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IRELAND & WALES

The Celtic Trail

JUNE 1 TO 13, 2019
Country Overview

Discover Ireland and Wales, two Celtic countries tied at the hip to England, yet maintaining their own unique cultural identity and languages. Ireland is known as the ‘Emerald Island’ for its striking natural beauty, medieval architecture, and of course Dublin, one of the pre-eminent cities in the world. Wales’ coastline is truly a sight to behold, and this mountainous land offers its own unique kind of beauty, along with gregarious people famous for their song – in fact, Wales is known as the ‘Land of Song’! After this tour you will be the one singing the praises of these two Celtic countries.
YOUR ITINERARY

**DAY 1 ~ SATURDAY ~ JUNE 1**  
**HOUSTON/EN ROUTE**  
Your journey begins as you board your overnight flight to Dublin. (Meals Aloft)

**DAY 2~SUNDAY ~ JUNE 2**  
**DUBLIN/KILLARNEY**  
Arrive early in the morning at Dublin International Airport where you will meet your guide and board a luxury coach to begin your Celtic adventure through the enticing life and lands of Ireland and Wales. Your first stop will be at Limerick, a city located in the midwest region of Ireland at the head of the Shannon Estuary where the River Shannon flows into the Atlantic Ocean. Limerick has a diverse population including the second largest community of Polish people outside of Poland. Their motto, “There was an ancient city very fierce in the skills of war” shows the resilience and determination of this city. Currently they are known as Ireland’s National City of Culture for the ever occurring artistic and cultural events including art exhibitions, playwriting, dramas, and dance. You have some time to spend in this culturally rich and historic city before heading on to the 13th Century King John’s Castle, located on King’s Island in the heart of Limerick’s medieval city along the River Shannon. Continue on to Adare, a picturesque Heritage town containing medieval stone buildings and traditional straw thatched cottages.  

*Staying at the Dromhall Hotel, Killarney is a comfortable and luxurious experience, thanks to the high standard of décor and fittings used throughout the hotel. Dromhall is just a 5-minute walk from the center of Killarney and rooms come equipped with en suite bathrooms, Wi-Fi internet access, and complimentary coffee and tea. There is a day spa on sight, as well as a leisure center with a pool, perfect for laps or relaxing splashing.  
Overnight at DROMHALL HOTEL or similar. (D)*

https://www.dromhall.com/

**DAY 3 ~ MONDAY ~ JUNE 3**  
**THE RING OF KERRY**  
Today will take you through the dramatic and scenic Ring of Kerry. This beautiful part of the world that has attracted visitors for centuries is part of the Wild Atlantic way. On the 111-mile route be sure to have your camera ready for the panoramic opportunities of the expansive and lush landscapes. Explore Ireland’s forts, castles, abbeys and the towns of Killorglin, Glenbeigh, Cahirsiveen and Waterville. You will also cross the Coomakista Pass before stopping at a pub in Cahirdaniel named after a famous Irish liberator for lunch (on your own), which will be roughly your
halfway point of the trail. Continue on to Sneem, the Molls Gap, and Killarney National Park to discover the stunning lakes and the park on a traditional horse and carriage ride. Overnight at DROMHALL HOTEL or similar. (B,D)

**DAY 4 ~ TUESDAY ~ JUNE 4**

**KILLARNEY/CORK**

This morning will bring you to the pretty seaside town of Cobh (*pronounced Cove*), to visit the Cobh Heritage Center which features various exhibitions showcasing what life in Ireland was like during the 18th and 19th centuries. Learn about the infamous RMS Titanic which made its final stop in Cobh before meeting its tragic demise soon after. Continue on to Middleton and visit the Old Jameson Distillery where you will not only tour the old distillery but also get to taste some of the immensely flavorful Irish whiskeys.

