

# SPLENDORS OF IRELAND, SCOTLAND, AND ENGLAND



DATE: JUNE 18 – JULY 2, 2004

**Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Chicago / Shannon**

We depart from Chicago O'Hare for our flight to the Emerald Isle, land of leprechauns and legends. (Meals aloft)

**Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Shannon / Adare / Killarney**

Morning arrival at Shannon Airport. Travel by motor coach through the manicured village of **Adare** with its "thatched roof" cottages and stone fences. Arrive in Killarney, renowned for the beauty of its lakes and mountains. In the afternoon, ride a jaunting pony cart to view the **Muckross House and Gardens**. Night in Killarney.

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**Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Killarney / Ring of Kerry / Killarney**

Today we will see one of the most scenic drives in all of Europe, the famous "**Ring of Kerry**." We will see Ireland as you have always imagined it including awesome cliffs overlooking the sea, quaint fishing villages, and rolling green country. We return to Killarney for the night with dinner at **The Laurels** Singing Pub.

(B, D)



**Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Killarney / Blarney / Cork**

This morning we will make a short drive to Blarney where you will have the opportunity to kiss the famous **Blarney Stone**. Also we will be able to shop for traditional Irish handicrafts at the Blarney Woolen Mills. Time permitting, we will visit the Cobb Heritage Museum where the Titanic made its last port of call before it's one and only voyage. Night in Cork.

(B, D)

**Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Blarney / Waterford / Glendalough / Dublin**

We depart for Dublin, with a stop at the **Waterford Crystal factory**, as well as **Glendalough**, and the **Monastery of St. Kevin**. After checking into our Dublin hotel, we will have dinner and night in Dublin.

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**Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Dublin**

Today we tour Dublin including Parnell square, O'Connell Street, **St. Patrick's** Cathedral, Christchurch, the National Gallery, and Trinity College, including the famous **Book of Kells**. Afternoon stop in Temple Bar area for shopping. Dinner on our own with optional Abbey Theatre performance. Night in Dublin.

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**Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Dublin / Wales / Lake District**

We will ferry across the Irish Sea from Dublin to **Holyhead, Wales**. Travel through Wales to Chester and view the Roman ruins. After lunch on our own, we drive through the scenic Lake District area around Grasmere and Windermere. Night in Lake District.

(B, D)

### Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

#### Lake District / Edinburgh

This morning we will have the chance to explore the area with some optional tours of your choice. Enjoy a relaxing cruise across **Lake Windermere**, visit the **Mirehouse** and Gardens, or the home of **Wordsworth** or **Beatrix Potter**. In the afternoon we drive through spectacular countryside in Northern England, with a possible stop in Gretna Green, and Southern Scotland for our three-night stay in Edinburgh.

(B, D)

### Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

#### Edinburgh

This morning we enjoy bustling Princes Street, the Royal Mile, imposing **Edinburgh Castle**, Scottish Crown Jewels, and **Holyrood Palace** where Mary Queen of Scots once lived before losing her head. Afternoon free to explore on our own. Dinner on our own in Edinburgh.

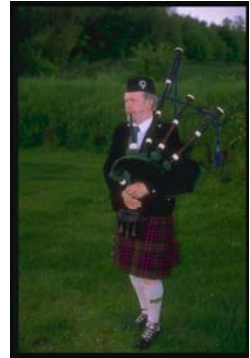
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### Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

#### Edinburgh / St. Andrews / Edinburgh

This morning we travel across the Firth of Forth to St. Andrews, home of the famous golf course (the "**Old Course**") and one of the most historic towns in Scotland. We visit one of the oldest universities in the world (Prince is currently enrolled). Possible opportunity for golf at one of St. Andrews' courses. After some free time for shopping we enjoy an afternoon High Tea before returning to Edinburgh.

(B, High Tea)



### Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

#### Edinburgh / York

We motor coach south for a possible visit to magnificent **Floors Castle**, the stately home of the Duke and Duchess of Roxburglie. Then South past the abbey ruins at Jedburgh and the house of Mary, Queen of Scots into wild **Northumberland National Park**. Later we inspect a section of the **Hadrian Wall**, the Roman coast-to-coast military defense. Afternoon arrival in York, England's most complete medieval city. After a brief tour of the walled city with its narrow streets and timbered homes, we will stand in awe in front of the great structure of Yorkminster. We will have time to explore its treasures at our own pace. Dinner and night in York.

(B, D)

### Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

#### York / Stratford-upon-Avon / Oxford / London

Leaving York, enroute to London, we will drive to **Stratford-upon-Avon** to visit **Shakespeare's birthplace** and observe **Anne Hathaway's cottage**. Time permitting we will make a brief stop at Oxford University (where John and Charles Wesley studied). Dinner in Oxford or London, night in London.

(B, D)

### Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

#### London

Today we enjoy a panoramic city tour of **Big Ben**, **Tower of London**, the Houses of Parliament, St. Paul's Cathedral, **Westminster Abby**, **Trafalgar Square**, **Picadilly Circus**, and the changing of the guard at **Buckingham Palace**. Optional afternoon visits to museums, monuments, or art galleries. Dinner on our own. Night in London.

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### Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup>

#### London

We will have a free day to explore or take an optional excursion to Salisbury, Stonehenge, or Bath. Farewell Dinner and night in London.

(B, D)

**Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Depart London / Arrive Chicago**

After breakfast at the hotel, we say goodbye to Ireland, Scotland and England. We depart from the London airport for our international flight to Chicago.

(B, Meals in flight)

*Meals included indicated by: B=breakfast L=lunch D=dinner*

*Itinerary is subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control or for the convenience of our travelers.*

