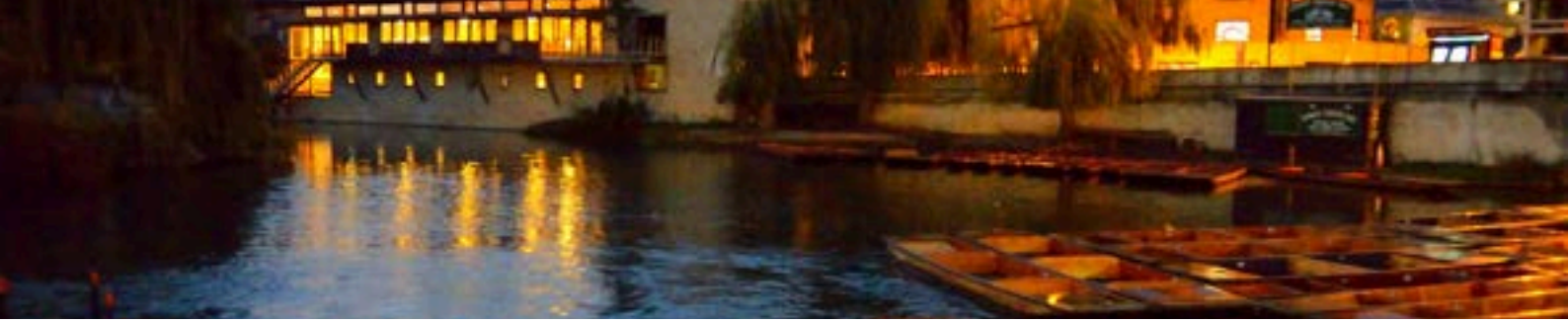
VISIT BATH'S HOLBOURNE MUSEUM, THE CITY'S INAUGURAL PUBLIC ART GALLERY, WHICH HOUSES AN IMPRESSIVE COLLECTION OF FINE AND DECORATIVE ART, ESTABLISHED BY SIR WILLIAM HOLBURNE. THE COLLECTION FEATURES WORKS BY RENOWNED ARTISTS SUCH AS GAINSBOROUGH, GUARDI, STUBBS, RAMSAY, AND ZOFFANY. FOLLOWING THIS, PROCEED TO STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, PASSING BY TINTERN ABBEY, WHERE YOU WILL DISCOVER THE ABBEY'S CONNECTIONS TO WORDSWORTH AND TURNER. THE NEXT DAY, DELVE INTO STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, THE BIRTHPLACE OF SHAKESPEARE. TOUR HIS CHILDHOOD HOME AND VISIT ANNE HATHAWAY'S COTTAGE, A TWELVE-ROOM FARMHOUSE WHERE WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S WIFE, ANNE HATHAWAY, SPENT HER FORMATIVE YEARS IN THE VILLAGE OF SHOTTERY. THE EXPANSIVE COTTAGE IS ENVELOPED BY EXTENSIVE GARDENS. IN THE AFTERNOON, YOU WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO VISIT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH BEFORE ENJOYING SOME LEISURE TIME TO EXPLORE THE CITY AT YOUR OWN PACE. IN THE EVENING, ATTEND A PERFORMANCE BY THE ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY.

DAYS 15 & 16 - BAKEWELL AND MANCHESTER - ENGLAND

VISIT CHATSWORTH HOUSE FOR A GUIDED TOUR OF ITS MAGNIFICENT GROUNDS, HOUSE, AND GARDENS. THIS STately HOME, LOCATED IN BAKEWELL, SERVES AS THE RESIDENCE OF THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE AND HAS BEEN THE HOME OF THE CAVENDISH FAMILY SINCE 1549. NESTLED ALONG THE RIVER DERWENT AND OVERLOOKING THE UNDULATING HILLS THAT SEPARATE THE DERWENT AND WYE VALLEYS, THE ESTATE IS SET WITHIN EXTENSIVE PARKLAND AND SURROUNDED BY WOODED HILLS THAT ASCEND TO HEATHER-COVERED MOORS. IT ALSO BOASTS A SIGNIFICANT COLLECTION OF PAINTINGS, ANTIQUE FURNITURE, OLD MASTER DRAWINGS, NEOCLASSICAL SCULPTURES, AND OTHER VALUABLE ARTEFACTS. THE FOLLOWING DAY, EMBARK ON A GUIDED TOUR OF THE MANCHESTER ART GALLERY. AFTERWARD, VISIT THE CITY HALL AND ENJOY LUNCH AT A LOCAL CAFÉ. IN THE AFTERNOON, PROCEED TO THE LOWRY CENTRE, A THEATRE AND GALLERY COMPLEX SITUATED ON PIER 8 AT SALFORD QUAYS IN GREATER MANCHESTER. NAMED AFTER THE EARLY 20TH-CENTURY PAINTER L.S. LOWRY, RENOWNED FOR HIS DEPICTIONS OF INDUSTRIAL SCENES IN NORTHWEST ENGLAND, THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY WILL BE FREE.

DAY 17 - HAWORTH AND BLACKWELL - ENGLAND

TRAVEL TO HAWORTH FOR A GUIDED TOUR OF THE BRONTË PARSONAGE AND MUSEUM. THIS INSTITUTION, DEDICATED TO THE RENOWNED BRONTË SISTERS—CHARLOTTE, EMILY, AND ANNE—IS OPERATED BY THE BRONTË SOCIETY AND SITUATED IN THE FORMER FAMILY RESIDENCE, HAWORTH PARSONAGE, IN WEST YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND. THE SISTERS SPENT A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THEIR LIVES HERE, CRAFTING THEIR CELEBRATED NOVELS. WEATHER PERMITTING, YOU WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO EXPLORE THE NEARBY MOORS, WHICH INSPIRED THE LANDSCAPES DEPICTED IN WUTHERING HEIGHTS. FROM HAWORTH, PROCEED TO THE LAKE DISTRICT, MAKING A STOP AT BLACKWELL, A NEIGHBORHOOD INFLUENCED BY THE ARTS AND CRAFTS MOVEMENT.



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DAY 18 - GRASMERE, CONISTON WATER AND BRANTWOOD - ENGLAND

THE LAKE DISTRICT ROSE TO PROMINENCE IN THE 19TH CENTURY, LARGELY DUE TO THE ROMANTIC POETS, ESPECIALLY WILLIAM WORDSWORTH, WHO LAMENTED THE INCREASING INFLUX OF TOURISTS, BELIEVING THEY DIMINISHED THE TRANQUILITY OF THE REGION. ACCOMPANY FELLOW VISITORS AS YOU DISCOVER THE AREA, INCLUDING ACCESS TO TWO OF WORDSWORTH'S RESIDENCES: DOVE COTTAGE AND RYDAL MOUNT. IN THE AFTERNOON, EMBARK ON A JOURNEY ABOARD THE NATIONAL TRUST'S VICTORIAN PADDLE STEAMER ACROSS CONISTON WATER TO BRANTWOOD, THE RESIDENCE OF THE VICTORIAN ART CRITIC JOHN RUSKIN.

DAYS 19 & 20 - LINCOLN, FLATFORD, SUDBURY AND GRANTCHESTER - ENGLAND

TODAY, JOURNEY TO CAMBRIDGE VIA LINCOLN, WHERE YOU WILL SPEND SEVERAL HOURS EXPLORING THE CATHEDRAL AND ITS RENOWNED MEDIEVAL LIBRARY. SUBSEQUENTLY, PROCEED TO CAMBRIDGE. THE FOLLOWING DAY, TRAVERSE THE COUNTRYSIDE IMMORTALIZED BY CONSTABLE, VISIT FLATFORD, AND STROLL ALONG THE SCENIC PATHS OF CONSTABLE COUNTRY. THEN, CONTINUE TO SUDBURY TO EXPLORE GAINSBOROUGH HOUSE MUSEUM BEFORE HEADING TO GRANTCHESTER. HERE, PAUSE FOR TEA IN THE ORCHARD TEA GARDEN, A NOTABLE CONNECTION TO RUPERT BROOKE AND HIS LITERARY COMPANIONS. IN THE EVENING, PREPARE FOR YOUR RETURN TO LONDON THE NEXT DAY.



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- 13 DAYS WITH FLIGHT





ITINERARY - SECTION I - ENGLAND

DAY 1 - LONDON - ENGLAND

EMBARK ON AN EXTRAORDINARY HISTORICAL JOURNEY TO UNCOVER THE LEGACY OF THE PILGRIM FATHERS IN LONDON! EXPLORE ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN EATON SQUARE, THE SITE OF SOME OF THE EARLIEST PURITAN SERVICES IN ENGLAND. THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY IS YOURS TO UNWIND, SHOP, AND PARTAKE IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES!

DAY 2 - SCROOBY AND AUSTERFIELD - ENGLAND

PROCEED TO SCROOBY, NORTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, TO EXPLORE THE RENOWNED SCROOBY MANOR, A PIVOTAL GATHERING PLACE FOR THE LEADERS OF THE PURITAN MOVEMENT. THIS SITE SERVED AS THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE PILGRIM FATHERS, INCLUDING WILLIAM BRADFORD AND WILLIAM BREWSTER. NEXT, TRAVEL TO AUSTERFIELD, THE BIRTHPLACE OF WILLIAM BRADFORD, A PROMINENT FIGURE AMONG THE PILGRIM FATHERS. ENSURE YOU VISIT ST HELENA'S CHURCH, WHERE IT IS BELIEVED BRADFORD WAS BAPTIZED.

DAY 3 - GAINSBOROUGH AND BOSTON - ENGLAND

TRAVEL TO GAINSBOROUGH TO DISCOVER THE VICINITY OF ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, WHERE SEVERAL OF THE PILGRIM FATHERS CONVENED PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE FROM ENGLAND. SUBSEQUENTLY, PROCEED TO BOSTON, A HISTORIC PORT CITY IN LINCOLNSHIRE. HERE, YOU MUST SEE THE RENOWNED BOSTON STUMP (ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH), A SIGNIFICANT WAYPOINT FOR THE PILGRIM FATHERS BEFORE THEIR JOURNEY TO THE NEW WORLD; THIS CHURCH IS VISIBLE FROM GREAT DISTANCES AND RANKS AMONG THE TALLEST IN ENGLAND. ADDITIONALLY, EXPLORE THE BOSTON GUILDHALL FOR AN INSIGHTFUL GLIMPSE INTO LOCAL HISTORY.

DAY 4 - YORK & CAMBRIDGE - ENGLAND

EMBARK ON A JOURNEY TO YORK, A SIGNIFICANT LOCATION IN THE HISTORICAL NARRATIVE OF THE ERA. YORK MINSTER STANDS AS ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST VENERABLE CATHEDRALS IN ENGLAND, EPITOMIZING THE GRANDEUR OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND DURING THAT PERIOD. IT WAS HERE THAT NUMEROUS PURITANS ENGAGED IN RELIGIOUS DISPUTES THAT ULTIMATELY CONTRIBUTED TO THE SEPARATION INITIATED BY THE PILGRIM FATHERS. PROCEED TO CAMBRIDGE TO EXPLORE ST. MARY'S CHURCH AND THE ESTEEMED TRINITY COLLEGE. THIS LOCALE PROVIDES CONNECTIONS TO PROMINENT PURITAN FIGURES, INCLUDING JOHN HARVARD, THE FOUNDER OF HARVARD COLLEGE. THE CITY ALSO PRESENTS A DISTINCTIVE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTEMPLATE THE PURITAN INTELLECTUALISM THAT INFLUENCED THE IDEOLOGIES OF THE PILGRIM FATHERS.



ITINERARY

DAY 5 - PLYMOUTH - ENGLAND

FINALLY, EMBARK ON YOUR JOURNEY TO PLYMOUTH AND EXPLORE THE SCENIC MAYFLOWER STEPS, THE DEPARTURE POINT FOR THE PILGRIM FATHERS AS THEY SET SAIL FOR THE NEW WORLD IN 1620 ABOARD THE MAYFLOWER. BE SURE TO VISIT THE MAYFLOWER MUSEUM, WHICH NARRATES THE CAPTIVATING STORY OF THE PILGRIM FATHERS THROUGH INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS AND INTRIGUING HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS. TAKE A LEISURELY WALK ALONG PLYMOUTH HOE TO ENJOY PANORAMIC VIEWS OF THE HARBOR AND ENVISION WHAT THE PILGRIMS BEHELD AS THEY DEPARTED FROM THEIR HOMELAND.

TRANSATLANTIC CRUISE OR FLIGHT TO BOSTON

CONTINUE YOUR REMARKABLE JOURNEY WITH A TRANSATLANTIC CRUISE TO THE USA, ALLOWING YOU TO EXPERIENCE THE EXCITEMENT OF THE LONG VOYAGE ENDURED BY THE PILGRIM FATHERS TO REACH AMERICA, OR SELECT A FLIGHT THAT WILL TRANSPORT YOU TO BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, WHERE YOU CAN FURTHER PURSUE YOUR INTRIGUING HISTORICAL ITINERARY!



ITINERARY - SECTION II - UNITED STATES

DAY 1 - CAPE COD - MASSACHUSETTS

CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY IN THE USA WITH A VISIT TO CAPE COD! EXPLORE THE STUNNING CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE AND DELVE INTO THE MARITIME HISTORY OF THE PILGRIM FATHERS. STROLL ALONG THE VERY BEACHES WHERE THE PILGRIM FATHERS FIRST SETTLED BEFORE ESTABLISHING PLYMOUTH AS THEIR HOME.

DAY 2 - PLYMOUTH - MASSACHUSETTS

CONTINUE TO PLYMOUTH, A LOCATION STEEPED IN HISTORY! VISIT PLYMOUTH ROCK, THE SITE WHERE THE PILGRIM FATHERS ARRIVED IN 1620. DO NOT OVERLOOK THE MAYFLOWER II, AN AUTHENTIC REPLICA OF THE RENOWNED SHIP DOCKED IN PLYMOUTH HARBOR, AND DISCOVER HOW THE PILGRIMS LIVED DURING THEIR REMARKABLE JOURNEY TO THE NEW WORLD. EXPLORE THE PLIMOTH PATUXET MUSEUMS, WHICH RECREATE A 17TH-CENTURY VILLAGE AND PROVIDE AN INTERACTIVE AREA TO ENHANCE UNDERSTANDING OF THE DAILY LIVES OF THE PILGRIMS, WAMPANOAG INDIANS, AND OTHER SETTLERS. LASTLY, VISIT PLYMOUTH BURIAL HILL, THE HISTORIC CEMETERY THAT CONTAINS THE GRAVES OF EARLY SETTLERS, INCLUDING MANY OF THE PILGRIMS.

DAY 3 - DUXBURY & KINGSTON - MASSACHUSETTS

CONTINUE TO DUXBURY, WHERE SOME OF THE PILGRIM FATHERS ESTABLISHED THEIR SETTLEMENT AFTER DEPARTING FROM PLYMOUTH. VISIT THE KING CAESAR HOUSE, A HISTORIC RESIDENCE THAT WILL IMMERSE YOU IN THE PAST! PROCEED TO KINGSTON, ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT LOCATION CONNECTED TO THE HISTORY OF THE PILGRIMS. HERE, YOU WILL DISCOVER ONE OF THE NATION'S EARLIEST PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND A VARIETY OF HISTORIC HOMES LINKED TO THE EARLY SETTLERS.

DAY 4 - SCITUATE AND MARSHFIELD - MASSACHUSETTS

PROCEED TO SCITUATE, A DELIGHTFUL HISTORIC TOWN THAT EMBRACED EARLY SETTLERS. TOUR THE SCITUATE LIGHTHOUSE AND MEANDER THROUGH THE HISTORIC TOWN CENTER TO IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE AMBIANCE OF A BYGONE ERA. SUBSEQUENTLY, ADVANCE TO MARSHFIELD, ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT PILGRIM SITE, WHERE YOU CAN DISCOVER COLONIAL HOMES AND THE 17TH-CENTURY OLD WINSLOW HOUSE.



ITINERARY

DAY 5 & 6 - BOSTON - MASSACHUSETTS

CONCLUDE YOUR JOURNEY IN THE VIBRANT CITY OF BOSTON! EXPLORE OLD NORTH CHURCH, ONE OF THE CITY'S OLDEST HOUSES OF WORSHIP, RENOWNED FOR ITS SIGNIFICANT HISTORICAL RELEVANCE TO THE AMERICAN COLONIES. STROLL ALONG THE FREEDOM TRAIL, WHICH LINKS 16 HISTORIC SITES IN BOSTON; WHILE PRIMARILY CENTERED ON THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, IT PROVIDES VALUABLE INSIGHTS INTO COLONIZATION AND THE LIVES OF EARLY SETTLERS, INCLUDING THE PILGRIM FATHERS. BE SURE TO VISIT BOSTON COMMON AND THE GRANARY BURYING GROUND TO PAY YOUR RESPECTS AT THE GRAVES OF NOTABLE FIGURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE COLONY. FINALLY, RELISH SOME FREE TIME FOR SHOPPING AND OTHER PERSONAL PURSUITS!

DAY 7 - JOURNEY BACK TO EUROPE

IT IS TIME TO BID FAREWELL: DEPART FROM BOSTON LOGAN AIRPORT AND RETURN TO EUROPE WITH INDELIBLE MEMORIES!



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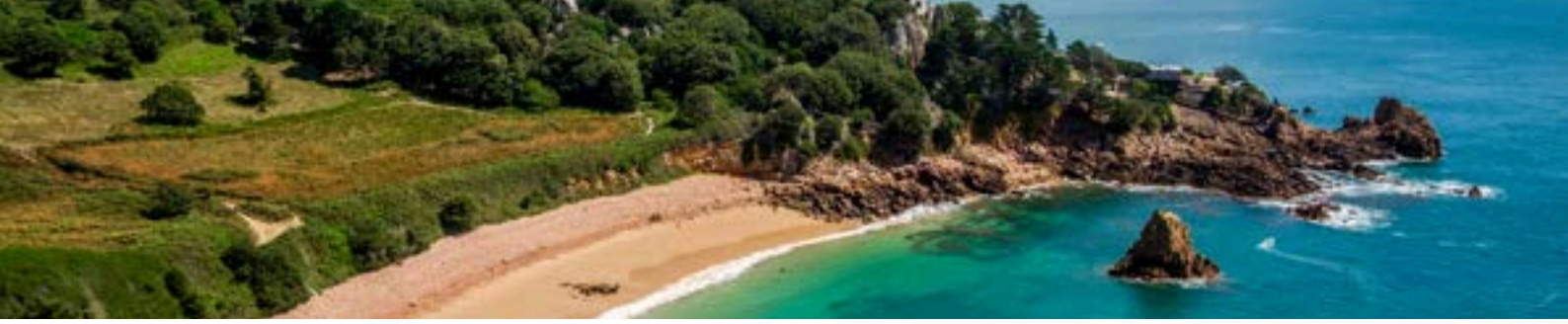


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- 8 DAYS OR MORE





ITINERARY

DAY 1 - ST. HELIER - ISLE OF JERSEY

UPON YOUR ARRIVAL AT JERSEY AIRPORT, DEPOSIT YOUR LUGGAGE AT YOUR ACCOMMODATION AND INDULGE IN A TRADITIONAL JERSEY CREAM TEA AT A LOCAL CAFÉ. SUBSEQUENTLY, PROCEED TO ST HELIER, THE VIBRANT CAPITAL RENOWNED FOR ITS BUSTLING HARBOR, PICTURESQUE BEACHES, AND INTRIGUING HISTORY. THE TOWN SEAMLESSLY BLENDS MODERN AMENITIES WITH TRADITIONAL CHARM, RENDERING IT AN IRRESISTIBLE DESTINATION FOR BOTH TOURISTS AND RESIDENTS. YOU MUST NOT OVERLOOK THE JERSEY MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY, WHERE YOU CAN IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE ISLAND'S RICH HISTORY AND CULTURE THROUGH HERITAGE EXHIBITS, ART COLLECTIONS, AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES. THIS VIBRANT CULTURAL HUB CAPTIVATES BOTH VISITORS AND LOCALS. NEXT, VISIT ELIZABETH CASTLE, A MAJESTIC HISTORIC FORTRESS SITUATED ON ST HELIER BAY. CONSTRUCTED IN THE 16TH CENTURY AS A ROYAL RESIDENCE AND MILITARY STRONGHOLD, IT IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE ON FOOT DURING LOW TIDE OR BY BOAT. FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT, YOU CAN RELISH BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE SURROUNDING COASTLINE WHILE EXPLORING THE VARIOUS DISPLAYS THAT NARRATE ITS FASCINATING HISTORY. BE SURE TO STOP BY LIBERATION SQUARE, A SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC SPACE THAT SERVES AS THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY, HOSTING LOCAL EVENTS AND GATHERINGS. HERE, YOU WILL ENCOUNTER A BLEND OF MODERN ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE, INCLUDING THE LIBERATION MONUMENT, WHICH COMMEMORATES THE ISLAND'S LIBERATION FROM GERMAN OCCUPATION DURING WORLD WAR II. CONCLUDE YOUR DAY WITH DINNER AT A WATERFRONT RESTAURANT, SAVORING FRESH SEAFOOD AND ENJOYING SPECTACULAR SUNSET VIEWS OVER THE HARBOR.

DAY 2 - ST. AUBIN'S BAY - ISLAND OF JERSEY

SPEND THE DAY IN ST. AUBIN'S BAY, A PICTURESQUE COASTAL REGION ON THE SOUTHERN SHORE OF JERSEY. WITH BREATHTAKING VIEWS, GOLDEN BEACHES, AND A DELIGHTFUL HARBOR, THIS DESTINATION PROVIDES NUMEROUS RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SWIMMING, SAILING, AND STROLLING ALONG THE SCENIC BOARDWALKS. YOU WILL ALSO DISCOVER SEVERAL BARS AND RESTAURANTS, MAKING THIS AN EXCELLENT LOCALE FOR BOTH LOCALS AND TOURISTS SEEKING CULINARY EXPERIENCES. IN THE EVENING, RETURN TO ST. HELIER FOR DINNER AND SAMPLE TRADITIONAL DISHES SUCH AS JERSEY ROYAL POTATOES OR A DELECTABLE FISH PIE.

DAY 3 - JERSEY WAR TUNNELS, ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH AND GOREY - ISLAND OF JERSEY

VISIT THE JERSEY WAR TUNNELS, A MUSEUM THAT NARRATES THE STORY OF THE GERMAN OCCUPATION DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR, SITUATED IN A FORMER HOSPITAL. THE DISPLAYS ILLUSTRATE THE EXPERIENCES OF THE ISLANDERS AND SOLDIERS DURING THIS CHALLENGING PERIOD. NEXT, EXPLORE THE EXQUISITE ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH, A HISTORIC ANGLICAN CHURCH RENOWNED FOR ITS STUNNING ARCHITECTURE AND TRANQUIL ATMOSPHERE, MAKING IT AN IDEAL LOCATION FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION, ENHANCED BY ITS MAGNIFICENT STAINED GLASS WINDOWS. FOLLOWING THIS, PROCEED TO THE PICTURESQUE VILLAGE OF GOREY, CELEBRATED FOR ITS CHARMING HARBOR, HISTORIC CASTLE, AND BREATHTAKING COASTAL VIEWS. GOREY PRESENTS A UNIQUE BLEND OF RICH HISTORY AND SCENIC BEAUTY THAT SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED. A HIGHLIGHT IS GOREY CASTLE, CONSTRUCTED IN THE 13TH CENTURY, WHICH OFFERS SPECTACULAR VIEWS OF THE SURROUNDING HARBOR AND STANDS AS A REMARKABLE EXAMPLE OF HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE. YOU CAN WANDER THE GROUNDS AND APPRECIATE THE AREA'S NATURAL BEAUTY. TO CONCLUDE YOUR DAY, ENJOY A LEISURELY DINNER IN GOREY AT ONE OF THE MANY WELCOMING PUBS, WHERE YOU CAN SAVOR LOCAL ALES.



ITINERARY

DAY 4 - LA COUPEE AND SARK GARDEN CENTRE - SARK ISLAND

TAKE A FERRY FROM JERSEY TO SARK, AN ISLAND THAT IS PART OF THE CHANNEL ISLANDS, AND PREPARE TO BE CAPTIVATED BY ITS REMARKABLE NATURAL BEAUTY. RENOWNED FOR ITS CAR-FREE ENVIRONMENT AND THE SERENITY OF ITS PICTURESQUE LANDSCAPES, SARK IS AN IDEAL DESTINATION FOR THOSE IN SEARCH OF INNER PEACE. EXPLORE LA COUPEE, A NARROW SCENIC ROUTE THAT LINKS SARK TO LITTLE SARK, OFFERING STUNNING VIEWS OF THE SEA; IT IS HIGHLY FAVORED BY HIKERS AND NATURE ENTHUSIASTS DUE TO ITS MAGNIFICENT CLIFFS. ADDITIONALLY, BE SURE TO VISIT THE EXQUISITE GARDENS AT THE SARK GARDEN CENTRE BEFORE RETURNING TO JERSEY, WHERE YOU CAN ENJOY A TRANQUIL DINNER EITHER AT YOUR ACCOMMODATION OR AT A NEARBY RESTAURANT.