Next up, visit the Blarney Castle and kiss the world-renowned Blarney Stone to receive the gift of eloquence. Today’s Blarney Castle is actually the third one that has been built after the wooden and stone ones previously built were destroyed. The Blarney Stone was set into the tower of the castle in 1446 and since then has been a popular site, attracting visitors from all over the world. Blarney has been defined as “something more than mere flattery. It is flattery sweetened by humor and flavored by wit.” Once you kiss the stone it is believed you receive the gift of gab, also known as the skill of flattery. There are many stories on the origin of the stone with the most popular being that the stone was taken from Ireland and ended up in Scotland but was returned to Ireland in 1314. The belief it provides the gift of gab comes from a story involving the builder of the Castle, Cormac Laidir McCarthy, who appealed to the goddess Cliodhna during a lawsuit for help. She told him to kiss the stone on his way to court and after doing so, he pleaded his case with great eloquence and won. Don’t let the millions of people who have kissed the stone fool you into thinking it is an easy feat. In order to properly kiss the stone, you must ascend to the very peak of the castle and lean backwards on the parapet. There are now iron guide rails and an assistant to allow you the perfect kiss on the stone.

Return to Killarney for dinner. Overnight at the DROMHALL HOTEL or similar. (B,D)

**DAY 5 ~ WEDNESDAY ~ JUNE 5**

**KILLARNEY/DUBLIN**

Continue your trip by traveling to the fascinating capital city Dublin, the most populous city in the country, with a population of over 1.6 million people. While here you can visit the towns of Mallow and Fermoy and the Rock of Cashel, one of Ireland’s most important archaeological sites, also known as Cashel of the Kings and St. Patrick’s Rock. This is one of the most visited and spectacular attractions in Ireland, and is the site of the conversion of Aenghus by St. Patrick in the
5th century AD. It is located in Tipperary County and is home to the ruins of a great Celtic cathedral. There are many buildings on the site from the 12th and 13th centuries built with German influences in their architecture.

Your visit continues to The Irish National Stud, Ireland’s Thoroughbred breeding facility, where you can take a tour through the visitor center and enjoy your time in the Japanese Gardens, widely acclaimed as the best Japanese Gardens in all of Europe.

Your accommodation will be at Iveyagh Garden Hotel in Dublin’s City Centre, a short walking distance from some of the main attractions such as Gaiety Theatre and The Little Museum of Dublin and only minutes away from Iveyagh Gardens and St. Stephen’s Green. This stylish 4-star hotel has 145 en-suite rooms that offer room service, flat-screen televisions, complimentary Wi-Fi, toiletries and hair dryers. Enjoy your full Irish breakfast every morning.

Overnight at the IVEAGH GARDEN HOTEL or similar. (B,D)
http://www.iveaghgardenhotel.ie

DAY 6 ~ THURSDAY ~ JUNE 6
DUBLIN

Begin your in-depth informative exploration of Dublin packed with heritage and culture starting with a visit to the Trinity College and Book of Kells which dates back to 800 A.D. and is considered a masterpiece of Western Calligraphy. It is also one of Ireland’s most revered national treasures for its historic and artistic architecture. Stop by the impressive Christchurch Cathedral Dublin, an ideal example of medieval architecture as well as the oldest building in Dublin.

Spend the remainder of the afternoon exploring Dublin on your own. Meet back up with your group in the evening for a fun, entertaining and authentic slice of Dublin’s culture and cuisine. Enjoy a show tonight as you dine on traditional Irish food while admiring the Irish cabaret’s singers and dancers performing at Merry Ploughboys. You are sure to take in Ireland’s well-known hospitality on your last night in Ireland.

Overnight at the IVEAGH GARDEN HOTEL or similar (B,D)
DAY 7 ~ FRIDAY ~ JUNE 7
DUBLIN/NORTH WALES
This morning marks the beginning of your journey to Wales, a country with spectacular coastlines and mountainous land that offers a unique beauty which when paired with its songful people is a magnificent country you are sure to enjoy.
Take a ferry from Dublin to Wales and spend the day in Anglesey, an island off the northwest coast of Wales. The Anglesey coast is declared an Area of Outstanding Beauty which provides excellent photo opportunities and chances to admire the natural sights. Anglesey is so stunning that the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge spent their honeymoon here.
While on the island you visit the Halen Mon Salt Company which was established 17 years ago when a family left seawater to bubble away leaving behind sea salt. Here, you can make your own salt and take home a little taste of Wales to spice up any dish! You will learn how salt is made and be able to sample the many different kinds they make.
Next, visit a village with the longest name in Europe and the second longest in the world consisting of 58 letters. Take a photo with the famous railway sign to show people you went to Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch. On mainland Wales travel to Caernarfon and visit the castle where Prince Charles’ investiture took place; enjoy an informative wandering, the picturesque towers, the museum and the commanding views of the area. Before heading to your hotel for the night you will have some time to enjoy the historic town of Caernarfon.

