



Britain & Ireland

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15 DAYS ~ SCOTLAND ~ ENGLAND ~ WALES ~ IRELAND

Insight Gold is a truly special occasion, a smaller group escorted vacation celebrated as fine art. Stay in luxury hotels, dine in outstanding restaurants and enjoy leisurely days with premium included sightseeing. This is an entirely new perspective on a classical journey.

TOUR PACE

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

HOTELS

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



Stay at Dromoland Castle, built in the 16th century and renowned as one of Ireland's premier castle hotels

DAY 1 – DEPART USA. Board your overnight flight.

DAY 2 – EDINBURGH. Welcome to the lively Scottish capital of *Edinburgh*. After a warm welcome from your Tour Director, transfers depart Edinburgh Airport for your elegant hotel at 09:00 11:00 and 13:00 hours. Join your fellow guests for a *Welcome reception* tonight. Hotel: Sheraton Grand (D)

DAY 3 – EDINBURGH SIGHTSEEING. Drive from the elegant squares of the 'New Town' to visit *Edinburgh Castle*. Witness Scotland's glittering crown jewels before continuing down the Royal Mile, past St Giles Cathedral to Holyrood Palace, and on to Princes Street to see the Sir Walter Scott monument. The afternoon is yours to discover more of this fine city. (B)

DAY 4 – A DAY IN THE TROSSACHS. This morning is devoted to the *forested lochs and heather clad mountains* of the Trossachs. At Stirling, 'Gateway to the Highlands', visit the great castle perched high on its impregnable crag. Of interest is the *Great Hall of James IV* and the *kitchens* where lavish banquets were prepared. Tonight, *selected departures attend the spectacular flood lit Military Tattoo at Edinburgh Castle*. (B)

DAY 5 – EDINBURGH – YORK. Travel through the beautiful Scottish Borderlands, pausing to see the ruined *Jedburgh Abbey*. Cross the English border into the rugged landscape of Northumberland National Park. Stop at a section of *Hadrian's Wall*, before reaching *York*, renowned for its ancient enclosing walls, quaint Tudor 'Shambles' and superb 13C *Minster*. Enjoy a *highlight dinner tonight*. Hotel: Cedar Court Grand (B,HD)

DAY 6 – YORK – CHATSWORTH – CHESTER. Witness the beauty of the *Peak District National Park* today. Visit *Chatsworth*, a classical mansion that serves as home to the Duke of Devonshire and a wonderful collection of fine furniture. Travel via picturesque Bakewell, home of the original Bakewell Pudding, and the elegant spa town of Buxton, before descending to the former Roman fortress town of *Chester*. Visit the unusual multi-storey shopping arcades called the 'Rows' and stroll along the *well preserved walls* to see the *cathedral* and colorful *Eastgate Clock*. Hotel: Grosvenor. (B,D)

DAY 7 – CHESTER – DUBLIN. Follow the coast of North Wales past spectacular Conway Castle, and cross the Menai Straits to Anglesey. At the port of Holyhead board your ferry for Eire and its warm-hearted capital, Dublin. Hotel: Westbury. (B,D)

DAY 8 – DUBLIN SIGHTSEEING. Drive along O'Connell Street and through Phoenix Park, then alongside the river Liffey to see the Guinness Brewery. Visit *St Patrick's Cathedral*, where Jonathan Swift was Dean, then continue to the courtyard and *Library of Trinity College*, to see the 8th century *Book of Kells*. You are now at leisure to drink in the Irish atmosphere. (B)

DAY 9 – DUBLIN – CLIFFS OF MOHER – NEWMARKET-ON-FERGUS. Cross the Emerald Isle to the breathtaking *Cliffs of Moher* towering above the Atlantic. Then move on to your hotel, *Dromoland Castle* - ancestral home of the O'Briens, descendants of the High King Brian Boru who routed the marauding Norse at Clontarf in 1014. For your dining pleasure tonight, please join us at the *elegant five-star castle restaurant*. Hotel: Dromoland Castle. (B,HD)

