

United Kingdom & Ireland Experience - 2004

Land Coach Tour October 18 - 31

Lois Link International has organized a "First Class" Coach-Tour visiting the beautiful countries of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. Don't miss out on this opportunity to tour with other Lois'! (Yes! Spouses & friends are very welcome). Tour highlights include experiencing the beautiful natural and historic sites, plus cultural entertainment and many of the romantic and famous places you have always wanted to see.

Land Only Tour Price: **\$1,999**

Price Includes - Coach-Tour begins in London Monday, October 18, 2004.
- Hotel accommodation based on two persons sharing, daily breakfast, and 9 dinners.

Does Not Include - Transportation and airfares from place of origin to London, Heathrow Airport
- \$98 fee (for gratuities and miscellaneous service charges).
- \$119 Required CIE Tours, Int'l Travel Protection Plan (must be paid with first deposit)
- Single room occupancy supplement charge of \$579 if required.

Special "Shakespeare Country" Pre-Tour Package:

Take a one-day coach tour to charming "Shakespeare Country," England for an additional **\$250**. Pre-Tour starts from London one day early on October 17, 2004.

Price Includes: - One extra night in our London hotel, + one extra full-day coach tour before main tour begins.

Does Not Include: - Transportation or airfares from place of origin
- Single room occupancy supplement charge of \$45 if required.

Special JFK and LAX Airfares When Booked with Pre-Tour Package!

Discounted airfares are available for those taking advantage of the Special Pre-Tour Package. **(Seats are limited).**

*** Bonus: If a minimum of 22 participants sign up & complete the flights, each will be given a \$100 airfare refund.**

Special JFK Round-trip Airfare **\$450** (Plus air tax +airport fees) Flight leaves JFK October 16, 2004, 6:20 pm

Special LAX Round-trip Airfare **\$600** (Plus air tax +airport fees) Flight leaves LAX October 16, 2004, 8:00 am

Sign up Now!

Reserve your place now with the required deposits and Travel Protection Plan payment. **CONTACT Lois Widly for registration and further information:** lois@loislink.com / PH: 714-633-0836
or Lois Hayes PH: 714- 730-3519 evenings. (If you leave a message, *please leave your phone # and email.*) **Reservations accepted on a first come basis.**

Required Deposits & Payments: - \$300 Deposit for October 18-31 Land Coach Tour
- \$100 Deposit for optional airfare (with Special Pre-Tour)
- \$119 Payment for Required CIE Tours, Int'l Travel Protection Plan
- **(Deposits and Travel Protection fee are non-refundable)**
- **Payment in full** after June 15, 2004 – extra charge depending on date of receipt.

INCENTIVES: Airfare Refund Draw! * Every one who had signed up **for Special -Airfare **by March 31** is eligible for two chances in this draw. *Each person signed up for Special-Airfare after **-March 31, 2004** and paid in full by June 15, 2004 will be eligible for one chance in this draw.

ALL incentives are dependant upon** 22 people being paid in full by June 15, 2004. * Only one-Cash-Draw Prize** allowed per person. (ask for full details, terms and conditions). Help make it happen, INVITE A FRIEND!

Concerned about signing up now?

The new improved "CIE Tours Cancel for Any Reason trip cancellation waiver!" "*Permits you to cancel your trip at any time prior to departure for a covered reason and up to 3 days before your scheduled departure for any reason not otherwise covered*" if the \$119 insurance fee is paid at the time of your first deposit. Terms and conditions apply. More details included in full brochure. Rev.4/22/04

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Tour Schedule & Destinations

Special “Shakespeare Country” Pre-Tour Package 1 night

Day 1 - Saturday Oct. 16, 2004: (for those availing of Special JFK/LAX Airfares) *Depart JFK or LAX for London*

Welcome aboard your overnight flight to London. Sit back and enjoy in flight meals and services as you cross the Atlantic to start your vacation. (Others will meet us in London.)