DAY 5 - ST. PETER PORT - GUERNSEY ISLAND

EMBARK ON A FERRY FROM JERSEY TO GUERNSEY! AFTER CHECKING INTO YOUR ACCOMMODATION, PREPARE TO EXPLORE ST. PETER PORT, THE ISLAND'S ENCHANTING CAPITAL RENOWNED FOR ITS PICTURESQUE HARBOR AND ELEGANT COBBLED STREETS. HERE, YOU WILL DISCOVER A VARIETY OF CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS ALONGSIDE EXCELLENT SHOPPING AND DINING OPTIONS; IT IS UNDOUBTEDLY A FAVORED DESTINATION FOR VISITORS. VISIT THE GUERNSEY MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY, A CULTURAL INSTITUTION THAT HIGHLIGHTS THE ISLAND'S CAPTIVATING ARTISTIC HERITAGE THROUGH HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS AND INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS, RANGING FROM PREHISTORIC TIMES TO CONTEMPORARY ART. AS YOU STROLL ALONG THE CHARMING HARBOR, BE SURE TO STOP AT ONE OF THE WATERFRONT RESTAURANTS TO SAVOR LOCAL DELICACIES, INCLUDING THE FRESHEST CRAB!

DAY 6 - COBO BAY AND VAZON BAY - GUERNSEY ISLAND

VISIT THE STUNNING COASTAL CLIFFS LOCATED ON THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE ISLAND; TRAVERSE PICTURESQUE TRAILS THAT OFFER BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE SEA. EXPLORE COBO BAY, RENOWNED FOR ITS GOLDEN SANDS, WHERE YOU CAN SWIM OR SIMPLY BASK IN THE SUN WHILE APPRECIATING THE FAMILY-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT AND THE ARRAY OF WATER SPORTS AVAILABLE. PROCEED TO VAZON BAY, CHARACTERIZED BY ITS REMARKABLE CRYSTAL-CLEAR WATERS FRAMED BY DRAMATIC CLIFFS, IDEAL FOR THOSE SEEKING RELAXATION IN THE SUN OR ENGAGING IN EXCITING WATER SPORTS. SAVOR A MEAL AT THE BEACH BAR AND IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE LAID-BACK AMBIANCE.



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DAY 7 - ST. PETER PORT - GUERNSEY ISLAND

VISIT CASTLE CORNET IN ST. PETER PORT, A HISTORIC 13TH-CENTURY FORTRESS THAT PROVIDES BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE HARBOR, ALONG WITH INTRIGUING MUSEUMS FEATURING CAPTIVATING HISTORICAL EXHIBITS. ADDITIONALLY, EXPLORE LITTLE CHAPEL, A DELIGHTFUL MINIATURE CHAPEL CONSTRUCTED IN 1914, ADORNED WITH VIBRANT MOSAICS, CREATING A SERENE ATMOSPHERE IDEAL FOR THOSE IN SEARCH OF TRANQUILITY AND DEEP REFLECTION. FINALLY, PROCEED TO THE GERMAN OCCUPATION MUSEUM, WHERE YOU WILL GAIN ACCESS TO INVALUABLE INSIGHTS REGARDING THE GERMAN OCCUPATION THROUGH AUTHENTIC ARTIFACTS, POIGNANT PHOTOGRAPHS, AND PERSONAL TESTIMONIES. CONCLUDE YOUR DAY WITH A SPECIAL DINNER AT AN EXCEPTIONAL RESTAURANT IN ST. PETER PORT, SAVORING EXQUISITE CHEESES, PERHAPS COMPLEMENTED BY LOCAL WINES.

DAY 8 - ST. PETER PORT - GUERNSEY ISLAND

SAVOR A LEISURELY BREAKFAST BEFORE ENGAGING IN SOME LAST-MINUTE SHOPPING FOR MEMORABLE SOUVENIRS AT ST. PETER PORT. DO NOT OVERLOOK THE STUNNING CANDIE GARDENS, A PICTURESQUE PUBLIC PARK SHOWCASING EXQUISITE FLOWER DISPLAYS, HISTORIC LANDMARKS, AND BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE HARBOR. IT SERVES AS A TRANQUIL RETREAT WHERE YOU CAN ENJOY A LEISURELY STROLL BEFORE YOUR FLIGHT.



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ENGLAND AND NEW YORK

EXAMINE THE PROFOUND HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN TWO DISTANT CITIES, UNITED BY A COMMON HERITAGE

York in England and New York in the United States are two distinct cities divided by the Atlantic Ocean yet united by profound historical and cultural ties. In 1664, the English seized a Dutch colony known as New Amsterdam, subsequently renaming it New York in honor of the Duke of York, who later ascended to the throne as King James II of England. The city of York, serving as the capital of the region, significantly contributed to this renaming. This itinerary delves into the historical, cultural, and artistic interconnections between York and New York, emphasizing the reciprocal influence both cities have exerted over the centuries.

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- NEW YORK



- CAR
- VAN
- COACH



- 13 DAYS OR MORE





ITINERARY

DAY 1 - ARRIVAL AND INTRODUCTORY CITY TOUR - YORK - ENGLAND

UPON YOUR ARRIVAL IN THE CITY, BEGIN YOUR EXPLORATION IMMEDIATELY BY VISITING THE YORK ART GALLERY, WHICH SHOWCASES WORKS THAT REFLECT THE CITY'S HISTORY AND ITS CONNECTIONS WITH THE WIDER WORLD, PARTICULARLY WITH AMERICA. IN THE EVENING, TAKE A LEISURELY STROLL TO SAVOR THE HISTORIC AMBIANCE OF THE CITY WHILE ENJOYING A DRINK AT ONE OF THE TRADITIONAL LOCAL PUBS.

DAY 2 - ROMAN AND VIKING HERITAGE - YORK - ENGLAND

VISIT THE JORVIK VIKING CENTRE TO EXPLORE THE VIKING HISTORY OF YORK, A PROMINENT CAPITAL DURING THE MIDDLE AGES. FOLLOWING THIS, PROCEED TO THE MUSEUM OF ROMAN ANTIQUITIES TO INVESTIGATE THE REMNANTS OF ROMAN GOVERNANCE IN THE CITY, WHICH WAS ONCE A SIGNIFICANT HUB OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE. CONCLUDE YOUR DAY WITH A MEAL AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT TO SAVOR TRADITIONAL SPECIALTIES, INCLUDING YORKSHIRE PUDDING.

DAY 3 - MEDIEVAL HERITAGE - YORK - ENGLAND

EXPLORE YORK CASTLE AND ITS MUSEUM, WHICH IS DEDICATED TO THE HISTORY OF THE MEDIEVAL CITY; YOU MAY ALSO STROLL THROUGH THE SURROUNDING GARDENS. VISIT THE SHAMBLES DISTRICT, REGARDED AS ONE OF THE BEST-PRESERVED MEDIEVAL STREETS IN EUROPE. THIS IS THE PERFECT LOCATION TO IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE MEDIEVAL AMBIANCE OF YORK, RENOWNED FOR ITS TIMBER-FRAMED HOUSES AND HISTORIC SHOPS. LASTLY, VISIT CLIFFORD'S TOWER, AN ANCIENT NORMAN CASTLE THAT PROVIDES STUNNING VIEWS OF THE CITY.

DAY 4 - NEW YORK CONNECTIONS - YORK - ENGLAND

A VISIT TO THE YORK RAILWAY MUSEUM REVEALS THE CITY'S HISTORICAL TIES TO RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT, EMPHASIZING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BRITAIN AND THE AMERICAN COLONIES. EXPLORE THE HOUSE OF SIR WALTER SCOTT, AN AUTHOR WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS SIGNIFICANTLY SHAPED LITERATURE IN AMERICA AND INFLUENCED AMERICAN ROMANTICISM. DISCOVER THE CITY'S HISTORICAL LINKS TO NEW YORK AT THE YORKSHIRE MUSEUM, WHICH SHOWCASES ARTIFACTS THAT CONNECT YORK TO AMERICAN HISTORY THROUGH TRADE AND MIGRATION.

DAY 5 - NATURE AND RELAX - YORK - ENGLAND

AMBLE THROUGH THE MUSEUM GARDENS, A VERDANT SPACE RICH WITH HISTORICAL AND BOTANICAL DISPLAYS. EXPLORE THE YORKSHIRE SCULPTURE PARK, WHERE CONTEMPORARY ART HARMONIOUSLY INTEGRATES WITH THE NATURAL LANDSCAPE. ENJOY LEISURE TIME FOR STROLLING OR SHOPPING IN THE HISTORIC CENTER OF YORK, WHERE UNIQUE AND HISTORICAL TREASURES AWAIT. DEPART FROM THE HOTEL TO THE AIRPORT FOR YOUR FLIGHT TO NEW YORK.

DAY 6 - DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK VIA MANCHESTER / LONDON - ENGLAND

DEPARTURE TO THE AIRPORT FOR THE FLIGHT TO NEW YORK.



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DAY 7 - ARRIVAL AND INTRODUCTORY CITY TOUR - NEW YORK - USA

ARRIVE IN NEW YORK AND CHECK INTO YOUR HOTEL. BEGIN YOUR VISIT WITH A LEISURELY WALK THROUGH CENTRAL PARK, WHICH EVOKES AN AMBIANCE REMINISCENT OF THE HISTORIC PARKS OF YORK. ENJOY DINNER IN TIMES SQUARE TO FULLY IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE CITY'S VIBRANT ENERGY.

DAY 8 - THE HISTORICAL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN YORK AND NEW YORK - NEW YORK - USA

VISIT THE STATUE OF LIBERTY, AN EMBLEM OF HOPE AND FREEDOM, CLOSELY LINKED TO THE MIGRATORY PATTERNS BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES. NUMEROUS IMMIGRANTS WHO ARRIVED IN NEW YORK HAILED FROM THE YORK REGION. PROCEED WITH AN EXPLORATION OF THE MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY, WHICH NARRATES THE TALE OF AMERICA'S EUROPEAN HERITAGE, INCLUDING CONNECTIONS TO GREAT BRITAIN. ENJOY DINNER IN GREENWICH VILLAGE, RENOWNED FOR BEING A HAVEN FOR MANY BRITISH ARTISTS AND WRITERS THROUGHOUT HISTORY.

DAY 9 - AN EXPLORATION OF BRITISH HISTORY - NEW YORK - USA

VISIT THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART, WHICH FEATURES NOTABLE WORKS THAT LINK THE HISTORIES OF BRITISH AND AMERICAN ART. EXPLORE WALL STREET AND TRINITY CHURCH, SITES DEEPLY INTERTWINED WITH BRITISH HISTORY. STROLL THROUGH THE SOUTH STREET SEAPORT, WHICH EXEMPLIFIES THE HISTORY OF MARITIME TRADE BETWEEN NEW YORK AND ENGLAND.

DAY 10 - VIKING AND NORDIC HERITAGE IN NEW YORK - NEW YORK - USA

VISIT THE VIKING AGE MUSEUM, WHICH IS DEDICATED TO EXAMINING THE LINKS BETWEEN VIKING CULTURE AND MODERN URBAN ENVIRONMENTS. STROLL ACROSS THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE, DESIGNED BY JOHN A. ROEBLING; HIS FATHER, FRIEDRICH WILHELM AUGUST ROEBLING, WAS BORN IN MÜHLHAUSEN (NOW IN GERMANY), YET THE FAMILY MAINTAINED STRONG CONNECTIONS TO YORK. THE ENGINEERS DREW INSPIRATION FROM TRADITIONAL CONSTRUCTION METHODS, AND STYLISTIC PARALLELS CAN BE OBSERVED IN SEVERAL OF YORK'S HISTORIC BRIDGES. SAVOR A MEAL IN CHINATOWN TO EXPERIENCE ANOTHER FACET OF CULTURAL FUSION.

DAY 11 - NATURE AND RELAX - NEW YORK - USA

VISIT THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY, A SIGNIFICANT LITERARY INSTITUTION THAT HAS INSPIRED BRITISH AUTHORS SUCH AS VIRGINIA WOOLF AND JAMES JOYCE. STROLL THROUGH THE SOHO NEIGHBORHOOD, WHICH EMBODIES LONDON'S CULTURAL INFLUENCE ON NEW YORK. DISCOVER THE THEATERS OF BROADWAY, WHERE NUMEROUS PRODUCTIONS DRAW INSPIRATION FROM THE BRITISH THEATRICAL TRADITION.

DAY 12 - BRITISH AND AMERICAN CULTURE - NEW YORK - USA

VISIT THE BRITISH MEMORIAL GARDEN, WHICH HONORS THE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND NEW YORK. STROLL THROUGH THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART (MOMA), SHOWCASING WORKS BY ARTISTS INSPIRED BY BRITISH TRADITION. DINE IN CHELSEA, RENOWNED FOR ITS CONTEMPORARY ART GALLERIES THAT REFLECT THE ARTISTIC LEGACIES OF BOTH YORK AND LONDON.

DAY 13 - FINAL VISITS AND DEPARTURE - NEW YORK - USA

VISIT THE SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL, A TESTAMENT TO CONSTRUCTION AND RESILIENCE AKIN TO THAT EXPERIENCED BY YORK DURING THE MIDDLE AGES. CONCLUDE YOUR STROLL ALONG FIFTH AVENUE, A HISTORIC THOROUGHFARE WHERE NEW YORK'S INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS ARE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED, INCLUDING THOSE WITH GREAT BRITAIN.



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REPUBLIC OF IRELAND, NORTHERN IRELAND

EXPERIENCE IRELAND IN AN UNPRECEDENTED WAY, FEATURING BREATHTAKING LANDSCAPES, DYNAMIC ART, CAPTIVATING CULTURE, EXQUISITE CUISINE, AND ENTICING BEVERAGES!



Venture beyond the conventional and discover cherished locations. Admire the majestic cliffs and embrace the warm hospitality of the lively cities and charming villages of this captivating land. This is an essential journey that will enable you to thoroughly experience the distinctive allure of this remarkable island!

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16 DAYS OR MORE





ITINERARY

DAY 1 - DUBLIN - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY IN DUBLIN AND EXPLORE THE BREATHTAKING ARCHITECTURAL SPLENDOR OF TRINITY COLLEGE, FEATURING THE CAPTIVATING LONG ROOM, WHICH HOUSES THE INVALUABLE BOOK OF KELLS, A 9TH-CENTURY ILLUMINATED MASTERPIECE. PROCEED TO THE MAGNIFICENT DUBLIN CASTLE, A VIKING FORTRESS WITH A RICH HISTORY SPANNING CENTURIES. CONSTRUCTED IN THE 13TH CENTURY, THE CASTLE FUNCTIONED AS A MILITARY STRONGHOLD, PRISON, AND TREASURY FOR OVER 700 YEARS, BECOMING THE EPICENTER OF ENGLISH (AND BRITISH) GOVERNANCE IN IRELAND UNTIL INDEPENDENCE. RENOVATED IN THE 17TH, 18TH, 19TH, AND 20TH CENTURIES, IT NOW ACCOMMODATES STATE APARTMENTS, AN EXQUISITE CRYPT, AND EVEN A CHARMING RESTAURANT. BE SURE TO VISIT THE CHESTER BEATTY LIBRARY TO DISCOVER ITS COLLECTION OF PRICELESS ARTIFACTS!

DAY 2 - ENNISKERRY AND GLENDALOUGH - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE TRANQUILITY OF POWERSCOURT ESTATE IN ENNISKERRY, COUNTY WICKLOW, RECOGNIZED AS THE THIRD BEST IN THE WORLD BY NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC. SPANNING 47 ACRES OF EXQUISITELY LANDSCAPED GARDENS AND 18TH-CENTURY ORNAMENTAL LAKES, THE ESTATE FEATURES PANORAMIC TERRACES AND HIDDEN CORNERS THAT WILL CAPTIVATE YOU. ASCEND THE STEPS OF PEPPERPOT TOWER FOR BREATHTAKING VIEWS THAT ARE TRULY REWARDING. SAVOR A MEAL AT THE AVOCA TERRACE CAFÉ, WHICH OFFERS STUNNING VISTAS OF IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST—A MESMERIZING LANDSCAPE OF UNDULATING GREEN HILLS AND SERENE WATERS. BUT DO NOT STOP THERE! UNCOVER THE HIDDEN MARVELS AND ANCIENT LEGENDS THAT SPAN OVER 5,000 YEARS OF HISTORY. BE SURE TO VISIT GLENDALOUGH, KNOWN AS "THE VALLEY OF TWO LAKES." THE UPPER AND LOWER LAKES PROVIDE IDEAL SETTINGS FOR LEISURELY STROLLS OR A REFRESHING SWIM IN THE CRYSTAL-CLEAR WATERS. THIS GLACIER-CARVED VALLEY IS A GENUINE NATURAL PARADISE WHERE BEAUTY HARMONIZES WITH PROFOUND TRANQUILITY. AS YOU EXPLORE THE WICKLOW MOUNTAINS, YOU WILL HEAR THE GENTLE MURMUR OF GLACIAL STREAMS AND INHALE THE PEACEFUL AMBIANCE SURROUNDING THE ANCIENT MONASTERY ESTABLISHED BY ST. KEVIN IN THE 6TH CENTURY—ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL CENTERS OF LEARNING IN EARLY CHRISTIAN IRELAND. DO NOT MISS THIS UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE!

DAYS 3 & 4 - KILKENNY AND DUNGANSTOWN - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

STROLL THROUGH THE ENCHANTING COBBLED STREETS OF KILKENNY AND APPRECIATE THE ARCHITECTURAL SPLENDOR OF KILKENNY CASTLE, WHICH MAJESTICALLY OVERLOOKS THE RIVER NORE, COMMANDING THE SKYLINE. SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT ST. CANICE'S CATHEDRAL, ACQUIRE A HURLING STICK, AND ENGAGE IN THE EXHILARATING ULTIMATE HURLING EXPERIENCE LIKE A LOCAL, FOLLOWED BY SAMPLING IRELAND'S OLDEST BEER AT SMITHWICK'S EXPERIENCE KILKENNY! PLAN YOUR VISIT TO ENSURE YOU DO NOT MISS THE KILKENNY ARTS FESTIVAL EACH AUGUST! EXPLORE THE MEDIEVAL MILE MUSEUM, ONE OF THE CITY'S NEWEST ATTRACTIONS, WHICH NARRATES THE HISTORY OF KILKENNY THROUGH CAPTIVATING MONUMENTS AND ARTIFACTS. THE CITY IS ALSO RENOWNED FOR ITS VIBRANT MUSIC SCENE AT VENUES SUCH AS MATT THE MILLERS AND KYTELER'S INN. UNWIND AT KILKENNY'S MOUNT JULIET ESTATE, DEDICATED TO A YOUNG BRIDE FROM 1750 AND HOME TO THE LADY HELEN RESTAURANT. YOUR NEXT DESTINATION IS THE KENNEDY HOMESTEAD IN DUNGANSTOWN, THE BIRTHPLACE OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY'S GREAT-GRANDFATHER, PATRICK KENNEDY! HERE, THE REMARKABLE STORY OF FIVE GENERATIONS OF THE KENNEDY DYNASTY IS CELEBRATED AND PRESERVED BY HIS DESCENDANTS TODAY. THIS DISTINCTIVE CULTURAL MUSEUM HONORS BOTH THE "KENNEDYS WHO LEFT" AND THOSE "WHO STAYED," PLAYING A CRUCIAL ROLE IN MAINTAINING THE KENNEDY LEGACY IN IRELAND. THE CURATORS OF THE KENNEDY HOMESTEAD VISITOR CENTRE HAVE DEVELOPED A STATE-OF-THE-ART INTERPRETIVE EXHIBIT UTILIZING THE ARCHIVAL COLLECTION OF THE KENNEDY LIBRARY IN BOSTON. DISCOVER THE INTRIGUING CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING PATRICK KENNEDY'S DEPARTURE FROM IRELAND IN 1848 AND TRACE THE NARRATIVE OF THE MOST RENOWNED IRISH-AMERICAN FAMILY TO THE PRESENT DAY! THE KENNEDY LEGACY IS AN ESSENTIAL ASPECT OF DAILY LIFE IN COUNTY WEXFORD. AT THE HOMESTEAD, YOU WILL ENCOUNTER A UNIQUE COLLECTION OF MEMORABILIA, AN IMMERSIVE AUDIO-VISUAL EXHIBIT, AN ESSENTIAL GIFT SHOP, AND A WELCOMING PICNIC AREA. DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THIS EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCE!



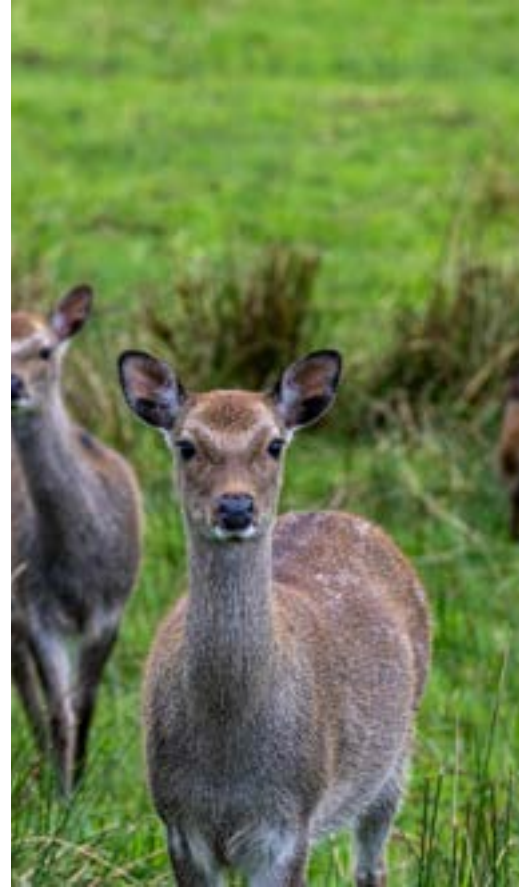
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DAY 5 - WATERFORD, BUNMAHON, TANKARDSTOWN AND YOUGHAL - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

EXPLORE THE RICH HERITAGE OF IRELAND'S OLDEST CITY, WATERFORD, AND TRAVERSE THE COPPER COAST TO THE CHARMING PORT TOWN OF COBH. ESTABLISHED AS A VIKING CITY IN 914, WATERFORD PRESENTS A PLETHORA OF UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES. EMBARK ON THE WATERFORD VIKING TRIANGLE TOUR, IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE KING OF THE VIKINGS EXPERIENCE, AND VISIT THE 12TH-CENTURY REGINALD'S TOWER, WHICH HOUSES HISTORIC WEAPONRY FROM A VIKING TOMB. THE VIKINGS ESTABLISHED A BUSTLING MEDIEVAL TRADING PORT HERE, CONNECTING WITH THE ENTIRETY OF EUROPE. ADDITIONALLY, WATERFORD IS RENOWNED FOR ITS EXQUISITE CRYSTAL; MARVEL AT THE ARTISTRY AT THE HOUSE OF WATERFORD CRYSTAL VISITOR CENTRE. BE SURE TO SAMPLE THE FAMOUS WATERFORD BLAA, A SOFT ROLL INTRODUCED BY THE HUGUENOTS IN 1690. IN 1840, BUNMAHON SERVED AS THE EPICENTER OF THE COPPER MINING INDUSTRY. VISIT THE COPPER COAST GEO PARK VISITOR CENTRE TO UNCOVER THE AREA'S INTRIGUING HERITAGE WITHIN AN OLD CHURCH NEAR THE BEACH. ALSO, EXPLORE THE REMNANTS OF AN OLD INDUSTRY IN TANKARDSTOWN: IN 1879, MINERS DETECTED GOLD IN THE UNITED STATES, PROMPTING THE CLOSURE OF THE MINES AS MANY SOUGHT NEW ADVENTURES. FINALLY, INDULGE AT AHERNE'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT IN YOUGHAL, ONE OF CORK'S COASTAL TREASURES AND THE BACKDROP FOR JOHN HUSTON'S 1954 FILM MOBY DICK!

DAY 6 - COBH, SPIKE ISLAND, CORK AND FOUNTAINSTOWN BEACH - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

COBH SERVES AS THE ICONIC DEPARTURE POINT FOR NEARLY HALF OF THE SIX MILLION EMIGRANTS WHO LEFT IRELAND IN PURSUIT OF A NEW LIFE. WHAT COULD BE MORE FAMOUS THAN THE TITANIC ON ITS ILL-FATED MAIDEN VOYAGE? EXPERIENCE THE EMOTIONS OF THE HOPEFUL PASSENGERS AT THE TITANIC EXPERIENCE COBH, BEGINNING AT THE HISTORIC WHITE STAR TICKET OFFICE AND CULMINATING IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE FATE OF EACH OF THE 123 PASSENGERS WHO EMBARKED ON THIS UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY. DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT SPIKE ISLAND, RECOGNIZED AS EUROPE'S TOP TOURIST ATTRACTION AT THE ESTEEMED WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS! WITH ITS FORMIDABLE STAR-SHAPED FORTRESS, FORT MITCHEL, AND A HISTORY THAT SPANS 1,300 YEARS—FROM MONASTERY TO STRONGHOLD TO PRISON—EVERY CORNER REVEALS CAPTIVATING STORIES. AS YOU CONTINUE TO THE VIBRANT CITY OF CORK, PREPARE TO BE ENCHANTED! EASILY NAVIGABLE ON FOOT, THE TRISKEL ARTS CENTRE IS ESSENTIAL FOR ART ENTHUSIASTS. FOR A TRULY UNIQUE EXPERIENCE, DELVE INTO THE INTRIGUING 19TH-CENTURY HISTORY AND THE OPULENT GOTHIC AND CLASSICAL ARCHITECTURE OF CORK GAOL. ADDITIONALLY, BE SURE TO SAMPLE LOCAL SPECIALTIES AT THE FRANCISCAN WELL BREWERY, SITUATED ON AN ANCIENT MONASTIC SITE! SEEKING SOMETHING EXTRA? JOIN THE CORK TASTING TRAIL AND EXPLORE THE VICTORIAN ENGLISH MARKET, WHERE EVERY APPETITE HAS BEEN CATERED TO SINCE 1788. IN THE EVENING, SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT FOUNTAINSTOWN BEACH! DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER, YOU MAY WITNESS AN EXTRAORDINARY NATURAL SPECTACLE: THE ENCHANTING PHENOMENON OF BIOLUMINESCENCE, PRODUCED BY DINOFLAGELLATES. THESE SINGLE-CELLED MESOKARYOTES ILLUMINATE THE SEA WAVES, CREATING A MAGICAL AND SURREAL ATMOSPHERE THAT WILL LEAVE YOU IN AWE!



