

# Tour of Iceland, Scotland & England with The Celtic Rovers Reykjavík, Edinburgh & London, October 6-17, 2019

# Day by Day Itinerary

# Sunday, October 6 2019:

Depart JFK for Reykjavík and begin your journey to Iceland.

# Monday, October 7 2019:

Arrive in Reykjavík where your private coach will be waiting for you in the arrival hall, ready to take you to your private coach First stop will be at the Viking World, home of the Viking Ship Íslendingur (the Icelander) and part of the Viking millennium exhibition produced by the Smithsonian Institution. Breakfast will be served at the museum.



You'll then head straight for the capital, where your tour will take in all the city's major attractions, including the Parliament, the National Museum, Laugadalur swimming pool, the Ásmundur Sveinsson Sculpture museum, the Pearl, Höfði house (site of the 1986 summit)



and the city's main landmark, Hallgrímskirkja. There's no better way to get to grips with everything Reykjavík has to offer in just a few hours. Afterwards, you'll be delivered to your accommodation for check-in where you can relax before having dinner at a local restaurant. You can then spend the evening in the city however you please.

Overnight @ 4-Star Miðgarður Hotel, Reykjavik (or similar)

#### Tuesday, October 8 2019:

After breakfast, meet your private coach where you'll embark on what will surely be the highlight of your visit to Iceland, The Golden Circle Tour. Combining natural and historical wonders, the Golden Circle Tour allows you to experience Iceland's landmark attractions in one incredible day: the magnificent Gullfoss waterfall, the spouting hot springs of Geysir,



and Þingvellir National Park which was the site of the Viking parliament and contains over 1000 years of history.





You will also get to visit the Geothermal bakery experience at Fontana Laugarvatn. Here, guests can experience the spa's geothermal bakery first hand and see how bread is baked using the earth's heat itself. After the walk, try the bread, served hot from the ground, with butter. Head back to the city where you will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before having

the time to spend your last night in Iceland at your own volition.

Overnight @ 4-Star Miðgarður Hotel, Reykjavik (or similar)

### Wednesday, October 9 2019:

After breakfast at the hotel, meet your private coach outside which will escort you to Keflavík International Airport where you will depart for Edinburgh and begin your journey to the British Isles. Meet you tour guide upon arrival where you will be escorted to your private coach awaiting you outside for a welcome tour of Edinburgh.





Along the way, you will see many of the 'Auld Reekie's' top sights including Edinburgh Castle, Gladstone's Land, St. Giles Cathedral, Old Parliament Hall and many more! Check-in to your hotel to freshen up and relax before finishing the day in style with a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight @ 4-Star Apex Grassmarket, Edinburgh (or similar)

#### Thursday, October 10 2019:



After breakfast, meet your tour guide in the hotel lobby and embark on a full day tour witnessing the beautiful landscape of Edinburgh's surrounding area. On this tour, you will enjoy a 90-minute cruise in the heart of Rob Roy County and take in the stunning views of Loch Lomond. You will then continue on to the quaint village of Balfron. Situated near the Endrick Water, Balfron is a key rural settlement for the area,

developing from a local textile-weaving industry. As well as a number of historic buildings dating from the 18th and 19th centuries.

The village's most famous son is the renowned 19th century architect, Alexander 'Greek' Thomson (1817 - 1875). The village is also very close to one of Scotland's most scenic areas,



'The Devil's Pulpit'. Lastly, you will visit the Glengoyne Distillery for a wee tasting tour. Operating since 1833, Glengoyne Distillery is unique in that it produces Highland single malt whiskey which is then matured in the Lowlands. On this tour, you will be greeted with a welcome 'dram' of Glengoyne 12-year-old as you then get to journey through the whole distilling process and



see the mastun, washbacks and copper stills. After all the touring, you can relax and top it all off with a 'dram' of Glengoynen 18-year-old before you return to your hotel for an evening on your own.

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### Friday, October 11 2019:



After breakfast, meet your tour guide in the hotel lobby for a full day tour of the Scottish Borders. Today, you will get to visit Abbotsford House & Garden for a guided tour. Located on the south bank of the River Tweed, Abbotsford House was formerly the residence of historical novelist and poet, Sir Walter Scott. Explore the historic house and discover a treasure trove of intriguing objects and unusual

artefacts which inspired Scott's greatest poems and novels. Learn about Scott's life and achievements, browse the gift shop, dine in style in our restaurant or simply relax and unwind as you wander through the beautiful formal gardens and tranquil woodlands.