Day 2 - Sunday Oct 17, 2004: London Arrival and Pre-Tour. After immigration and baggage claim, a wonderful day of Touring “*Shakespeare Country*” awaits you. We will enjoy a visit to the romantic village of Stratford –Upon-Avon and delight in this historical area where you can see the birthplace of Shakespeare, the historical cottage of his wife Ann Hathaway’s family and the famous theatres. We will return to London in early evening in time for a good nights rest. **This will give us 3 nights in our first hotel without needing to re-pack, before our next exciting journey begins.**

United Kingdom and Ireland - Land Coach Tour October 18 - 31 13 nights/22 meals

Tour Highlights

Tower of London & Edinburgh Castle, Scottish Cabaret in Edinburgh, Cotswolds & Lake District, Walking tours of Chester & Waterford, Dunbrody Emigrant Ship, Irish Entertainment at the Abbey Tavern, Bunratty Castle Medieval Banquet & Waterford Crystal

Day 1 – Monday October 18, 2004: London Arrival & Leisure Time Land in London in the morning and, after immigration and baggage claim, take an independent coach transfer to your hotel on the north side of the city- (complimentary transfers from airports to hotels at beginning and end of tour for those who meet the tour schedules- check with Lois Hayes or Lois Widly for schedule times.) The remainder of the day is free so that you may rest or do some sightseeing on your own. Whatever your interests, there is something for you - history, museums, art, fashion, people-watching, restaurants, clubs or theater. Get together with your tour director and fellow travelers over a welcoming drink to discuss your vacation. If you wish an additional group option for this day, please make your wish known and it will be looked into.

Day 2 - Tuesday: Tower of London Start your day with a visit to the Tower of London. This majestic fortress contains a collection of towers and residences, where English kings have made history. See ravens and Beefeaters as you walk through the complex and view the Traitors' Gate, the White Tower and the magnificent Crown Jewels. Drive through the city center to see the main attractions. Pass the elaborately decorated Houses of Parliament with Big Ben, nearby Westminster Abbey and bustling Piccadilly Circus and Oxford Street. The afternoon and evening are at leisure for further sightseeing on your own. (CB)

Day 3 - Wednesday: Blenheim Palace & Cotswolds Travel to Woodstock to visit Blenheim Palace, a Baroque masterpiece built in the 18th century. Winston Churchill was born here in 1874. See priceless treasures of art in the Great Hall and Long Library and view the charming Water Terrace Gardens. Drive through the delightful Cotswolds, a region of hills with honey-colored stone houses, many dating to medieval times. Drive to the Potteries and visit the Wedgwood Visitor Centre where you will find rare and valuable exhibits, tracing the history of the company. See the production process from raw clay through to the final decoration on the factory floor. Continue north to Mold for overnight. (CB, D)

Day 4 - Thursday: Chester & Lake District Take a walking tour of Chester to see The Rows, the medieval city walls and visit Chester Cathedral. Travel through the glorious Lake District to enjoy stunning views of shimmering lakes, gentle hills and valleys. Stop for a look around the quaint village of Grasmere before continuing into Scotland. Visit the Moffat Woollen Mills to see some quality Scottish woolens and drive to Edinburgh, Scotland's delightful capital city. This evening a Scottish Cabaret will introduce you to Scottish specialties with lively singing, dancing and humor. (B, D)

Day 5 - Friday: Edinburgh Highlights This morning take a sightseeing tour of Edinburgh. Drive through the 200-year-old New Town with its planned streets and lavish Georgian houses. Visit the stately Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of the Queen. Drive along the Royal Mile and the medieval section of the city to Edinburgh Castle. Here see the Crown Jewels of Scotland and the Stone of Destiny. The afternoon is free for independent activities. On departures from August 1 to 22 watch the impressive Military Tattoo at Edinburgh Castle. (B)

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Day 6 - Saturday: Scone Palace & Distillery Travel north through Perth to visit Scone Palace, a few miles from Perth. The present palace was built in 1803 and contains excellent collections of antiques. The Stone of Destiny, on which Scottish kings were crowned until 1296, was kept on nearby Moot Hill. It is on display in Edinburgh Castle. Continue to Pitlochery to visit Edradour Distillery, Scotland's smallest. Located in a charming setting, you can tour the many buildings to see production and savor a sample. Journey north through the massive Grampian Mountains to Nairn for your overnight stay. (B, D)