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DAY 7 - KINSALE, MALLAVOGE AND KILLARNEY - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

CONTINUE TO OLD HEAD OF KINSALE AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY! WITH ITS DRAMATIC CLIFFS CROWNED BY THE ICONIC STRIPED LIGHTHOUSE, THE AIR HERE IS INVIGORATING. THIS HEADLAND IS ALSO PART OF A REMARKABLE GOLF COURSE AND CONCEALS THE WRECK OF THE ILL-FATED LUSITANIA. ENJOY A LEISURELY CIRCULAR WALK AROUND THE CLIFFS TO AN ANCIENT CELTIC FORT DATING BACK TO 100 BC! DISCOVER THE LIFE OF THE LEGENDARY MICHAEL COLLINS AT THE MICHAEL COLLINS CENTRE. WHEN YOU VISIT THE MIZEN HEAD VISITOR CENTRE, TRAVERSE AN ARCHED BRIDGE OVER THE TUMULTUOUS WATERS BELOW - WHERE YOU MAY SPOT SEALS, DOLPHINS, OR HUMPBACK WHALES! BROW HEAD, A MALLAVOGE NEAR THE MIZEN HEAD PENINSULA, SERVED AS THE BACKDROP FOR SEVERAL ICONIC SCENES FROM STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI. A SINGLE GLANCE AROUND WILL REVEAL WHY THIS AREA WAS SELECTED! TAKE A MOMENT TO APPRECIATE THE UNTAMED BEAUTY OF THE SKELLIGS FEATURED IN THE FILM. SEEKING SPECTACULAR FESTIVALS, GOURMET CUISINE, AND A VIBRANT TRADITIONAL MUSIC SCENE? KILLARNEY OFFERS IT ALL! NESTLED AT THE FOOT OF MACGILLYCUDDY'S REEKS - IRELAND'S HIGHEST MOUNTAINS - THE CITY PULSATES WITH ENERGY AND IS ENVELOPED BY THE BREATHTAKING LANDSCAPES OF COUNTY KERRY. BEFORE DEPARTING THIS CHARMING CITY, SAVOR THE FRESHEST DISHES AT QUINLAN'S SEAFOOD BAR OR ALLOW THE TRADITIONAL MUSIC TO SWAY YOU AT MURPHY'S BAR UNTIL DAWN! KILLARNEY NATIONAL PARK BECKONS WITH MAJESTIC MOUNTAINS, SHIMMERING LAKES, AND ENCHANTING WATERFALLS; IT FEELS LIKE ENTERING ANOTHER REALM! AND IF YOU FIND YOURSELF HERE IN AUGUST, PREPARE FOR THE DELIGHTFUL SURPRISE OF THE ROSE OF TRALEE FESTIVAL, WHICH WILL ILLUMINATE THE CITY WITH UNFORGETTABLE CELEBRATIONS!

DAY 8 - KILBAHA, LAHINCH, CLIFFS OF MOHER AND GALWAY - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

EMBARK ON THE RENOWNED LOOP HEAD PENINSULA DRIVE AND PREPARE TO BE CAPTIVATED BY THE STUNNING SCENERY WHERE THE PROTECTED SHANNON ESTUARY CONVERGES WITH THE FORMIDABLE ATLANTIC OCEAN, MARKED BY A LIGHTHOUSE THAT SIGNIFIES THE EDGE OF THE WORLD. WELCOME TO LOOP HEAD IN KILBAHA, WHERE VISTAS EXTEND TO THE ENCHANTING BASKET ISLANDS IN KERRY, AND DAILY ENCOUNTERS WITH DOLPHINS, WHALES, SEALS, AND SEABIRDS ARE COMMONPLACE. SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EMBARK ON A BOAT TRIP TO WITNESS EUROPE'S LARGEST POD OF BOTTLENOSE DOLPHINS IN THIS DISTINCTIVE EU CONSERVATION AREA, OR SAVOR FRESHLY SMOKED ORGANIC SALMON AT THE BURREN SMOKEHOUSE. WHILE IN THE BURREN, IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE VIBRANT ESSENCE OF IRELAND'S MOST UNIQUE LANDSCAPE AT THE BURREN AND CLIFFS OF MOHER GEOPARK. DO NOT MISS LAHINCH, A LIVELY TOWN BRIMMING WITH INTRIGUING CHARACTERS AND TRENDY BARS. ALLOW THE SOUND OF THE WAVES TO TRANSPORT YOU ALONG THE BREATHTAKING DOOLIN CLIFF WALK, OR VISIT THE ATMOSPHERIC GUS O'CONNOR'S PUB IN DOOLIN TO EXPERIENCE SOME OF THE FINEST TRADITIONAL MUSICIANS THIS CULTURAL REGION HAS TO OFFER. SPANNING OVER 8 KM ALONG THE COAST OF COUNTY CLARE, THE MAJESTIC CLIFFS OF MOHER ARE AN ESSENTIAL ATTRACTION, HOME TO A DIVERSE ARRAY OF BIRDLIFE, INCLUDING RAZORBILLS, KITTIWAKES, AND EVEN PEREGRINE FALCONS. FROM MAY TO JULY, THOUSANDS OF VIVIDLY COLORED PUFFINS NEST ON THE ICONIC CLIFFS ABOVE THE CRASHING WAVES BELOW, CREATING AN EXTRAORDINARY SPECTACLE FOR ALL VISITORS. AT THE HEART OF THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY LIES THE BOHEMIAN AND VIBRANT MELTING POT OF GALWAY CITY, A SANCTUARY FOR ARTISTS AND FESTIVAL ENTHUSIASTS. FROM MUSIC TO HORSE RACING, LITERATURE TO FRESH SEAFOOD, THE CITY OF TRIBES PROVIDES UNPARALLELED EXPERIENCES IN ITS LIVELY BARS, TRADITIONAL PUBS, AND CHIC RESTAURANTS. HISTORY AFICIONADOS WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THE GALWAY CITY MUSEUM OR SOAK IN THE MEDIEVAL AMBIANCE OF THE SPANISH ARCH. IN JULY, PARTAKE IN THE FESTIVITIES AT THE GALWAY INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL, ONE OF EUROPE'S LARGEST CREATIVE EVENTS.



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DAY 9 - KYLEMORE, WESTPORT AND ACHILL ISLAND - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

AS YOU JOURNEY ALONG THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY TOWARDS CONNEMARA IN COUNTY GALWAY, BE SURE TO HEED THE SIGNS LEADING TO THE CAPTIVATING KYLEMORE ABBEY, WHICH HAS BEEN HOME TO BENEDICTINE NUNS SINCE 1920. EXPLORE THE METICULOUSLY RESTORED ROOMS OF THE ABBEY AND BECOME ENGROSSED IN THE LOVE STORY OF ITS ORIGINAL PROPRIETORS. DO NOT OVERLOOK A VISIT TO THE VICTORIAN WALLED GARDEN; AS SHIRLEY LANIGAN NOTED IN THE 100 BEST GARDENS OF IRELAND: "ANY GARDEN THAT CAN COMPETE WITH SUCH SCENERY MUST BE TRULY IMPRESSIVE." THE FLOWERBEDS AT KYLEMORE CERTAINLY LIVE UP TO THIS STANDARD! ASCEND THE GRAVELLY SLOPES OF CROAGH PATRICK IN MAYO AND RELISH THE BREATHTAKING VIEWS OVER CLEW BAY. SUBSEQUENTLY, PROCEED TO WESTPORT AND THE MATT MOLLOY PUB FOR AN ASSURED EVENING OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC. A VISIT TO THE ENCHANTING ISLAND OF ACHILL, SITUATED AT THE WESTERN TIP OF COUNTY MAYO, RESEMBLES AN ENCHANTED JOURNEY BACK IN TIME, WHERE THE SIMPLICITY OF A BYGONE ERA HAS BEEN BEAUTIFULLY PRESERVED. TRAVERSE THE SCENIC COASTAL ROAD TO KEEM STRAND AND ADMIRE THE MAJESTIC CLIFFS ALONGSIDE THE STUNNING SANDY BEACHES. ON YOUR RETURN, STOP AT THE SEASIDE SHACK LÍLÍ BÁN FOR A COFFEE ON KEEL BEACH!

DAY 10 - BUNDORAN, SLIGO AND SLIEVE LEAGUE - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

THE RUGGED NORTHERN COAST IS A GENUINE SURFING HAVEN, RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE PREMIER COLD-WATER SURFING DESTINATIONS GLOBALLY. THE TOWN OF BUNDORAN IN COUNTY DONEGAL, LISTED AMONG THE TOP 20 SURF TOWNS BY NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, ALONGSIDE MULLAGHMORE HEAD IN SLIGO, EXEMPLIFIES THE REGION'S INTERNATIONAL ALLURE. HOWEVER, THE APPEAL EXTENDS BEYOND EXCEPTIONAL SURFING: ONE CAN HIKE THE STUNNING GLENIFF HORSE SHOE FOR PANORAMIC VIEWS OF BEN BULBEN OR VISIT THE HISTORIC DRUMCLIFFE CHURCH, THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE RENOWNED WRITER W.B. YEATS. RECENTLY, DONEGAL SECURED THE TOP POSITION ON NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC'S COOL LIST. DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT BUNDORAN IN JUNE FOR THE SEA SESSIONS MUSIC FESTIVAL AND DISCOVER WHAT MAKES IT SO UNIQUE! WALKING AMONG THE HIGHEST SEA CLIFFS IN EUROPE, SLIEVE LEAGUE NEAR CARRICK PROMISES TO BE AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE. THESE CLIFFS ARE NEARLY THREE TIMES TALLER THAN THE FAMOUS CLIFFS OF MOHER IN COUNTY CLARE! ONLY THE MOST INTREPID HIKERS WILL ATTEMPT THE NARROW AND EXPOSED RIDGE OF ONE MAN'S PASS. NEVERTHELESS, YOU CAN STILL RELISH THE VIEWS WITHOUT BEING AN EXPERT CLIMBER! DO STOP AT THE SLIEVE LEAGUE CLIFFS CENTRE IN TEELIN, A WELCOMING GATHERING PLACE RICH IN LOCAL HISTORY AND CULTURE, WHERE YOU WILL ALSO FIND TRADITIONAL CRAFTS AND IRISH MUSIC SESSIONS. FINALLY, VENTURE TO THE INISHOWEN PENINSULA, WHERE YOU MAY EVEN WITNESS THE NORTHERN LIGHTS ILLUMINATING THE HORIZON IF CONDITIONS PERMIT!



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DAYS 11 & 12 - DERRY - LONDONDERRY, PORTSTEWART BEACH, PORTRUSH, GIANT'S CAUSEWAY, CARRICK-A-REDE, RATHLIN ISLAND AND LARNE - NORTHERN IRELAND

LINKING THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY AND THE CAUSEWAY COASTAL ROUTE IS THE HISTORIC WALLED CITY OF DERRY-LONDONDERRY, ESTABLISHED IN THE 17TH CENTURY AS A DEFENSE FOR SETTLERS. STROLLING THROUGH THIS ENTIRELY WALLED CITY IS AN EXPERIENCE NOT TO BE OVERLOOKED. DERRY-LONDONDERRY BOASTS A COMPLEX AND CAPTIVATING HISTORY; DELVE DEEPER INTO THE CITY'S PAST AT THE MUSEUM OF FREE DERRY TO GAIN INSIGHT INTO THE CONTEXT OF ITS CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. SUBSEQUENTLY, VISIT THE SIEGE MUSEUM TO EXPLORE THE CITY'S HISTORY AND THE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT OF ITS WALLS. ADMIRE THE PRISTINE SANDS OF PORTSTEWART'S BLUE FLAG BEACH AND RESERVE A TABLE AT HARRY'S SHACK! PROCEED TO PORTRUSH FOR SURFING LESSONS AT ALVIVE SURF SCHOOL! ALTERNATIVELY, CHALLENGE YOURSELF ON THE GOLF COURSE AT ROYAL PORTRUSH GOLF CLUB. CONTINUING ALONG THE CAUSEWAY COASTAL ROUTE—REGARDED AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S PREMIER ROAD TRIPS—YOU WILL BE ASTONISHED BY THE BREATHTAKING VIEWS THAT AWAIT. UNDOUBTEDLY, THE MAIN ATTRACTION IS THE LEGENDARY GIANT'S CAUSEWAY NEAR BUSHMILLS: 40,000 BASALT COLUMNS DESCEND INTO THE SEA, A RESULT OF VOLCANIC ACTIVITY DATING BACK OVER 60 MILLION YEARS. SOME ATTRIBUTE THEIR FORMATION TO A MYTHICAL STRUGGLE BETWEEN GIANTS, A CAPTIVATING LEGEND THAT ADDS TO THE INTRIGUE! EXPERIENCE THE THRILL OF CROSSING THE CARRICK A REDE SUSPENSION BRIDGE NEAR BALLINTOY: A DIZZYING ADVENTURE THAT WILL LEAVE YOU BREATHLESS! WITH FEWER THAN 150 INHABITANTS, RATHLIN ISLAND FOSTERS A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND WARMLY WELCOMES VISITORS. IT ALSO SERVES AS A SANCTUARY FOR AN IMPRESSIVE VARIETY OF SEABIRDS AND IS STEEPED IN FASCINATING LEGENDS, INCLUDING THAT OF THE SCOTTISH KING ROBERT THE BRUCE. BEFORE DEPARTING THE ISLAND, BE SURE TO VISIT THE RATHLIN WEST LIGHT, ONE OF IRELAND'S MOST SIGNIFICANT LIGHTHOUSES. THEN, FOLLOW THE COAST TOWARDS THE ISLANDMAGEE PENINSULA, WHERE YOU SHOULD BOOK IN ADVANCE A VISIT TO THE GOBBINS CLIFF PATH; THIS STUNNING ARCHITECTURAL TRAIL MEANDERS ALONG THE CLIFFS OVERLOOKING THE WAVES BELOW AND WAS CONSTRUCTED OVER 100 YEARS AGO! AFTER INHALING THE PURE, FRESH SEA AIR, HEAD TO LARNE FOR A DELIGHTFUL MEAL AT THE HISTORIC BILLY ANDY BAR.

DAYS 13 & 14 - BELFAST, OMAGH, NEWTOWNARDS, NEWCASTLE AND STRANGFORD - NORTHERN IRELAND

WITH ITS ICONIC ATTRACTIONS AND VICTORIAN CHARM, BELFAST IS A VIBRANT CITY AWAITING YOUR EXPLORATION. HERE, THE ESSENCE, HISTORY, AND SORROW OF THE TITANIC ARE INSCRIBED NOT ONLY IN THE CITY'S HEART BUT ALSO IN THE ANNALS OF HISTORY. IMMERSE YOURSELF IN ITS LEGACY AT TITANIC BELFAST, AN INTERACTIVE MUSEUM DEDICATED TO THE REMARKABLE NARRATIVE OF THE OCEAN LINER. WHEN IT COMES TO NIGHTLIFE, BELFAST BOASTS AN ARRAY OF EXCELLENT PUBS. DO NOT MISS THE CROWN LIQUOR SALOON FOR A DISTINCTIVE VICTORIAN AMBIANCE, KELLY'S CELLARS, AN AUTHENTIC REFUGE SINCE 1720, AND BITTLES BAR, A DELIGHTFUL PUB HONORING IRELAND'S LITERARY AND SPORTING LEGENDS. THE FOLLOWING DAY, PROCEED TO OMAGH TO VISIT THE ULSTER AMERICAN FOLK PARK. ESTABLISHED IN 1976, IT IS A REMARKABLE TRIBUTE TO THE STORY OF IRISH EMIGRATION TO NORTH AMERICA, A JOURNEY THAT SPANS TWO CENTURIES. WITH OVER 30 ORIGINAL BUILDINGS, METICULOUSLY RELOCATED AND RESTORED, IT OFFERS A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE IN TIME AND SPACE. DO NOT OVERLOOK THE LIFE-SIZE REPLICA OF AN EMIGRANT SHIP—A POIGNANT SYMBOL OF THE TRANSITION FROM THE OLD WORLD TO THE NEW—AND IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE CRAMPED QUARTERS THAT CHARACTERIZED THE PERILOUS VOYAGE TO AMERICA. THE PARK WAS DEVELOPED AROUND THE HISTORIC MELLON HOUSE, THE BIRTHPLACE OF THOMAS MELLON, FOUNDER OF THE RENOWNED BANKING DYNASTY. STROLL ALONG PICTURESQUE PATHS AND DISCOVER TRADITIONAL FARMHOUSES WHILE LEARNING ABOUT LIFE IN RURAL ULSTER. EXPLORE THE ENDURING IMPACT THAT THE EMIGRATION OF THE ULSTER PEOPLE HAD ON NORTH AMERICA. COME AND EXPERIENCE THIS UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURE! THEN, HEAD TO THE STUNNING STRANGFORD LOUGH. ON THE EASTERN SHORE, YOU WILL FIND THE MAJESTIC 18TH-CENTURY MOUNT STEWART GARDENS IN NEWTOWNARDS, DESCRIBED BY GARDENER FIONNULA FALLON AS "AN EXCEPTIONAL BLEND OF GRANDEUR, EXTRAVAGANCE, AND ECCENTRICITY." A WALK THROUGH THE WOODS OF TOLLYMORE FOREST PARK IN NEWCASTLE WILL SURELY CAPTIVATE THE HEARTS OF GAME OF THRONES ENTHUSIASTS! THIS ICONIC LOCATION SERVED AS A MAJOR FILMING SITE FOR THE SERIES AND FEATURES THE GOTHIC REMAINS OF AN 18TH-CENTURY MANOR—THE PERFECT BACKDROP TO BRING WESTEROS TO LIFE. TRUE GAME OF THRONES FANS SHOULD CERTAINLY VISIT CASTLE WARD IN STRANGFORD, THE LEGENDARY HOME OF THE STARK FAMILY. JOIN IN ON EXCITING EXPERIENCES WITH UNFORGETTABLE FEASTS, ARCHERY LESSONS, FILM LOCATION TOURS, AND GLAMPING!



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DAY 15 - CARLINGFORD AND DROGHEDA - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

CONTINUE TO THE CHARMING MEDIEVAL VILLAGE OF CARLINGFORD, SET AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF SHIMMERING WATERS! EMBARK ON A BOATING ADVENTURE OR PARTICIPATE IN A GUIDED WALKING TOUR WHILE TAKING IN THE GRANDEUR OF SLIEVE FOY MOUNTAIN. AFTERWARDS, UNWIND AT PJ O'HARE PUB, ONE OF CARLINGFORD'S MOST VIBRANT ESTABLISHMENTS, FEATURING A PRESERVED OLD GROCERY STORE AND AN IDEAL AMBIANCE TO REJUVENATE. ADDITIONALLY, BE SURE TO EXPLORE THE COOLEY PENINSULA TO EXPERIENCE THE RENOWNED COOLEY DISTILLERY!

IN THE SERENE BOYNE VALLEY OF COUNTY MEATH RESIDES ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST SIGNIFICANT TREASURES: A NEOLITHIC PASSAGE TOMB THAT DATES BACK OVER 5,000 YEARS—PREDATING THE PYRAMIDS OF GIZA! VISIT THE BRÚ NA BÓINNE VISITOR CENTRE AND ADMIRE THE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE OF NEWGRANGE, WHICH COMES ALIVE EACH YEAR DURING THE WINTER SOLSTICE WHEN SUNLIGHT ILLUMINATES THE BURIAL CHAMBER. ADDITIONALLY, DELVE INTO THE NARRATIVE OF THE BATTLE OF THE BOYNE AT OLD BRIDGE WITHIN THE DEDICATED VISITOR CENTRE. PROCEED TO DROGHEDA AND ST PETER'S CHURCH TO VIEW THE PRESERVED HEAD OF ST OLIVER PLUNKETT, DISPLAYED IN A GILDED RELIQUARY FOLLOWING HIS EXECUTION IN 1681. STROLL THROUGH DROGHEDA—ONCE ONE OF THE LARGEST WALLED TOWNS IN MEDIEVAL IRELAND—APPRECIATE THE IMPRESSIVE STRUCTURE OF ST LAWRENCE'S GATE, AND EXPLORE MILLMOUNT MARTELLO TOWER, WHERE THE NORMANS ESTABLISHED A FORT IN THE 12TH CENTURY.

DAY 16 - TULLY, CELBRIDGE AND NEWBRIDGE - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

DISCOVER THE ALLURE OF EQUESTRIAN SPORT IN IRELAND WITH A DISTINCTIVE VISIT TO THE IRISH NATIONAL STUD IN TULLY, THE PROUD HOME OF FIVE CLASSIC CHAMPIONS. PLAN YOUR VISIT BETWEEN FEBRUARY AND JUNE TO WITNESS THE ENCHANTING FOAL SEASON, WHERE YOU MAY CATCH A GLIMPSE OF A FUTURE CHAMPION AMONG THE SPIRITED YOUNGSTERS. ENHANCE YOUR UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURE WITH A LEISURELY STROLL THROUGH THE CAPTIVATING JAPANESE GARDENS ADJACENT TO THE STUD. MAKE SURE TO STOP BY IRELAND'S FIRST AND LARGEST PALLADIAN MANSION, CASTLETOWN HOUSE IN CELBRIDGE, WHERE YOU CAN ENJOY PICTURESQUE RIVERSIDE WALKS, VERDANT PARKLAND, AND STUNNING OPULENCE. ADDITIONALLY, DO NOT OVERLOOK THE NEARBY MUSEUM OF STYLE ICONS IN NEWBRIDGE, SHOWCASING ICONIC ARTIFACTS FROM CINEMATIC LEGENDS. CONCLUDE YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH A TRIP TO THE KILDARE VILLAGE DISCOUNT DESIGNER OUTLET FOR SOME WELL-DESERVED RETAIL THERAPY!