With wonderful views across Llandudno Bay, St George’s Hotel sits beside the impressive Great Orme. The 4-star hotel features splendid facilities and elegant décor in its 81 bedrooms. The bright and airy bedrooms feature private bathrooms with luxury toiletries & a hairdryer, air conditioning and high speed internet access.
Overnight at the ST. GEORGE’S HOTEL, or similar. (B,D) https://stgeorgeswales.co.uk/

DAY 8 ~ SATURDAY ~ JUNE 8
NORTH WALES
Journey through the highest mountain in England and Wales, Mount Snowdon, via steam train to breathe in refreshing, genuinely clean air and observe the marvelous views. Take a scenic drive through the beautiful Snowdonia National Park where myths and legends lurk around every corner before stopping by the Italian village of Portmeirion. This charming village is quirky and quite colorful and feels like a slice of the Mediterranean in Wales. Explore the gardens, learn about the history, and relax in the cafes or shops. If you are a fan of the TV show The Prisoner, you may recognize it as the place where the show was filmed!
Overnight at the ST. GEORGE’S HOTEL or similar. (B,D)
DAY 9 ~ SUNDAY ~ JUNE 9
NORTH WALES
This morning your scenic drive through the village of Llangollen will take you into North East Wales. Enjoy a leisurely morning in this traditional village that sits alongside River Dee with a backdrop of dramatic mountains. Continue on to the Bodnant Gardens, noted worldwide for their incredibly diverse flora collections brought to them by 19th and 20th century explorers. Take a short drive to the Bodnant Welsh Food Centre where time and availability depending, you may see a demonstration and enjoy a meal by the “Dai Chef.” A champion of Welsh produce for 30 years, Dai Chef has vast and varied experience in creating delicious and spectacular dishes. Gaining his initial experience in some of the largest hotels in London, he became the youngest “chef saucier” (sauce cook) at the world-renowned Carlton Club. He went on to become the head chef at Bryn Howel Hotel, cooking for Pavarotti, and more recently founding the Welsh Culinary Team. It will be a true pleasure to taste the exquisite dishes prepared by an authentic and gifted chef.
Overnight at the ST. GEORGE’S HOTEL, or similar. (B)

DAY 10~MONDAY~JUNE 10
NORTH WALES/CARDIFF
Travel towards Machynlleth located in Mid-Wales to visit a local farm and learn from the owner, Dafydd, what farm life in Wales is like. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional Welsh lunch and Welsh entertainment in Machynlleth. Since Wales is known as the Land of Song, you are sure to hear a song or two before traveling towards the capital of Wales, Cardiff.

Your historic home for the next few days is a venue like no other. Located in the heart of Cardiff Bay, it offers guests the opportunity to step back in time and explore one of Wales’s most significant buildings. Opened as the Coal and Shipping Exchange for trading in coal in Cardiff, it fell into disrepair. In 2016 it was purchased and fully refurbished as a hotel, restored to its former glory with original features preserved and the Grand Hall reinstated which was previously the trading floor. It opened as a hotel in May, 2017, and features 200 elegant bedrooms, restaurant and spa facilities.
Overnight at the EXCHANGE HOTEL or similar. (B,L)
https://exchangehotelcardiff.co.uk/

