

England, Ireland and Scotland 2022

April 2021

1. Welcome to all our new travelers!

2. Payments – online giving option...remind friends/family to donate on your page with your link

3. How to do receipts – Econo due by end of April, August and January; SuperOne by end of August.

4. Fundraisers

Seroogys – do you want to do a May sale?

Receipts – start to turn them in ASAP

Grocery bagging – if this is allowed, we will sign up!

Donation letter – Would you like an explanation letter? If so, how many do you need?

5. Do you need vaccinations (shots) to travel? As of right now, no.

6. Passport – must send in application for passport by Dec. 2020 AT THE LATEST and I need a SIGNED colored copy as soon as you have it

7. Spending money – you will need lunch money per day (14 days) and spending money – this amount will change, depends on each person. I am planning approx. \$60 per day

8. Tip money - \$140 per person, due in April 2022, cash or check

9. How to contact me:

- My name is Leah Rankin.
- I will use REMIND to communicate with you. Please sign up for this service. I have included the way to sign up in my email.
- I will also use my webpage – there is a tab called “UK Trip”. I will post information there. The site is: <http://proferankin.weebly.com>
- You can contact me: lrarkin@kingsford.org or by phone (texting is fine) 906-396-6825.

What you'll experience on your tour

Day 1: Fly overnight to Ireland

Day 2: Shannon | Killarney region

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport.
- Travel to Killarney.

Day 3: Killarney region

- Take an excursion to the Ring of Kerry.
- Visit the Bog Museum.

Day 4: Killarney region | Blarney | Kilkenny

- Travel to Blarney.
- Visit Blarney Castle.
- Travel to the beautiful medieval town of Kilkenny.
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Day 5: Dublin

- Travel to Dublin, where you'll take an expertly guided tour. Literary history greets you at every turn, from Trinity College, where playwright Samuel Beckett and satirist Jonathan Swift studied, to the Long Room of the Old Library, where you'll see the *Book of Kells*. Irish monks created this calligraphic manuscript over 1,000 years ago. Admire St. Patrick's Cathedral, whose presence honors the patron saint of Ireland, and when you ride through Dublin's elegant Georgian squares, be sure to ask your guide about the colorful doors.
 - Get a taste of popular Irish sports during an afternoon of Gaelic Games.

Day 6: Dublin | Cheshire region

- Take a ferry from Dublin to Holyhead.
- Visit a Welsh castle.
- Travel through North Wales to the Cheshire region.

Day 7: Cheshire region | Edinburgh

- Travel from the Cheshire region to Edinburgh.

Day 8: Edinburgh | London

- During your expert-led tour of the city, you'll see the homes of Alexander Graham Bell and Robert Louis Stevenson.
- Visit Edinburgh Castle, the enduring symbol of Scotland's capital and site of many of the nation's storied events. Ownership of the fortress, perched atop an extinct volcano, changed hands many times over the centuries, from Scottish to English and back again. It's here Mary Queen of Scots gave birth to James VI of Scotland, who would later rule England as James I.
- Your walking tour of Edinburgh will give you a sense of what it was like to live here during centuries past. You'll also stroll down the Royal Mile through the Old Town, a romantic jumble of medieval buildings.
- Travel by train to London.

Day 9: London

- Discover London, a city that has become one of the world's great melting pots while maintaining a distinct character that's all its own.
- From the London Bridge to the Houses of Parliament, London comes to life during your expert-led tour. Admire architectural marvels like the Baroque domes and spires of St. Paul's Cathedral, the 17th-century church designed by Sir Christopher Wren. Check out the lively five-way intersection at Piccadilly Circus as well as Hyde Park's urban greenery. You may even get a chance to witness the ceremonial Changing of the Guard. And don't forget to snap a picture of Big Ben from the banks of the River Thames.
- Great Britain's royal tradition and rich history are on full display during your walking tour of the city.
- Time to see more of London or
 - ride the London Eye.

Day 10: London

- Full day to see more of London or
 - visit Windsor Castle.

Day 11: Depart for home

➤ 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Day 11: Oxford | Bath region

- Take a tour of Oxford.
- Visit New College.
- Take an expert-led tour of Bath.
- Visit the Roman Baths.

Day 12: Bath region

- Take an excursion to Glastonbury and Cheddar.
- Visit Glastonbury Abbey.

Day 13: Bath region | London

- Visit Stonehenge.
- Visit Salisbury Cathedral.

Day 14: Depart for home

We had a great time in Ireland, Wales and England — our tour director Cathal was awesome! :-)

— PAUL, TRAVELER



The week I spent in England was one of the best in my life. I saw things I never imagined I would or could. The Tower of London is mind-boggling because you get to walk the ground on which kings and queens have walked on. There are the iconic spots that everyone wants to see like Big Ben, the London Eye and Buckingham Palace.

— YESELY, TRAVELER



TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY, OR EXPLORE

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3. _____