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DAYS 1, 2 & 3 - BELFAST - NORTHERN IRELAND

TITANIC, THE SHIP OF DREAMS WITH A CAPTIVATING HISTORY, SERVES AS THE VIBRANT HEART OF BELFAST, WHERE SHE WAS DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED. SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT TITANIC BELFAST! RECOGNIZED AS THE LEADING VISITOR ATTRACTION BY THE WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS, HER DAZZLING FAÇADE ENCOMPASSES NINE GALLERIES ACROSS SIX FLOORS, SHOWCASING THE GRANDEUR OF THE TITANIC, ALONGSIDE INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS, AN UNDERWATER CINEMA, AND RIDES. DO NOT MISS TITANIC AFTERNOON TEA, SERVED ADJACENT TO A REPLICA OF THE GRAND STAIRCASE IN THE ELEGANT TITANIC SUITE. OUTSIDE, STROLL ALONG THE TITANIC'S SLIPWAYS AND SHIPYARD, OR EMBARK ON A WALKING OR BOAT TOUR TO UNCOVER THE SHIP'S MOST THRILLING MARITIME HISTORY. EXPERIENCE THE INTERACTIVE, SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF HMS CAROLINE, THE LAST VESSEL TO ENDURE THE BATTLE OF JUTLAND IN WORLD WAR I. EXPLORE CABINS RECREATED AS IF THE CREW WERE STILL ABOARD! FEELING HUNGRY? ESTABLISHED IN THE EARLY 19TH CENTURY, ST GEORGE'S MARKET IS A VIBRANT HUB FEATURING OVER 150 TRADERS, OFFERING AN IMPRESSIVE ARRAY OF ARTISAN OILS, HANDMADE CAKES, RARE TEAS, AND COFFEES. YOU'LL ALSO DISCOVER ANTIQUES, UNIQUE CLOTHING, AND EXTRAORDINARY JEWELLERY—A TRUE CORNUCOPIA OF DELIGHTS! FOR MUSIC ENTHUSIASTS, ST GEORGE'S MARKET FREQUENTLY COMES ALIVE WITH LIVE PERFORMANCES FROM THE FINEST LOCAL BANDS. IF YOU'RE IN SEARCH OF SOMETHING EXCEPTIONAL, DO NOT OVERLOOK THE AWARD-WINNING BELFAST FOOD TOUR, WHICH COMMENCES RIGHT IN THE MARKET. YOU WILL VISIT TRADITIONAL PUBS AND RENOWNED SHOPS, SAMPLING SOME OF THE FINEST LOCAL FOOD AND DRINK ALONG THE WAY. AND IF YOU STILL CRAVE MORE, HEAD TO DEANES LOVE FISH FOR AN UNMISSABLE MENU BRIMMING WITH THE FRESHEST SEAFOOD—ROCK OYSTERS, MARINATED SARDINES, AND FRITTO MISTO ARE JUST A FEW OF THE EXQUISITE OFFERINGS. AN ICONIC FEATURE OF THE BELFAST SKYLINE IS CITY HALL, WITH ITS STUNNING COPPER DOME THAT MAJESTICALLY TOWERS OVER THE SURROUNDING LANDSCAPE, CHARACTERIZED BY ITS BAROQUE STYLE AND GLEAMING WHITE WALLS—TOURS ARE COMPLIMENTARY AND ESSENTIAL FOR HISTORY ENTHUSIASTS! BE SURE TO VISIT THE GOOD FOOD & WINE COMPANY IN THE QUEEN'S ARCADE ACROSS THE STREET, WHERE YOU WILL FIND NORTHERN IRISH SPECIALTIES SUCH AS YELLOWMAN TOFFEE AND CRISPY BISCUITS. FINALLY, INDULGE IN AN UNFORGETTABLE DINNER AT THE REMARKABLE STIX & STONES, WHERE YOU CAN SAVOR DELICACIES SUCH AS PORTAVOGIE MUSSELS OR SUCCULENT SALT-AGED RIBEYE STEAKS—A TRUE FEAST FOR THE PALATE! ON YOUR SECOND DAY, EMBARK ON A MORNING STROLL THROUGH THE BOTANIC GARDENS IN SOUTH BELFAST, A HORTICULTURAL MARVEL. HOME TO SOME OF THE OLDEST PLANTS ON THE ISLAND, THE GARDENS AND THE PALM HOUSE GLASSHOUSE OFFER A DELIGHTFUL EXPLORATION. YOU CANNOT VISIT THIS PART OF THE CITY WITHOUT APPRECIATING THE EXQUISITE RED BRICK ARCHITECTURE AND MAGNOLIA TREES OF QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY. LUNCH AT MOLLY'S YARD IS A PLEASURE—CONSIDER TRYING MOLLY'S FISH SOUP ACCOMPANIED BY HILDEN STOUT WHEAT BREAD OR THE MOLLY'S BURGER MÓR ON PESTO TOAST TO SATISFY YOUR APPETITE. HAVE YOU EVER WISHED TO ENCOUNTER IRELAND'S ONLY DINOSAUR OR TO COME FACE-TO-FACE WITH AN EGYPTIAN MUMMY? THE ULSTER MUSEUM PRESENTS A VARIETY OF UNIQUE ATTRACTIONS, PROVIDING GLIMPSES INTO HISTORY FROM BOTH INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL PERSPECTIVES. TAKE A MOMENT TO RELAX AT THE GIRONA RESTAURANT WITHIN THE MUSEUM, WHERE YOU CAN ENJOY A COFFEE AND A FRESHLY BAKED SCONE TO PREPARE FOR YOUR NEXT DESTINATION. BEGINNING IN THE CATHEDRAL QUARTER AT THE DIRTY ONION BAR, THE BELFAST TRADITIONAL MUSIC TRAIL GUIDES YOU THROUGH SOME OF THE CITY'S FINEST TRADITIONAL MUSIC VENUES. WITH PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS AS YOUR GUIDES, THE JOURNEY MEANDERS ALONG COBBLED STREETS, PAST REMARKABLE LANDMARKS, AND INTO THREE RENOWNED BELFAST PUBS FOR LIVE TRADITIONAL MUSIC SESSIONS, SONGS, AND STORIES. AFTERWARDS, MARVEL AT THE ICONIC PEACE WALL AND LEARN ABOUT THE FASCINATING NARRATIVES BEHIND THE CITY'S VIBRANT POLITICAL MURALS. ON DAY THREE, GAZE UPON THE FORMIDABLE BATTLEMENTS OF ST ANNE'S CATHEDRAL BEFORE CROSSING THE STREET TO CELEBRATE BELFAST'S DYNAMIC LITERARY SCENE AT WRITER'S SQUARE, WHERE QUOTES FROM LOCAL LUMINARIES SUCH AS C.S. LEWIS, HANNA BELL, AND JOHN HEWITT ARE ETCHED INTO THE STONE BENEATH YOUR FEET. IF YOU HAVE TIME TO SPARE, DO NOT OVERLOOK THE CHARMING 'UMBRELLA LANEWAY,' KNOWN AS COMMERCIAL COURT. AT THE HEART OF THE CATHEDRAL QUARTER LIES THE MAC (METROPOLITAN ARTS CENTRE), A LIVELY HUB OF CREATIVITY THAT SHOWCASES DANCE, ART, MUSIC, AND THEATRE. AFTER IMMERSING YOURSELF IN THIS INSPIRING CULTURE, DO VISIT NATIVE, THE LOCAL CAFÉ THAT SERVES DELECTABLE DISHES CRAFTED FROM FRESH LOCAL INGREDIENTS! VENTURE SLIGHTLY OUTSIDE BELFAST TO EXPLORE CAVE HILL COUNTRY PARK—ENJOY BREATHTAKING VIEWS OVER THE CITY AS THE WAVES CRASH AGAINST THE COAST IN THIS AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY. ITS MOST NOTABLE FEATURE IS THE ROCKY OUTCROP KNOWN AS NAPOLEON'S NOSE, BELIEVED TO HAVE INSPIRED THE SLEEPING GIANT IN JOHNATHAN SWIFT'S GULLIVER'S TRAVELS. DISCOVER IT FOR YOURSELF BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE INTRIGUING DEVIL'S PUNCHBOWL, MCART'S FORT, AND CARR'S GLEN. CONCLUDE YOUR DAY WITH AN UNFORGETTABLE DINNER AT THE CELLAR RESTAURANT WITHIN BELFAST CASTLE AS THE SUN SETS OVER THE SURROUNDING HILLS IN THIS CITY GEM!



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DAY 4 - LARNE, GLENARM, CUSHENDUN AND GLENARIFF FOREST PARK - NORTHERN IRELAND

THE GOBBINS CLIFFS AT LARNE PROUDLY RISE FROM THE MAJESTIC BASALT CLIFFS OF THE ISLANDMAGEE PENINSULA, HAVING STOOD FOR OVER A CENTURY. TRAVERSE THE TUBE-SHAPED BRIDGE, SOARING 33 FEET (10 METERS) ABOVE THE SEA, AND MARVEL AT THE BREATHTAKING VISTAS AND DIVERSE WILDLIFE. NAVIGATE DRAMATIC BRIDGES, ASCEND ROCK-CARVED STAIRCASES, AND UNCOVER HIDDEN SMUGGLERS' CAVES AS THE WIND CARESSES YOU AND THE OCEAN WAVES CRASH BELOW. FOR A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE, SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EMBARK ON A SEA TOUR FROM BALLYLUMFORD TO THE CLIFFS—BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR NORTHERN IRELAND'S SOLE MAINLAND COLONY OF PUFFINS. FOLLOWING YOUR ADVENTURE, PROCEED TO THE VIBRANT TOWN OF LARNE TO UNWIND AND SAVOR A DELECTABLE MEAL AT THE RENOWNED BILLY ANDY'S BAR. EXPLORE BALLYGALLY CASTLE HOTEL, A MAGNIFICENT 17TH-CENTURY CASTLE CELEBRATED FOR ITS GOTHIC ALLURE, AND GLENARM CASTLE, THE MCDONNELL FAMILY RESIDENCE SINCE THE 1600S, STILL RESPLENDENT IN ITS GRANDEUR. WITHIN, YOU WILL DISCOVER HISTORIC FURNISHINGS, PORTRAITS, AND MORE DATING BACK TO THE 17TH CENTURY—A TRUE JOURNEY THROUGH TIME. ADDITIONALLY, DO NOT OVERLOOK THE CASTLE GARDENS, AMONG THE OLDEST IN IRELAND, PROVIDING AN IDEAL SETTING FOR A SUNNY AFTERNOON. INDULGE IN A CREAM TEA OR A LIGHT LUNCH DURING YOUR VISIT—BOTH OPTIONS ARE PERFECT FOR REJUVENATING YOUR SPIRITS. FANS OF GAME OF THRONES WILL INSTANTLY RECOGNIZE THE CUSHENDUN CAVES, ONE OF MANY ICONIC FILMING LOCATIONS ALONG THE CAUSEWAY COAST. TAKE A DETOUR TO MURLOUGH BAY FOR SOME OF THE MOST BREATHTAKING COASTAL VIEWS; ON A CLEAR DAY, YOU MAY EVEN GLIMPSE SCOTLAND. JUST A FEW MILES AWAY LIES GLENARIFF FOREST PARK, A STUNNING NATURE RESERVE NESTLED IN THE HEART OF THE GLENS, FEATURING THREE SPECTACULAR WATERFALLS AND NUMEROUS TRANQUIL RIVERSIDE WALKS.

DAY 5 - RATHLIN ISLAND, BALLYCASTLE AND BALLYMONEY - NORTHERN IRELAND

DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT RATHLIN, THE ONLY INHABITED ISLAND OFF THE COAST OF NORTHERN IRELAND. BOARD THE FERRY AND TRAVERSE THE PICTURESQUE CHURCH BAY TO EXPLORE THIS BEAUTIFUL L-SHAPED ISLAND. WITH A POPULATION OF APPROXIMATELY 140 RESIDENTS, RATHLIN IS STEEPED IN REMARKABLE LEGENDS—SIMPLY INQUIRE WITH THE LOCALS ABOUT ROBERT THE BRUCE, AND YOU WILL BE ASTONISHED! EMBARK ON A TOUR OF THE 'UPSIDE DOWN LIGHTHOUSE,' RATHLIN WEST LIGHT, ONE OF IRELAND'S MOST ICONIC LIGHTHOUSES. SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE THE ISLAND'S REMARKABLE WILDLIFE—WATCH FOR SEALS ON THE ROCKS, HARES IN THE FIELDS, AND SEABIRDS SUCH AS PUFFINS AND KITTIWAKES. FOLLOWING YOUR ISLAND ADVENTURE, BE SURE TO VISIT MORTON'S IN BALLYCASTLE FOR SOME FRESHLY CAUGHT FISH AND CHIPS—THE FRESHLY CAUGHT SEA BASS, COD, AND HADDOCK WILL TANTALIZE YOUR TASTE BUDS! EXPERIENCE AN EXHILARATING HORSEBACK RIDE WITH THE EXPERT GUIDES AT SHEANS HORSE FARM IN BALLYMONEY AND TAKE IN THE BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE HILLS AND NORTH ANTRIM COAST. THEN, PREPARE TO NAVIGATE THE CARRICK A REDE SUSPENSION BRIDGE NEAR BALLINTOY. STANDING 100 FEET ABOVE THE SEA, THIS BRIDGE HAS LINKED THE SMALL ISLAND OF CARRICK TO THE MAINLAND FOR APPROXIMATELY 350 YEARS. ONCE THERE, TAKE A DEEP BREATH AS YOU WALK ACROSS THE STURDY WOODEN PLANKS, AND YOU WILL BE REWARDED WITH SOME OF THE FINEST VIEWS ALONG THE CAUSEWAY COASTAL ROUTE. DO NOT OVERLOOK THE STUNNING AVENUE OF BEECH TREES KNOWN AS THE DARK HEDGES! THIS SCENIC PATHWAY SERVED AS THE BACKDROP FOR MEMORABLE SCENES IN GAME OF THRONES.



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DAY 6 - GIANT'S CAUSEWAY - NORTHERN IRELAND

THE GIANT'S CAUSEWAY IN COUNTY ANTRIM IS A SITE WHERE HISTORY AND MYTH INTERTWINE EFFORTLESSLY. WHILE EXPERTS ASSERT THAT THIS GEOLOGICAL MARVEL WAS FORMED BY VOLCANIC ACTIVITY OVER 60 MILLION YEARS AGO, TALES OF WARRIOR GIANTS HAVE ENDURED FOR CENTURIES. IT IS AN ESSENTIAL DESTINATION OF BREATHTAKING BEAUTY! DISCOVER THE INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS AT THE VISITOR CENTRE OR PURCHASE LOCAL CRAFTS IN THE GIFT SHOP. ADDITIONALLY, ALONG THE CAUSEWAY, WITNESS AN UNFORGETTABLE SUNSET!

DAY 7 - BUSHMILLS - NORTHERN IRELAND

THE OLD BUSHMILLS DISTILLERY IS IRELAND'S OLDEST DISTILLERY, CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING SINCE 1608, AND THE COMPANY'S SIGNATURE SINGLE MALT WHISKY IS STILL CRAFTED HERE TODAY. EXPERIENCE A GUIDED TOUR THAT ENGAGES ALL YOUR SENSES AND LEARN ABOUT THE WHISKY-MAKING PROCESS UTILIZING TRADITIONAL COPPER STILLS AND A TRIPLE DISTILLATION METHOD. INTERESTED IN FURTHER EXPLORATION? PARTICIPATE IN A GUIDED WHISKY TASTING OR ENJOY A MEAL AT THE ON-SITE RESTAURANT, WHICH FEATURES NORTHERN IRISH CUISINE WITH A BUSHMILLS TWIST. DUNLUCE CASTLE IS ARGUABLY ONE OF THE MOST BREATHTAKING SIGHTS ON THE PLANET. THE REMNANTS OF A 14TH-CENTURY CASTLE ARE SITUATED 100FT/30M ABOVE THE TUMULTUOUS OCEAN. THROUGHOUT HISTORY, DUNLUCE HAS BEEN THE BACKDROP FOR TALES OF SMUGGLERS AND TRAGIC LOVERS. IN THE 17TH CENTURY, A PORTION OF THE CASTLE COLLAPSED INTO THE SEA DURING A STORM. TODAY, WHILE DUNLUCE REMAINS IN RUINS, IT CONTINUES TO CAPTIVATE WITH ITS STUNNING BEAUTY.

DAY 8 - PORTRUSH, PORTSTEWART, COLERAINE AND DERRY - LONDONDERRY - NORTHERN IRELAND

EXPLORE PORTRUSH AND PORTSTEWART, TWO ENCHANTING SEASIDE VILLAGES TEEMING WITH ADVENTURE! EACH FEATURES RENOWNED GOLF COURSES, INCLUDING PORTSTEWART GOLF COURSE (HOST OF THE 2017 IRISH OPEN) AND ROYAL PORTRUSH (HOME OF THE 2019 OPEN), MAKING THEM IDEAL DESTINATIONS FOR BEACH ENTHUSIASTS AND CULINARY AFICIONADOS ALIKE. IN PORTRUSH, SAVOR THE DINING OPTIONS WITHIN THE RAMORE COMPLEX, SUCH AS THE HARBOUR BAR, PERFECT FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE DINNER EXPERIENCE. FOLLOWING YOUR MEAL, VISIT THE STUNNING PORTSTEWART BEACH AND INDULGE IN A DELIGHTFUL TREAT AT MORELLI'S ICE CREAM PARLOUR, WHERE AN IRRESISTIBLE SUNDAE AWAITS. BE SURE TO TAKE A LEISURELY STROLL ALONG DOWNHILL DEMESNE AND GAZE UPWARD: ON THE BEACH LIES ONE OF NORTHERN IRELAND'S MOST ICONIC LANDMARKS. MUSSENDEN TEMPLE, LOCATED NEAR COLERAINE, IS AN ARCHITECTURAL WONDER INSPIRED BY THE TEMPLE OF VESTA IN ITALY, SERVING AS AN IDYLIC VENUE FOR DREAM WEDDINGS. ENJOY A BREATHTAKING SUNSET DISPLAY: PACK A PICNIC, WANDER ALONG THE BEACH, AND THEN PROCEED TO THE TEMPLE FOR AN UNPARALLELED VIEW ILLUMINATED BY GOLDEN LIGHT. DISCOVER THE ANCIENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE OF MOUNTSANDEL, BELIEVED TO BE THE OLDEST ON THE ISLAND OF IRELAND, ALONGSIDE THE HISTORIC TOWN OF COLERAINE. TO CONCLUDE YOUR JOURNEY ALONG THE CAUSEWAY COASTAL ROUTE IN STYLE, CONTINUE TO THE PICTURESQUE WALLED CITY OF DERRY-LONDONDERRY!



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DAY 9 - DERRY - LONDONDERRY AND OMAGH - NORTHERN IRELAND

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DAYS 1, 2 & 3 - BELFAST - NORTHERN IRELAND

TITANIC, THE SHIP OF DREAMS WITH A CAPTIVATING HISTORY, SERVES AS THE VIBRANT HEART OF BELFAST, WHERE SHE WAS DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED. SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT TITANIC BELFAST! RECOGNIZED AS THE LEADING VISITOR ATTRACTION BY THE WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS, HER DAZZLING FAÇADE ENCOMPASSES NINE GALLERIES ACROSS SIX FLOORS, SHOWCASING THE GRANDEUR OF THE TITANIC, ALONGSIDE INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS, AN UNDERWATER CINEMA, AND RIDES. DO NOT MISS TITANIC AFTERNOON TEA, SERVED ADJACENT TO A REPLICA OF THE GRAND STAIRCASE IN THE ELEGANT TITANIC SUITE. OUTSIDE, STROLL ALONG THE TITANIC'S SLIPWAYS AND SHIPYARD, OR EMBARK ON A WALKING OR BOAT TOUR TO UNCOVER THE SHIP'S MOST THRILLING MARITIME HISTORY. EXPERIENCE THE INTERACTIVE, SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF HMS CAROLINE, THE LAST VESSEL TO ENDURE THE BATTLE OF JUTLAND IN WORLD WAR I. EXPLORE CABINS RECREATED AS IF THE CREW WERE STILL ABOARD! FEELING HUNGRY? ESTABLISHED IN THE EARLY 19TH CENTURY, ST GEORGE'S MARKET IS A VIBRANT HUB FEATURING OVER 150 TRADERS, OFFERING AN IMPRESSIVE ARRAY OF ARTISAN OILS, HANDMADE CAKES, RARE TEAS, AND COFFEES. YOU'LL ALSO DISCOVER ANTIQUES, UNIQUE CLOTHING, AND EXTRAORDINARY JEWELLERY—A TRUE CORNUCOPIA OF DELIGHTS! FOR MUSIC ENTHUSIASTS, ST GEORGE'S MARKET FREQUENTLY COMES ALIVE WITH LIVE PERFORMANCES FROM THE FINEST LOCAL BANDS. IF YOU'RE IN SEARCH OF SOMETHING EXCEPTIONAL, DO NOT OVERLOOK THE AWARD-WINNING BELFAST FOOD TOUR, WHICH COMMENCES RIGHT IN THE MARKET. YOU WILL VISIT TRADITIONAL PUBS AND RENOWNED SHOPS, SAMPLING SOME OF THE FINEST LOCAL FOOD AND DRINK ALONG THE WAY. AND IF YOU STILL CRAVE MORE, HEAD TO DEANES LOVE FISH FOR AN UNMISSABLE MENU BRIMMING WITH THE FRESHEST SEAFOOD—ROCK OYSTERS, MARINATED SARDINES, AND FRITTO MISTO ARE JUST A FEW OF THE EXQUISITE OFFERINGS. AN ICONIC FEATURE OF THE BELFAST SKYLINE IS CITY HALL, WITH ITS STUNNING COPPER DOME THAT MAJESTICALLY TOWERS OVER THE SURROUNDING LANDSCAPE, CHARACTERIZED BY ITS BAROQUE STYLE AND GLEAMING WHITE WALLS—TOURS ARE COMPLIMENTARY AND ESSENTIAL FOR HISTORY ENTHUSIASTS! BE SURE TO VISIT THE GOOD FOOD & WINE COMPANY IN THE QUEEN'S ARCADE ACROSS THE STREET, WHERE YOU WILL FIND NORTHERN IRISH SPECIALTIES SUCH AS YELLOWMAN TOFFEE AND CRISPY BISCUITS. FINALLY, INDULGE IN AN UNFORGETTABLE DINNER AT THE REMARKABLE STIX & STONES, WHERE YOU CAN SAVOR DELICACIES SUCH AS PORTAVOGIE MUSSELS OR SUCCULENT SALT-AGED RIBEYE STEAKS—A TRUE FEAST FOR THE PALATE! ON YOUR SECOND DAY, EMBARK ON A MORNING STROLL THROUGH THE BOTANIC GARDENS IN SOUTH BELFAST, A HORTICULTURAL MARVEL. HOME TO SOME OF THE OLDEST PLANTS ON THE ISLAND, THE GARDENS AND THE PALM HOUSE GLASSHOUSE OFFER A DELIGHTFUL EXPLORATION. YOU CANNOT VISIT THIS PART OF THE CITY WITHOUT APPRECIATING THE EXQUISITE RED BRICK ARCHITECTURE AND MAGNOLIA TREES OF QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY. LUNCH AT MOLLY'S YARD IS A PLEASURE—CONSIDER TRYING MOLLY'S FISH SOUP ACCOMPANIED BY HILDEN STOUT WHEAT BREAD OR THE MOLLY'S BURGER MÓR ON PESTO TOAST TO SATISFY YOUR APPETITE. HAVE YOU EVER WISHED TO ENCOUNTER IRELAND'S ONLY DINOSAUR OR TO COME FACE-TO-FACE WITH AN EGYPTIAN MUMMY? THE ULSTER MUSEUM PRESENTS A VARIETY OF UNIQUE ATTRACTIONS, PROVIDING GLIMPSES INTO HISTORY FROM BOTH INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL PERSPECTIVES. TAKE A MOMENT TO RELAX AT THE GIRONA RESTAURANT WITHIN THE MUSEUM, WHERE YOU CAN ENJOY A COFFEE AND A FRESHLY BAKED SCONE TO PREPARE FOR YOUR NEXT DESTINATION. BEGINNING IN THE CATHEDRAL QUARTER AT THE DIRTY ONION BAR, THE BELFAST TRADITIONAL MUSIC TRAIL GUIDES YOU THROUGH SOME OF THE CITY'S FINEST TRADITIONAL MUSIC VENUES. WITH PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS AS YOUR GUIDES, THE JOURNEY MEANDERS ALONG COBBLED STREETS, PAST REMARKABLE LANDMARKS, AND INTO THREE RENOWNED BELFAST PUBS FOR LIVE TRADITIONAL MUSIC SESSIONS, SONGS, AND STORIES. AFTERWARDS, MARVEL AT THE ICONIC PEACE WALL AND LEARN ABOUT THE FASCINATING NARRATIVES BEHIND THE CITY'S VIBRANT POLITICAL MURALS. ON DAY THREE, GAZE UPON THE FORMIDABLE BATTLEMENTS OF ST ANNE'S CATHEDRAL BEFORE CROSSING THE STREET TO CELEBRATE BELFAST'S DYNAMIC LITERARY SCENE AT WRITER'S SQUARE, WHERE QUOTES FROM LOCAL LUMINARIES SUCH AS C.S. LEWIS, HANNA BELL, AND JOHN HEWITT ARE ETCHED INTO THE STONE BENEATH YOUR FEET. IF YOU HAVE TIME TO SPARE, DO NOT OVERLOOK THE CHARMING 'UMBRELLA LANEWAY,' KNOWN AS COMMERCIAL COURT. AT THE HEART OF THE CATHEDRAL QUARTER LIES THE MAC (METROPOLITAN ARTS CENTRE), A LIVELY HUB OF CREATIVITY THAT SHOWCASES DANCE, ART, MUSIC, AND THEATRE. AFTER IMMERSING YOURSELF IN THIS INSPIRING CULTURE, DO VISIT NATIVE, THE LOCAL CAFÉ THAT SERVES DELECTABLE DISHES CRAFTED FROM FRESH LOCAL INGREDIENTS! VENTURE SLIGHTLY OUTSIDE BELFAST TO EXPLORE CAVE HILL COUNTRY PARK—ENJOY BREATHTAKING VIEWS OVER THE CITY AS THE WAVES CRASH AGAINST THE COAST IN THIS AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY. ITS MOST NOTABLE FEATURE IS THE ROCKY OUTCROP KNOWN AS NAPOLEON'S NOSE, BELIEVED TO HAVE INSPIRED THE SLEEPING GIANT IN JOHNATHAN SWIFT'S GULLIVER'S TRAVELS. DISCOVER IT FOR YOURSELF BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE INTRIGUING DEVIL'S PUNCHBOWL, MCART'S FORT, AND CARR'S GLEN. CONCLUDE YOUR DAY WITH AN UNFORGETTABLE DINNER AT THE CELLAR RESTAURANT WITHIN BELFAST CASTLE AS THE SUN SETS OVER THE SURROUNDING HILLS IN THIS CITY GEM!



