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DISCOVERING LEGENDARY UK & IRELAND

3 August to 4 September 2025

Personally Escorted by Jacquey Turner



The United Kingdom and Ireland is one of the most visited regions on the planet. It contains some of the world's most recognisable landmarks, historical sites dating back thousands of years, and unique natural environments.

World cities, country lanes to quaint villages, beautiful countryside and remote and isolated areas and islands.



Sunday 3 August **Melbourne - Dublin** **(inflight meal)**

We transfer from Warragul to Melbourne Airport for our flight to Dublin, Ireland. Departures are also available from other Australian cities.

Monday 4 & Tuesday 5 August **Dublin** **(B B D D)**

On arrival in Dublin, we shall be met and transferred to the CONRAD HOTEL, or similar, for two nights. During our time in Dublin, our sightseeing tour will include views of **St Patrick's Cathedral**, built in 1191 and a visit to **Trinity College**, probably best known as the home to the famed 8th century the **Book of Kells**.

We shall also visit the world-famous **Guinness Storehouse**. There will be free time to enable you to further explore the medieval history of 'old' Dublin or get to know the city's locals who are always willing to join in for 'craic' (a good time). There will also be an included dinner at an **Irish House Party**.

Wednesday 6 August **Dublin – Cork** **(B D)**

Today we head to Tully, Kildare to visit the **Irish National Stud**, home of Ireland's finest thoroughbreds, a source of national pride. Situated in the same grounds are the famous **Japanese Gardens**, created between 1906 and 1910. We then drive on to the **Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre** for a tour of the factory, before arriving in Cork at the HAYFIELD MANOR, or similar, for one night. Dinner tonight is included.

Thursday 7, August **Cork - Killarney** **(B D)**

First, we visit **Blarney Castle**, steeped in history and magical charm, and built over 600 years ago. For many visitors to Blarney, their priority is to kiss the famous Blarney Stone high up on the Castle battlements.

Tradition holds that those who kiss the Blarney Stone will be endowed with the gift of eloquence - "the gift of the gab", as the locals call it. Our tour continues to **Bantry House**, the ancestral house of the Earl of Bantry.

This magnificent period residence boasts breathtaking views of Bantry Bay as well as an important collection of furniture and tapestries. We drive to **Killarney** and check into the GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL, or similar, for a two-night stay. Dinner tonight is included.

Friday 8 August **Ring of Kerry** **(B)**

Today is an unforgettable day of spectacular scenery as we drive around the **Ring of Kerry**. This 170km (almost 120 miles) circular route is one of Ireland's most popular tourist trails. Taking in Killarney National Park, this famous route offers panoramic views of the surrounding county and many islands off the Kerry coast. During our time in Killarney, we shall sample Guinness and oysters.



Saturday 9 August **Killarney - Edinburgh** **(B)**

After breakfast, we check out for our flight to Edinburgh. On arrival we shall visit the **Royal Yacht Britannia** before we check into the **MALMASION EDINBURGH CITY HOTEL**, or *similar*, for a two-night stay.

Optional extra:

The 2025 Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo (anticipated dates: 1st - 23rd August 2025)

For those wishing to attend, tickets can be arranged at an additional cost, subject to availability

Sunday 10 August **Edinburgh** **(B D)**

The historic City of Edinburgh has preserved over the years its own medieval atmosphere. Every corner of the city has its own story or legend. Our city sightseeing will include **Princes Street**, the **Royal Mile**, views of the **Parliament**, **Holyrood House**, and a guided visit of **Edinburgh Castle**.

The afternoon will be free to enjoy this wonderful city. Dinner tonight is included



Monday 11 August **Edinburgh – Dunkeld** **(B D)**

Our tour today departs for **Culross**, a National Trust village of beautifully preserved 16th and 17th century houses. In the 16th and 17th centuries, Culross was a thriving community, with a flourishing trade with the Low Countries, as evidenced by the architectural style of the village. We continue to St Andrews with time to enjoy the medieval town and the famous golf course. **St Andrews** is the home of golf; the sport having been played here for some 600 years. The Old Course is arguably the most famous golf course in the world.

