

United Kingdom and Ireland

ONE BREAK, TWO CITIES





An ancient city with unique character and two centuries of deep historic stories? Or a buzzing urban hub which oozes personality and a vibrant atmosphere?

With such a variety of things to see and do in Great Britain and Ireland it's hard to settle on just one destination. The good news is that, with our flexible 'One break, two cities' package you can combine two or more cities, across two countries, in one fantastic holiday.

Simply pick one of the below combinations or ask us to put together a tailor-made itinerary just for you.

One break, two cities combinations:

Cardiff > Dublin
Edinburgh > Cork
London > Belfast

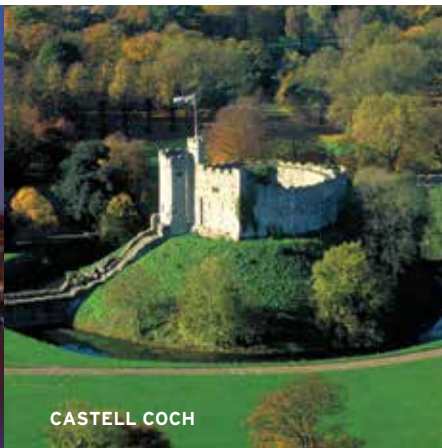


And the even better news is..... you will only require **one visa. The Irish Short-stay Visa Waiver programme**, permits GCC travellers in possession of a valid UK 'C' general visa to enter Ireland without requiring an additional Irish visa, as long their trip takes place within 180 days of their entry to the UK.

All packages are tailor made and can be customised to suit your personal preferences:

- Prices based on 2 pax
- Admissions not included
- Everything can be customised to suit your personal needs and interests

3 Day Itinerary: Cardiff



Day 1

Arrive Cardiff Airport. Meet your chauffeur at the airport. He will bring you to the hotel, where your walking tour guide will await you.

Enjoy 3-4 hours of touring the highlights.

Cardiff, or Caerdydd as one would say in Welsh, is the capital city of Wales. A truly modern and cosmopolitan city with an event calendar to rival any other European capital. In the Cardiff Bay area, you'll find some stunning showpiece buildings; the Millennium Centre, a fantastic arts and cultural venue, the spanking new slate and glass Welsh Parliament Building and in the city centre, the Millennium Stadium with its 'Thunderbirds are go' sliding roof (host venue of the very first Olympic event in the London 2012 games). But despite all that forward thinking, it's a city that has not forgotten its past. The Civic Centre and National Museum are one of the finest in Europe and Cardiff Castle an unexpected city centre surprise.

Day 2

South of Wales with the driver-guide for up to 8 hours touring.

Visit the open-air Museum of Welsh Life at St. Fagans, with its restored buildings and exhibits on Welsh culture. The Museum shows how the people of Wales lived, worked and spent their leisure time over the last five hundred years. The Museum stands in the grounds of the magnificent St Fagans Castle, a late 16th century manor house generously donated by the Earl of Plymouth.

While resting on ancient foundations, Castell Coch (Red Castle) is relatively modern, the by-product of a vivid Victorian imagination, assisted by untold wealth. The Middle Ages fascinated the Victorians as much as the Victorians fascinate us today. High Gothic was the order of the day. The 'eccentric genius' William Burges was given free rein by his paymaster, John Patrick Crichton-Stuart, the 3rd marquis of Bute, to create a rural retreat to complement the opulence of his main residence, Cardiff Castle. He didn't hold back. Dazzling ceilings, over-the-top furnishings and furniture were liberally applied. Detailed architectural drawings still survive today and following Burges's death in 1881, colleagues faithfully continued work on the interiors for another ten years. The castle was not suitable for, nor was it intended to be, a permanent residence and the family's visits were infrequent.

Return to the hotel.

Day 3

Free day in Cardiff.

Day 4

Private transfer to Cardiff Airport.

Where to stay in Cardiff?

• St. David's Hotel & Spa 5*

The global award winning St. David's Hotel & Spa is the only AA rated 5 star hotel in Cardiff and is positioned spectacularly on Cardiff Bay. The award-winning Marine Spa is a must to feel pampered, you can enjoy fine dining in our Tempus at Tides Restaurant & Bar or sample a delicious Afternoon Tea on the terrace with breathtaking views across the Bay.

• The Lincoln House Private Hotel 4*

The Lincoln House Hotel in Cardiff was restored with one purpose in mind: to provide you with a family-run, traditional, private hotel that prides itself on friendly service that puts the guest first. All the luxury of a Victorian town house caringly restored to provide the benefits and comforts of a modern B&B and Cardiff Hotel.