DAY 10 – NEWMARKET-ON-FERGUS – KILLARNEY. Ireland's rural heritage comes to life this morning as you walk through the cobbled streets of *Bunratty Folk Park*, lined with buildings from a bygone era. Later, stop in Limerick, famous for rhymes, lace and elegant Georgian houses. After seeing King John's castle, *St Mary's Cathedral* and the *Treaty Stone*, you are invited to enjoy warm Irish hospitality at a *private farm*. Over a *homemade scone* and *Guinness cake* you are entertained with a personal insight into rural Irish life. Continue through this land of song and legend to *Killarney*. Hotel: Killarney Park. (B,D)

DAY 11 – LORDS OF THE RING EXCURSION. Spend a day exploring the mystical and unspoiled *Ring of Kerry*. Breathtaking *views* over mountains and sea unfold as the narrow road winds along cliffs and through *small fishing towns*. You are welcomed at one of the delightful villages with a *two course lunch*, typical of the region. Continue to *Torc Waterfall* for photos, and a chance to *join a qualified guide for a hike along the lake* past the Muckross Estate farmlands. Walk by West Meadow Bay and visit

Muckross Abbey. For those who do not want to join the hike, take the coach back to Killarney for time at leisure. (B,HL)

DAY 12 – KILLARNEY – BLARNEY – COBH – WATERFORD. Drive through the rugged Derrynasaggart Mountains to *Blarney*, where you visit the *15th century Castle*, the home of the famous Stone of Eloquence, once kissed - never forgotten! Continue to the pretty riverside village of *Cobh* which was the last port of call for the Titanic. As you walk through the *Heritage Centre* relive the story of emigration of Irish people and the life of this once great passenger port. Continue along the coast to your restored 17C Georgian house hotel overlooking the twinkling lights of Waterford. Hotel: Athenaeum House (B,D)

DAY 13 – WATERFORD – BATH. Early start to Rosslare Harbour to sail to South Wales. Then to the Welsh capital Cardiff, where we admire the castle before continuing to Bath. Hotel: Bath Spa Hotel (B)

DAY 14 – THE COTSWOLDS & STRATFORD. An enchanting day takes you across the beautiful *Cotswold hills*, a chocolate box scene of golden stone villages with roses round the door! Stop in pretty *Bourton-on-the-Water*, where the river Windrush flows through the middle of the village, amid lush green lawns. Continue to *Stratford*, nestled on the banks of the river Avon. Visit the *birthplace of William Shakespeare* before returning to Bath. At tonight's *final dinner*, there's wine, or beer if you prefer, to toast the culmination of your tour. (B,HD)

DAY 15 – BATH – STONEHENGE – LONDON. Visit the *ancient Roman Baths*, which established Bath as an important spa town. Then a chance to sample the curative waters at the Georgian Pump Room. You also see the impressive *Royal Crescent*, built in the town's Georgian heyday, the elegant *Pulteney Bridge* and the 16C *Abbey*. Cross Salisbury Plain to visit the *ancient stone circle of Stonehenge*, made up of strange and awe inspiring monoliths reputed to be over 4,000 years old. The tour comes to an end upon arrival in London. (B)