We arrive in Dunkeld to check into **ATHOLL ARMS Dunkeld**, or *similar*, for one night. There is time to relax before dinner, which is included.

Tuesday 12 August **Dunkeld – Inverness** **(B D)**

There is some free time in the morning to explore the village of **Pitlochry** before we visit a **local whiskey distillery**. After some time for lunch, our tour heads to **Inverness**, a city in the magnificent Highlands with a two-night stay at the **CULLODEN HOUSE Inverness**, or *similar*, with dinner.

Wednesday 13 August **Inverness** **(B D)**

Today our sightseeing in this historic area will include the **Culloden Battlefield site**. The Battle of Culloden (16 April 1746) was the final clash between the French-supported Jacobites and the Hanoverian British Government in the 1745 Jacobite Rising. Culloden defeated the Jacobite cause—to restore the House of Stuart to the throne of the Kingdom of Great Britain—a decisive defeat.

It was the last battle ever to be fought on British soil. Our sightseeing also includes **Cawdor Castle**, dating from the late 14th century and **Clava Cairns**, a type of Bronze Age circular chamber tomb cairn.



Thursday 14 August **Inverness – Skye** **(B D)**

We depart Inverness and drive along the shores of **Loch Ness**, a large, deep, freshwater loch in the Scottish Highlands extending for approximately 37 km (23 miles) southwest of Inverness. Its surface is 15.8 metres (52 ft) above sea level. Loch Ness is best known for the alleged sightings of the legendary Loch Ness Monster, also known as "Nessie".

There will be free time for lunch in **Fort Augustus**, then visit **Eilean Donan**, a small island in Loch Duich. The island is dominated by a picturesque medieval castle, originally used in the early 13th century as a defence against the Vikings.

Next, we head across the bridge to the **Isle of Skye**, where we will check in to the **SKEABOST HOUSE HOTEL**, or *similar*, for a two-night stay. Dinner tonight is included.

Friday 15 August **Skye** **(B D)**

Today we will be travelling around the **Isle of Skye**. The island is renowned for its spectacular scenery, vibrant culture and heritage, and its abundant wildlife with birds from the tiny Goldcrest to magnificent Golden Eagle, mammals from Pygmy Shrew to Red Deer and fish from Saithe to Salmon. The wide range of geology and topography provides habitats for many wild flowers.

As we travel around the Island it's not unusual to hear snatches of Scottish Gaelic, the indigenous language of the area. Gaelic culture and heritage pervade the atmosphere, each part of the Island having its own tales of times past and plans for the future.

A highlight will be a visit to the **Skye Museum of Island Life**, a museum in Kilmuir, which is dedicated to preserving a township of thatched cottages as they would have been on Skye at the end of the 18th century. We also visit **Dunvegan Castle & Gardens** and enjoy a boat trip to see the seal colonies.



Saturday 16 August **Skye – Loch Lomond** **(B D)**

We leave the beautiful Isle of Skye and head to Loch Lomond with part of our journey on board the world-famous **Jacobite Steam Train**. We shall stay at Loch Lomond which is 24 miles long and five miles wide and at its deepest point is some 600 feet deep. **Loch Lomond** must be the world's most famous Loch and has been much written about, both in song and verse. Dinner tonight is included after we settle in at the **INN ON LOCH LOMOND**, or *similar*, for one night.

Sunday 17 August **Loch Lomond – Lake District** **(B D)**

Today we have a very scenic drive to the Lake District. On our way we shall visit a section of Hadrian's Wall at **Birdoswald**. Stretching 73 miles from coast to coast, **Hadrian's Wall** was built to guard the wild north-west frontier of the Roman Empire.

On our arrival to the Lake District, we shall spend the next two nights at the **HILLTHWAITE HOUSE HOTEL**, or *similar*.



Monday 18 August **Lake District** **(B L)**

Our sightseeing today will include a cruise on **Lake Windermere**, the largest natural lake in England along with exploring some very quaint towns, **Ambleside**, **Grasmere village** where William Wordsworth is buried in the churchyard, and **Hawkshead**.

