

Ottawa CARP presents...

Exploring Britain & Ireland

featuring England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales

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Collette's Flagship: Collette's tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.



Collette Experiences

- Behold the sights of Killarney on a traditional jaunting car.
- Find inspiration in the Lake District's quintessential English villages.
- Overnight within the medieval walls in York.

Culinary Inclusions

- Give traditional Irish cuisine a modern twist during a cooking class and dinner.
- Experience a traditional English carvery.

Must-See Inclusions

- Ponder ancient mysteries at Stonehenge.
- Overnight in the capital cities of London, Cardiff, Dublin and Edinburgh.
- Explore the Roman Bath Museum's 2,000-year-old elaborate spas.

Highlights: London, Stonehenge, Bath, Cardiff, Waterford, Choices on Tour, Blarney Castle, Killarney, Diner's Choice, Ring of Kerry, Jaunting Car Ride, Farm Visit, Dublin, Irish Cooking Class, Wales, Lake District, Edinburgh, York, Stratford-upon-Avon

Day 1: Friday, May 8, 2020 Overnight Flight

Discover the true cultural treasures of Britain and Ireland on a comprehensive journey through England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland.

Day 2: Saturday, May 9, 2020

London, England - Tour Begins

Your journey opens in the regal city of London. A capital of culture and commerce, the city blends traditional with modern. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. *(D)*

Day 3: Sunday, May 10, 2020 London

Discover the pageantry of London as we join a local guide for a city tour. See Big Ben, Westminster, Whitehall, Hyde Park and Buckingham Palace. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore this iconic city or perhaps partake in an optional excursion to Windsor Castle. *(B)*

Day 4: Monday, May 11, 2020

London - Stonehenge - Bath - Cardiff, Wales

Travel to Stonehenge, the mysterious formation that dates back to the Stone Age. Explore various theories on how the colossal stones arrived at the location and their purpose. Continue



to the elegant Georgian town of Bath to visit the Roman Bath Museum's 2,000-year-old elaborate spas. Enjoy some time to stroll through Bath's cobblestone streets and soak in its old-world atmosphere. Your day ends in the Welsh capital of Cardiff. (B)

Day 5: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 Cardiff - Ferry to Ireland - Waterford

Join a local expert on a leisurely-paced walking tour of Cardiff. Learn about the city's deep ties to the coal industry, its connection to ancient Rome and its famous Victorian shopping arcades. Take in the beautiful countryside of Wales en route to the coastal village of Fishguard. There we board the ferry for Ireland, crossing the Irish Sea. Upon arrival in Rosslare, travel to Waterford, your home for the evening. (B, D)

Day 6: Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Waterford - Blarney - Killarney

This morning, **it's your choice!** Tour the House of Waterford Crystal factory featuring a fascinating visitor's centre and a retail store housing the largest collection of Waterford Crystal in the world **-OR-**

enjoy a leisurely-paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest city and discover its rich Viking, Norman and Cromwellian history. Later, travel to historic Blarney Castle. Make your way to the top of the castle, lie back and kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Legend has it that if you do, you will be blessed with the "gift of eloquence." This evening **it's *Diner's Choice*...** tonight's dinner is included and you'll choose the perfect spot from a 'menu' of Killarney's great restaurants. (B, D)

Day 7: Thursday, May 14, 2020

Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney

This morning explore Killarney National Park on a traditional jaunting car ride.* Then travel along the glorious Ring of Kerry where you'll find some of Ireland's most magical scenery. Pause for a moment at the Gap of Dunloe to browse for traditional Irish handcrafted goods. As we continue our journey, marvel at the vistas created by windswept cliffs, rugged mountains, lakes and picturesque villages. Later, see border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration at a family-run farm. (B)



**Day 8: Friday, May 15, 2020 Killarney
- Rock of Cashel - Dublin**

Today we venture through the “Golden Vale” en route to the awe-inspiring Rock of Cashel. Be amazed by its imposing facade and visit the spot where St. Patrick preached.

