



Scotland and Ireland

GROUP INFORMATION



Trip ID:
Carson-6704

Departing:
June 19, 2028

Returning:
July 3, 2028

Last day for this Program Fee:
June 18, 2026

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PROGRAM ITINERARY (DETAILED)

Day 1 Overnight Flight to Scotland (Edinburgh)
Day 2 Hello Edinburgh
Meet your LEAP-trained Tour Director
Edinburgh city walk
Royal Mile (Old Town), St. Giles Cathedral

Details: Meet your LEAP-trained Tour Director
LEAP encompasses the best practices of student-centered learning. Your Tour Director will get to know you and your group, will push you to think deeply, and will prepare thoughtful, hands-on opportunities to display your learning. LEAP is exclusive to WorldStrides and is what makes our Tour Directors unique and our programs transformative.

Details: Edinburgh city walk
The capital of Scotland, Edinburgh has steep streets and stone buildings zigzagging up hills and down into small valleys, and the brooding Edinburgh Castle looms over the whole thing. Follow your Tour Director for an orientation along the Royal Mile which is located at the heart of Edinburgh's Old Town and stretches from Holyrood Palace to the Edinburgh Castle.

Details: Royal Mile (Old Town)
Walk the Royal Mile, one of the most famous and scenic city walks in Europe.

Day 3 Edinburgh
Edinburgh guided sightseeing tour
Royal Mile (Old Town), Georgian New Town, Palace of Holyroodhouse, Sir Walter Scott Monument
Edinburgh Castle visit
Edinburgh guided ghost tour

Total Fee:* \$6,382.00

Program Quote Breakdown

The following fees apply to your full-paying participants:

Tour Fee*	\$6,121.00
Irish folklore evening	\$65.00
On-Tour Tipping	\$196.00
Council Fees	\$200.00
** EarlySavings28	\$ -200.00

Total Fee* **\$6,382.00**

OR 24 monthly payments of \$263.83
After initial payment of \$50.00

* Last day for this Program Fee is June 18, 2026.

** Only valid with voucher code EarlySavings28

Additional Adult Fees

The following additional fees apply only to full-paying participants 23 and older and are not included in the total price listed above.

Adult Supplement	\$125.00
Twin Room Upgrade	\$585.00
Additional Adult Fee	\$710.00

PROGRAM FEE INCLUDES:

- LEAP – Learning through Exploring and Actively Participating increases engagement, critical thinking, understanding of diverse perspectives, and personal growth.
- WorldStrides Tour Director: An experienced education and destination professional, trained in LEAP, who engages students with hands-on learning opportunities.
- Round-trip airfare and transportation to activities in the itinerary
- Hotel accommodations
- Breakfast daily except on arrival day
- Dinner daily except on departure day
- Guided sightseeing tours and city walks as per itinerary
- Visits to select attractions as per itinerary
- Discovery Journal (available upon request)
- Traveling educators can earn professional development hours/CEUs.
- Earn high school credit (grades 6–12) or college credit (grades 9–12) — available to travelers who complete the program and WorldStrides coursework.

Details: Edinburgh guided sightseeing tour

Edinburgh Castle, the historical and emotional heart of the city, is just one of the many sights you will see on this tour, led by a licensed professional guide. Make your way along the Royal Mile, the main thoroughfare of the 16th and 17th centuries. (It's actually one mile and 107 yards long--from Edinburgh Castle to the Palace of Holyrood House). As you make your way along cobbled streets, you'll see a handful of the several thousand buildings officially protected in Edinburgh because of their architectural or historic importance. The 200-foot spire of the Sir Walter Scott monument soars above the East Princes Street Gardens. Grand figures from Scottish history adorn its heights, make sure you also look down -- the figure below the marble statue is Scott's favorite dog, Maida.

Details: Royal Mile (Old Town)

Walk the Royal Mile, one of the most famous and scenic city walks in Europe.

Details: Edinburgh Castle visit

Perched high on a volcanic rock, Edinburgh Castle makes for an imposing and impressive sight. Explore this medieval castle, learn about its significance in Scottish history and appreciate its magnificent panoramic views of the city below.

Details: Edinburgh guided ghost tour

Stunning Edinburgh hides a horrific past. Witch burnings. Plague. Murder. Ghosts. Everyone in Scotland has a ghost story to tell. Hear a handful on this guided tour through some of Edinburgh's most infamous spots. Be prepared to be spooked by tales of the ghouls and apparitions that are said to haunt this old city still.