Afterwards, you will visit Rosslyn Chapel and discover its various legends and mysteries. A 15th-century chapel located at the village of Roslin, Rosslyn chapel was immortalized in Dan Brown's "Da Vinci Code" and here you can find out more about the myths and legends surrounding the whereabouts of the "Holy Grail". Afterwards, return to your hotel and how you spend your evening is entirely up to you.





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#### Saturday, October 12 2019:



After breakfast, meet your tour guide at the hotel lobby for a half day excursion to Helix Park. The Helix has transformed 350 hectares in Falkirk into a brand new recreational green space & visitor attraction, including lagoon, wetlands, trails and outdoor event space.



The jewel within the Helix are The Kelpies which stand 30 meters tall, the largest equine sculptures in the world. You will also get to ride the Falkirk Wheel. The world's only rotating boat lift, The Falkirk Wheel is an amazing engineering feat. It connects the canal system, avoiding what used to require 11 locks to transit. Afterwards, you will return to Edinburgh for an afternoon of shopping on your own. Then you can



freshen up before celebrating your stay in Scotland with a Scottish Dinner Show.

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#### Sunday, October 13 2019:



After breakfast, board your private coach where you will be escorted to Edinburgh Rail Station. Say goodbye to Scotland as you take the train to London. Arrive at London Rail Station and meet your tour guide as you embark towards your London hotel with a brief panoramic tour of the city en-route. Check-in to the hotel and relax before a Welcome Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight @ 4-Star Hotel Millennium Gloucester, London (or similar)

#### Monday, October 14 2019:

After breakfast, meet your tour guide in the hotel lobby and begin a Full-Day Tour of London. Along the way, you will get to see many of The Square Mile's best sights such as House of Parliament, Downing Street, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, London Bridge and many more. You'll also get to visit the iconic Westminster Abbey. Kings, queens, statesmen and soldiers; poets, priests, heroes and villains,





Westminster Abbey is a must-see living pageant of British history. Every year Westminster Abbey welcomes over one million visitors who want to explore this wonderful 700-year-old building.



Afterwards, return to your hotel and freshen up where you'll then get to spend your second evening at your own leisure.

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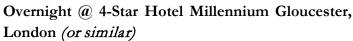
#### Tuesday, October 15 2019:

After breakfast, meet your tour guide in the hotel lobby to embark on a full day tour to Windsor. No trip to Windsor could possibly be complete without a visit to amazing Windsor Castle, the family home to British kings and queens for over 1,000 years. The size of the Castle (5 hectares/13 acres) is breath taking, in fact it is the largest and oldest occupied Castle in the world and it's where Her Majesty The Queen chooses to spend



most of her private weekends. You might even time your visit when she is in residence! Look at the flag flying from the Castle's Round Tower; if it's the Royal Standard The Queen will be there too.

Windsor Castle will play home to upcoming royal wedding between Prince Harry & Meghan Markle. Afterwards, enjoy some Traditional Afternoon Tea and shopping in Windsor. Return to your hotel to spend the evening however you see fit.





### Wednesday, October 16 2019:

After breakfast, meet the tour guide in the hotel lobby and board the coach to the Tower of London. The Tower of London is one of the world's most famous fortresses and has seen service as royal palace, prison, armory and even a zoo! The ancient stones hold within them dark secrets, as fortified vaults shine with priceless jewels and historic uniformed Beefeaters stroll the grounds. The tower is still home to her Majesty's



Crown Jewels which will be on display for you to see. Afterwards, enjoy some free time in the afternoon for some shopping in London City before heading back to the hotel. After you've freshened up, you will embark on your second tour of the day to The London Eye.

The Coca-Cola London Eye is centrally located in the heart of the capital, gracefully rotating over the River Thames opposite the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben. At 135 meters, the Coca-Cola London Eye is the world's tallest cantilevered observation wheel; a feat of design



and engineering, it has become the modern symbol representing the capital and a global icon. The experience showcases breathtaking 360-degree views of the capital and its famous landmarks. After taking in all the breathtaking views, celebrate your visit to London with a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.



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# Thursday, October 17 2019:

After breakfast, meet the tour assistant who will guide you to your private coach to London Heathrow Airport for your return flight back to JFK.