Tonight, give traditional Irish cuisine a modern twist during a cooking class and dinner at one of Dublin’s premier culinary institutions. Top off the evening by making your very own Irish coffee! *(B, D)*

Day 9: Saturday, May 16, 2020 Dublin

Discover Dublin’s past and present on a locally guided tour highlighting the Bank of Ireland, O’Connell Street, Grafton Street, Phoenix Park and St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Later, experience for yourself the welcoming nature of the Irish as you set out to explore the “Fair City” on your own. *(B)*

Day 10: Sunday, May 17, 2020 Dublin

- Ferry to Wales - Cheshire

Ferry across the Irish Sea to Holyhead, Wales. As you traverse northern Wales, pass Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlantysiliogogogoch, the town with the longest name in the world.

Make a stop at majestic Caernarfon Castle, where Charles was crowned Prince of Wales. Then, continue through the Welsh countryside and discover some of the most magnificent scenery in all of Britain. Tonight, experience dinner at a traditional English carvery. *(B, D)*

**Day 11: Monday, May 18, 2020
Cheshire - Lake District - Gretna
Green, Scotland - Edinburgh**

Travel north into England’s scenic Lake District. Here you’ll feel the inspirational appeal of the region’s quintessential English villages, Lake Windermere, Ambleside and Grasmere. Crossing into Scotland, stop in the town of Gretna Green where generations of runaway couples eloped. Continue to Edinburgh, Scotland’s majestic capital city. *(B, D)*

**Day 12: Tuesday, May 19, 2020
Edinburgh**

Today **it’s your choice!** Come to know this regal city during a locally guided panoramic city coach tour - **OR-** for a different perspective, join a local expert and explore the city on foot. Both tours include a visit to Edinburgh Castle, home of the

Scottish Crown Jewels, and the Palace of Holyroodhouse,** the Queen’s official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary, Queen of Scots. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax or explore the city independently. (B)

**Day 13: Wednesday, May 20, 2020
Edinburgh - York, England**

En route to England, visit Hadrian’s Wall. Construction of this ancient structure began in A.D. 122 and since that time, it has served as the northern border of the Roman Empire. Continue to the historic city of York. Find yourself surrounded by the charms of history as you explore its quaint narrow streets. Walk on the famous “Shambles” and see the magnificent 13th-century Minster. (B)

Day 14: Thursday, May 21, 2020 York - Stratford-upon-Avon

Journey to charming Stratford-upon-Avon. Step back in time as we visit William Shakespeare’s birthplace. Afterward, **it’s your choice!** Tour Anne Hathaway’s thatch-roofed cottage, the childhood home of the author’s wife **-OR-** set out on a leisurely cruise along the Avon River. This evening we gather to say farewell

to this captivating region over dinner. (B, D)

**Day 15: Friday, May 22, 2020
Stratford-upon-Avon - Tour Ends**

Depart today with many fond memories of lovely Britain and Ireland. (B)

Itinerary at a glance	
Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Radisson Blu Edwardian Grafton, London
Day 4	Cardiff Hotel, Cardiff
Day 5	Tower Hotel Waterford, Waterford
Days 6, 7	Scotts Hotel Killarney , Killarney
Days 8, 9	Herbert Park Hotel, Dublin
Day 10	Caernarfon Hotel, Caernarfon
Days 11, 12	Apex Grassmarket Hotel, Edinburgh
Day 13	Doubletree by Hilton York, York
Day 14	Stratford-upon-Avon Hotel, Stratford-Upon-Avon
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	

Experience It! Stonehenge

Walk in the footsteps of so many before you when visiting prehistoric Stonehenge. This mysterious rock formation dates back to the Stone Age and remains one of the world’s most famous sites. Standing in the middle of the most dense complex of Neolithic and Bronze Age monuments in England, Stonehenge is perhaps the most important prehistoric monument in England. Enhance your overall experience and understanding of Stonehenge at the province-of-the-art visitor’s centre. Explore fascinating exhibitions, featuring nearly 300 archaeological treasures. The outdoor gallery includes three Neolithic houses. These houses offer visitors a glimpse into the life and times of the people who built Stonehenge. The experience of seeing this timeless monument is not to be missed – it will surely be a highlight of your tour.