We shall also visit **Hill Top**, Beatrix Potter's most beloved place, packed full of her favourite things and left just as she wanted it for visitors to enjoy. Tonight, is at leisure so maybe venture into the local village for dinner.

Tuesday 19 August **Lake District – Cotswolds** **(B D)**

Liverpool is the home of the Beatles; the city that shaped their early music and lives. We will take a look through the famous locations from 1960s Liverpool that will give us an insight into The Beatles formative years.

We then continue to the heart of the Cotswolds via the pottery district of **Stoke-on-Trent** and have a stop at the **Wedgewood Visitor Centre** before we arrive at our hotel for the next three nights, the **LYGON ARMS**, or *similar*. Dinner tonight is included.

Wednesday 20 Thursday 21 August **Cotswolds** **(B L B)**

There is a lot to see in this stunning area so we have two full days of sightseeing in the Cotswolds including **Oxford**, famous for its University, **Stratford upon Avon** where we visit **Shakespeare's Birth Place** and **Anne**

Hathaway's Cottage and **Blenheim Palace**, home to the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. Set in 2100 acres of beautiful parkland, the exquisite baroque palace is surrounded by sweeping lawns, formal gardens, and the magnificent lake.

On one of our days in the Cotswolds, lunch will be at a surprise location. We also spend time visiting beautiful **Hidcote Manor** and enjoying the beauty of the Cotswold region and pretty villages.



Friday 22 August **Cotswolds – Carlyon Bay** **(B D)**

Today we leave the stunning Cotswolds. Along the way we shall stop and have time in **Bath**, a unique city with its hot springs, splendid Abbey and Georgian stone crescents. We will visit the **Roman Baths**, the heart of the World Heritage Site, where Romans built a magnificent temple and bathing complex that still flows with natural hot water.

We continue and will check into the CARLYON BAY HOTEL Cornwall, or *similar*, for the next three nights.

Saturday 23 Sunday 24 August **Carlyon Bay** **(B B HT)**

During our time in Cornwall, we shall tour the west coast of Cornwall including **Land's End**, the most westerly point in mainland England, **The Minack Theatre**, (an open-air theatre jutting into the sea), and lovely **Cornish villages** where you can try a famous Cornish Pasty.

We visit Fowey and enjoy a harbour cruise. We shall also explore **Port Isaac** (Doc Martin country) and the pretty town of Padstow. During the afternoon, we will enjoy a local delicacy, the traditional Cornish Cream Tea.

Monday 25 August **Carlyon Bay - Salisbury** **(B D)**

Our tour then takes us through the beautiful county of Somerset via Dartmoor, where we will stop at **Widcombe in the Moor**, a small village located within the heart of the Dartmoor National Park.

Next, we visit the world heritage site of **Stonehenge**, a powerful reminder of the once-great peoples of the late Stone and Bronze Ages. Erected between 3,000 BC and 1,600 BC, a number of the stones were carried hundreds of miles over land and sea, while antlers and bones were used to dig the pits that hold the stones.

On arrival in Salisbury, we check into THE MERCHANTS HOUSE HOTEL, or *similar*, for a one-night stay, then get together for dinner.

Tuesday 26 August **Salisbury - Kent** **(B D)**

We shall spend some time at the world-famous **Portsmouth Historic Dockyard** where we shall explore the **HMS Victory**, **Mary Rose Museum** and **HMS Warrior**.

We then continue to **Brighton**, situated along England's south coast. Once a tiny fishing village, Brighton has earned a reputation as a hip, somewhat bohemian resort town. We spend time at the **Brighton Pavilion** and then continue to Kent.

On arrival in the historic market town of **Tenterden**, we check into the LONDON BEACH COUNTRY HOTEL & SPA, or similar, for a three-night stay. Tenterden is in the County of Kent. It stands on the edge of the Weald, overlooking the valley of the River Rother. Dinner tonight will be at the hotel.