Day 4 Edinburgh--Highlands

Travel to Highlands via the Trossachs

Stirling Castle visit

Details: Travel to Highlands via the Trossachs

Dramatic peaks. Small lochs. Peaceful glens. Sheep. Pass through the heart of the Scottish countryside. Renowned for its natural beauty, the area was a favorite spot of poet William Wordsworth. Stirling Castle. The site of the battles in Braveheart, this huge gray stone castle towers over the countryside from its position up high on a cliff, enabling its inhabitants to survey the main north-south and east-west routes across Scotland. The castle has been strategically important to Scotland for centuries and has passed back and forth between Scottish and English control innumerable times. Mary, Queen of Scots was crowned in the castle, but she's not among the many ghosts said to make their homes here. The castle is architecturally and artistically beautiful, with Renaissance and medieval elements and breathtaking views.

Details: Stirling Castle visit

Tour Stirling Castle, which dates from the Middle Ages and was an important seat of two kings; James IV and James V. View the Museum of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, presenting an excellent exhibit of colors, pipe banners, and regimental silver. From the castle, there is a wonderful view of the Wallace Monument.

Day 5 Highlands

Glencoe and Loch Ness excursion

Loch Ness boat cruise, Culloden Moor

Details: Glencoe and Loch Ness excursion

The idea that Loch Ness is inhabited by some sort of mysterious aquatic beast has been around for more than 1,500 years. If the monster does exist, the misty Loch, which is 24 miles long and as deep as 700 feet, would be the perfect place for Nessie to hide.

- Basic medical, dental, and emergency-evacuation insurance during the trip
- WorldAssist staff members available 24/7/365 should your group need extra help
- Tips for local guides and drivers are included (except multi-day bus drivers). Tour cost doesn't include optional pre-paid tips for the Tour Director or multi-day bus driver unless the pre-paid tip option has been purchased.
- Note: Tour cost does not include airline-imposed baggage fees.
- Note: Tour cost does not cover entry requirements or related fees. This includes, but is not limited to, REAL ID, passports, visas, and travel-authorization fees.
- Note: Tour cost does not include optional excursions and other individual and group customizations will be listed as separate line items in the total trip cost, if included. Listed inclusions may not apply if the program is customized.



Day 6 Highlands--Glasgow

Travel to Glasgow via Loch Lomond

Glasgow city walk

Strathclyde University, City Chambers, George Square

Details: Travel to Glasgow via Loch Lomond

Head for Glasgow. On the way, you'll pass the largest expanse of fresh water in Britain. Loch Lomond is five miles wide at its broadest point and has more than 30 islands in the middle of it, three of which are inhabited. It's a favorite recreational spot for the Scots and is full of native wildlife.

Details: Glasgow city walk

Home of Scottish Opera, Scottish Ballet, the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, and the Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow is the center of contemporary Scottish culture-and a hotbed of trendy restaurants, boutiques and pubs. Glasgow grew around a church built in the mid-6th century, but many of its most impressive buildings are from the 19th century, when an industrial boom led to a building frenzy. Your Tour Director will lead you to some of the city's most famous sites, passing Glasgow's blend of modern and traditional architecture. See the Venetian-style colonnaded façade of the city chambers, take in the statuary at George Square, and peek into the academic world of Strathclyde University. Glasgow has more than just buildings. It's often referred to as "The dear green place," because of its many parks.

Day 7 Glasgow--Belfast

Ferry to Belfast

Travel along the Antrim Coast

Giant's Causeway excursion

Details: Giant's Causeway excursion

For centuries countless visitors have marveled at the majesty and mystery of the Giants Causeway. At the heart of one of Europe's most magnificent coastlines its unique rock formations have, for millions of years, stood as a natural rampart against the unbridled ferocity of Atlantic storms. The rugged symmetry of the columns never fails to intrigue and inspire our visitors. The result of an ancient volcanic eruption, to stroll on the Giants Causeway is to voyage back in time.

