



## Celtic Cousins Tour of Cymru, Devon & Cornwall

## Hosted by Tom Comerford

## October 8th - 18th, 2026

### 9 Nights in Wales & England: Cardiff, Devon, Cornwall & London

## Day 0: October 8th – Depart from USA

This evening, we will depart the U.S. by taking an overnight flight to the United Kingdom. Be sure to arrive at the airport 3 hours prior to departure.



## Day 1: October 9th –Welcome to Wales

This morning, we land into London, Heathrow, collect our bags, and proceed to the arrivals hall where we will be greeted by our tour guide for the trip. Once the group is assembled, we'll board our coach as we drive south towards Wales. We will stop en route for an authentic English breakfast as we make our way southwest.

We'll enjoy views along the way and will cross the impressive Severn Bridge, before entering into Wales/Cymru, shortly arriving at the capital city of **Cardiff** and our centrally located

hotel.

#### Overnight at The Hilton Hotel, Cardiff – Hotel Dinner with group





## Day 2: October 10th - Cardiff Culture & Castle Day and 1st Performance.

After a delicious Welsh breakfast of maybe laverbread and cockles, we will begin our day exploring this capital city. We'll start with the 'jewel in the crown' a guided visit to **Cardiff Castle** which is one of Wales's leading heritage attractions and a site of international significance. We will discover a story 2,000 years in the making. From the Roman occupation of Britain to the Norman Conquest, through civil war turbulence, a Victorian transformation and even the terrors of World War 2, these walls have seen it all.



After this we will enjoy some free time wandering through the many **Victorian and Edwardian arcades** and streets while relaxing in the shadows of the famous landmark and home of Welsh Rugby, the **Principality Stadium**.

This early evening, we will take a trip west to visit Tom's friends at Skewen Rugby Club for our **first musical performance**.

#### Overnight at The Hilton Hotel, Cardiff - Dinner on own

## Day 3: October 11th – South Wales



After breakfast, we journey deep into the **Brecon Beacons National Park**, now referred to by the Welsh language name of 'Bannau Brycheiniog'. After refreshments in the local market town of **Abergavenny** we'll head out to explore the story of Wales's Industrial Heritage at the **Big Pit National Coal** 

Museum, a real coal mine and one of Britain's leading mining museums.

For our last evening in 'Cymru' we will be entertained by **The Spirit of Wales** for an evening of Welsh local dishes, music, culture, and humor.

#### Overnight at The Hilton Hotel, Cardiff – Farewell to Wales Dinner & Entertainment with group

## Day 4: October 12th – Delights of Devon





Following breakfast this morning, we will depart Cymru for Devon, heading further south and cross back into England. The scenic drive will take us through the **Wye Valley**, which is a dedicated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). In the middle of this countryside, we will stop for a visit to **Tintern Abbey**, a Welsh national icon, still standing in roofless splendor on the banks of the River Wye after 500 years. We'll stop for a late lunch in Exeter, a cathedral city with a rich and long history that pre-dates the arrival of the Romans in AD 50.



The end of the days sees us reaching our Devon destination of **Torquay**. Based in the 'English Riviera' it is so called because of the warm microclimate and the palm trees lining the roads. Torquay has been a popular destination since the Victorian era – which you can still see to this day with the grand hotels overlooking the beach.

#### Overnight at The Imperial Hotel, Torquay - Hotel Dinner with group



## Day 5: October 13<sup>th</sup> – Devon and 2<sup>nd</sup> Performance

After a hearty breakfast, we will enjoy a scenic drive through **Dartmoor National Park**, visiting **Castle Drogo** and **Widecombe-in-the-Moor**. This afternoon we'll try our first **Devon Cream Tea experience** at a traditional tearoom, where the Devonians will tell us it's cream first and jam on top! Tonight, we will enjoy our 2<sup>nd</sup> performance in a mystery location.

#### <u>Overnight at The Imperial Hotel, Torquay – Dinner on own</u>

## Day 6: October 14<sup>th</sup> – Devon to Cornwall

This morning, we will depart Devon for Cornwall, breaking up the journey with a stop at Tintagel

**Castle Visitor Centre.** Here we will learn about the **legend of King Arthur**, with an optional cliff path walk. After lunch at Tintagel or a nearby seaside town, we will press on to our final trip location of **Falmouth**, enjoying the pleasant scenic coast drive.

#### Overnight at Falmouth Hotel, Cornwall - Dinner on own







## Day 7: October 15th – West Cornwall Wonders

This day starts with a scenic bus trip through the Cornish countryside learning about Cornish mining, fishing, and legends as we enjoy the views. We'll then arrive at Marazion, soft sandy beaches, places to eat, drink, stay & shop and the home of **St Michael's Mount**. We'll enjoy the breathtaking view across the causeway to St Michael's Mount and this incredible photo opportunity. Then we'll cross to St Michael's Mount to explore. If the tide is low, we'll walk



across the cobbled causeway. If the tide is high, we'll take the short boat shuttle. On the Mount there is a medieval castle, Subtropical gardens, 12th Century Church and shops and cafes run by the island community. After lunch we will take the Scenic coastal drive to Porthcurno, with a quick photo stop at **Newlyn Harbour** (famous for fishing). Depending on accessibility of the group we'll visit **Minack Theatre** - a dramatic open-air theatre carved into a cliff overlooking the



sea.

Our final stop of the day is to taste a **Cornish Cream Tea** at a traditional Cornish tearoom for scones, clotted cream, jam, and tea. Remember it's jam first, then cream in Cornwall!

<u>Overnight at Falmouth Hotel, Cornwall – Hotel Dinner with</u> group

## Day 8: October 16<sup>th</sup> – The Eden Project and 3<sup>rd</sup> Performance

Today we will head to one of the most famous visitor attractions in Cornwall. **The Eden Project** is located in a reclaimed China clay pit and celebrates plants and the natural world, reconnecting people with them and working to regenerate damaged landscape.

On arriving at the Eden Project, we'll enjoy a guided tour of the Rainforest and Mediterranean Biomes, then enjoy Lunch at the Eden Kitchen or on the Mediterranean Terrace. We'll explore the Outdoor Gardens and take in the stunning patters as we reflect on a perfect visit at the and of our last of



nature as we reflect on a perfect visit at the end of our last day.

This evening, we will enjoy our final dinner together as well as the performance finale.

#### Overnight at Falmouth Hotel, Cornwall – Lunch, Performance & Farewell Dinner





## Day 9: October 17th – Almost Heading Home



This morning, we say goodbye to our Celtic Cornish coast and make out way north to London and Heathrow. This will be approx. 5 – 6 hours.

We'll break the journey with a visit to the iconic prehistoric megalithic structure of **Stonehenge**. We'll wander around the towering sarsen stones, take in the immersive exhibitions, and peek inside reconstructed Neolithic house to imagine life 4,500 years ago. After a long day we'll

check in to our conveniently located airport hotel.

#### Overnight at Radisson Hotel London Heathrow– Dinner on own

## Day 10: October 18th – Back to USA

With bags packed, we'll enjoy breakfast and head for the airport where we will board our flight home. We'll take with us our photos and memories of those Celtic Cousins we will have met along the way!







# **Important Info**

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# **Hotel Information**

October 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup>	Cardiff: Hilton Hotel
October 12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup>	Devon: Imperial Hotel
October 14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> ,16 <sup>th</sup>	Cornwall: Falmouth Hotel
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	London: Radisson Hotel London Heathrow

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