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DAY 4 - DERRY - LONDONDERRY AND OMAGH - NORTHERN IRELAND

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DAYS 5 & 6 - PORTSTEWART, PORTRUSH, BUSHMILLS, GIANT'S CAUSEWAY, CARRICK-A-REDE, MUSSENDEN TEMPLE AND RATHLIN ISLAND - NORTHERN IRELAND

BEGIN YOUR DAY SAILING FROM PORTSTEWART FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE SEAFOOD ADVENTURE! PARTICIPATE IN A BREAKFAST TOUR - WHILE IT REQUIRES AN EARLY START, THE REWARDS ARE SUBSTANTIAL! YOUR DEDICATED CREW WILL TAKE YOU FISHING FOR FRESH CATCHES, LIKELY MACKEREL OR COD, BEFORE A LOCAL CHEF PREPARES A HOME-COOKED BREAKFAST FEATURING YOUR HAUL. NEARBY LIES THE MAGNIFICENT PORTSTEWART GOLF CLUB, NESTLED AMONG BREATHTAKING DUNES, WHILE THE RENOWNED ROYAL PORTRUSH GOLF CLUB, WHICH HOSTED THE OPEN IN 2019, IS A MUST-VISIT! BETWEEN PORTSTEWART AND CARRICK-A-REDE, NUMEROUS WONDERS AWAIT EXPLORATION: DO NOT OVERLOOK THE ENCHANTING RUINS OF DUNLUCE CASTLE, DRAMATICALLY PERCHED ON THE CLIFFS LIKE A SCENE FROM A MEDIEVAL FAIRYTALE! VISIT BUSHMILLS, HOME TO THE OLDEST WORKING WHISKY DISTILLERY ON THE ISLAND OF IRELAND - TAKE A TOUR AND SAMPLE THEIR OFFERINGS. AFTER LUNCH AT THE FRENCH ROOMS IN BUSHMILLS, PROCEED EAST TO EMBARK ON THE GIANT'S CAUSEWAY CLIFF TOP EXPERIENCE WALK WITH EXPERT LOCAL GUIDES. THIS SCENIC WALK PROVIDES BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE OF THE GIANT'S CAUSEWAY AND CROSSES THE CARRICK-A-REDE SUSPENSION BRIDGE. THEN, STOP AT BALLINTOY HARBOUR, AN ICONIC FILMING LOCATION FOR GAME OF THRONES ALONG THE CAUSEWAY COAST, CELEBRATED FOR ITS STUNNING SCENERY. ON YOUR RETURN, DO NOT MISS THE SPECTACULAR MUSSENDEN TEMPLE NEAR COLERAINE - A NEOCLASSICAL MASTERPIECE OVERLOOKING THE BEACH, PERFECT FOR MEMORABLE PHOTOGRAPHS! EXPERIENCE TWO UNMISSABLE COASTAL FESTIVALS IN NOVEMBER: ATLANTIC SESSIONS, WHICH CATERS TO DIVERSE MUSICAL TASTES, AND TASTE CAUSEWAY, OFFERING UNFORGETTABLE CULINARY EXPERIENCES BETWEEN LIMAVADY AND CUSHENDALL. ADDITIONALLY, CONSIDER EXTENDING YOUR VISIT TO THE REMARKABLE RATHLIN ISLAND, WHERE YOU CAN ENJOY WILDLIFE WALKS, BIRD WATCHING, OR VISIT IRELAND'S ONLY UPSIDE-DOWN LIGHTHOUSE! HEAR LOCAL LEGENDS ABOUT ROBERT THE BRUCE, INSPIRED BY THE PERSEVERANCE OF A SMALL SPIDER.



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DAYS 7 & 8 - MALIN HEAD, BANBA'S CROWN, INISHOWEN PENINSULA, GRIANÁN OF AILEACH, FANAD HEAD LIGHTHOUSE, GLENVEAGH CASTLE AND TORY ISLAND - NORTHERN IRELAND & REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

JUST OVER AN HOUR NORTH OF DERRY-LONDONDERRY, AT THE TIP OF THE INISHOWEN PENINSULA, LIES MALIN HEAD, A BREATHTAKING AND UNTAMED LOCALE THAT CAPTIVATES VISITORS IN ANY WEATHER. THIS IS WHERE THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY CONCLUDES. STROLL TO BANBA'S CROWN, THE NORTHERNMOST POINT ON THE ENTIRE ISLAND OF IRELAND, AND PREPARE TO SPOT BASKING SHARKS. IF YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT THE SEA AND ITS REMARKABLE INHABITANTS, DO NOT MISS THE EXHILARATING BOAT TRIP FROM BUNAGEE PIER IN INISHOWEN. AS YOU NAVIGATE THE DEEP BLUE WAVES OF THE ATLANTIC, YOU MAY ENCOUNTER MINKE WHALES, COMMON AND BOTTLENOSE DOLPHINS, HARBOUR PORPOISES, AND EVEN SUNFISH. HAVE YOU ALWAYS ASPIRED TO WITNESS THE NORTHERN LIGHTS? THE INISHOWEN PENINSULA IN COUNTY DONEGAL IS AN IDEAL LOCATION TO EXPERIENCE THIS EXTRAORDINARY NATURAL PHENOMENON, THANKS TO ITS NORTHERN POSITION AND MINIMAL LIGHT POLLUTION. AS YOU JOURNEY SOUTHWARD AND DEPART THE PENINSULA, PAUSE TO ADMIRE THE STUNNING VISTAS OF LOUGH FOYLE AND LOUGH SWILLY FROM THE 250-METRE HIGH PREHISTORIC STONE FORT GRIANÁN OF AILEACH NEAR BURT. THIS LEGENDARY SITE WAS EVEN REFERENCED BY PTOLEMY! IT IS ALSO SAID TO HAVE INSPIRED THE CURVES AND STONE WALLS OF THE NEARBY CHURCH OF ST AENGUS IN BURT, REGARDED AS A DESIGN MASTERPIECE. DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT FANAD HEAD LIGHTHOUSE, WHICH HAS SAFEGUARDED MARINERS SINCE 1817. ASCEND TO THE TOP FOR BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE OCEAN AS THE WIND SWIRLS AROUND YOU AND THE WAVES CRASH AGAINST THE ROCKS BELOW. YOU MAY ALSO TAKE A TOUR OR STAY OVERNIGHT IN THE LIGHTHOUSE ITSELF TO EXPERIENCE THE UNIQUE ALLURE OF THIS REMOTE CORNER OF THE WORLD. NOW IT IS TIME TO EXPLORE INLAND FOR A STRIKING CONTRAST. THIS REGION OFFERS AN INCREDIBLE RANGE, TRANSITIONING FROM WILD COASTLINE TO SERENE MOUNTAINS IN LESS THAN AN HOUR. THE DERRYVEAGH MOUNTAINS ARE HOME TO GLENVEAGH CASTLE AND ITS NATIONAL PARK—A VAST CONSERVATION AREA FILLED WITH SPARKLING LAKES, ENCHANTING WATERFALLS, AND ANCIENT OAK WOODLANDS. AT THE HEART OF THE PARK STANDS THE MAJESTIC 19TH-CENTURY CASTLE. THIS EXTRAORDINARY STRONGHOLD, WITH ITS TURRETS AND ROUND TOWERS, WAS CONSTRUCTED BY JOHN GEORGE ADAIR, A LAOIS MAN WHO AMASSED HIS FORTUNE AS A SPECULATOR IN AMERICA DURING THE 19TH CENTURY. HIS VISION WAS TO CREATE A CASTLE THAT WOULD STAND OUT IN THE ENCHANTING NATURAL SETTING. GLENVEAGH HAS HOSTED A GLITTERING ARRAY OF ILLUSTRIOUS GUESTS, INCLUDING MARILYN MONROE, CHARLIE CHAPLIN, AND GRETA GARBO. THIS IS A CASTLE THAT RADIATES TRUE MAGIC AND CHARM! CONTINUE ALONG THE COAST PAST THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF GLENVEAGH TO WITNESS UNFORGETTABLE SUNSETS. SPEND THE FOLLOWING DAY TAKING THE FERRY FROM MAGERAROARTY TO TORY ISLAND. THIS SMALL ISLAND IS HOME TO ARTISTS INSPIRED BY THE EXTRAORDINARY LIGHT AND BREATHTAKING VIEWS.



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DAYS 9 & 10 - MAGHERY, ARRANMORE ISLAND, GLENTIES, ARDARA AND MAGHERA - NORTHERN IRELAND & REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

DISCOVER A REALM OF ADVENTURES SURROUNDING DUNGLOE! STOP BY BEEDY'S BAR FOR AN EXCEPTIONAL LIVE IRISH TRADITIONAL MUSIC SESSION, MANAGED BY THE FAMILY OF MOYA DOHERTY, CO-FOUNDER OF RIVERDANCE. IF YOUR VISIT COINCIDES WITH THE JUNE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND, BE SURE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VIBRANT ROSSES WALKING WEEKEND—A DELIGHTFUL EXPERIENCE! FOR THOSE SEEKING BREATHTAKING SIGHTS, THE ARCH STACK IN MAGHERY WILL LEAVE YOU IN AWE. ALTERNATIVELY, TAKE THE FERRY FROM BURTONPORT TO ARRANMORE ISLAND AND EXPLORE ITS STUNNING SANDY BEACHES AND DRAMATIC CLIFFS THAT OVERLOOK THE MAJESTIC MOUNTAINS OF THE MAINLAND. THE CHARMING TOWN OF GLENTIES IS SITUATED AT THE CONFLUENCE OF TWO VALLEYS AND TWO RIVERS, THE OWENEA AND THE STRACASHEL; THE OWENEA IS AN EXCELLENT OPTION FOR FISHING ENTHUSIASTS. REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR ROD—OBTAIN A PERMIT AT THE OWENA ANGLING CENTRE AND PREPARE TO CATCH SOME FISH! FOR THOSE WISHING TO EXPLORE WITHOUT WELLINGTONS, MEANDER THROUGH THE WONDERS OF ST CONNELL'S MUSEUM AND HERITAGE CENTRE, WHERE YOU CAN UNCOVER THE POIGNANT NARRATIVE OF THE GREAT FAMINE OF 1845-1847 THAT RAVAGED DONEGAL'S CROPS. VISIT THE DONEGAL TWEED CENTRE IN ARDARA TO LEARN ABOUT THE TRADITION OF HAND-WEAVING TWEED. JUST BEYOND ARDARA, PAST THE ASSARANCA WATERFALL, LIE THE ENIGMATIC MAGHERA CAVES; IT IS SAID THAT IN TIMES OF DISTRESS, LOCALS SOUGHT REFUGE HERE TO EVADE CAPTURE. LASTLY, DO NOT MISS NANCY'S BAR, A CELEBRATED TRADITIONAL PUB OPERATED BY THE WELCOMING MCHUGH FAMILY, A TRUE EMBLEM OF IRISH HOSPITALITY!

DAYS 11 & 12 - GLENCOLMCILLE, SILVER STRAND, MALINBEG BAY, SLIEVE LEAGUE CLIFFS, KILLYBEGS AND DONEGAL TOWN - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

CONTINUE TO GLENCOLMCILLE, A LOCALE RICH IN ANCIENT DWELLINGS AND MEGALITHIC TOMBS. NAMED IN HONOR OF ST. COLUMBA, ONE OF IRELAND'S THREE PATRON SAINTS, WHO ARRIVED IN THE VALLEY DURING THE 6TH CENTURY. A VISIT TO SILVER STRAND, ONCE A HUB FOR SMUGGLING, OFFERS BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF A STUNNING BEACH FRAMED BY TOWERING CLIFFS. DO NOT MISS THE CHANCE TO EXPLORE GLENCOLMCILLE FOLK VILLAGE, WHERE YOU WILL BE WELCOMED WITH THE WARMTH CHARACTERISTIC OF DONEGAL AND GAIN AN AUTHENTIC INSIGHT INTO HISTORICAL WAYS OF LIFE. DO STOP AT MALINBEG BAY FOR INVIGORATING AIR THAT WILL LEAVE YOUR LIPS SALTY AND YOUR MIND REJUVENATED. AN ABSOLUTE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR VISIT TO DONEGAL IS THE MAGNIFICENT SLIEVE LEAGUE CLIFFS, AMONG THE HIGHEST IN EUROPE AT 601 METERS (1,972 FEET). DO TAKE A STROLL TO THE VIEWING PLATFORM, WHERE REMARKABLE VISTAS OF DONEGAL BAY AND THE SLIGO MOUNTAINS AWAIT! ADDITIONALLY, BE SURE TO LOOK FOR THE STONES THAT SPELL 'ÉIRE', WHICH SERVED AS A NAVIGATION AID DURING WORLD WAR II. NEAR TEELIN, OBSERVE A BROWN-HOODED FIGURE PRAYING BESIDE A BOAT - THIS MONUMENT COMMEMORATES THE 5TH-CENTURY MONKS WHO DEPARTED FROM THIS HISTORIC REGION OF DONEGAL TO BRAVE THE TUMULTUOUS SEAS TO ICELAND. INDULGE IN LUNCH AT KITTY KELLY'S, RENOWNED FOR ITS SEAFOOD AND FRENCH CUISINE. KILLYBEGS OVERLOOKS THE PICTURESQUE DONEGAL BAY, ST. JOHN'S POINT LIGHTHOUSE, AND THE DISTINCTIVE BEN BULBEN MOUNTAIN IN SLIGO. AS IRELAND'S PREMIER FISHING PORT, KILLYBEGS HAS A PROFOUND CONNECTION TO THE OCEAN, BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED AT THE MARITIME AND HERITAGE CENTRE. AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE BAY LIES DONEGAL TOWN, MEANING 'FORT OF THE STRANGERS', A REMINDER OF THE ERA WHEN THE VIKINGS ESTABLISHED IT AS THEIR STRONGHOLD. FROM THE GRANDEUR OF DONEGAL CASTLE TO THE RUINS OF THE FRANCISCAN FRIARY, EVERY CORNER TELLS A CAPTIVATING STORY. TO EXPERIENCE THIS ENCHANTING LOCALE FROM THE SEA, BOARD THE DONEGAL BAY WATERBUS FOR STUNNING VIEWS OF THE BLUESTACK MOUNTAINS, SEAL ISLAND, AND THE BAY ITSELF! RESERVE A TABLE AT HARVEY'S POINT, RECOGNIZED AS BEST HOTEL RESTAURANT AT THE IRISH RESTAURANT AWARDS! ALTERNATIVELY, CHOOSE A MORE CASUAL DINING EXPERIENCE AT THE HARBOUR RESTAURANT OR THE VILLAGE TAVERN - YOU TRULY DESERVE SOME AUTHENTIC DONEGAL HOSPITALITY!



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SPARKLING SEAS, BREATHTAKING CLIFFS, AND ANCIENT ARCHITECTURAL MARVELS... IT IS TIME TO IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE STUNNING VISTAS OF IRELAND'S SOUTHERN PENINSULAS!

Join us on this remarkable tour to uncover hidden gems, captivating narratives, and distinctive flavors in County Cork. You will visit the picturesque harbor town of Cobh before proceeding to the southern coast, where you will explore the five splendid peninsulas: Dingle, Iveragh, Beara, Sheep's Head, and Mizen. Experience the timeless beauty of the Ring of Kerry and feel as though you are at the edge of the world!

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- FERRY



10 DAYS OR MORE





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DAY 1 - CORK AND FOUNTAINSTOWN BEACH - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

EMBARK ON YOUR CORK ADVENTURE WITH ENTHUSIASM! YOUR FIRST DAY PRESENTS AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE CITY AND BE CAPTIVATED BY ITS WONDERS. STROLL THROUGH THE LIVELY STREETS AND IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE DISTINCTIVE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS. FOR THOSE INTRIGUED BY HISTORY, A HISTORICAL TOUR WILL TRANSPORT YOU BACK IN TIME, WHILE A FOOD TOUR WILL ALLOW YOU TO SAVOR DELECTABLE LOCAL SNACKS. REGARDLESS OF YOUR CHOICE, TRAVERSING THE STREETS OF CORK PROMISES TO BE AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE! WHILE YOU EXPLORE, BE SURE TO VISIT THE ENGLISH MARKET, WHERE YOU WILL DISCOVER STALLS FEATURING TRENDY VINTAGE CLOTHING; HOWEVER, THE TRUE HIGHLIGHT IS THE EXCEPTIONAL FOOD. EXPERIENCE THE FLAVORS OF CORK'S CULINARY HERITAGE ALONGSIDE INTERNATIONAL DELICACIES. AFTER SHOPPING, TAKE A MOMENT TO RELAX IN ONE OF THE MARKET'S CAFÉS WITH A FINE COFFEE. SEEKING LUNCH? SPITJACK IS THE IDEAL DESTINATION FOR DELICIOUS ROAST CHICKEN AND GOURMET SANDWICHES—BE SURE TO TRY THEIR REUBEN OR INVIGORATING HUEVOS RANCHEROS TO ENERGIZE YOUR DAY! IF YOU PREFER SOMETHING LIGHTER, HEAD TO QUINLAN'S SEAFOOD BAR FOR SOME OF THE FINEST FISH AND CHIPS IN TOWN, OR INDULGE IN THE FRESHEST MUSSELS AND CRAB. DO NOT OVERLOOK THE CRAWFORD ART GALLERY! WITH A COLLECTION THAT SPANS FROM 18TH-CENTURY PAINTINGS TO CONTEMPORARY VIDEO INSTALLATIONS, IT OFFERS A PERFECT CULTURAL EXPERIENCE. ANOTHER ESSENTIAL STOP IS CORK CITY GAOL—THIS CASTLE PRISON PROVIDES A FASCINATING JOURNEY THROUGH HISTORY, WITH CAPTIVATING STORIES WAITING TO BE UNCOVERED AT EVERY TURN, ENJOYABLE FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY. ADDITIONALLY, DO NOT MISS THE BUTTER MUSEUM; WHILE IT FOCUSES ON BUTTER, IT PROVIDES A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE ON IRELAND'S COMMERCIAL AND SOCIAL HISTORY. BE SURE TO CATCH THE BUTTER-MAKING DEMONSTRATIONS! AFTER A BUSY DAY, TAKE THE TIME TO UNWIND. HEAD OVER TO OLIVER PLUNKETT STREET FOR SOME SHOPPING OR A QUIET PINT AT ESTABLISHMENTS LIKE THE OLIVER PLUNKETT OR AN BODHRÁN. YOU CANNOT MISS THE CRANE LANE THEATRE, WHERE LIVE MUSIC IS FEATURED EVERY NIGHT, ALONGSIDE THEATRICAL PERFORMANCES IN A CHARMING RETRO SETTING—THE PERFECT VENUE FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING! FOR DINNER, ELECTRIC IS A MUST-VISIT: THIS TRENDY ESTABLISHMENT OFFERS A DIVERSE MENU RANGING FROM SUSHI TO KATSU CURRY TO WAGYU BEEF FILLET. HOWEVER, IT IS THE COCKTAILS THAT TRULY STAND OUT; WITH AN EXTENSIVE MENU THAT INCLUDES TROPICAL FRUITS AND COFFEE, YOU ARE SURE TO FIND SOMETHING THAT APPEALS TO YOU. IN THE EVENING, DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT FOUNTAINSTOWN BEACH! DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER, YOU MAY WITNESS A REMARKABLE NATURAL SPECTACLE: THE ENCHANTING PHENOMENON OF BIOLUMINESCENCE, CREATED BY DINOFLAGELLATES. THESE SINGLE-CELLED MESOKARYOTES ILLUMINATE THE SEA WAVES, CRAFTING A MAGICAL AND SURREAL ATMOSPHERE THAT WILL LEAVE YOU IN AWE!



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DAY 2 - COBH - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

HEAD TO THE PICTURESQUE HARBOR TOWN OF COBH. EXPLORE THE INTRIGUING SPIKE ISLAND, A HISTORIC SITE IN CORK HARBOUR WITH OVER 1,300 YEARS OF IRISH HISTORY TO UNCOVER. THE TOUR FEATURES AN EXHILARATING FERRY RIDE AND A GUIDED WALK AROUND THE ISLAND'S HISTORIC LANDMARKS, NARRATED BY AN EXPERT STORYTELLER. SPIKE ISLAND BOASTS A CAPTIVATING HISTORY, BEGINNING AS A MONASTERY IN THE 7TH CENTURY, EVOLVING INTO A MILITARY FORTRESS, AND LATER SERVING AS A PRISON UNTIL THE 1980S. UNDOUBTEDLY, THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT LOCATIONS IN IRELAND—A PERFECT WAY TO COMMENCE YOUR ADVENTURE! AFTER ENJOYING THE FERRY RIDE AND UNCOVERING THE SECRETS OF SPIKE ISLAND, IT'S TIME TO INDULGE YOUR APPETITE! JACOB'S LADDER AT THE WATERSEDGE HOTEL IS IDEAL FOR A SERENE LUNCH. GIVEN ITS PROXIMITY TO THE SEA, YOU MUST SAMPLE THEIR DELECTABLE CHOWDER OR FISH AND CHIPS, THOUGH THE MENU OFFERS A VARIETY OF OTHER DELICACIES AS WELL. THE VIEWS OF CORK HARBOUR AND SPIKE ISLAND WILL ENHANCE YOUR DINING EXPERIENCE AS YOU WATCH THE SHIPS ARRIVE. IF YOU ARE IN THE AREA BETWEEN WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY, VISIT ELLEN'S KITCHEN FOR MOUTH-WATERING OPTIONS SUCH AS STEAK SANDWICHES OR ELLEN'S HOMEMADE FISH CAKES. SHOULD YOU CRAVE SOMETHING SWEET, CONSIDER THE FRESHLY BAKED CAKES PAIRED WITH LOCALLY ROASTED MAHER'S COFFEE. CONTINUE YOUR AFTERNOON WITH MORE REMARKABLE ATTRACTIONS IN COBH! BEGIN AT THE COBH HERITAGE CENTRE, WHERE YOU CAN IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE HISTORY OF IRISH EMIGRATION THROUGH ENGAGING EXHIBITS. YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT LIFE ABOARD THE COFFIN SHIPS THAT TRANSPORTED EMIGRANTS TO NEW BEGINNINGS AND HEAR THE POIGNANT STORY OF ANNIE MOORE, THE FIRST PERSON PROCESSED AT ELLIS ISLAND IN THE USA. COBH IS ALSO ASSOCIATED WITH THE RMS TITANIC, AS IT WAS THE LAST PORT OF CALL BEFORE ITS ILL-FATED MAIDEN VOYAGE. THIS LEGACY IS COMMEMORATED IN THE TITANIC EXPERIENCE ATTRACTION, WHICH NARRATES THE STORIES OF THE PASSENGERS THROUGH AUTHENTIC PERSONAL ACCOUNTS. UPON ARRIVAL, YOU WILL RECEIVE A POSTCARD BEARING THE REAL NAME OF ONE OF THE TITANIC PASSENGERS; YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT THEIR EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCE ON THAT UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY. UNWIND WITH A DELIGHTFUL DINNER AT THE QUAY'S BAR AND RESTAURANT, WHICH OFFERS BREATHTAKING HARBOR VIEWS ALONGSIDE A DIVERSE AND AFFORDABLE MENU, OR AT JACOB'S LADDER, WHERE YOU CANNOT MISS THE SEAFOOD SPECIALTIES—YOU MUST TRY THE SLOW-ROASTED SCALLOPS, A TRUE DELIGHT! ANOTHER EXCELLENT OPTION IS THE TITANIC BAR AND GRILL, PERFECT FOR A QUICK YET SATISFYING MEAL SUCH AS SPICY WINGS OR FLAVORFUL BURGERS TO CONCLUDE YOUR DAY. THIS LIVELY VENUE INVITES YOU TO ENJOY A COLD PINT OF THE RENOWNED GUINNESS WHILE WATCHING THE SUNSET OVER THE HARBOR. FINALLY, ENJOY A FINAL DRINK AT KELLY'S BAR OR VISIT MUTTON LANE IN THE CITY TO REFLECT ON THIS REMARKABLE DAY FILLED WITH EXQUISITE FOOD AND STUNNING VIEWS!



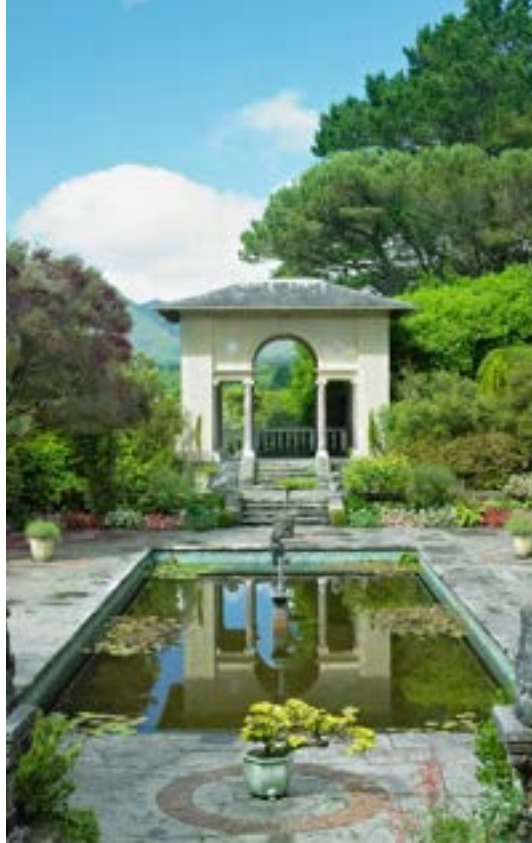
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DAYS 3 & 4 - TRALEE, BLENNEVILLE, CASTLEGREGORY, MAHAREES, BRANDON, CLOGHANE, GALLARUS ORATORY, BLASKET ISLANDS AND DINGLE - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

IN THE NORTHERN REGION OF THE DINGLE PENINSULA, TRALEE STANDS AS THE VIBRANT COUNTRY TOWN YOU HAVE ALWAYS ENVISIONED. DO NOT OVERLOOK THE CHARMING BLENNEVILLE WINDMILL, A HISTORIC LANDMARK WHERE THE IRISH DEPARTED DURING THE GREAT FAMINE TO SEEK NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NEW WORLD IN THE 19TH CENTURY. TRADITION ENDURES HERE: ENJOY A PERFORMANCE AT SIAMSA TÍRE, IRELAND'S NATIONAL FOLK THEATRE, OR PLAN YOUR VISIT FOR THE DISTINCTIVE ROSE OF TRALEE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL EACH AUGUST. TAKE A REFLECTIVE PAUSE BY THE TRANQUIL WATERS OF LOUGH GILL AT CASTLEGREGORY AND STROLL ALONG THE PRISTINE, UNSPOILED BEACHES OF MAHAREES TOMBOLO. NESTLED IN THE SHADOW OF THE MAJESTIC MOUNT BRANDON, ONE OF IRELAND'S HIGHEST PEAKS, BRANDON AND CLOGHANE EPITOMIZE THE IRISH COUNTRYSIDE, FEATURING QUIANT STONE COTTAGES AND PICTURESQUE HARBORS. AS YOU EXPLORE, YOU WILL BE REWARDED WITH BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF HEATHER-CLAD HILLS CASCADING INTO AZURE WATERS. VISIT THE ATMOSPHERIC 7TH-CENTURY GALLARUS ORATORY, SITUATED IN THE WINDSWEPT HILLS OF BALLYDAVID. GAZE DOWN THE STEEP, WINDING ROAD TO DUNQUIN HARBOUR—ONLY THE ENCHANTING BLASKET ISLANDS LIE BETWEEN YOU AND AMERICA! THEIR MOST RENOWNED RESIDENT WAS AUTHOR PEIG SAYERS, WHO CHOSE TO INHABIT THIS "LONELY ROCK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE GREAT SEA." ALTHOUGH UNINHABITED SINCE 1953, THE BLASKETS PROVIDE SPECTACULAR VISTAS FROM DUNQUIN—ENJOY OBSERVING THE AMIABLE LOCAL SHEEP! DINGLE IS AN ESSENTIAL STOP ON ANY IRISH ROAD TRIP, AND IT IS EASY TO UNDERSTAND WHY. THIS LIVELY TOWN TEEMS WITH ENERGY AS LOCALS AND VISITORS CONVERGE IN ITS COLORFUL STREETS, IMMERSING THEMSELVES IN THE UNIQUE AMBIANCE. INDULGE IN THE FRESHEST SEAFOOD AT THE CHART HOUSE AND SAVOR WHISKY, GIN, OR VODKA FROM DINGLE DISTILLERY. IF YOU CAN ARRANGE TO BE HERE DURING THE FESTIVAL ANIMATION DINGLE IN MARCH, YOU WILL PARTAKE IN AN UNMISSABLE CELEBRATION DEDICATED TO ALL THINGS ANIMATION!