Wednesday 27 Thursday 28 August Kent / Sussex (B B L L D)

Our sightseeing in these beautiful areas will include **Batemans**, a 17th-century house located in Burwash, East Sussex. British author Rudyard Kipling lived in Bateman's from 1902 till his death in 1936. We will see the magnificent **Sissinghurst Castle Gardens**. Designed as a series of "rooms", each has a different character of colour and/or theme, divided by high clipped hedges and pink brick walls.

We shall visit **Canterbury Cathedral**, one of the oldest Christian churches in England founded in 602AD. We will take a ride on the **Kent & Sussex Railway**, a rural light railway that gently wends its way from Tenterden through the unspoilt countryside of the Rother Valley to the magnificent National Trust castle at **Bodiam** and visit **Great Dixter**, which dates from the mid-15th century, famous for its garden.

One of our evenings will be free and you may care to join me for an optional outing to a local pub for dinner. On the other night, we shall enjoy wine tasting and dinner at a renowned local winery near Tenterden.

Friday 29 August Kent – London (B L D)

We leave Kent and drive to London. We will spend time in **Greenwich** on the banks of the River Thames. Known for its maritime history, it is home to the **Cutty Sark**, a restored 19th-century ship, the huge **National Maritime Museum**, and the classical buildings of the **Old Royal Naval College**.

Before we head to lunch at Trafalgar Tavern, we shall visit the **Royal Observatory**, home of the famous Meridian Line and Greenwich Mean Time. After lunch we shall catch a ferry to Westminster.

In the afternoon we check into THE MAY FAIR or RADISSON BLU HAMPSHIRE HOTEL, or similar, for a four-night stay. Dinner tonight is at a local restaurant.





Saturday 30 Sunday 31 August Monday 1 September London (B B B D)

During our time in London, we will see **Trafalgar Square, Westminster, Piccadilly, and Marble Arch**. We shall join the crowds to see the Changing of the Guards and take a tour of **Buckingham Palace**.

The tour also includes a visit to the **Houses of Parliament, the Tower of London, St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, and the Cabinet War Rooms**, where we shall learn more about the man who inspired Britain's finest hour, Winston Churchill. The evenings are free to maybe take in a West End show or enjoy one of the many local restaurants. On our final evening, we take a flight on the **London Eye**, and then we will all get together for a special dinner to toast the end of our four-week tour.

One day will be free for optional activities whether it is more sightseeing, shopping or browsing the local markets. All of London's famous galleries and museums are open on a Sunday and many of them are free and within walking distance of our hotel.

There is so much to see and do in London. Please contact me if you have any special interests or would like to see a production at one of London's famous theatres. You may like to consider a tour of Lord's Cricket Ground, a visit to Madame Tussauds or just exploring Covent Garden located right at our doorstep.

Tuesday 2 September London –Dubai (B & inflight meal)

As the tour has come to an end, today we will be transferred to the airport for the flight to Melbourne via Dubai with overnight accommodation at the Dubai Airport Transit Hotel.

Wednesday 3 September Dubai – Melbourne (inflight meal)

We will have a morning departure for the flight to Melbourne.

Thursday 4 September Melbourne (inflight meals)

We shall arrive back in Melbourne and will be met and transferred by coach back to Warragul.



INCLUSIONS

- Melbourne to Dublin, London to Melbourne via Dubai economy airfares and taxes
- Ireland to Edinburgh economy airfares and taxes
- All transfers including coach travel between Gippsland and Melbourne Airport
- Fully escorted throughout the entire tour by Jacquey Turner
- Hotel accommodation in twin-bedded/double rooms with private facilities – ranging from 4 star to 5-star city hotels
- Experienced Tour Director, driver, and local guides
- Private, air-conditioned coach travel except on days when a minibus is required for easier access in local areas
- 55 meals as per itinerary - 30 Breakfasts (B), 5 Lunches (L), 19 Dinners (D), 1 High Tea (HT)
- Extensive sightseeing and entry fees as per itinerary
- National Trust Membership Pass & Oyster Card
- Gippsland Travel hat or cap; luggage strap, luggage tags; hand gel
- End of tour Journal and USB with photos showcasing your time on the tour.
- All local taxes, hotel service charges and portorage of one suitcase per person
- **Tipping** of the Tour Director
- **Tipping** of all local guides, coach drivers and restaurant staff at included meals
- Minimum of 16 tour participants, maximum of 25 tour participants