DAY 11 ~ TUESDAY ~ JUNE 11
CARDIFF
Today brings the unique experience of a Cardiff Culinary Safari where you will explore the capital of Wales through a walking tour and enjoy the delights of the local cafes, restaurants, and pubs with the help of a local food expert. Learn all about the fresh, delicious produce that Wales boasts about and experience the town just like the locals do! From coffee and visit at the museum, sherry and tapas at Cava, main course at Potted Pig, dessert at Mermaid Quay and finally the fabulous Welsh cakes with Jo Roberts, you’re sure to gain a true appreciation of Welsh cuisine. The evening is free to enjoy however you would like.
Overnight at the EXCHANGE HOTEL or similar. (B,L)
DAY 12 ~ WEDNESDAY ~ JUNE 12
CARDIFF
Your last day in Wales will be spent taking in the beauty and authenticity of Wales as well as the tasteful spirits they offer. Begin by visiting the 19th century Gothic Revival castle, Castell Coch, also known as Red Castle. Enjoy a tasting of whiskey at the award-winning Penderyn Whiskey Distillery nestled on the edge of the Brecon Beacons National Park. Head back towards Cardiff and visit St. Fagan’s National History Museum on the way, one of Europe's leading open-air museums and a gateway to the history of Wales. Finish the day with a scrumptious farewell dinner with your group as you reminisce on the incredible Celtic journey you took. Overnight at the EXCHANGE HOTEL or similar. (B,D)

DAY 13 ~ THURSDAY ~ JUNE 13
CARDIFF/DUBLIN/HOUSTON
Time to head back to the United States or for your post-extension to Pembrokeshire. Return home with wonderful memories of the Celtic Trail. (B, Meals Aloft)
OPTIONAL PRE-EXTENSION TO BELFAST & GALWAY, IRELAND

DAY 1 ~ TUESDAY ~ MAY 28
NEW YORK/EN ROUTE
Your journey begins as you board your overnight flight to Dublin. (Meals Aloft)

DAY 2 ~ WEDNESDAY ~ MAY 29
BELFAST
Arrive in Dublin International Airport and meet your guide who will bring you to Belfast, the capital city of Northern Ireland. Belfast is rich in history and packed with heritage and innovation. The docklands were recently renovated so you are sure to enjoy the fascinating area on your city tour in the afternoon.

Located just moments from main attractions in Belfast, your prestigious hotel offers elegant décor, a contemporary bistro, a piano bar lounge, a bar and the highest level of customer service for your stay.
Overnight at the EUROPA HOTEL or similar. (D)
http://www.hastingshotels.com/europa-belfast/

DAY 3 ~ THURSDAY ~ MAY 30
BELFAST
Travel along the Antrim Coast which on a clear day offers views across to Scotland, before stopping at Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge built by fishermen 350 years ago and suspended 100 feet above sea level. The bridge spans 65 feet and if you are bold enough to traipse across you will be rewarded with incredible views of close by islands, Scotland and the Causeway Coast. If you take the challenge to look down you will see the ancient caves and caverns with green water flowing around them. Continue on to the Giant’s Causeway known for its hexagonal columns of layered basalt from a volcanic eruption 60 million years ago. This is the only World Heritage site in Northern Ireland and has been designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Your final stop today brings you to the Old Bushmills Distillery, the oldest working distillery in Ireland for a tour through the heart of the whiskey making process. Watch as the water and malted barley turn into wort that is then fermented with yeast and then stored in casks before it’s bottled and exported worldwide.
Overnight at the EUROPA HOTEL or similar. (B,D)
DAY 4 ~ FRIDAY ~ MAY 31
BELFAST/GALWAY
Travel through the Republic of Ireland today on your way to Galway. Stop at Newgrange, one of the most important passage graves in Europe that is a prehistoric World Heritage site full of mystery. Built in 3200 BC, the grave was left untouched by all invaders and was excavated in the 1960’s when archaeologists discovered it is the oldest solar observatory in the world because of the rays of sun that enter the tomb. Your next stop is at the Kilbeggan Distillery, the oldest licensed distillery in Ireland dating back to 1757. Discover how Irish whiskey was made in the past and taste some of the finest whiskey they have to offer.