Prices & Inclusions

Price includes:

- 3 nights' accommodation with breakfast, service charges and taxes included
- Half day with the walking guide in Cardiff
- Full day with the driver-guide in a luxury vehicle
- 2 airport transfers
- 24 hours service

Price for 5*option:

From GBP £1,430 per person sharing

Price for 4*option:

From GBP £1,290 per person sharing

3 Day Itinerary: Dublin



SAMUEL BECKETT BRIDGE



DUBLIN NIGHTLIFE



WICKLOW MOUNTAINS

Day 1

Arrive Dublin. Meet your chauffeur at the airport. He will bring you to the hotel, where your walking tour guide will await you.

Enjoy 3 hour walking tour of Dublin.

Dublin has long been a centre of art and culture. Stroll through the elegant Georgian streets of Merrion and Fitzwilliam Squares, shop in the elegant emporiums of Grafton Street and Powerscourt Townhouse, explore the collections of the National Museum and National Gallery, the Irish Museum of Modern Art, and many fine small private collections.

The range of art and artifacts is enormous, and you will have no problem spending many hours enthralled. The city is over a thousand years old, and many of the towns and settlements that surround it are equally ancient. Successive centuries have left their distinctive overlays of character and architecture which means that Dublin has a wealth of historically significant and fascinating sights to explore such as Dublin Castle, where the Normans ruled from the 12th Century, St Patrick's Cathedral, of which Jonathan Swift was Dean, and Trinity College, famous for The Book of Kells and for its alumni who include Oscar Wilde and Oliver Goldsmith.

Day 2

Driver-guide and tour to Wicklow Mountains.

County Wicklow is known as the Garden of Ireland, but don't let that fool you into thinking it's a manicured or formal kind of place. This is 750 square miles of rolling hills, mountains, and waterfalls. This is a garden as only nature could have made it – bursting with heather-clad mountains, with gushing waterfalls, dramatic valleys and sparkling hidden lakes.

At the core of this exhilarating drive lies Wicklow Mountains National Park. The upper slopes here are blanketed with heath and bog, with lower valleys cradling enchanting treasures like Glendalough, the sixth century monastic settlement founded by St. Kevin.

Visit Powerscourt which has gardens that are a magnificent combination of the aristocratic themes of French and Italian formal gardening with an impressive arboretum with over 200 variations of trees and shrubs and an entirely unexpected Japanese garden hidden in a valley in the 40 acres of splendour.

Day 3

Free day in Dublin. Enjoy shopping at Brown Thomas or visit Dublin Castle.

Enjoy hands free shopping at Brown Thomas. You will be accompanied by your personal shopping assistant.

Visit the historic Dublin Castle and explore the Chester Beatty Library, home to the world's second-largest collection of ancient Islamic manuscripts. With free admission and described by the Lonely Planet as not just the best museum in Ireland, but one of the best in Europe, the Chester Beatty Library is a must-see on any Dublin visitor's itinerary.

Day 4

Private transfer to Dublin Airport

Where to stay in Dublin?

• The Westbury – 5 Star

Possibly the most conveniently situated of all the central Dublin hotels. The Westbury Hotel is part of the group "Leading Hotels of the World". Unashamedly sumptuous, the hotel's public areas drip with chandeliers and have accessories to match - like the grand piano on The Terrace, a popular first floor meeting place for afternoon tea, and frequently used for fashion shows.

• Trinity City Hotel – 4 Star

The Trinity City Hotel is a stylish hotel right beside the headquarters of Dublin's city centre fire brigade and opposite Trinity College, offering a completely different hotel experience. It is an eclectic boutique style hotel with a distinctive design and a stylish twist around every corner.

Prices & Inclusions

Price includes:

- 3 nights' accommodation with full Irish breakfast, service charges and taxes included
- Walking tour of Dublin
- Full day with the driver-guide in a luxury vehicle
- 2 airport transfers
- Hands free shopping with personal shopping assistant
- 24 hours service

Price for 5* option:

From EURO €1,295 per person sharing

Price for 4* option:

From EURO €935 per person sharing

3 Day Itinerary: Edinburgh



Day 1

Private Transfer & Walking Tour.

Arrive Edinburgh Airport. Meet your chauffer at the airport, who will bring you to the hotel, where your guide will await you for the walking tour of the city.

Edinburgh - the Athens of the North has enough to fill several days of touring.