Day 8 Belfast--Dublin

Belfast guided sightseeing tour

Lower Falls, Shankill Road, Belfast murals

Titanic Belfast Museum visit

Travel to Dublin

Dublin city walk

Ha'Penny Bridge, Temple Bar, Molly Malone statue

Details: Belfast guided sightseeing tour

A professional licensed tour guide will introduce you to the historic city of Belfast, Northern Ireland's capital. It was the birthplace of the RMS Titanic, which famously struck an iceberg and sunk in 1912. This legacy is recalled in the renovated dockyards' Titanic Quarter, which includes the Titanic Belfast, an aluminium-clad museum reminiscent of a ship's hull, as well as shipbuilder Harland & Wolff's Drawing Offices and the Titanic Slipways, which now host open-air concerts.

Details: Titanic Belfast Museum visit

Rediscover the story of the legendary RMS Titanic through the interactive Titanic Experience. Built on the original construction site of the Titanic, the Titanic Belfast recreates the shipyard, historic launch day, ship docks and untimely demise through nine interactive galleries.

Details: Dublin city walk

Get a friendly introduction to Ireland's capital city, compliments of your Tour Director. As you wander the streets, take in the international

glamour of Ireland's most cosmopolitan city and discover an urban landscape of Georgian buildings, castles and cathedrals.

Day 9 Dublin

Dublin guided sightseeing tour

O'Connell Street, Parnell Square, Phoenix Park, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Trinity College & Book of Kells visit

EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum visit

LEAP Out of Ireland

Optional Irish folklore evening \$65

Traditional public house dinner

Details: Dublin guided sightseeing tour

Join a professional licensed tour guide on an adventure to Dublin's finest attractions. Pass the residence of Ireland's president along your journey through Phoenix Park. Within Europe's grandest enclosed park, encounter 1,760 undeveloped acres scattered with cricket pitches, grazing cows, and red deer. Stop to eye a stone phoenix rising from flames atop the Corinthian-style Phoenix Column. Tour the roads along the River Liffey to 12th-century St. Patrick's Cathedral, the largest of its kind in all Ireland. Get a glimpse of the neighboring park where St. Patrick (who brought Christianity to Ireland in the 5th century) baptized converts. Continue on to Trinity College, the stone-clad sprawling campus where Oscar Wilde and Samuel Beckett studied. Stop by the Long Room in the Old Library for a zoom-view of the illuminated edition of four Gospels, the Book of Kells. The original manuscript was penned in Latin around AD 800 by four Irish Monks who used multicolored ink from plants and bugs. Take some time to study the brilliant latticework of curvy Celtic symbols woven with animal figures that enlivens the script.

Details: O'Connell Street

O'Connell Street is the city's main avenue, lined with shopping and monuments, including the Spire (Monument of Light).

Details: Phoenix Park

Phoenix Park is an urban park that is one of the largest walled city parks in Europe at a size of 1,750 acres. The park is filled with large areas of grassland, beautiful tree-lined avenues, and even a herd of wild deer.

Details: Trinity College & Book of Kells visit

Discover Trinity College, the oldest university in Ireland. Trinity was founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I. The beautiful campus features cobbled squares, gardens, a picturesque quadrangle and buildings that date from the 17th to 20th centuries. Trinity College is also home to the Book of Kells, an 8th-century version of the four Gospels decorated with elaborate scripting and illumination. We will view this famous treasure and other early Christian manuscripts in the Colonnades, an exhibition area on the ground floor of the Old Library.

Details: EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum visit

Explore EPIC, the Irish Emigration Museum, located in Dublin's Docklands, the original departure point for so many Irish emigrants. The interactive museum will lead us through many facets of emigration: emigrants' reasons for leaving, how they influenced the world, and the connection between the Irish people worldwide.

Details: LEAP Out of Ireland

Walk a mile in the shoes of an Irish emigrant. Uncover personal accounts of the circumstances that forced these inhabitants out of the country. Reflect on the feelings you would have felt in their shoes and discover how their departure shaped the history of Ireland.