EXCLUSIONS

- Travel insurance (a surcharge may apply for passengers over 70 years or if there is a pre-existing medical condition)
- Expenses of a personal nature like laundry, telephone/fax calls, alcoholic beverages, medical expenses
- Any meals not included in the itinerary



YOUR TOUR GUIDE: Roy will be our tour guide throughout the tour and has been a tour guide for over 20 years. Having studied history, he has now completed a Masters' degree in Archaeology and Heritage.

Apart from his interest in buildings and architecture, Roy particularly enjoys Prehistoric and Roman archaeology. He also enjoys gardening, cycling, and walking, loves Australia and has a fabulous sense of humour.

YOUR TOUR ESCORT: Jacquey Turner has more than 40 years' experience as a highly successful travel agent and tour escort.

With this itinerary, Jacquey will show you some of her very favourite places. Along with the local guides she will ensure you have a most memorable journey.

"I love this tour because of the familiarity of so many places that we have seen in movies and on TV. Sometimes you feel like you have stepped into a movie set" - Jacquey





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Tour Cost: **\$29,100** **per person twin share**
 \$ 8,710 **single supplement**

Costs based on exchange rates prevailing on 14 August 2024

Payment Schedule:

Full Deposit:	At time of booking	\$4000 per person
Progress Payment:	Due by Friday 15 November 2024	\$2000 per person
Final payment:	Due by Wednesday 23 April 2025	

- Business class and Premium Economy upgrades are available on application.
- Should you wish to extend your travel arrangements after the tour, please contact me to discuss further options.
- Should you select to travel on flights other than the included group flights, or upgrade to business/first class or premium economy, payment for the air fares will be required at the time of booking the flights.
- The tour will only operate subject to a minimum of 16 participants. In the unlikely event that minimum numbers are not reached, a full refund of the deposit is applicable.

CANCELLATION FEES.

Cancellation is required in writing to Gippsland Travel Centre.

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| • Cancellation prior to 14 November 2024 | \$4000 pp |
| • Cancellation between 15 November 2024 & 23 April 2025 | \$6000 pp |
| • Cancellation from 23 April 2025 | 100% of tour cost |

GIPPSLAND TRAVEL ESCORTED TOURS - TERMS & CONDITIONS

INTRODUCTION:

This contract is governed by Gippsland Travel Centre Pty Ltd and all members of the travelling parties as listed on your itinerary.

Gippsland Travel Centre acts as the agent selling and coordinating products on behalf of a third-party travel supplier/s. A separate contract with the supplier/s will apply and will be governed by the supplier's Terms and Conditions. Gippsland Travel cannot guarantee the performance of any third-party supplier/s. Gippsland Travel may receive fees, commissions, gifts or financial incentives from third party supplier/s under this contract.

LATE BOOKINGS

Higher deposit payments are required for late bookings. A guarantee of full payment is required at the time of booking for all bookings received within 4 weeks of departure.

PASSPORT and VISA

A valid passport is required for all international travel.

If you do not hold an Australian passport, you may require a resident return visa. Some countries require a visa to be issued before you depart Australia. Gippsland Travel will advise you of all passport and visa requirements for this tour.

The Australian Government through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade regularly updates travel advice on various destinations. We recommend that you refer to www.dfat.gov.au for the latest updates before choosing to travel and prior to departure.

HEALTH & FITNESS

A minimum level of fitness is required to be able to participate on a Gippsland Travel Tour, you are required to at least:

- Be able to walk at least 1 hour on uneven surfaces without the use of any walking aid (walking stick for stability is acceptable)
- Walk up flights of stairs and short, steep hills
- Stand for 20 minutes without needing to sit down, often in hot/humid climates
- Carry your own hand luggage / handle your own suitcase when portorage is not supplied eg. at airports.
- Get on and off various modes of transport without assistance, including small boats. Assistance will be offered where necessary.