Key
 ☆ LUXURY HOTELS IN DESIRABLE LOCATIONS + NIGHTS
 📍 LOCALLY GUIDED SIGHTSEEING AND ORIENTATION TOURS

Enjoy 5 star fine dining at Dromoland Castle

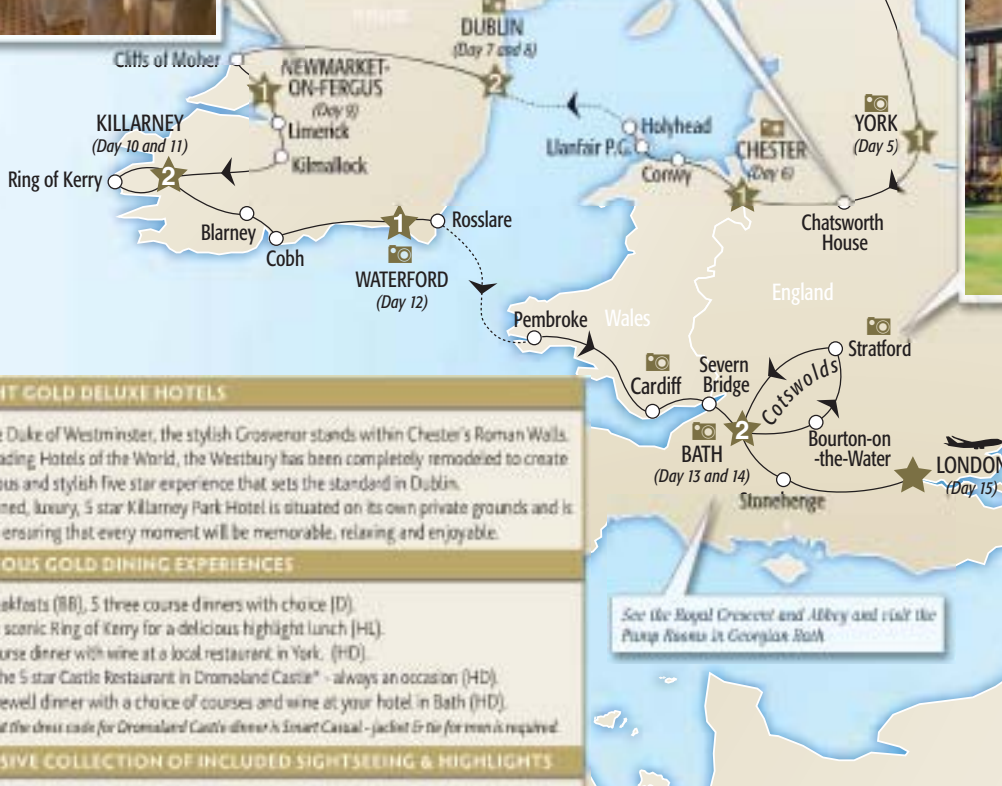


Visit the historic stately home of the Dukes of Devonshire



Enjoy a guided visit of historic Edinburgh Castle. Selected departures attend the colorful Military Tattoo, a dazzling display of music, marching and military manoeuvres (25 - 27 Aug)

Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace



YOUR INSIGHT GOLD DELUXE HOTELS

- Owned by The Duke of Westminster, the stylish Grosvenor stands within Chester's Roman Walls.
- One of the Leading Hotels of the World, the Westbury has been completely remodelled to create a more luxurious and stylish five star experience that sets the standard in Dublin.
- The family owned, luxury, 5 star Killarney Park Hotel is situated on its own private grounds and is committed to ensuring that every moment will be memorable, relaxing and enjoyable.

YOUR DELICIOUS GOLD DINING EXPERIENCES

- 13 Cooked Breakfasts (BB), 5 three course dinners with choice (D)
 - Stop along the scenic Ring of Kerry for a delicious highlight lunch (HL).
 - Enjoy a four course dinner with wine at a local restaurant in York. (HD)
 - Fine dining at the 5 star Castle Restaurant in Dromoland Castle* - always an occasion (HD).
 - A highlight farewell dinner with a choice of courses and wine at your hotel in Bath (HD).
- *Please note that the dress code for Dromoland Castle's dinner is Smart Casual - jacket & tie for men is required.