Day 7 - Sunday: Loch Ness 2000 & Glasgow Visit Culloden Battlefield to see where Hanoverian troops defeated Bonnie Prince Charlie and his Jacobite followers in 1746. Continue to Inverness and south along the shores of Loch Ness, a charming body of water surrounded by hills. In Drumnadrochit visit the Loch Ness 2000 Exhibition. This not just a "Nessie" experience but includes a number of important scientific findings and reveals secrets of Loch Ness. Continue your journey beside Loch Ness to Fort Augustus. Drive south through majestic Glen Coe and across Rannoch Moor to reach Loch Lomond for more scenic views. On arrival in Glasgow take a short orientation tour. (B,D)

Day 8 - Monday: Ferry to Ireland & Abbey Tavern Drive south from Glasgow through the gentle pastoral countryside to Cairnryan for a short ferry journey to Larne. Meet your Irish driver and travel south along the east coast to Dublin. Check into your hotel and enjoy some time to relax. In the evening drive to Howth to the Abbey Tavern where dinner is served in the centuries-old tavern and a lively show of Irish songs and traditional dancing follows. (B, D)

Day 9 - Tuesday: Dublin Sightseeing See the many public buildings, delightful gardens and lively shopping streets throughout the center of Dublin. View the elegant Georgian townhouses with colored doors. Your sightseeing tour includes a visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral, dating from 1213 on a site where a church has stood since the time of St. Patrick. Enter Trinity College to see the illuminated gospel manuscript of the Book of Kells. The afternoon and evening are free for further sightseeing, shopping and dining. (B)

Day 10 - Wednesday: Glendalough & Waterford This morning drive through the scenic Wicklow Mountains to visit Glendalough Visitor Centre to learn about St. Kevin's 6th century monastery. Walk through the site with its round tower, church ruins and Celtic crosses. In New Ross visit the Dunbrody Emigrant Ship, a replica of the type of vessel that carried many people to America during the 1840s Famine. In the evening take a short walk around the ancient town center of Waterford with a local guide. (B, D)

Day 11 - Thursday: Cobh Heritage & Blarney Castle Tour the Waterford Crystal Factory to see skilled craftspeople blowing, cutting and polishing the crystal. Also see an amazing range of glassware and trophies in the showrooms. Travel along the south coast to Cobh which is located on the outskirts of Cork. Here visit the Cobh Heritage Centre, which traces the history of emigration from Ireland to the United States. Then drive to Blarney where you can walk through the grounds and climb the steps of fabled Blarney Castle to kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence." Travel through the mountains to your hotel in Killarney. (B, D)

Day 12 - Friday: Ring of Kerry Tour Today enjoy one of Ireland's most popular scenic drives, the Ring of Kerry, which winds between lofty peaks and a magnificent Atlantic coastline. Stop often to savor the varied views and take photos. At the western end of the peninsula cross to Valencia Island to visit the Skellig Experience which shows how early Christian monks lived on the nearby islands. Drive through Waterville and Sneem and pause at Moll's Gap and Ladies' View for vistas of the famous lakes before returning to Killarney. (B, D)

Day 13 - Saturday: Cliffs of Moher & Bunratty Leaving Killarney travel to Tarbert where you take the ferry across the River Shannon. Drive via Lahinch to view the Cliffs of Moher. The impressive wall of rock rises to a height of almost 700 feet above the churning Atlantic Ocean and stretches for five miles along the coast. See part of the Burren Country, a region of limestone on the way to Newmarket-on-Fergus where you check into your hotel. This evening a medieval-style meal and entertainment at 15th century Bunratty Castle will conclude your tour on a high note. (B, D)

Day 14 - Sunday: Depart for Home Take a group transfer to Shannon Airport to check in for your flight. Then you may do some last minute shopping before clearing U.S. Immigration and boarding your aircraft for the journey back home. (B)

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