Nestled in Galway’s suburbs, in a secluded setting in leafy Taylor’s Hill, The Ardilaun Hotel, a former country mansion, offers 123 guestrooms, lush gardens through which you can wander, and lounges with fireplaces where you can enjoy a cocktail or afternoon tea. The rooms feature en suite bathrooms with hair dryers, complimentary Wi-Fi internet access, and full size or two beds. Overnight at the ARDILAUN HOTEL or similar. (B,D)
https://www.theardilaunhotel.ie/

DAY 5 ~ SATURDAY ~ JUNE 1
GALWAY
Depart for a tour of Connemara and make your first stop at the Connemara Smokehouse, one of the oldest in Western Ireland which has been family owned and run by the Roberts family since 1979. This is one of the only smokehouses that still specialize in smoking wild Atlantic salmon. In the afternoon visit Kylemore Abbey set in the heart of the Connemara Mountains. Built in 1868, the castle is one of the great neo-Gothic castles remaining in Ireland. The castle became an Abbey in 1920 when it was taken over by the Irish Benedictine nuns and now houses an international girls’ boarding school. Overnight at the ARDILAUN HOTEL or similar. (B,D)

DAY 6 ~ SUNDAY ~ JUNE 2
GALWAY/DUBLIN/KILLARNEY
Drive to Dublin today and meet your group arriving from the USA and begin your main tour.
OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO PEMBROKESHIRE, WALES

Day 13 ~ Thursday ~ June 13
Cardiff/Pembrokeshire

Say goodbye to the rest of your group, as you continue with your post-extension to Pembrokeshire, a maritime county bordered by the sea on three sides, with stunning scenery, mountainous national parks, rolling coastlines and ancient tradition to explore. Here you can see the lighthouse which was built in the 1790’s, the Victorian pier and medieval Oystermouth Castle with great views overlooking the ocean. Enjoy lunch (on your own) here and then continue to The Gower and on to Laugharne, a small coastal village, where Dylan Thomas lived his final years. Spend this afternoon exploring the castle, Carmarthen Bay and the Dylan Thomas Boathouse, and partake in a traditional Welsh tea.

Dinner and your next three nights will be at the Elm Grove Country House in Pembrokeshire which contains 11 individually decorated and spacious rooms with exquisite high ceilings and antique furnishings paired with modern amenities to make your stay comfortable and enjoyable. Each room contains a flat screen TV, telephone, central heating, free Wi-Fi, and more. This beautiful country house is located just three miles away from the town of Tenby which boasts some of Pembrokeshire’s most attractive beaches and places of interest. Your dining menu consists of fresh, made to order dishes with as many local ingredients as possible including vegetables picked right from their garden!

Overnight at the ELM GROVE COUNTRY HOUSE or similar. (B,D)
elmgrovecountryhouse.co.uk/rooms/
DAY 14 ~ FRIDAY ~ JUNE 14
TENBY AND CALDEY ISLAND
This morning, visit a Lovespoon Workshop which offers insight into the tradition of carving spoons and is an ideal souvenir to bring back home! Travel on to the beautiful harbor town of Tenby, boasting over two miles of sandy beach. Visit the 13th century medieval town walls, Tenby Castle and the Tudor Merchant’s house. In the afternoon visit the beautiful Caldey Island, one of Britain’s holy islands, by boat from Tenby Harbor. This island has inherited several traditions from the Celtic times and is home to the monastic monks of the Cistercian Order.
Overnight at the ELM GROVE COUNTRY HOUSE or similar. (B,D)

DAY 15 ~ SATURDAY ~ JUNE 15
ST. DAVID’S AND CARDIGAN
Visit the Solva Woolen Mill which has been weaving fabrics since 1907, creating a range of products from tapestry to rugs and throws. Travel on to St. David’s, the smallest city in Britain and visit St. David’s shrine, a great place of pilgrimage, and see the Cathedral. Ruins of the medieval Bishop’s Palace are located right next to the Cathedral and you will have some free time to explore the breathtaking area. In the afternoon, travel up the coast through the Pembrokeshire National Park and stop at the Cardigan Castle which has recently undergone a 12-million-pound restoration project to discover its history through fascinating exhibitions.
Overnight at the ELM GROVE COUNTRY HOUSE or similar. (B,D)