DAY 5 - ROSSBEIGH BEACH, CROMANE, KILLORGLIN AND VALENTIA ISLAND - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

AS THE ATLANTIC WAVES GENTLY LAP AT YOUR FEET, UNWIND ON THE STUNNING ROSSBEIGH BEACH. IT IS EVIDENT WHY THIS NATURAL LOCALE IS INCLUDED IN THE CASTLEMAINE HARBOUR SPECIAL CONSERVATION AREA. THE INVIGORATING AIR WILL STIMULATE YOUR APPETITE, SO SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE DELECTABLE MENU AT JACK'S COASTGUARD RESTAURANT IN CROMANE, RECOGNIZED AS GEORGINA CAMPBELL'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR IN 2018. HAVE YOU EVER WITNESSED A FESTIVAL WHERE A GOAT IS CROWNED KING? THIS EXTRAORDINARY EVENT OCCURS SOLELY IN KILLORGLIN DURING THE PUCK FAIR EVERY AUGUST! VALENTIA ISLAND IS YOUR NEXT DESTINATION; PREPARE TO BE CAPTIVATED BY THE BREATHTAKING VISTAS ALONG THE RING OF KERRY. STROLL ALONG THE STEEP CLIFFS THAT OVERLOOK THE OCEAN TO BRAY HEAD TOWER. CONSTRUCTED DURING THE NAPOLEONIC WARS AND REPURPOSED IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR, YOU WILL OBSERVE THE WORD ÉIRE CARVED INTO THE STONE HERE—A MESSAGE TO PILOTS APPROACHING THE IRISH COAST. DO NOT FORGET TO ADMIRE THE IMPOSING SKELLIG ISLANDS; YOU MAY EVEN CATCH A GLIMPSE OF A FEW WHALES SWIMMING IN THE WATERS BELOW.



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DAYS 6 & 7 - SKELLIG ISLANDS, WATERVILLE, DERRYNANE, DROMQUINNA AND KENMARE - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

GAZE OUT OVER THE COAST AND ADMIRE THE SKELLIG ISLANDS EMERGING FROM THE TUMULTUOUS OCEAN. RECENTLY RENOWNED AS THE FILMING LOCATION FOR THE JEDI KNIGHTS IN STAR WARS, THESE ISLANDS WERE INHABITED IN THE 6TH CENTURY BY MONKS IN SEARCH OF SOLITUDE AND TRANQUILITY. CONSIDER THE REMARKABLE CHALLENGES FACED BY THOSE WHO RESIDED IN THIS EXTRAORDINARY LOCALE! IF YOU HAVE THE CHANCE TO ASCEND, NAVIGATE THE STEEP STONE STEPS TO DISCOVER ANCIENT BEEHIVE-SHAPED HUTS CLINGING TO THE CLIFFS, ENVELOPED IN AN IRRESISTIBLE SENSE OF PEACE. ENJOY A BOAT EXCURSION AROUND THE ISLANDS AND MARVEL AT THE VASTNESS OF THE MILKY WAY AT THE KERRY INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY RESERVE, IRELAND'S SOLE GOLD-CERTIFIED DARK SKY RESERVE. AT THE TIP OF THE IVERAGH PENINSULA LIES THE PICTURESQUE SEASIDE VILLAGE OF WATERVILLE, CELEBRATED FOR ITS EXPANSIVE SANDY BEACHES AND BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE SHIMMERING OCEAN. ONCE THE FAVORED RETREAT OF CHARLIE CHAPLIN IN IRELAND, TALES OF HIS FLY FISHING PROWESS CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE. TUCKED AMONG VERDANT FORESTS IS DERRYNANE HOUSE, THE ANCESTRAL RESIDENCE OF DANIEL "THE LIBERATOR" O'CONNELL - PAUSE HERE TO ABSORB THE GRANDEUR! FURTHER ALONG THE COAST IS DROMQUINNA MANOR, AN ELEGANT ESTATE SET WITHIN 40 ACRES OF LUSH GARDENS. AFTER EXPLORING THESE ENCHANTING GROUNDS, SATISFY YOUR CULINARY CRAVINGS AT THE BOATHOUSE BISTRO IN THE HISTORIC 1800S SEASIDE RESORT. ON THE SHORES OF THE BAY IS KENMARE, A CHARMING TOWN SITUATED BETWEEN THE RING OF KERRY AND THE RING OF BEARA. IT IS A WORLD-CLASS GASTRONOMIC DESTINATION FEATURING A FARMERS' MARKET WHERE YOU CAN PURCHASE EXQUISITE HANDCRAFTED GOODS! HOWEVER, IT IS THE ART OF LACE THAT TRULY BROUGHT THIS TOWN INTO THE LIMELIGHT - LACE HAS BEEN DONNED BY CELEBRITIES INCLUDING QUEEN ELIZABETH II AND THE POPE HIMSELF! DO NOT MISS AN ELEGANT DINNER AT THE LIME TREE RESTAURANT: CONSIDER FRIED BLACK SOLE OR GOURMET GOAT'S CHEESE CROQUETTES?

DAY 8 - DURSEY ISLAND, BALLYDONEGAN AND GARINISH ISLAND - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

DISCOVER THE ENCHANTING DURSEY ISLAND, A PARADISE UNTOUCHED BY HUMANS AND SOLELY INHABITED BY SHEEP, ACCESSIBLE VIA IRELAND'S ONLY CABLE CAR! THIS CAPTIVATING DESTINATION OFFERS UNPARALLELED TRANQUILITY: THERE ARE NO RUSH HOURS HERE, AND THE UNMARKED PATHS WILL GUIDE YOU THROUGH A FASCINATING CEMETERY AND ANCIENT STANDING STONES TO THE 200-YEAR-OLD SIGNAL TOWER RUINS TO THE SOUTH. VISIT BALLYDONEGAN AND MARVEL AT THE BEACH COMPOSED OF OVER 10,000 TONNES OF QUARTZ, GROUND FROM THE NEARBY COPPER MINES OVER TWO CENTURIES AGO. GARINISH ISLAND IS A TRUE GEM AWAITING YOUR EXPLORATION, FEATURING CHARMING WALKWAYS, RARE FLORA, AND EXQUISITE FORMAL GARDENS! LOCATED OFF THE COAST OF CORK NEAR GLENGARRIFF, THIS IDYLIC ISLAND IS ADORNED WITH VIBRANT FLOWERS AND ENCHANTING WOODLANDS. CONCLUDE YOUR DAY WITH AN UNFORGETTABLE DINING EXPERIENCE, SAVORING DELECTABLE SEAFOOD LINGUINE OR SALMON WITH MUSSELS AT O'CONNOR'S RESTAURANT IN BANTRY.



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DAYS 9 & 10 - AHAKISTA, BANTRY, MIZEN HEAD, CORK AND FOUNTAINSTOWN BEACH - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

WELCOME TO SHEEP'S HEAD, THE SMALLEST YET MOST DISTINCTIVE OF THE FIVE PENINSULAS IN THE REGION! HERE, YOU WILL DISCOVER LUSH GREENERY AND ABUNDANT WILDLIFE INTERSPERSED AMONG QUAIN COASTAL VILLAGES—EXPERIENCE THE ESSENCE OF WILD IRELAND! STOP AT AHAKISTA, WHERE THE WOODLAND MEETS THE SEA, AND TAKE A RESPITE AT THE HERON GALLERY CAFÉ & GARDENS TO ADMIRE THE VIBRANT WORKS OF ARTIST ANNABEL LANGRISH. FOR THE ADVENTUROUS, THE SHEEP'S HEAD WAY LOOPED WALK OFFERS A ROUTE WITH BREATHTAKING OCEAN VIEWS FROM THE HEATHER-CLAD SEEFIN RIDGE. WITNESS THE IMMACULATE LAWNS OF BANTRY HOUSE & GARDEN AND IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE PRISTINE BEAUTY OF THIS 18TH-CENTURY RESIDENCE. DON'T FORGET TO STOCK UP ON LOCAL DELICACIES AT MANNING'S EMPORIUM! BETWEEN TOWERING CLIFFS AND TUMULTUOUS WATERS STANDS MIZEN HEAD, EXTENDING INTO THE ATLANTIC! CROSS THE BRIDGE TO THIS NATURAL MARVEL AND PREPARE TO BE AMAZED BY THE WAVES BELOW! ASCEND TO THE SIGNAL STATION FOR UNPARALLELED VIEWS OF WHERE LAND MEETS THE STORMY SEA. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR FASTNET ROCK RISING SOLITARY FROM THE WAVES—IT EARNED THE MONIKER 'IRELAND'S TEARDROP' AS IT WAS THE LAST GLIMPSE OF IRELAND SEEN BY EMIGRANTS BEFORE THEY EMBARKED FOR THE NEW WORLD. FINALLY, INDULGE IN SUMMER EVENINGS FILLED WITH TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DELECTABLE SEAFOOD AT THE CROOKHAVEN INN!



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7 DAYS OR MORE





ITINERARY

DAY 1 - CORK AND FOUNTAINSTOWN BEACH - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

EMBARK ON YOUR CORK ADVENTURE WITH ENTHUSIASM! YOUR FIRST DAY PRESENTS AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE CITY AND BE CAPTIVATED BY ITS WONDERS. STROLL THROUGH THE LIVELY STREETS AND IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE DISTINCTIVE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS. FOR THOSE INTRIGUED BY HISTORY, A HISTORICAL TOUR WILL TRANSPORT YOU BACK IN TIME, WHILE A FOOD TOUR WILL ALLOW YOU TO SAVOR DELECTABLE LOCAL SNACKS. REGARDLESS OF YOUR CHOICE, TRAVERSING THE STREETS OF CORK PROMISES TO BE AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE! WHILE YOU EXPLORE, BE SURE TO VISIT THE ENGLISH MARKET, WHERE YOU WILL DISCOVER STALLS FEATURING TRENDY VINTAGE CLOTHING; HOWEVER, THE TRUE HIGHLIGHT IS THE EXCEPTIONAL FOOD. EXPERIENCE THE FLAVORS OF CORK'S CULINARY HERITAGE ALONGSIDE INTERNATIONAL DELICACIES. AFTER SHOPPING, TAKE A MOMENT TO RELAX IN ONE OF THE MARKET'S CAFÉS WITH A FINE COFFEE. SEEKING LUNCH? SPITJACK IS THE IDEAL DESTINATION FOR DELICIOUS ROAST CHICKEN AND GOURMET SANDWICHES—BE SURE TO TRY THEIR REUBEN OR INVIGORATING HUEVOS RANCHEROS TO ENERGIZE YOUR DAY! IF YOU PREFER SOMETHING LIGHTER, HEAD TO QUINLAN'S SEAFOOD BAR FOR SOME OF THE FINEST FISH AND CHIPS IN TOWN, OR INDULGE IN THE FRESHEST MUSSELS AND CRAB. DO NOT OVERLOOK THE CRAWFORD ART GALLERY! WITH A COLLECTION THAT SPANS FROM 18TH-CENTURY PAINTINGS TO CONTEMPORARY VIDEO INSTALLATIONS, IT OFFERS A PERFECT CULTURAL EXPERIENCE. ANOTHER ESSENTIAL STOP IS CORK CITY GAOL—THIS CASTLE PRISON PROVIDES A FASCINATING JOURNEY THROUGH HISTORY, WITH CAPTIVATING STORIES WAITING TO BE UNCOVERED AT EVERY TURN, ENJOYABLE FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY. ADDITIONALLY, DO NOT MISS THE BUTTER MUSEUM; WHILE IT FOCUSES ON BUTTER, IT PROVIDES A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE ON IRELAND'S COMMERCIAL AND SOCIAL HISTORY. BE SURE TO CATCH THE BUTTER-MAKING DEMONSTRATIONS! AFTER A BUSY DAY, TAKE THE TIME TO UNWIND. HEAD OVER TO OLIVER PLUNKETT STREET FOR SOME SHOPPING OR A QUIET PINT AT ESTABLISHMENTS LIKE THE OLIVER PLUNKETT OR AN BODHRÁN. YOU CANNOT MISS THE CRANE LANE THEATRE, WHERE LIVE MUSIC IS FEATURED EVERY NIGHT, ALONGSIDE THEATRICAL PERFORMANCES IN A CHARMING RETRO SETTING—THE PERFECT VENUE FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING! FOR DINNER, ELECTRIC IS A MUST-VISIT: THIS TRENDY ESTABLISHMENT OFFERS A DIVERSE MENU RANGING FROM SUSHI TO KATSU CURRY TO WAGYU BEEF FILLET. HOWEVER, IT IS THE COCKTAILS THAT TRULY STAND OUT; WITH AN EXTENSIVE MENU THAT INCLUDES TROPICAL FRUITS AND COFFEE, YOU ARE SURE TO FIND SOMETHING THAT APPEALS TO YOU. IN THE EVENING, DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT FOUNTAINSTOWN BEACH! DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER, YOU MAY WITNESS A REMARKABLE NATURAL SPECTACLE: THE ENCHANTING PHENOMENON OF BIOLUMINESCENCE, CREATED BY DINOFLLAGELLATES. THESE SINGLE-CELLED MESOKARYOTES ILLUMINATE THE SEA WAVES, CRAFTING A MAGICAL AND SURREAL ATMOSPHERE THAT WILL LEAVE YOU IN AWE!



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DAY 2 - COBH - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

HEAD TO THE PICTURESQUE HARBOR TOWN OF COBH. EXPLORE THE INTRIGUING SPIKE ISLAND, A HISTORIC SITE IN CORK HARBOUR WITH OVER 1,300 YEARS OF IRISH HISTORY TO UNCOVER. THE TOUR FEATURES AN EXHILARATING FERRY RIDE AND A GUIDED WALK AROUND THE ISLAND'S HISTORIC LANDMARKS, NARRATED BY AN EXPERT STORYTELLER. SPIKE ISLAND BOASTS A CAPTIVATING HISTORY, BEGINNING AS A MONASTERY IN THE 7TH CENTURY, EVOLVING INTO A MILITARY FORTRESS, AND LATER SERVING AS A PRISON UNTIL THE 1980S. UNDOUBTEDLY, THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT LOCATIONS IN IRELAND—A PERFECT WAY TO COMMENCE YOUR ADVENTURE! AFTER ENJOYING THE FERRY RIDE AND UNCOVERING THE SECRETS OF SPIKE ISLAND, IT'S TIME TO INDULGE YOUR APPETITE! JACOB'S LADDER AT THE WATERSEDGE HOTEL IS IDEAL FOR A SERENE LUNCH. GIVEN ITS PROXIMITY TO THE SEA, YOU MUST SAMPLE THEIR DELECTABLE CHOWDER OR FISH AND CHIPS, THOUGH THE MENU OFFERS A VARIETY OF OTHER DELICACIES AS WELL. THE VIEWS OF CORK HARBOUR AND SPIKE ISLAND WILL ENHANCE YOUR DINING EXPERIENCE AS YOU WATCH THE SHIPS ARRIVE. IF YOU ARE IN THE AREA BETWEEN WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY, VISIT ELLEN'S KITCHEN FOR MOUTH-WATERING OPTIONS SUCH AS STEAK SANDWICHES OR ELLEN'S HOMEMADE FISH CAKES. SHOULD YOU CRAVE SOMETHING SWEET, CONSIDER THE FRESHLY BAKED CAKES PAIRED WITH LOCALLY ROASTED MAHER'S COFFEE. CONTINUE YOUR AFTERNOON WITH MORE REMARKABLE ATTRACTIONS IN COBH! BEGIN AT THE COBH HERITAGE CENTRE, WHERE YOU CAN IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE HISTORY OF IRISH EMIGRATION THROUGH ENGAGING EXHIBITS. YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT LIFE ABOARD THE COFFIN SHIPS THAT TRANSPORTED EMIGRANTS TO NEW BEGINNINGS AND HEAR THE POIGNANT STORY OF ANNIE MOORE, THE FIRST PERSON PROCESSED AT ELLIS ISLAND IN THE USA. COBH IS ALSO ASSOCIATED WITH THE RMS TITANIC, AS IT WAS THE LAST PORT OF CALL BEFORE ITS ILL-FATED MAIDEN VOYAGE. THIS LEGACY IS COMMEMORATED IN THE TITANIC EXPERIENCE ATTRACTION, WHICH NARRATES THE STORIES OF THE PASSENGERS THROUGH AUTHENTIC PERSONAL ACCOUNTS. UPON ARRIVAL, YOU WILL RECEIVE A POSTCARD BEARING THE REAL NAME OF ONE OF THE TITANIC PASSENGERS; YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT THEIR EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCE ON THAT UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY. UNWIND WITH A DELIGHTFUL DINNER AT THE QUAY'S BAR AND RESTAURANT, WHICH OFFERS BREATHTAKING HARBOR VIEWS ALONGSIDE A DIVERSE AND AFFORDABLE MENU, OR AT JACOB'S LADDER, WHERE YOU CANNOT MISS THE SEAFOOD SPECIALTIES—YOU MUST TRY THE SLOW-ROASTED SCALLOPS, A TRUE DELIGHT! ANOTHER EXCELLENT OPTION IS THE TITANIC BAR AND GRILL, PERFECT FOR A QUICK YET SATISFYING MEAL SUCH AS SPICY WINGS OR FLAVORFUL BURGERS TO CONCLUDE YOUR DAY. THIS LIVELY VENUE INVITES YOU TO ENJOY A COLD PINT OF THE RENOWNED GUINNESS WHILE WATCHING THE SUNSET OVER THE HARBOR. FINALLY, ENJOY A FINAL DRINK AT KELLY'S BAR OR VISIT MUTTON LANE IN THE CITY TO REFLECT ON THIS REMARKABLE DAY FILLED WITH EXQUISITE FOOD AND STUNNING VIEWS!



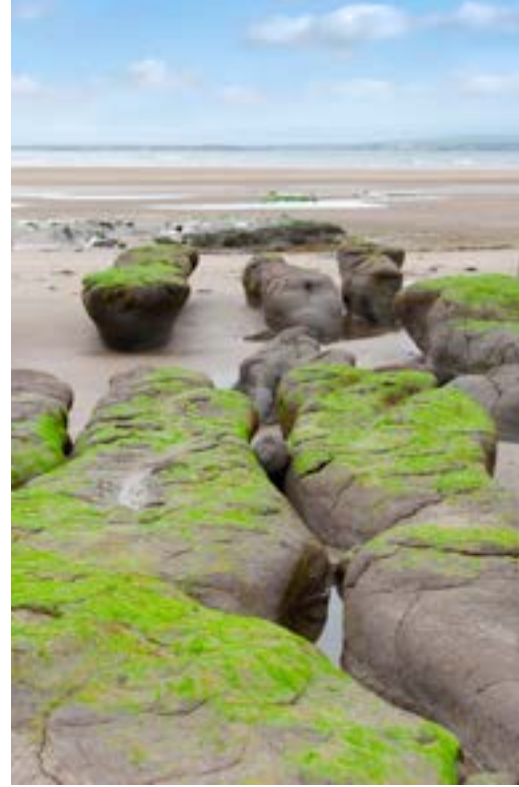
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DAYS 3 & 4 - MIZEN HEAD, BARLEY COVE BEACH, CROOKHAVEN AND DURRUS - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

DISCOVER BROW HEAD, LOCATED NEAR THE ENCHANTING MIZEN HEAD PENINSULA, WHERE THE CAST AND CREW CRAFTED UNFORGETTABLE SCENES FOR STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI. UPON ENTERING THIS CAPTIVATING LANDSCAPE, YOU WILL COMPREHEND WHY THE LOCATION SCOUTS WERE SO CAPTIVATED! SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE AWARD-WINNING MIZEN HEAD VISITOR CENTRE, WHERE A SMALL EXHIBITION WILL IMMERSE YOU IN THE REGION'S MARITIME HERITAGE, FOLLOWED BY AN EXHILARATING JOURNEY TO THE SIGNAL STATION, LINKED TO THE MAINLAND BY AN ARCHED BRIDGE SUSPENDED ABOVE THE SHIMMERING WATERS. AS YOU TRAVERSE THE BRIDGE, BE SURE TO GLANCE DOWN—YOU MAY CATCH A GLIMPSE OF SEALS, DOLPHINS, AND HUMPBACK WHALES AT PLAY! SHOULD HUNGER STRIKE, VISIT THE CENTRE'S MIZEN CAFÉ FOR A DELIGHTFUL SNACK. MARVEL AT THE BREATHTAKING BARLEY COVE BEACH, ENCIRCLED BY TOWERING SAND DUNES FORMED BY THE TSUNAMI FOLLOWING THE LISBON EARTHQUAKE OF 1755. IN ADDITION TO THE STUNNING VISTAS, THE TOWNS AND VILLAGES OF WEST CORK'S RUGGED PENINSULAS ARE TRULY PICTURESQUE! DISCOVER THE CHARMING FISHING VILLAGE OF CROOKHAVEN, HISTORICALLY RECOGNIZED AS THE LAST PORT FOR VESSELS HEADING TO AMERICA. TODAY, CROOKHAVEN THRIVES IN THE SUMMER, FEATURING DELIGHTFUL CAFÉS AND TRADITIONAL MUSIC IN ITS INVITING PUBS. IT IS ALSO A SANCTUARY FOR SAILORS; OBSERVE THE VIBRANT BOATS BOBBING IN THE QUIANT HARBOUR! TAKE A SEAT AT THE CROOKHAVEN INN OR O'SULLIVAN'S BAR AND ENGAGE WITH THE LOCALS—THEY MAY SHARE TALES OF WHEN LUKE SKYWALKER VISITED! FINALLY, MAKE SURE TO VISIT THE VILLAGE OF DURRUS ON THE NEARBY SHEEP'S HEAD PENINSULA, RENOWNED FOR ITS ARTISANAL IRISH CHEESE.

DAY 5 - SKELLIG ISLANDS, PORTMAGEE, VALENTIA ISLAND AND BALLINSKELLIGS - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

WHEN THE SKELLIG ISLANDS, A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE OFF THE COAST OF KERRY, APPEARED IN THE CONCLUDING SCENES OF STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS, MANY EXCLAIMED, "WOW!" THE FILMMAKERS WERE ASTONISHED. "WE WERE BLOWN AWAY. IT DEFINITELY INSPIRED OUR STAR WARS UNIVERSE," REMARKED MARTIN JOY, SUPERVISING LOCATION MANAGER. THIS INVALUABLE HISTORICAL SITE IS ACCESSIBLE TO A LIMITED NUMBER OF VISITORS EACH YEAR, AS ONLY AUTHORIZED BOATS ARE PERMITTED TO DOCK ON THE ISLAND. HOWEVER, YOU CAN STILL ENJOY A CRUISE AROUND THE SKELLIG ISLANDS, WEATHER PERMITTING, DEPARTING FROM PORTMAGEE AND TAKING IN THE BEAUTY DESCRIBED BY MARK HAMILL AS "INDESCRIBABLE." FOR THOSE WISHING TO EXPLORE FURTHER WITHOUT THE CHALLENGE OF STEEP STAIRS, THE SKELLIG EXPERIENCE ON VALENTIA ISLAND IS AN EXCELLENT OPTION. ADDITIONALLY, INDULGE YOUR SWEET TOOTH AT THE AWARD-WINNING SKELLIG CHOCOLATE FACTORY IN BALLINSKELLIGS. ENJOY A PERFECT PINT AT THE BRIDGE BAR AND SATISFY YOUR PALATE WITH DELECTABLE CUISINE AT THE MOORINGS BAR. THE SECRETS OF SKELLIG ARE WELL PRESERVED BY THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, WHO WILL GREET YOU WITH WARMTH AND SMILES. FINALLY, BE CAPTIVATED BY THE NIGHT SKY AT THE KERRY INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY RESERVE, WHERE THE ABSENCE OF LIGHT POLLUTION ALLOWS FOR THE OBSERVATION OF THE MILKY WAY AND DREAMS OF DISTANT GALAXIES!