Start your tour with The Palace of Holyroodhouse. This is the official residence in Scotland of Her Majesty the Queen and was once home to Mary Queen of Scots. As the palace is a working royal palace, opening arrangements may change at short notice.

Edinburgh Castle - Scotland's top visitor attraction stands high upon an extinct volcano. See the Scottish Crown Jewels and Stone of Destiny in the Castle's Royal Apartments. Birthplace of James VI, son of Mary, Queen of Scots, he became the first Stuart King of England after the Union of the Crowns in 1603. Look for the tiny St. Margaret's Chapel, Edinburgh's oldest building. Listen for the One O'clock Gun, fired daily from Mills Mount Battery.

A striking addition to the Old Town Skyline, The Scottish Parliament is architecturally stunning, set among beautiful public gardens.

The Royal Mile is the famous cobbled street linking the Castle with The Palace of Holyroodhouse and passing St. Giles High Kirk, John Knox House, Camera Obscura and many other museums and historic buildings of interest.

Afternoon free to explore on own.

Day 2

Kingdom of Fife, St. Andrews and Dundee tour with driver-guide.

The Fife coastline is a very special environment which has distinctive rock formations, delicate flora and a varied wildlife. Long sections of the Fife Coastal Path up to Crail can now be enjoyed by recreational and serious walkers. Look out for grey seals and, in summer, basking sharks and dolphins.

The Coastal touring route passes through many pretty fishing villages like Elie, Crail, Pittenweem and Anstruther with its Secret Bunker, a reminder of the days of the Cold War.

In St Andrews, first to the British Golf Museum. Next door, the Old Tom Morris Golf Shop is the world's most famous and oldest golf shop. Founded by Old Tom Morris in 1848, it is located opposite the 18th green of the Old Course Links and has an extensive stock of golf wear and accessories.

Bonkers on 60 Market Street is an award winning gift shop where you are sure to come away with something completely different. Before leaving see the Cathedral, St Rule's Tower, the University & St Andrews Castle.

Tour to Dundee, Scotland's fourth city and known historically for its shipbuilding and whaling, for its jam, and for its jute industry. It is also known for journalism and for comics: Dundee remains the home of D.C. Thomson, publishers of the Beano and the Dandy. Dundee is also home to two universities: with all that implies for the availability of restaurants, pubs, and book and record shops.

Day 3

Free day in Edinburgh.

Day 4

Private transfer to Edinburgh Airport.

Where to stay in Edinburgh?

• The Balmoral – 5 Star

Balmoral is a luxury hotel in the true sense of the word. With its majestic clock tower, the hotel is a unique and contemporary luxury five-star property in the very heart of Edinburgh.

• Apex Waterloo – 4 Star

This elegant hotel has free Wi-Fi, a swimming pool and a gym. Princes Street and Waverley Railway Station are just across the road. With a rich history, this landmark building has returned to hotel trading after 120 years.

Prices & Inclusions

Price includes:

- 3 nights' accommodation with full Scottish breakfast, service charges and taxes included
- Walking tour of Edinburgh
- Full day with the driver-guide in a luxury vehicle
- 2 airport transfers
- 24 hours service

Price for 5* option:

From GBP £1,435 per person sharing

Price for 4* option:

From GBP £1,195 per person sharing



3 Day Itinerary: Cork



Day 1

Arrive Cork Airport. Meet your chauffer at the airport. He will bring you to the hotel, where your walking tour guide will await you.

Enjoy 3 hour walking tour of Cork.

Cork City, which is Ireland's second largest city, takes its name from the marshy land on the banks of the River Lee on which St. Finbarre founded a monastery around AD 650. The city's narrow alleys, waterways and Georgian architecture give it a distinctly continental feel.

For a wide choice of different cuisines head for the pedestrian area between St Patrick's and Paul Streets. The English Market is a covered fruit and vegetable market established in 1610. Now selling a wide range of hand-made and exotic foods as well as the original fruit and vegetables, it is a food lover's paradise.

Afternoon free to explore on own.

Day 2

Full day with the driver-guide touring Kinsale and Blarney Castle.

An ancient seaside town, Kinsale is full of style and character. It is also a winner of the National Tidy Towns Competition. In the 17th and 18th centuries it was an important English naval base, and it still has a distinct Georgian flavour. With its yacht-filled harbour, brightly painted cottages, bow-winded houses and displays of flowers in pots, tub and hanging baskets, it marks the beginning of scenic West Cork, and well deserves its booming tourist industry. Only 18 miles from Cork, it is ideally placed as a deep-sea angling and yachting centre. In 1601 Kinsale was the scene of a battle in which English troops defeated a mixed Irish-Spanish force. It was followed by the 'Flight of the Earls', when many of the Irish aristocracy surrendered their lands and fled to mainland Europe.