DAY 16 ~ SUNDAY ~ JUNE 16
PEMBROKESHIRE/CARDIFF/HOUSTON
Time to bid farewell to Wales and your fascinating adventure as you journey back home taking with you all the incredible memories, sites and experiences of Ireland and Wales.
INCLUSIONS

- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- Breakfast daily and a welcome and farewell dinner. Other meals as specified in the itinerary. (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Visits and admission fees to all venues indicated in itinerary.
- All ground transfers and excursions in private deluxe motor coach.
- A Rice University host will accompany the group with a minimum of 15 travelers on the main and 10 travelers on either extension.
- Services of a specialist guide - one specific to Ireland and one specific to Wales.
- Gratuities for baggage handling and wait staff on included meals.
- Complimentary bottled water on coaches during sightseeing and with included meals.
- Complimentary passport wallets and baggage tags.
- Complimentary emergency evacuation insurance.

EXCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip international flights between Houston and Dublin including departure taxes, subject to change (quoted separately.)
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas. Visa is not required for visiting the United Kingdom or Ireland.
- Gratuities to drivers, guides and other conveyance attendants during your free time and any other personal expenses.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Laundry, other than specified and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.

PLEASE NOTE THE ITINERARY SEQUENCE IS CORRECT AT THE TIME OF WRITING, BUT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

CLASSIC ESCAPES CONSERVATION FUND

In keeping with our mission to provide exciting, educational, and fun-filled experiences that nurture and directly support the diverse wildlife and cultures we visit around the world, Classic Escapes has established the Classic Escapes Conservation Fund to ensure that a percentage of all profits go to support conservation and wildlife researchers performing their critical work in the field. Project support has included wild dog, elephant, rhino and cheetah conservation in Botswana, Kenya, Tanzania and Namibia, penguins in Punta San Juan Peru, tiger preservation in India, and sponsoring school children in Kenya, among many other projects around the world. By traveling with Classic Escapes, you are supporting travel as a tool for building the mutual respect, awareness and understanding that are vital to preserving this planet for future generations.
THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT IRELAND & WALES

Participants:
- Must be able to climb in and out of buses. People need to be willing to rotate seats.
- Must be able to tolerate walking tours at an easy pace on uneven terrain, sometimes uphill, for three or four hours at a time.
- Should generally be in good health. Your trip includes considerable walking. These conditions may pose problems to participants with particular physical issues and you should always consult your personal physician before embarking on such an adventure.

In general, this trip requires:
- Flexibility and good humor – unexpected changes and/or glitches can occur
- A spirit of adventure and curiosity

Air Schedules
Choosing the best possible air arrangements for our travelers is always a challenge. We work with many airlines that offer the best level of service, routings and value for our programs. While there may indeed be more direct routings available with another airline, the cost of these flights may not be within the budget that allows us to give you the best value possible. If you prefer to purchase your own international air, please feel free to choose the “land only” rate for this program. The start city for this program is Dublin, returning from Cardiff.

Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.
YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

INCLUDING: DUBLIN, LIMERICK, KILLARNEY, RING OF KERRY, BLARNEY CASTLE IN IRELAND; ANGLESEY, MOUNT SNOWDON, BODNANT GARDENS, MACHYNLLDETH, CARDIF & BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK IN WALES; PRE EXTENSION TO BELFAST, GIANT’S CAUSEWAY & GALWAY IN IRELAND; POST EXTENSION TO PEMBROKESHIRE IN WALES

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*Single Supplement: Rate Is Valid For First Two Single Rooms Booked. If More Than Two Single Rooms, Additional Supplement May Apply. Singles Are Assigned On A First Come/First Serve Basis.

**All International Airfares Are Subject To Change And Based On Minimum Number Of Travelers. Taxes Are Subject To Change Until Ticketed. Fares Obtained By Classic Escapes Are Not Upgradeable.

Departure City: Houston
(Other Departure Cities Available Upon Request)
CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

REGISTRATION

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit as shown below, to:
Office of Alumni Relations – MS 520 Rice Alumni Traveling Owls P.O. Box 1892 Houston, TX 77251-1892 or fax: 713-348-5210. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

PAYMENTS

DEPOSIT: A deposit of $1,000 per person for the main trip and $250 for each extension must be submitted at the time of booking. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover.