Day 10 Start extension to Ring of Kerry

Travel to Galway

Galway city walk

Spanish Arch, Quay Street, St. Nicholas' Church, Eyre Square

Details: Galway city walk

Meet and greet the bayside city likened to San Francisco on a friendly foot tour led by your Tour Director. Discover a traditional Gaelic culture turned trendy with college students, artists and writers in the midst of a buzzing Bohemian culture of 50,000 people. The journey begins at the Spanish Arch (actually a pair of stone arches speckled with greenery) constructed to guard the quays where Spanish merchants docked their boats. Stroll along residential Quay Street into bustling High Street, a micro shopping mecca lined with all kinds of shops, coffeehouses and outside eateries. Venture outside the buzz and discover a one-of-a-kind pyramid-shaped spire atop Ireland's second largest medieval parish house, St. Nicholas Church. Meander through Eyre Square's Kennedy Memorial Park, a green oasis where locals gather to lounge, socialize and attend musical performances. Bordering the lush grounds, find the 17th-century Brown Doorway, a real entryway transported in 1900 from its original location at the Brown Mansion. Another highlight is the original set of cannons from the Crimean War, and the bubbling fountain adorned with a steel sculpture of a traditional broad-masted ship (hooker).

Day 11 Galway

Connemara excursion

Kylemore Abbey visit

Details: Connemara excursion

Venture outside city limits in search of Ireland's mystical nature. Visit the surreal town of Connemara where ancient Irish is softly spoken. Sense her haunting nature as you survey the jagged coastline of rocky beaches, twisting roads, rippled bogs and windswept heather. Next stop, Kylemore Abbey. Tucked inside a hidden valley along the lush banks of Lough Corrib Lake, it's like a vision from a fairytale dream. Outside you'll discover the look, feel and scent of a real Victorian garden. Inside, you'll find a larger-than-life residence run by an order of Benedictine nuns, and one of the most prestigious international schools in Europe. The famous prose Yeats wrote while gazing at the river says it all, "peace comes dropping slow".

Day 12 Galway--Killarney

Travel to Killarney

Cliffs of Moher visit

Limerick city walk

King John's Castle, St. Mary's Cathedral

Details: Cliffs of Moher visit

Venture to the end of the earth. The Cliffs of Moher jut 700 feet straight up from the Atlantic Ocean, layers of sandstone and shale striping the sheer cliff faces. O'Brien's Tower perches on top and provides unparalleled views. With the surf crashing below and Ireland's fabled green creeping down the rocks, the cliffs are one of the country's most spectacular attractions.

Details: Limerick city walk

As Ireland's third largest city, Limerick is alive with excitement and entertainment. At the heart Ireland's Midwest region, Limerick offers a dynamic mix of modern city life and fascinating medieval treasures.

Day 13 Killarney

Ring of Kerry excursion

Sheep farm visit (March to October)

Details: Ring of Kerry excursion

Get a feel for Ireland's emerald beauty on an excursion around the Iveragh Peninsula on the panoramic coastal route, Ring of Kerry. Along the 112 miles of breathtaking views, you'll spy 360 degrees of the vast

Atlantic Ocean, the Lakes of Killarney, the Macgillycuddy's Reeks (Ireland's tallest mountains), and every shade of green known to the Emerald Isle.

Details: Sheep farm visit (March to October)

Mountain sheep have dotted the hills around Killarney for ages. Come face-to-face with these fluffy landmarks at a traditional Irish sheep farm. Please note that during the winter months, this activity will not be available and will be replaced with a visit to the Bog Village.

Day 14 Killarney--Dublin

Travel to Dublin via Blarney Castle

Blarney Castle visit

Details: Travel to Dublin via Blarney Castle

During your journey to the capital of the Republic of Ireland, you will stop for a visit to Blarney Castle and kiss the Blarney stone. Dublin is a city steeped in cultural significance and hosts some of Ireland's finest national treasures including the Book of Kells and the fine cathedrals of Christ Church and St Patrick's. Dublin's medieval streetscape is faithfully preserved around Temple Bar, where it provides the backdrop to a vibrant cultural quarter. Stretches of the City's walls can still be found in Wood Quay and at St Audoen's Arch.

Details: Blarney Castle visit

Stop for a visit to Blarney Castle, the medieval stone structure built on solid limestone around 1466. (The slivers of windows served as a defense, enabling Lord Blarney and his men to shoot arrows at invaders while staying protected from within.) Climb the spiral staircases to the top of the castle to kiss the Blarney stone. Legend promises that if you lean backwards and kiss the stone upside-down, you'll be granted the "gift of the gab" (the privilege of babbling questionable commentary for seven years). Before you leave, wander the path to Rock Close to ponder the druidic circle of mystical stones. Enter Lord Blarney's dungeon if you dare...

Day 15 Flight home from Dublin