Continue onto the famous Blarney Castle. The story here says that Dermot MacCarthy had the gift of 'plamas', the Irish word for soft-talking flattery. MacCarthy tried to talk his way out of handing over Blarney Castle to an agent of Queen Elizabeth I. He prevaricated until the Queen declared "I will hear no more of this Blarney talk", and gave the English language a new word. The legend persists that anyone who kisses the famous stone high up on the castle parapets will be endowed with the "gift of the gab". Aside from the magic stone, the castle, added in 1446 by Cormac MacCarthy to an earlier tower, is well worth a visit.

The massive four storey keep changed hands during the Civil and Williamite Wars and was used at one point as a prison for the Protestants of Cork. The gardens known as Rock Close were laid out by the Jefferyes family in 1759. Beside the castle is the Victorian Scottish baronial home of the Colthurst family. In the village are The Blarney Woollen Mills, one of the largest and best craft shops in Ireland.

Day 3

Free day in Cork.

Day 4

Private transfer to Cork Airport

Where to stay in Cork?

• Hayfield Manor – 5 Star

Set in two acres of gardens near University College Cork, the city's premier hotel provides every comfort and a remarkable level of privacy and seclusion, just a mile from the city centre.

• The River Lee Hotel – 4 Star

The River Lee Hotel is well-located beside the university and is within a comfortable (10 minute) walk to the city centre in good weather. It is imaginatively designed to make the very most of its waterside location, with all the main public areas having balconies as well as acres of glass - the relatively low key decor is designed to last.

Prices & Inclusions

Price includes:

- 3 nights' accommodation with full Irish breakfast, service charges and taxes included
- Walking tour of Cork
- Full day with the driver-guide in a luxury vehicle
- 2 airport transfers
- 24 hours service

Price for 5* option:

From EURO €1,200 per person sharing

Price for 4* option:

From EURO €890 per person sharing

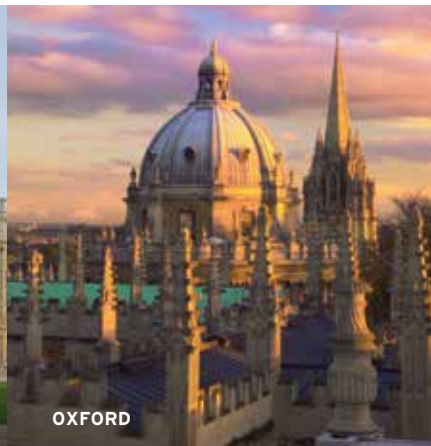
3 Day Itinerary: London



LONDON: BIG BEN AND LONDON EYE



WINDSOR CASTLE



OXFORD

Day 1

Arrive London (Heathrow or Gatwick). Meet your chauffer at the airport. He will bring you to the hotel, where your walking tour guide will await you.

Enjoy a 4 hour panoramic tour of London.

This tour is ideal for first-time visitors and really captures the very best that London has to offer.

Your private guide will make sure the morning or afternoon itinerary suits you and will begin with offering an insight into London's history. Your guide's commentary will be tailored to your personal interests and will be able to adapt to your specific requirements. During your Classic Highlights Tour of London you will see Buckingham Palace with the Changing of the Guard (subject to army schedules), Big Ben, Trafalgar Square, St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Piccadilly Circus, Harrods, Tower Bridge, the London Eye, the City of London, HMS Belfast, the Royal Parks, including Squares, along with narrow and hidden streets, not normally seen on the average tours.

Day 2

Windsor Castle and Oxford with the driver-guide for up to 8 hours touring.

Oxford: The University of Oxford is the oldest university in the English speaking world, and one of the most famous and prestigious higher education institutions of the world. It is possible to visit some of the colleges, including Christchurch College, which featured in the Harry Potter movies.

Windsor Castle: The largest and oldest occupied castle in the world, is one of the official residences of Her Majesty The Queen. The castle's dramatic site encapsulates 900 years of British history. It covers an area of 26 acres and contains, as well as a royal palace, a magnificent chapel and the homes and workplaces of a large number of people. The magnificent State Apartments are furnished with some of the finest works of art from the Royal Collection, including paintings by Rembrandt, Rubens, Canaletto and Gainsborough. In 1992 fire destroyed or damaged more than 100 rooms at the castle. The highly acclaimed restoration work, completed in 1997, is a testament to the extraordinary skills of some of the finest craftsmen in Europe.