Passengers must inform us of any medical conditions which may affect your ability to participate in the tour.

At our discretion we can exclude you from a tour or any activity if we consider that you are unable to safely participate in that tour or activity or we consider your participation may place the safety of other guests at risk.

You will be requested to supply a letter from your doctor indicating your prescription medication and your reason for taking it, which shall be carried in the event of an emergency. This information will remain confidential and can be supplied in a sealed envelope.

BOOKINGS SOLD ON A SHARE BASIS

Bookings may be accepted on a share room basis on the proviso that the person requesting the share reservation agrees that while every effort will be made to match suitability of the passengers there is no guarantee that a share room can be provided. If a share room is not available at the time of final payment, either the single room supplement will apply, or the cancellation conditions detailed in your itinerary will apply.

UNUSED COMPONENTS OF THIS TOUR

We regret refunds will not be given for any unused component of this tour, such as meals, entry fees, accommodation or transfers.

GOVERNING LAW

These booking conditions are governed by the law in force in Victoria, Australia.

ITINERARY CHANGES and ITINERARY VARIATIONS

Gippsland Travel reserves the right to amend the hotels, itinerary and excursions if deemed advisable or necessary due to adverse weather conditions, road conditions or other unforeseen circumstances. Any necessary alternative arrangements will be made to a similar standard. Occasionally circumstances beyond the control of Gippsland Travel make it necessary to change airlines, hotels or amendments to daily activities. We will inform you of any changes as soon as they occur.

FLIGHT SCHEDULES

Airlines schedules are subject to change without notice. Voluntary date changes will incur fees. Gippsland Travel is not liable for delays or disruption of air travel.

FORCE MAJEURE:

Force Majeure means the occurrence of an event that is beyond Gippsland Travel's reasonable control and which could not have been reasonably prevented by Gippsland Travel. Force majeure includes, but is not limited to: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, outbreaks of infectious disease or any other public health crisis, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, natural catastrophes and natural disasters (including but not limited to flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide), adverse weather conditions, high or low water levels; government directed travel restrictions or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, explosion, generalised lack of availability of raw materials or energy, nuclear or other industrial accident causing environmental pollution or contamination; change in law, meaning, enactment, amendment (including repeal) in the law or administration of any law in Australia or any jurisdiction or territory relevant to the booking contract, which includes changes in statute, regulation, determination, by-law, declaration, licence and the common law as applicable from time to time. For the avoidance of doubt, Force Majeure shall not include (a) financial distress nor inability of either party to make a profit or avoid a financial loss, (b) changes in market prices or conditions, or (c) a party's financial inability to perform its obligations hereunder. In the event that a Force Majeure is declared, the customer will be bound by the third-party supplier/s Terms and Conditions, if applicable.

TERMINATION OF BOOKING CONTRACT OR CHANGE OF TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS DUE TO FORCE MAJEURE

If Gippsland Travel, in its reasonable opinion, considers that any Force Majeure event prevents Gippsland Travel (whether directly or through its employees, contractors, subcontractors and agents) from lawfully or safely providing any products or services subject of the booking contract with you, Gippsland Travel may immediately by written notice; (a) terminate the booking contract (in whole or part of); or (b) change your travel arrangements as reasonably practicable to ensure your safety and invoice for any additional costs.

If you are eligible for a refund once a booking has been cancelled, the balance less any non-refundable amounts will be forwarded to you once received by Gippsland Travel from the third-party supplier/s.

Gippsland Travel is not responsible for any delays of refunds from the third-party supplier/s. Refunds from third party supplier/s can take in excess of 6 weeks. Refunds will be processed as per original form of payment.

Travel insurance policies may provide cover for cancellation fees subject to their terms and conditions.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:

Subject to Australian Consumer Law, Gippsland Travel does not accept any liability in contract, tort or otherwise for any injury, damage, loss, delay, additional expense or inconvenience caused by a third-party supplier/s over who we have no direct control. Gippsland Travel is not liable for Force Majeure or any other event which is beyond our control or which is not preventable by us.