FINAL PAYMENT: Final payment is due 95 days before departure (February 26, 2019) you will receive a final invoice. Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY.

RATES: Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates, and other factors and are subject to change. Although it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum number of travelers is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

NOT INCLUDED: Cost of passport and visa fees, as well as service charges for obtaining visas; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional travel insurance policy; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above. A visa is not required for Ireland and Wales for US citizens.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement will apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed, but they will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost.) The single-room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single-room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

GRATUITIES AND TAXES: Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in airfare costs. Tips to drivers and guides are not included.

CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide financial reimbursement should the unexpected occur.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to February 26, 2019, $300 per person administrative fee.
- February 27 to March 18, 2019, deposit is forfeited.
- March 19 to March 28, 2019 less 75% of tour cost.
- After March 28, 2019, no refund is possible.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

CHANGE FEES: Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS: We would be happy to make additional travel plans for you, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those that may be offered in conjunction with this tour. A service charge of $150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.
Schedules, accommodations, and prices are accurate at the time of writing. They are subject to change.

**DOCUMENTS**

**PASSPORT & VISAS:** The responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited and for the applicable time period, as outlined by the U.S. Department of State (travel.state.gov) or by the passport holder’s country. Classic Escapes, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc., not held by the guests, nor for the cost of obtaining visas.

**PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION:** Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send a pre-departure packet to you. This packet contains all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, etc.

**FINAL DOCUMENTS:** Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

**TRANSPORTATION**

**OPTIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Round-trip, economy-class flights via UNITED AIRLINES and/or other IATAN carriers are between HOUSTON and the destination city noted in the itinerary. Rates are based on special promotional fares; cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost; please inquire at the time of reservation. Please note that these promotional fares are subject to 10 passengers traveling together on the same airline routing and itinerary. If this minimum is not met, the special group rates are not applicable and it might become necessary to issue instant purchase tickets earlier than when final payment is due in order to take advantage of airfares that are similar to the group rates. Should this occur, you will be contacted with the details.

**AIRLINE SEATING:** For UNITED AIRLINES, we request seats together for the group. All planes are nonsmoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however, requested seats cannot be guaranteed. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Boarding passes will only be issued at the airport on the day of departure. You may inquire about seat changes during check-in, based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

**FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE:** This program is currently set with UNITED AIRLINES. For a list of the airline’s partners, visit [https://www.united.com/CMS/en-US/Marketing/CustComm/Promotions/Pages/AirlinePartners.aspx](https://www.united.com/CMS/en-US/Marketing/CustComm/Promotions/Pages/AirlinePartners.aspx). Become a member of the mileage program for any of these airlines and present your frequent flyer card at all flight check-ins to obtain credit for your flights. Remember to keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit.

**TRANSFERS:** Round-trip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

**TRIP DETAILS**

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

**MEALS:** All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate you.

**INOCULATIONS:** When it comes to vaccination and disease prevention, we suggest that travelers first review information provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel)) and then review those details with their personal physicians.

**WATER:** It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

**BAGGAGE:** On average, international flights from the USA allow two pieces of checked luggage, each not exceeding 50 pounds; however, we always recommend that you check your airline’s policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. Despite this weight allowance, we always suggest guests travel light. Also, soft-sided duffel bags are ideal for this tour, as they stow best in vehicles and airplanes with limited space.
TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESPONSIBILITIES: Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company, nor Washington & Lee University, shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the aforesaid shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition, the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any trip or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any trip being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest’s booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the aforesaid it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund.

PHOTOGRAPHY: The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

CHANGES TO SCHEDULES: Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules, it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right, to occasionally change routes and hotels as dictated by changing conditions.

REFUNDS: While the Company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund, either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

AIRLINE CLAUSE: The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers’ tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

DELAYS: We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. If one of our guides is unable to take a trip due to illness, etc., we reserve the right to substitute with another guide. This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the trip takes place. Classic Escapes acts merely as an agent for the operating companies. To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

CONSENT: The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a trip constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure, whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this trip, cannot be changed or amended except in writing and signed by an authorized director of the Company.