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DAY 6 - DINGLE, ANNASCAUL, BALLYFERRITER, BEÁL BÁN BEACH AND DUNQUIN - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

DISCOVER THE ENCHANTMENT OF DINGLE, ONE OF THE MOST DELIGHTFUL TOWNS ON THE ISLAND OF IRELAND! THIS VIBRANT HUB WELCOMED NUMEROUS CAST AND CREW MEMBERS, WITH DAISY RIDLEY (REY) SPOTTED IN THE LIVELY DICK MACK'S PUB BETWEEN TAKES. JUSTIN AND LUKE BURGESS OF THE BEAN CAFÉ IN DINGLE RECALL HOW EVERYONE MINGLED EFFORTLESSLY: "IT WAS ONLY WHEN SOMEONE CAME IN A COUPLE OF TIMES [THAT WE] REALIZED THEY WERE CREW!" THE ATMOSPHERE WAS ELECTRIC, SO MUCH SO THAT EVEN SCHOOLCHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN THE EXCITEMENT WHEN CHEWBACCA ACTOR PETER MAYHEW VISITED A LOCAL SCHOOL TO GREET THEM! DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT FOXY JOHN'S, A DIY STORE WHERE YOU CAN ENJOY A PINT WHILE ATTENDING TO YOUR HARDWARE NEEDS. ALTERNATIVELY, WANDER TO THE PICTURESQUE VILLAGE OF ANNASCAUL, HOME TO THE SOUTH POLE INN - A PUB ONCE MANAGED BY ANTARCTIC EXPLORER TOM CREAN, A TRUE LOCAL HERO WHO PARTICIPATED IN THREE OF THE MOST ARDUOUS EXPEDITIONS IN HISTORY! AS YOU NAVIGATE THE HAIRPIN BENDS OF THE SLEA HEAD DRIVE, YOU WILL QUICKLY REALIZE THAT STAR WARS WAS FILMED AROUND THE MAGNIFICENT HEADLAND KNOWN AS CEANN SIBÉAL (SYBIL HEAD) IN BALLYFERRITER. FOR BREATHTAKING VIEWS, HEAD TO THE VILLAGE OF BALLYFERRITER AND STROLL ALONG THE STUNNING BEACH OF BEÁL BÁN - A HIDDEN GEM CHERISHED BY LOCALS! VISIT THE WORKSHOP OF RENOWNED IRISH POTTER LOUIS MULCAHY ON THE WINDSWEEP CLOUGHAR HEADLAND. NEARBY IN DUNQUIN IS THE GREAT BASKET CENTRE - AN EXCELLENT VENUE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SURROUNDING ABANDONED ISLANDS.

DAY 7 - LOOP HEAD CLIFFS AND KILKEE - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

THE CAST AND CREW OF STAR WARS WERE NOT THE FIRST TO RECOGNIZE THAT THIS HEADLAND EXTENDING TOWARDS AMERICA WAS WORTHY OF EXPLORATION. JACQUES COUSTEAU DEEMED IT THE PREMIER DIVING LOCATION IN EUROPE, AND LOCAL EXPERTS ARE EAGER TO GUIDE YOU ON A SEABED ADVENTURE. HOWEVER, IT IS AT LOOP HEAD CLIFFS WHERE ONE TRULY COMPREHENDS HOW THIS LAND IS SCULPTED BY ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE OCEAN: AWE-INSPIRING CLIFFS, TIDAL CAVES, AND A LIGHTHOUSE THAT HAS BEEN SAFEGUARDING SAILORS FOR OVER 340 YEARS. MAKE A STOP AT THE LIGHTKEEPER'S HOUSE AT LOOP HEAD, MANAGED BY THE IRISH LANDMARK TRUST. WITH PANORAMIC VIEWS STRETCHING FROM KERRY TO THE MAGNIFICENT CLIFFS OF MOHER, THIS IS AN EXPERIENCE NOT TO BE OVERLOOKED. AFTER RELISHING THE REFRESHING BREEZES ALONG LOOP HEAD, PROCEED TO KILKEE. NESTLED IN A PROTECTED BAY, IT HAS BEEN A CHERISHED HOLIDAY DESTINATION FOR OVER 150 YEARS. LORD ALFRED TENNYSON AND SIR AUBREY DE VERE BOTH FREQUENTED THIS HISTORIC LOCALE; EVEN CHARLOTTE BRONTË SELECTED KILKEE AS HER HONEYMOON DESTINATION IN 1894. IT IS THE SAME BEACHES ADORED THEN THAT CAPTIVATE CONTEMPORARY VISITORS, INCLUDING RUSSELL CROWE. DO NOT MISS A DOLPHIN-WATCHING BOAT EXCURSION FROM NEARBY CARRIGAHOLT—AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE! BE SURE TO VISIT KEETING'S BAR, KNOWN AS "THE CLOSEST BAR TO NEW YORK."



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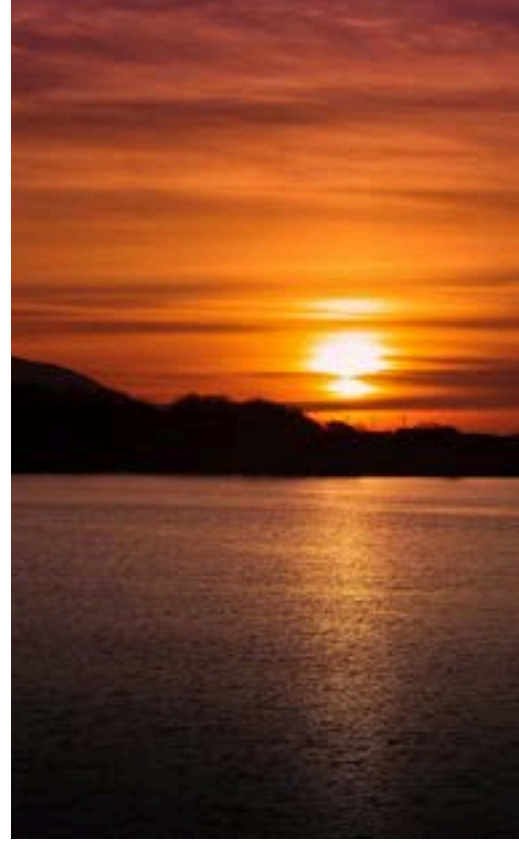




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DAYS 1, 2 & 3 - DUBLIN - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

BEGIN YOUR DUBLIN ADVENTURE WITH A DELIGHTFUL BRUNCH AT KILKENNY CAFÉ, FOLLOWED BY A VISIT TO THE MAJESTIC TRINITY COLLEGE, ESTABLISHED IN 1592. PAUSE IN FRONT SQUARE TO HEAR THE BELL TOWER RESONATE ACROSS THE CAMPUS, THEN PROCEED TO THE LONG ROOM LIBRARY. THIS EXQUISITE 18TH-CENTURY STRUCTURE HOUSES OVER 200,000 HISTORIC MANUSCRIPTS, INCLUDING THE RENOWNED BOOK OF KELLS, AN ILLUMINATED GOSPEL FROM THE 9TH CENTURY. FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE TRADITIONAL LUNCH, SAVOR A BEEF STEW WITH GUINNESS AT KEOGH'S CAFÉ, THEN JOURNEY BACK IN TIME TO DUBLIN CASTLE. TRANSITIONING FROM A VIKING FORTRESS TO A SYMBOL OF BRITISH AUTHORITY IN IRELAND, THE CASTLE HAS EVOLVED INTO A SITE OF HISTORICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SIGNIFICANCE. EXPLORE THE STATE APARTMENTS, MEDIEVAL CRYPT, AND ROYAL CHAPEL BEFORE UNWINDING IN THE TRANQUIL DUBH LINN GARDENS. OVERLOOKING THE GARDENS IS THE CHESTER BEATTY LIBRARY, ONE OF EUROPE'S PREMIER MUSEUMS—A TREASURE TROVE OF ARTIFACTS FROM ASIA, THE MIDDLE EAST, NORTH AFRICA, AND EUROPE. THEN, PROCEED TO ICONIC LANDMARKS SUCH AS THE ROYAL HOSPITAL, CITY HALL, AND THE GENERAL POST OFFICE (GPO). GAZING UPWARD, THE SPIRES OF ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL AND CHRIST CHURCH RISE LIKE PILLARS AGAINST THE URBAN SKYLINE. FOR NEARLY 800 YEARS, THEY HAVE DOMINATED THIS CAPTIVATING CITY, EACH HARBORING INTRIGUING CURIOSITIES: CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL IS THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE EMBALMED HEART OF ST LAWRENCE O'TOOLE (A 12TH-CENTURY ARCHBISHOP), WHILE THE ENCHANTING CHOIR OF ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL WILL LEAVE YOU IN AWE. FINALLY, DON YOUR DANCING SHOES AND VISIT THE BRAZEN HEAD FOR LIVE TRADITIONAL MUSIC, EXCELLENT FOOD, AND WARM COMPANY IN WHAT MANY CONSIDER DUBLIN'S OLDEST PUB! THE NEXT DAY, EXPLORE THE INTRIGUING 'GALLOW'S HILL,' NOW HOME TO THE HISTORIC KILMAINHAM GAOL! ESTABLISHED IN 1796, THIS PRISON QUICKLY BECAME NOTORIOUS FOR ITS HARSH TREATMENT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THOSE SENT TO AUSTRALIA. AFTER A LENGTHY AND SOMEWHAT CONTROVERSIAL HISTORY, THE EXPANSIVE FACILITY WELCOMED VISITORS IN THE 1960S, PROVIDING INSIGHT INTO SOME OF THE MOST INTENSE AND UNSETTLING CHAPTERS OF IRISH HISTORY. BE SURE TO STOP BY URBAN 8 KILMAINHAM FOR A HEARTY LUNCH TO SUSTAIN YOU! WHILE IN THE VICINITY, SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE IRISH MUSEUM OF MODERN ART (IMMA). NESTLED WITHIN THE MAGNIFICENT GARDENS OF THE ROYAL HOSPITAL IN KILMAINHAM, IT SHOWCASES EXTRAORDINARY WORKS BY ARTISTS SUCH AS ELIZABETH PEYTON, ALEXANDER CALDER, AND TERRY WINTERS. FROM ITS ORIGINS IN 1759 AS A FERMENTATION ROOM, THE GUINNESS STOREHOUSE HAS TRANSFORMED INTO ONE OF THE CITY'S ESSENTIAL ATTRACTIONS! CONSTRUCTED IN THE STYLE OF THE CHICAGO SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE IN 1904, IT FEATURES CAPTIVATING DISPLAYS RANGING FROM VINTAGE ADVERTISING TO THE ART OF BREWING (YOU'LL EVEN DISCOVER WHY GUINNESS BUBBLES DESCEND!). THE TOUR CULMINATES WITH A PINT OF THE FAMOUS "BLACK STUFF" IN THE 360-DEGREE PANORAMIC GRAVITY BAR—THE IDEAL SETTING TO CELEBRATE ARTHUR GUINNESS'S REMARKABLE CREATION. DON'T OVERLOOK THE GUINNESS OPEN GATE BREWERY AT THE GUINNESS FACTORY, WHERE YOU CAN SAMPLE EXCITING NEW CRAFT BEERS! CONTINUE TO GLASNEVIN CEMETERY. ESTABLISHED IN 1832 AND HOME TO OVER 1.5 MILLION GRAVES, THIS SITE IS A TREASURE TROVE FOR GENEALOGISTS AND HISTORY ENTHUSIASTS. JUST OUTSIDE THE ENTRANCE, UNWIND IN THE CHARMING VICTORIAN GEM OF A PUB, GRAVEDIGGER'S! OFFICIALLY KNOWN AS JOHN KAVANAGH'S, THIS HISTORIC VENUE IS THE PERFECT SPOT TO ENJOY ONE OF THE MOST CHERISHED TRADITIONAL DISHES: CODDLE (A DELECTABLE BLEND OF PORK SAUSAGES AND BACON WITH POTATOES AND ONIONS). SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE! FINALLY, DO VISIT THE GLASNEVIN BOTANIC GARDENS TO ADMIRE THE STUNNING FLOWERS THAT ADORN THE MAGNIFICENT FLOOR-TO-CEILING VICTORIAN GLASSHOUSE!



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ON YOUR LAST DAY, VISIT THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND, WHICH FEATURES WORKS BY PICASSO, MONET, AND THE RENOWNED IRISH ARTIST JACK B. YEATS. THE SOARING CEILINGS AND STREAMS OF LIGHT ARE MASTERPIECES IN THEIR OWN RIGHT. TAKE A MOMENT TO RELAX IN THE CHARMING GALLERY TEA ROOM, WHERE YOU CAN ENJOY A CUP OF TEA AND SCONES. FOR AN INNOVATIVE DINNER THAT HIGHLIGHTS THE BEST OF IRELAND'S CULINARY SCENE, PIG'S EAR ON NASSAU STREET SPECIALIZES IN TRADITIONAL IRISH CUISINE WITH A CONTEMPORARY TWIST. STROLL THROUGH FUSILIER'S ARCH AND INTO THE VERDANT CITY PARK OF ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN. YOU MAY BE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT UNTIL 1663, THIS PICTURESQUE LOCATION WAS MERELY A MARSHY COMMON USED FOR GRAZING SHEEP AND CATTLE, AS WELL AS FOR PUBLIC EXECUTIONS AND WITCH BURNINGS. ON SUNNY DAYS, THE PARK IS IDEAL FOR PEOPLE-WATCHING AND PICNICKING. BRING SOME OATS TO FEED THE DUCKS AND ADMIRE THE STATUES OF LOCAL LUMINARIES MEMORIALIZED IN THE AREA, INCLUDING OSCAR WILDE, JAMES JOYCE, AND W.B. YEATS. AFTERWARDS, VISIT DUBLIN'S SMALLEST BAR, THE DAWSON LOUNGE ON DAWSON STREET. DISCOVER A COZY HIDEAWAY FILLED WITH CHARM AND FRIENDLY LOCALS. IF YOU'RE FEELING HUNGRY, CHOOSE FROM THE ARRAY OF RESTAURANTS ON DAWSON STREET. THE LITTLE MUSEUM OF DUBLIN, HAILED AS DUBLIN'S "BEST MUSEUM EXPERIENCE" BY THE IRISH TIMES, NARRATES THE STORY OF THIS REMARKABLE CITY. WITH EXHIBITS FEATURING ROYAL VISITS AND ROCK STARS, INCLUDING LOCAL ICONS U2, THE CAPTIVATING TALES SPUN BY THE MUSEUM GUIDES WILL IGNITE YOUR IMAGINATION. FROM HERE, TAKE A BRIEF STROLL TO FALLON & BYRNE WINE CELLAR ON EXCHEQUER STREET, WHICH BOASTS EXCEPTIONAL PRODUCE FROM ACROSS IRELAND. CONCLUDE YOUR DAY AT THE HORSESHOE BAR IN THE SHELBOURNE HOTEL. A FAVORED GATHERING SPOT FOR POLITICIANS, JOURNALISTS, AND LOCAL DIGNITARIES, THE BARTENDERS AT HORSESHOE BAR VI WILL GUIDE YOU THROUGH ONE OF THEIR EXQUISITE IRISH WHISKEY TASTING SESSIONS.

DAY 4 - WESTPORT - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

CONTINUE TO WESTPORT HOUSE, WHICH MAY APPEAR TO BE A TRANQUIL OLD COUNTRY RESIDENCE BUT CONCEALS A CAPTIVATING HISTORY: THE CURRENT PROPRIETORS ARE DESCENDANTS OF THE FORMIDABLE PIRATE QUEEN, GRACE O'MALLEY! STROLL THROUGH THE GROUNDS AND DISCOVER THE LIFE OF THE "FIRST WILD ATLANTIC WOMAN." THE HOUSE ITSELF MERITS A VISIT; FOR A TRULY UNIQUE EXPERIENCE, CONSIDER THE HAWK WALK: TRAVERSE THE MAGNIFICENT WOODLANDS SURROUNDING THE ESTATE WITH A BIRD OF PREY. THE EXHILARATION OF HAVING ONE OF THESE MAGNIFICENT BIRDS PERCH ON YOUR GLOVED HAND IS BEYOND DESCRIPTION! PROCEED TO THE CHARMING TOWN OF WESTPORT TO SAVOR FRESH CLEW BAY LOBSTER, EXPERTLY PREPARED BY FRANKIE ST MALLON AT AN PORT MÓR RESTAURANT.



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DAYS 5 & 6 - OLD HEAD BEACH, KILLARY FJORD, ASIAN FALLS, KYLEMORE ABBEY AND CLIFDEN - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

RELAX AT OLD HEAD BEACH, AN IDEAL LOCATION FOR A REFRESHING STROLL WITH THE INVIGORATING ATLANTIC AIR GENTLY CARESSING YOUR SKIN. SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN HOW TO SHEAR SHEEP, CUT TURF, AND HERD SHEEP AT GLEN KEEN FARM! THE JOURNEY THROUGH THE DOOLOUGH VALLEY IS AN UNPARALLELED ADVENTURE. WITH MAJESTIC MOUNTAINS, CRYSTAL-CLEAR STREAMS, AND ENCHANTING LAKES POPULATED BY SHEEP, THE ROUTE MEANDERS ALONG WINDING ROADS TO KILLARY FJORD, A SPECTACULAR GLACIAL FJORD THAT DELINEATES THE NATURAL BORDER BETWEEN MAYO AND GALWAY. AS YOU APPROACH LEENANE, BE SURE TO STOP AND ADMIRE THE STUNNING AASLEAGH FALLS ON THE RIVER ERRIFF. WHY NOT EMBARK ON A CRUISE OF THE FJORD? IT OFFERS A FANTASTIC WAY TO APPRECIATE THE SURROUNDING SCENERY, AND YOU MAY EVEN SPOT DOLPHINS SWIMMING IN THE DARK WATERS! LONG BEFORE HOLLYWOOD ILLUMINATED THE WORLD, KYLEMORE ABBEY IN CONNEMARA CRAFTED ITS OWN TIMELESS LOVE STORY. VISIT THIS ENCHANTING SITE WHERE HENRY AND HIS BELOVED MARGARET FELL DEEPLY IN LOVE. THEIR CASTLE STOOD BESIDE THE LAKE, ENVELOPED BY LUSH GARDENS; HERE THEY LIVED IN A STATE OF PURE BLISS FOR NEARLY A DECADE WITH THEIR NINE CHILDREN. HOWEVER, WHEN TRAGEDY STRUCK WITH MARGARET'S ILLNESS, HENRY CONSTRUCTED THIS NEO-GOTHIC CHURCH AS AN ENDURING TRIBUTE TO HIS SWEETHEART. BE SURE TO EXPLORE THE NEARBY CONNEMARA NATIONAL PARK: IT OFFERS BREATHTAKING WALKS SUCH AS THE DIAMOND HILL LOOP, SUITABLE FOR ALL FITNESS LEVELS! THE SCENERY IS SIMPLY SPECTACULAR AND MERITS EVERY STEP. AFTER YOUR WALK, UNWIND IN THE VIBRANT HEART OF CONNEMARA'S CAPITAL: CLIFDEN! HERE, YOU CAN UNCOVER THE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATED WITH GUGLIELMO MARCONI, THE INVENTOR OF THE RADIO, AND HIS TRANSATLANTIC STATION JUST OUTSIDE THE TOWN. DISCOVER THE ARTISAN SHOPS AND GALLERIES BEFORE INDULGING IN AN UNFORGETTABLE DINNER AT MITCHELL'S RESTAURANT IN THE TOWN CENTER. IF YOU FIND YOURSELF IN THE AREA IN AUGUST, DO NOT MISS THE ANNUAL CONNEMARA PONY FESTIVAL, WHICH HAS CELEBRATED THE FINEST OF THIS NATIVE BREED SINCE 1924!

DAYS 7 & 8 - ROUNDSTONE, GALWAY, ROSSAVEAL AND SURROUNDINGS - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

SPARKLING LAKES, EXPANSIVE BOGLANDS, AND CAPTIVATING DRY STONE WALLS DEFINE THE SPLENDOR OF CONNEMARA, AND DERRIGIMLAGH IS NO EXCEPTION. DISCOVER THE RENOWNED LANDING SITE OF TRANSATLANTIC PIONEERS ALCOCK AND BROWN, WHO ARRIVED HERE IN 1919. BE SURE TO EXPLORE THE ENIGMATIC RUINS OF THE 18TH-CENTURY INN KNOWN AS THE HALFWAY HOUSE, WHERE IT IS SAID THAT UNFORTUNATE VISITORS MET A TRAGIC FATE AT MIDNIGHT. PROCEED TO MANNIN BAY, AND AS YOU APPROACH THE 'SAND', YOU WILL FIND IT COMPOSED OF FINELY GROUND SHELLS THAT SHIMMER IN PINK AND YELLOW HUES UNDER THE SUN. IN THE CHARMING VILLAGE OF ROUNDSTONE, IMMERSE YOURSELF IN CREATIVITY AT ROUNDSTONE MUSIC AND CRAFTS, WHERE BODHRÁN PLAYERS WILL UNVEIL THE SECRETS OF THIS TRADITIONAL INSTRUMENT. IF YOU DESIRE A SEAFOOD LUNCH, YOU CAN EVEN FISH FOR YOUR OWN MEAL IN ROUNDSTONE ON EXHILARATING BOAT TRIPS AROUND THE ISLANDS. PREFER A READY-MADE OPTION? SAVOR THE DELECTABLE SHELLFISH PREPARED BY O'DOWDS. NEARBY, TWO STUNNING BAYS WITH GOLDEN SANDS AWAIT: TAKE A REFRESHING DIP OR ENJOY A LEISURELY STROLL ALONG CURTEEN OR DOG'S BAY. FROM THE UNTAMED AND PRISTINE NATURE OF CONNEMARA, THE VIBRANT CITY OF GALWAY INVITES YOU TO ITS ENCHANTING URBAN LANDSCAPE. ONCE GOVERNED BY 14 MERCHANT FAMILIES FROM THE 13TH TO THE 19TH CENTURIES, GALWAY IS A TRUE HISTORICAL TREASURE, FEATURING THE EVOCATIVE SPANISH ARCH AND LIVELY COBBLED STREETS. BE SURE TO VISIT THOMAS DILLON'S JEWELLERS TO VIEW THE ICONIC CLADDAGH RING. FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY CULINARY EXPERIENCE, INDULGE IN MICHELIN-STARRED ESTABLISHMENTS SUCH AS ANIAR AND LOAM, OR RELISH THE FINEST FISH AND CHIPS IN THE ATLANTIC AT QUAY STREET KITCHEN. EACH SEPTEMBER, SEAFOOD IS CELEBRATED AT THE REMARKABLE GALWAY INTERNATIONAL OYSTER & SEAFOOD FESTIVAL. FINALLY, IN ROSSAVEAL, THREE BEAUTIFUL ARAN ISLANDS—INIS MÓR, INIS OÍRR, AND INIS MEÁIN—INVITE YOU TO EMBARK ON A FERRY TRIP BACK IN TIME. VISIT INIS MÓR, WHERE DÚN AONGHASA STANDS MAJESTICALLY ON THE CLIFFS OVERLOOKING THE ATLANTIC WAVES; EXPLORE INIS MEÁIN, THE OFTEN-OVERLOOKED CENTRAL ISLAND FILLED WITH WELCOMING B&BS AND CENTURIES-OLD TRADITIONS; OR ENGAGE IN LIVELY TRADITIONAL MUSIC SESSIONS ON INIS OÍRR.



FESTIVALS, FAIRS, AND EVENTS

**EXCEPTIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE
PROFOUNDLY WITH LOCAL
CULTURE & TRADITIONS.**

UNMISSABLE EVENTS AND FESTIVALS IN ENGLAND



- **CARAVAN, CAMPING & MOTORHOME SHOW IN FEBRUARY:** AN EVENT FOCUSED ON TRAVEL, CAMPING, CARAVANS, AND MOTORHOMES.
- **ROYAL ASCOT IN JUNE:** IS AN EVENT THAT EPITOMIZES THE PINNACLE OF THE BRITISH SUMMER SEASON, RENOWNED FOR ITS ELEGANCE AND THE PRESENCE OF THE ROYAL FAMILY.
- **TASTE OF LONDON IN JUNE:** IS A CULINARY FESTIVAL THAT UNITES THE CITY'S PREMIER CHEFS, RESTAURANTS, AND GASTRONOMES TO HONOR THE DIVERSE FOOD AND WINE OFFERINGS OF THE CAPITAL.
- **ISLE OF WIGHT FESTIVAL IN JUNE:** A RENOWNED MUSIC FESTIVAL WITH A STORIED MUSICAL LEGACY THAT TRACES BACK TO BOB DYLAN AND JIMI HENDRIX.
- **BUCKINGHAM PALACE SUMMER, JULY - SEPTEMBER:** BUCKINGHAM PALACE WELCOMES THE PUBLIC, PROVIDING TOURS OF THE STATE APARTMENTS.
- **WINTER WONDERLAND IN HYDE PARK IN NOVEMBER:** TRANSFORMS THE AREA INTO A CAPTIVATING WINTER PARK FEATURING RIDES AND MARKETS.