Day 3

Free day in London.

OFFER FOR KENSINGTON HOTEL: 25% off afternoon tea.

COMPLIMENTARY TREAT: The Marylebone Hotel: Ladies' Personal shopping experience at the L.K. Bennett boutique on Marylebone high street. The guest will get 20% off any purchases at that boutique. The experience will need to be booked 24 hours prior.

Day 4

Private transfer to Heathrow or Gatwick airport

Where to stay in London?

• The Kensington Hotel 5*

Recently reopened after a 116m AED renovation programme, The Kensington Hotel welcomes guests to the jewel of London's Regency quarter.

• The Marylebone Hotel London 4*

At the epicentre of Marylebone Village, a bustling local neighbourhood, with an abundance of independent boutiques, fine restaurants and cool bars and surrounded by some of the city's most sought after residential property, this is an address which has everything to offer the visitor to London.

Prices & Inclusions

Price includes:

- 3 nights' accommodation with full English breakfast, service charges and taxes included
- Half day with the driver-guide in London
- Full day with the driver-guide in a luxury vehicle
- 2 airport transfers
- 24 hours service

Price for 5*option:

From GBP £1,430 per person sharing

Price for 4*option:

From GBP £1,290 per person sharing

3 Day Itinerary: Belfast



Day 1

Arrive Belfast Airport. Meet your chauffer at the airport. He will bring you to the hotel. Once checked in, you will go to the Titanic Belfast Experience.

Titanic Belfast Experience.

A self-guided experience through 9 state of the art interactive galleries detailing the entire Titanic story in chronological order. (Please allow at least 1hr 45 mins).

Titanic Belfast is a visitor attraction and a monument to Belfast's maritime heritage on the site of the former Harland & Wolff shipyard in the city's Titanic Quarter where the RMS Titanic was built. It tells the stories of the ill-fated Titanic, which hit an iceberg and sank during her maiden voyage in 1912, and her sister ships RMS Olympic and HMHS Britannic. The building contains more than 12,000 square metres (130,000 sq ft) of floor space, most of which is occupied by a series of galleries etc.

Afternoon free to explore on own.

Day 2

The booming linen industry in the North, made Belfast Ireland's biggest city by 1888. The yellow cranes which dominate the river are Samson and Goliath and signpost the Harland and Wolff shipyard where the world-famous Titanic ship was built.

Enjoy a tour of Belfast City.

Start the day off at Belfast City Hall, one of the finest Classical Renaissance buildings in Europe; it resembles an American state capital building. See the ornate dome, grand staircase and the poignant marble figures commemorating the loss of the Titanic. Cross the road to the Linen Hall Library which has been lending books for over 200 years and is the oldest surviving subscription library in the UK. Close by is the Grand Opera House, Northern Ireland's premier theatre. Queens University is beside the Ulster Museum, with its display of Spanish Armada treasures, and The Botanic Gardens in their superb curvilinear Victorian glasshouse.

A deviation off the road here would bring you to the Ulster Folk & Transport Museum. Set in over 170 acres of rolling countryside, this outdoor museum tells the story of life in 19th & early 20th century Ulster. On the grounds of a Georgian manor house dozens of original relocated buildings combined with full-size reconstructions have created a very representative village (or even small town) of the period. Costumed guides add to the "time travel" feeling. The transport exhibition "across the road" is a highlight for fans of vintage technology. Return to Belfast.

Day 3

Free day in Belfast.

Day 4

Private transfer to Belfast Airport

Where to stay in Belfast?

• The Merchant Hotel – 5 Star

The five star Merchant Hotel is a harmonious blend of Victorian splendour and Art Deco inspired sleek modernity, situated in the historic Cathedral Quarter of Belfast's city centre.

• The Fitzwilliam Hotel Belfast – 4 Star

It's an enviable location, and the hotel impresses from the outset with its friendly concierge (valet parking) and the understatedly sumptuous foyer. Designed to look and feel like a (very classy) living-room, it has an aura of calmness and serenity, with comfortable contemporary leather chairs where you can relax while watching the passing street parade through the floor to ceiling windows.

Prices & Inclusions

Price includes:

- 3 nights' accommodation with full Irish breakfast, service charges and taxes included
- Walking tour of Belfast
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- 2 airport transfers
- 24 hours service

Price for 5* option:

From GBP £1000 per person sharing

Price for 4* option:

From GBP £850 per person sharing



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