INSURANCE: It is a condition of booking, that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip to the United Kingdom. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the trip, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest’s dependents or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above-mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require, and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover.

INCLUDED EMERGENCY EVACUATION COVERAGE: For the convenience of our travelers, Classic Escapes provides a complimentary Medical Insurance Plan, during this trip through, Travel Guard Group, Inc. This includes:

- Emergency evacuation insurance up to $100,000
- Up to $25,000 medical expense and up to $500 dental expense coverage subject to the terms and limitations of the insurance policy.
- 24-hour worldwide travel and medical assistance

Please click here to view complete coverage of details.

Dear Traveler,

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Recycling one ton of paper saves 20 trees, 7,000 gallons of water, three cubic yards of landfill space, 60 pounds of air pollutants, and saves enough energy to power the average home for six months...

Please indicate in the chart below whether or not you prefer to receive paperless correspondence from us – all you need to do is put a check under the “green” symbol for yes or a check under the “NO” for no.

Simply fax to 718-204-4726 or email your responses to reservations@classicescapes.com!

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Together we can make the world a better place!

Thank you for your support,
Enclosed is my deposit for $ ______________ ($1,000 per person and $250 for either extension) to hold __________ place(s) on the Ireland & Wales program departing on June 1, 2019. Cost is $5,995 per person, double occupancy, land only. Additional international air from Houston is $1,890, including departure taxes & fuel surcharges. (Currently - subject to change).

Final payment due date is: February 26, 2019

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES and mail to Office of Alumni Relations – MS 520 Rice Alumni Traveling Owls P.O. Box 1892 Houston, TX 77251-1892

Charge deposit to: ________ MasterCard     ________ Visa     ________ American Express        ________ Discover
(Credit Card Authorization form needs to be completed and returned to the Office of Alumni Affairs via mail or fax to 713-348-5210)

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

1) NAME (As appears on passport): □ Mr. □ Mrs. □ Ms. _____________________________ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) __ / __ / __________
Passport No. ______________________ Green Card No. ___________________ Expiration Date ___________ Nationality __________

2) NAME (As appears on passport): □ Mr. □ Mrs. □ Ms. ____________________________ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) __ / __ / __________
Passport No. ______________________ Green Card No. ___________________ Expiration Date ___________ Nationality __________

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) ____________________________ 2) ____________________________

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E-MAIL ADDRESS: ___________________________________________________________________________

FAX: (          )

☐ I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.

☐ The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: □ ONE □ TWO Beds (Make one selection only)

☐ I am sharing with ______________________________________________________________________________ (form sent separately)

☐ I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand that if the Rice Alumni Association or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement. I prefer to share with: □ Smoker □ Non-smoker

☐ I/We wish to participate in the optional extension(s) at an additional per person cost of:

☐ $1,995 for the North Ireland pre-extension
☐ $1,595 for the Pembrokeshire post-extension

☐ I/We will make own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure.

☐ All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of February 9, 2018, and are subject to change. Cancellation penalties are applicable as outlined on Conditions of Travel. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).

SIGNATURE: ____________________________________________________________________________ DATE: _________________

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Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.

I authorize (Classic Escapes Inc.) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card

Card number   Expiration date

Card Verification Number*   Card Type

Billing address of credit card

Amount of transaction

Services rendered/Items purchased

Phone number

Signature      Date

*How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:
(Visa, MasterCard, Discover: Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3 digit number which follows the credit card number. American Express: Enter the 4 digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

I understand that all rates quoted for this tour on which I’m making a payment are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of February 9, 2018, and are subject to change. Deposit is refundable up to 95 days prior to departure, less $300 handling fee – see cancellation penalties applicable as outlined on Conditions of Travel. The per person cancellation penalties are repeated below.

- Up to February 26, 2019, $300 per person administrative fee.
- February 27 to March 18, 2019, deposit is forfeited.
- March 19 to March 28, 2019 less 75% of tour cost.
- After March 28, 2019, no refund is possible.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines.

PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver’s license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.