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UNMISSABLE EVENTS AND FESTIVALS IN WALES



- **THE ROYAL WELSH SHOW IN JULY:** IS WALES' LARGEST AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION, FEATURING LIVESTOCK DISPLAYS, EQUESTRIAN EVENTS, CRAFTS, AND ENTERTAINMENT.
- **LLANGOLLEN INTERNATIONAL MUSICAL EISTEDDFOD IN JULY:** IS A GLOBAL MUSIC FESTIVAL THAT CELEBRATES MUSIC AND DANCE FROM VARIOUS CULTURES, FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY CHOIRS, ORCHESTRAS, AND DANCE ENSEMBLES.
- **BRECON JAZZ FESTIVAL IN AUGUST:** A PRESTIGIOUS JAZZ FESTIVAL THAT DRAWS ARTISTS AND ENTHUSIASTS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE, FEATURING CONCERTS IN DIVERSE VENUES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN OF BRECON.
- **GREEN MAN FESTIVAL IN AUGUST:** A MUSIC FESTIVAL HELD IN THE HEART OF THE BRECON BEACONS, FEATURING A DIVERSE ARRAY OF MUSIC, ART, AND FAMILY-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES.
- **NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD OF WALES IN AUGUST:** AN ANNUAL CULTURAL FESTIVAL THAT CELEBRATES WELSH MUSIC, POETRY, AND THE ARTS.

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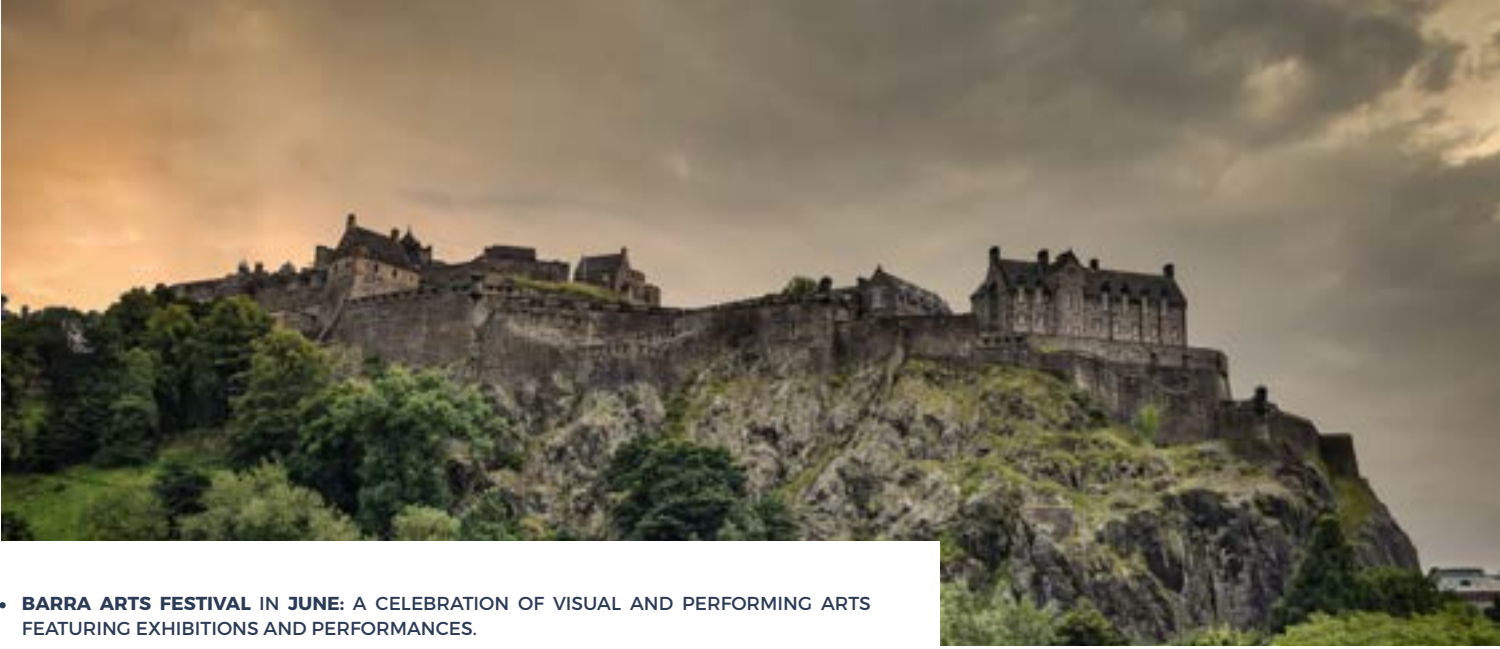
UNMISSABLE EVENTS AND FESTIVALS IN SCOTLAND



- **ORKNEY FOOD & DRINK RESTAURANT & BAR WEEK IN JANUARY:** ORKNEY'S CULINARY FAIR HIGHLIGHTS LOCAL PRODUCE THROUGH TASTINGS, MARKETS, AND COOKING WORKSHOPS.
- **SCALLOWAY FIRE FESTIVAL IN JANUARY:** A FESTIVAL HERALDS THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE FIRE FESTIVAL SEASON IN SHETLAND, FEATURING TORCH-LIGHTING DISPLAYS AND TRADITIONAL DANCING.
- **BURNS NIGHT IN JANUARY:** IS AN EVENT THAT COMMEMORATES THE LIFE AND WORKS OF THE POET ROBERT BURNS.
- **CELTIC CONNECTIONS** TAKES PLACE BETWEEN **JANUARY AND FEBRUARY:** GLASGOW HOSTING THE UK'S PREMIER CELTIC MUSIC FESTIVAL, FEATURING OVER 2,000 MUSICIANS ACROSS VARIOUS MUSICAL GENRES.
- **UP HELLY AA**, HELD BETWEEN **JANUARY AND MARCH:** IS THE LARGEST FIRE FESTIVAL IN THE SHETLAND ISLANDS, SHOWCASING A TORCHLIGHT DISPLAY AND THE CEREMONIAL BURNING OF A VIKING SHIP.
- **FORT WILLIAM MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL IN FEBRUARY:** A CELEBRATION OF MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE SHOWCASING NARRATIVES, FILMS, AND OUTDOOR PURSUITS.
- **STANZA: SCOTLAND'S POETRY FESTIVAL IN MARCH:** ST ANDREWS HOSTS A POETRY FESTIVAL FEATURING READINGS, PERFORMANCES, AND DISCUSSIONS.
- **MELROSE RUGBY SEVENS IN APRIL:** THE RUGBY SEVENS TOURNAMENT IS A SIGNIFICANT EVENT IN THE SCOTTISH RUGBY CALENDAR.
- **THE SHETLAND FOLK FESTIVAL**, HELD IN **MAY:** IS A CELEBRATION OF FOLK MUSIC FEATURING BOTH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS PERFORMING AT VARIOUS VENUES THROUGHOUT THE ISLANDS.
- **THE ORKNEY NATURE FESTIVAL IN MAY:** CELEBRATES THE REGION'S NATURAL BEAUTY THROUGH ACTIVITIES INCLUDING CLIFF CRUISES, NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS, AND GUIDED WALKS ABUNDANT WITH BIRDLIFE.
- **THE ORKNEY FOLK FESTIVAL**, HELD IN **MAY:** IS AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF FOLK MUSIC FEATURING CONCERTS, WORKSHOPS, AND JAM SESSIONS AT DIVERSE VENUES THROUGHOUT ORKNEY.
- **THE ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW**, HELD IN **JUNE:** IS ONE OF SCOTLAND'S MOST ICONIC EVENTS, TAKING PLACE IN EDINBURGH AND CELEBRATING AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND RURAL LIFE.
- **THE ST MAGNUS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL IN JUNE:** ESTABLISHED IN 1977, IS ORKNEY'S ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS. WHILE MUSICAL EVENTS FORM THE CORE OF THE ARTISTIC PROGRAM, THE FESTIVAL ALSO ENCOMPASSES THEATRE, DANCE, LITERATURE, AND THE VISUAL ARTS.
- **HEBRIDEAN HIGHLAND GAMES IN JUNE:** FEATURING TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH SPORTING EVENTS SUCH AS HAMMER THROWING AND SACK RACING, TAKE PLACE IN TARBERT ON THE ISLE OF HARRIS.

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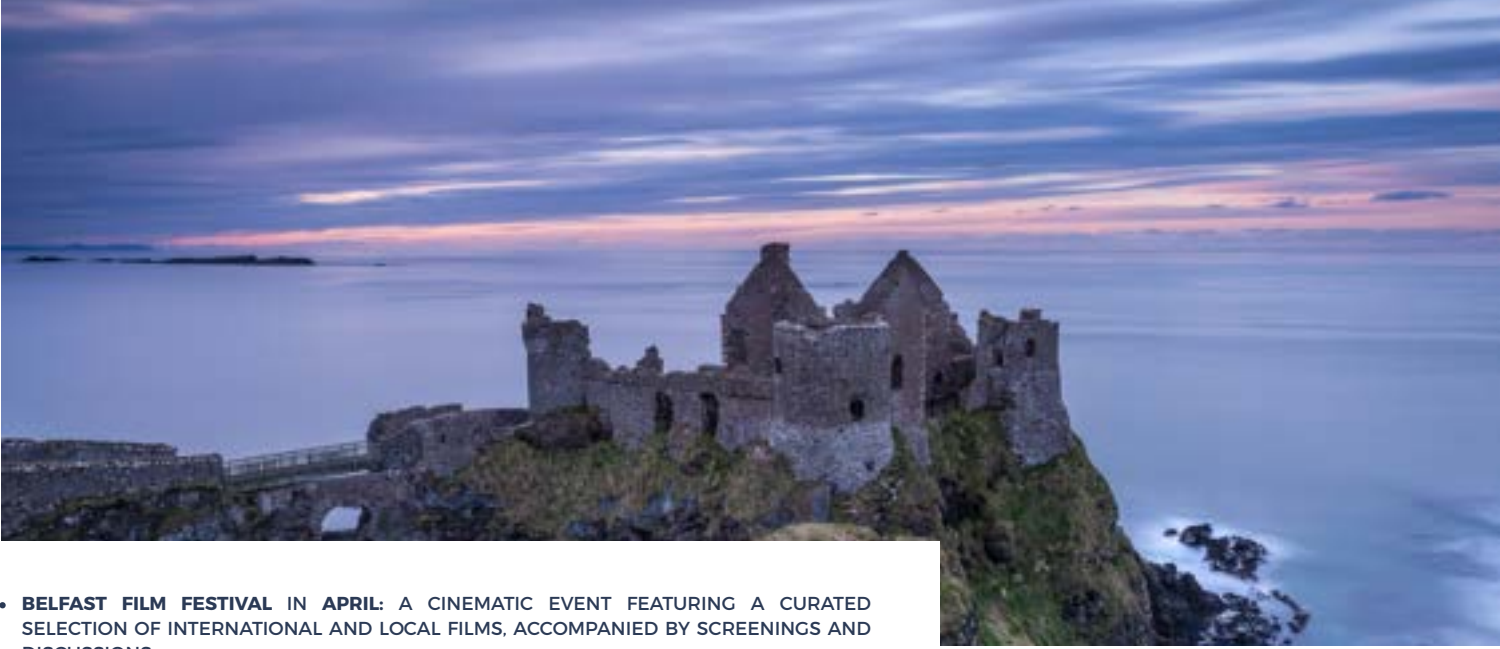
UNMISSABLE EVENTS AND FESTIVALS IN SCOTLAND



- **BARRA ARTS FESTIVAL IN JUNE:** A CELEBRATION OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS FEATURING EXHIBITIONS AND PERFORMANCES.
- **SIMMER DIM RALLY IN JULY:** THE UK'S NORTHERNMOST MOTORCYCLE RALLY, DRAWS RIDERS FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE TO COMMEMORATE THE EXTENDED SUMMER DAYS OF THE SHETLAND ISLANDS.
- **HEBRIDEAN CELTIC FESTIVAL IN JULY:** A MUSIC FESTIVAL THAT CELEBRATES CELTIC CULTURE THROUGH CONCERTS, WORKSHOPS, AND VARIOUS CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.
- **EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL IN AUGUST:** THE WORLD'S OLDEST FILM FESTIVAL, FEATURES A CURATED SELECTION OF BOTH INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL FILMS.
- **ISLE OF HARRIS REGATTA IN AUGUST:** A TRADITIONAL ROWING REGATTA ACCOMPANIED BY COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN THE HEBRIDEAN ISLANDS.
- **ISLE OF SKYE HIGHLAND GAMES IN AUGUST:** AN EVENT THAT HONORS HIGHLAND CULTURE THROUGH ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS, TRADITIONAL MUSIC, AND DANCE.
- **SHETLAND WOOL WEEK IN SEPTEMBER:** IS AN EVENT DEDICATED TO THE WOOL OF THE SHETLAND ISLANDS, FEATURING WORKSHOPS, EXHIBITIONS, AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOCUSED ON WOOL PROCESSING.
- **ORKNEY INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FESTIVAL IN SEPTEMBER:** IS AN ANNUAL EVENT THAT PRESENTS A VARIETY OF TALKS, WORKSHOPS, AND ACTIVITIES CATERING TO ALL AGE GROUPS.
- **ISLE OF LEWIS BOOK FESTIVAL IN SEPTEMBER:** A LITERARY FESTIVAL OCCURRING IN MID-SEPTEMBER, FEATURING LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL AUTHORS PARTICIPATING IN READINGS AND DISCUSSIONS.
- **ORKNEY STORYTELLING FESTIVAL IN OCTOBER:** A CELEBRATION OF THE ART OF STORYTELLING THAT SHOWCASES BOTH TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY NARRATIVES, REFLECTING THE VIBRANT CULTURE OF THE ORKNEY ISLANDS.

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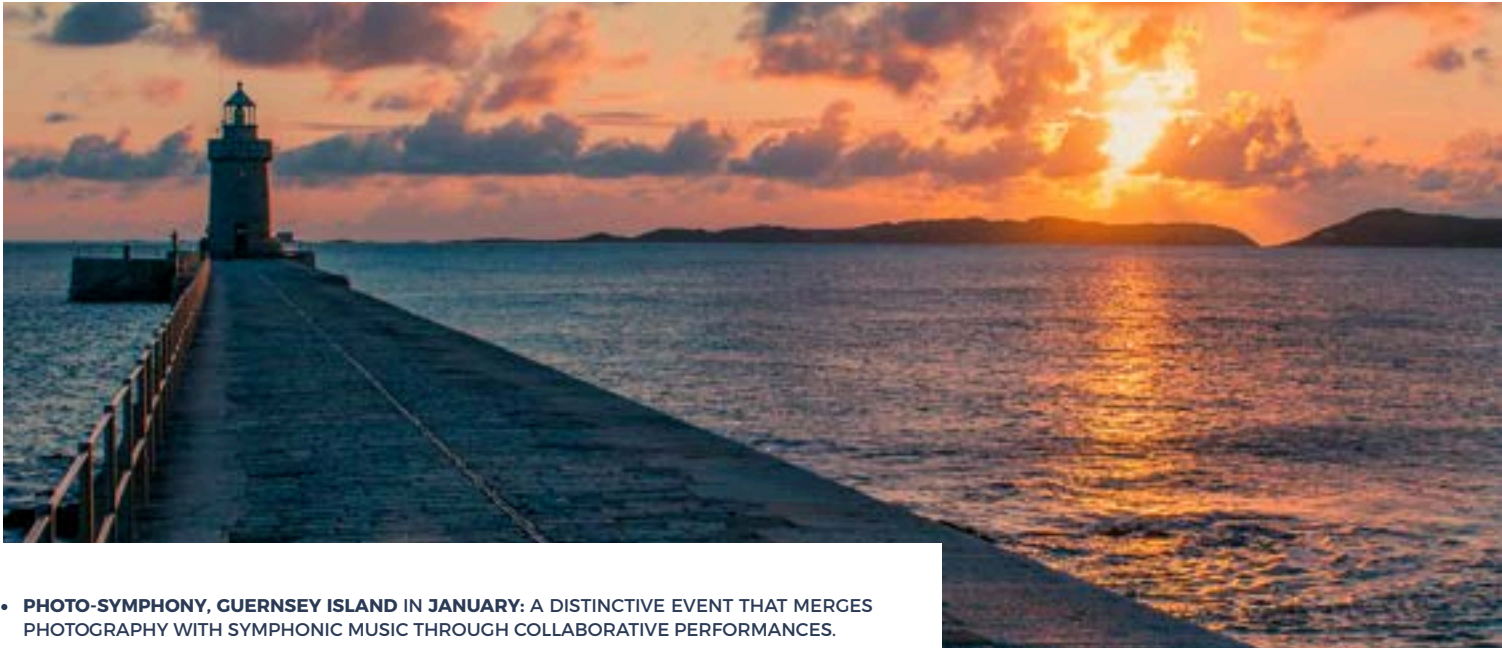
UNMISSABLE EVENTS AND FESTIVALS IN NORTHERN IRELAND



- **BELFAST FILM FESTIVAL IN APRIL:** A CINEMATIC EVENT FEATURING A CURATED SELECTION OF INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL FILMS, ACCOMPANIED BY SCREENINGS AND DISCUSSIONS.
- **BELFAST INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL IN OCTOBER:** IS AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF ARTS AND CULTURE THAT FEATURES A DIVERSE ARRAY OF EVENTS, INCLUDING MUSIC, DANCE, THEATRE, AND VISUAL ARTS.

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UNMISSABLE EVENTS AND FESTIVALS IN CHANNEL ISLANDS



- **PHOTO-SYMPHONY, GUERNSEY ISLAND IN JANUARY:** A DISTINCTIVE EVENT THAT MERGES PHOTOGRAPHY WITH SYMPHONIC MUSIC THROUGH COLLABORATIVE PERFORMANCES.
- **GUERNSEY ISLAND RALLY, HELD BETWEEN FEBRUARY AND MARCH:** IS A CAR RALLY THAT DRAWS MOTORSPORT ENTHUSIASTS WITH ITS RACES ON CHALLENGING TERRAIN.
- **GUERNSEY ISLAND EISTEDDFOD FEBRUARY - MARCH:** A CULTURAL FESTIVAL THAT CELEBRATES LOCAL TALENT IN MUSIC, DANCE, AND DRAMA, FEATURING COMPETITIONS FOR ALL AGE GROUPS.
- **SPRING FLOWER SHOWS, GUERNSEY ISLAND IN MARCH:** SHOWCASE LOCAL AND REGIONAL BLOOMS, ACCOMPANIED BY WORKSHOPS AND GARDENING GUIDANCE.
- **ST. ANDREW'S CRAFT MARKET, GUERNSEY ISLAND MARCH - JUNE:** FEATURES A DIVERSE SELECTION OF LOCAL ARTISAN PRODUCTS.
- **THE GUERNSEY ISLAND MARATHON IN APRIL:** IS AN ANNUAL EVENT THAT DRAWS RUNNERS FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE, FEATURING PICTURESQUE ROUTES THROUGHOUT THE ISLAND.
- **GUERNSEY ISLAND LITERARY FESTIVAL BETWEEN APRIL AND MAY,** A LITERARY FESTIVAL FEATURING LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL AUTHORS, READINGS, WORKSHOPS, AND DISCUSSIONS.
- **SARK ISLAND FILM FESTIVAL IN MAY:** AN ANNUAL EVENT THAT CELEBRATES INDEPENDENT CINEMA THROUGH FILM SCREENINGS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH FILMMAKERS.
- **JERSEY ISLAND BOAT SHOW IN MAY:** AN EVENT HOSTED AT ST HELIER HARBOUR FEATURING A DIVERSE ARRAY OF MOTOR AND SAILING VESSELS, EXHIBITORS, DEMONSTRATIONS, AND LIVE ENTERTAINMENT.
- **SARK ISLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL IN MAY:** AN EVENT THAT UNITES MUSICIANS FROM VARIOUS GENRES FOR OPEN-AIR CONCERTS.
- **THE JERSEY ISLAND BEACH RUGBY AND NETBALL FESTIVAL IN JUNE:** TAKES PLACE AT THE ROYAL BAY OF GROUVILLE, FEATURING THRILLING COMPETITIONS AND FAMILY-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES IN A SCENIC ENVIRONMENT.
- **GUERNSEY ISLAND TOGETHER FESTIVAL IN JUNE:** A CELEBRATION OF LOCAL MUSIC, DANCE, AND CUISINE, FOSTERING A VIBRANT COMMUNITY ATMOSPHERE.
- **GUERNSEY ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL IN JUNE:** A CULINARY CELEBRATION OF LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL CUISINE FEATURING TASTINGS AND GASTRONOMIC EVENTS.
- **SARK ISLAND ART EXHIBITION IN JUNE:** A PRESENTATION OF LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS DISPLAYING THEIR WORK IN DIVERSE VENUES THROUGHOUT THE ISLAND.
- **ANNUAL GUERNSEY ISLAND CLASSIC VEHICLE SHOW IN JUNE:** AN EXHIBITION OF CLASSIC VEHICLES THAT ATTRACTS ENTHUSIASTS AND COLLECTORS.

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UNMISSABLE EVENTS AND FESTIVALS IN CHANNEL ISLANDS



- **THE JERSEY INTERNATIONAL MOTORING FESTIVAL IN JUNE:** TAKES PLACE AT PEOPLE'S PARK, SHOWCASING THE LARGEST MOTORING EVENT IN THE CHANNEL ISLANDS, WHICH INCLUDES CLASSIC CARS, LIVE MUSIC, AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES.
- **WEEKENDER FESTIVAL, JERSEY ISLAND IN JULY:** IS A MUSIC FESTIVAL HOSTED AT PEOPLE'S PARK, SHOWCASING A DIVERSE ARRAY OF MUSICAL GENRES AND ACTIVITIES SUITABLE FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY.
- **LÉ VIAER MARCHI, GUERNSEY ISLAND IN JULY:** A TRADITIONAL FAIR FEATURING A HISTORIC MARKET SHOWCASING LOCAL CRAFTS, TRADITIONAL CUISINE, AND ENTERTAINMENT.
- **ROCQUAINE REGATTA, GUERNSEY ISLAND IN JULY:** IS A CHERISHED TRADITION THAT OFFERS A DAY OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY, FEATURING BOAT RACES, SAND ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN, AND COMPETITIONS SUCH AS WIFE-CARRYING.
- **SARK ISLAND FOLK FESTIVAL IN JULY:** IS AN ANNUAL EVENT THAT DRAWS FOLK MUSICIANS FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE, FEATURING CONCERTS, WORKSHOPS, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOCIAL INTERACTION IN AN INTIMATE SETTING.
- **SARK ISLAND REGATTA IN JULY:** A TRADITIONAL SUMMER REGATTA FEATURING SAILING COMPETITIONS THAT ENGAGE BOTH RESIDENTS AND VISITORS. THIS EVENT OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPRECIATE THE BOATS AND PARTICIPATE IN ANCILLARY ACTIVITIES.
- **ACCURO JERSEY ISLAND TRIATHLON IN JULY:** FEATURES A 750M SWIM, A 40KM CYCLE, AND A 5KM RUN, ALL SET AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF THE ISLAND'S STUNNING VISTAS.
- **GUERNSEY ISLAND STREET FESTIVAL, JULY - AUGUST:** THIS ANNUAL EVENT SHOWCASES TUG OF WAR, DUCK RACING, FIREWORKS, BOAT RACING, AND FAIRGROUND RIDES, OFFERING ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY.
- **FOLK 'N ALE SARK DAY, SARK ISLAND IN AUGUST:** IS AN EVENT THAT MERGES LIVE FOLK MUSIC WITH GUERNSEY'S PREMIER ALES, PROVIDING A DAY FILLED WITH MUSIC, DANCE, AND LOCAL BREWS.
- **JERSEY ISLAND'S BATTLE OF FLOWERS IN AUGUST:** IS A FLORAL EVENT FEATURING FLOWER FLOATS, PARADES, AND ENTERTAINMENT, RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE LARGEST FLOWER FESTIVALS IN EUROPE.
- **THE JERSEY INTERNATIONAL AIR DISPLAY IN SEPTEMBER:** IS AN AIR SHOW THAT DRAWS ENTHUSIASTS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE, FEATURING AEROBATIC PERFORMANCES AND FLIGHTS OF HISTORIC AIRCRAFT.
- **GUERNSEY ISLAND AIR DISPLAY IN SEPTEMBER:** AN ANNUAL AIRSHOW SHOWCASING PERFORMANCES BY AEROBATIC PILOTS AND HISTORIC AIRCRAFT.
- **JERSEY ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL IN OCTOBER:** A FILM FESTIVAL SHOWCASING A CURATED SELECTION OF INTERNATIONAL FILMS, FEATURING SCREENINGS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DIRECTORS.

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UNMISSABLE EVENTS AND FESTIVALS IN CHANNEL ISLANDS



- **JERSEY ISLAND INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION IN NOVEMBER:** A MUSICAL CONTEST THAT SHOWCASES EMERGING TALENTS IN PIANO, FEATURING CONCERTS AND MASTERCLASSES.
- **GUERNSEY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL:** SHOWCASES A CURATED SELECTION OF INTERNATIONAL FILMS, FEATURING SCREENINGS, DISCUSSIONS, AND WORKSHOPS.

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UNMISSABLE EVENTS AND FESTIVALS IN REPUBLIC OF IRELAND



- **TRADFEST IN JANUARY:** IS AN IRISH TRADITIONAL AND FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL FEATURING OVER 200 PERFORMANCES AT DIVERSE VENUES THROUGHOUT DUBLIN.
- **SHOWCASE IRELAND IN JANUARY:** AN EXHIBITION DEDICATED TO IRISH FASHION, CRAFT, AND DESIGN, EMPHASIZING HIGH-QUALITY PRODUCTS.
- **THE GALWAY INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL IN JULY:** IS AN EVENT THAT CELEBRATES CREATIVITY, FEATURING ARTISTS, MUSICIANS, ACTORS, AND WRITERS FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE.

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