YOUR EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION OF INCLUDED SIGHTSEEING & HIGHLIGHTS

- Edinburgh:** Welcome drink reception; visit Edinburgh Castle; see Holyroodhouse Palace. Selected departures experience the spectacle of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo
- Stirling:** Visit Stirling Castle.
- York:** Walk through the cobbled streets to the Tudor 'Shambles'; See York Minster.
- The Peak District:** Visit Chatsworth House.
- Chester:** See the 'Rows'; walk along the city walls; see the Eastgate Clock; see Chester Cathedral.
- Dublin:** Visit St Patrick's Cathedral; visit the library of Trinity College to see the Book of Kells.
- Co Clare:** Gaze out from the Cliffs of Moher; Visit Burren Folk Park.
- Limerick:** See King John's castle, St Mary's Cathedral and the Treaty Stone.
- Co Limerick:** Experience the customs and rural way of life of a traditional Irish family.
- Killarney:** Join a qualified guide for a scenic hike over wooded paths and lake shore trails.
- Blarney:** Visit Blarney Castle, where you have the opportunity to kiss the 'Stone of Eloquence'
- Cobh:** Visit the Heritage Centre
- Bath:** Visit the Roman Baths and Pump Rooms; appreciate the fine Georgian architecture of the Royal Crescent; see Pulteney Bridge and Bath Abbey.
- Stratford:** Visit the half-timbered birthplace of William Shakespeare
- Stonehenge:** Visit the mysterious stone circle
- Scenic Drives:** The Trossachs, Peak District, Ring of Kerry, The Cotswolds

YOUR INCLUSIVE GOLD SERVICES

- Escorted by your 'Personal Concierge', an Insight professional Tour Director; and accompanied by expert local guides where appropriate.
- Luxury air-conditioned 40 seat coach, with extended leg room and on-board restroom.
- Insight Traveler document wallet, map book journal and information pack.
- Airport arrival transfers at scheduled times on Day 2.

TOUR CODE:
G400

Your Unique and Exclusive Gold Departures

| Starts USA: | Twin Share p.p. | Single Supp. Option | Starts USA: | Twin Share p.p. | Single Supp. Option | Starts USA: | Twin Share p.p. | Single Supp. Option | Starts USA: | Twin Share p.p. | Single Supp. Option |
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| Apr 23 | \$5435 | \$2040 | Jun 04 | \$5550 | \$2040 | Jul 16 | \$5550 | \$2040 | Aug 27 | \$5599 | \$2040 |
| Apr 30 | \$5450 | \$2040 | Jun 11 | \$5550 | \$2040 | Jul 23 | \$5550 | \$2040 | Sep 03 | \$5599 | \$2040 |
| May 07 | \$5450 | \$2040 | Jun 18 | \$5550 | \$2040 | Jul 30 | \$5499 | \$2040 | Sep 10 | \$5599 | \$2040 |
| May 14 | \$5450 | \$2040 | Jun 25 | \$5550 | \$2040 | # Aug 06 | \$5625 | \$2040 | Sep 17 | \$5575 | \$2040 |
| May 21 | \$5450 | \$2040 | Jul 02 | \$5550 | \$2040 | # Aug 13 | \$5625 | \$2040 | Sep 24 | \$5475 | \$2040 |
| May 28 | \$5550 | \$2040 | Jul 09 | \$5550 | \$2040 | # Aug 20 | \$5625 | \$2040 | Oct 01 | \$5475 | \$2040 |

Reductions

Triple room reduction N/A
Insight's Great Savings & Discounts
 SAVE \$545 per person with Young Traveler Discount
 SAVE up to \$281 per person with 2nd Tour Discount
 SAVE up to \$281 per person with Frequent Traveler Discount
Early Payment Discount

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| | 12 months | 10 months | 6 months |
| SAVE per person | \$545 | \$410 | \$275 |

For additional information regarding Insight's great Savings & Discounts, please see page 18.

Extra Accommodation

| Per person, per night | Twin | Single | Triple |
|---------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Sheraton Grand, Edinburgh | \$270 | \$460 | N/A |

Notes

Tour start and end Saturday
 # Departures include the Edinburgh Military Tattoo.
 This tour ends at the Rubens at the Palace, our recommended post tour accommodation (see page 20 & 191 for booking details, airport transfers and sightseeing).
Insight's Low Airfare Promise: Insight promises we will provide the best airfare available to us at the time you make your reservation. Please see page 190 for full details. Airfares are not included in the prices listed above.

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