

Scotland & Ireland
Intimate Highlands Encounters
& Unforgettable Irish Charm
September 15 – October 1, 2023



Stay in Unique Country Hotels



Sail the Scottish Lochs & Highlands



Ring of Kerry & the Beauty of Ireland

Highlights

Scotland

Sail the intricate waters of the Caledonian Canal and the sheltered waters of the Lochs (Lakes) of Scotland in the hauntingly beautiful, fretted west coast on board Lord of the Highlands. McCaig's Folly, Duart Castle, Tobermory, 'Neptune's Staircase,' West Highland Train, Glenfinnan Viaduct, Ben Nevis, Urquhart Castle, Loch Ness, Caledonian Canal, , Edinburgh, Royal Mile, Royal Yacht Britannia

Ireland

Dublin City Tour, Book of Kells and St. Patrick's Cathedral , dinner in an Irish Pub with Irish folklore and traditional Irish Music, Adare and Killarney, Ring of Kerry tour, Burren and the Cliffs of Moher, breathtaking Connemara, Kylemore Abbey.

Lord of the Glens

Splendid, unique, only 54 guests. Her elegant appeal calls to mind that of a luxury yacht, which is no surprise since the 'Royal Yacht Britannia' was very much in mind when determining her exterior livery. Cozy, intimate, comfortable.

Carefree

Your Journeys by Van Dyke Journey Manager travels with you. These friendly professionals take care of the details, pay the bills, and enable you to have fun! Enjoy a no hassle experience, with many of our famous surprises.

Limited to 28 guests. Reserve today!

Your 17-Day Journey

Day 1 Depart for Edinburgh, Scotland

Enjoy our private car home pick up service. Guests departing from the Toronto airport are assisted with their check-in. Meet your Journey Manager and fellow guests, and board your flight to Edinburgh, Scotland. Our Journey Manager travels with you to take care of all the details throughout the journey, enabling you to concentrate on your experience.

Overnight: Flight

Meals:

Day 2 Welcome to Edinburgh

Our local Blue Badge Scottish guide greets us at the airport. Board our coach for a short journey to our hotel. Enjoy a light lunch and relax in Edinburgh this afternoon. Then, join your fellow guests this evening for a casual welcome dinner.

Overnight: Edinburgh, Kimpton Charlotte Square Hotel

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 Edinburgh

Today, we explore one of the United Kingdom's most famous cities. Explore the closes (Scottish alleyways) along the famed Royal Mile before our visit the Royal Yacht Britannia. A Royal residence for over 40 years, The Royal Yacht Britannia sailed over 1,000,000 nautical miles on 968 state visits with the Royal Family where they entertained prime ministers and presidents. Now a five-star visitor attraction, you can discover across five decks stories of life at sea for both the Royal Family and the 220 Royal Yachtsmen who served on board. Following lunch, we visit Edinburgh Castle, a mighty fortress, the defender of the nation that has dominated the skyline for centuries. This evening's dinner is just a short walk from our hotel.

Overnight: Edinburgh, Kimpton Charlotte Square Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 4 Inverness

Relax as we travel by coach through the stunning scenery to the impressive Scone Palace, where we enjoy a traditional lunch and a tour of antiques and rare artifacts. We continue to Inverness to board the lovely Lord of the Glens, our home for the next seven nights. This beautiful family owned, and operated vessel is perfect for exploring this region of Scotland. This evening, we enjoy a welcome reception and dinner whilst remaining berthed in the city.

Overnight: Lord of the Glens
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 Culloden

This morning visit Culloden, the infamous battlefield where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite forces were defeated in 1746 and observe the ancient standing stones of Clava Cairns. We set sail this afternoon on the Caledonian Canal, built between 1803 and 1822 to connect the Great Glen's four lochs. Entering Loch Ness, we pass the romantic ruins of Urquhart Castle, before ascending the impressive flight of locks that runs through the heart of Fort Augustus, the scenic and historic village, where we remain overnight.

Overnight: Lord of the Glens
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Urquhart Castle

The magnificently situated Urquhart Castle, on the banks of Loch Ness, was once one of Scotland's largest castles. Urquhart witnessed considerable conflict throughout its 500 years as a medieval fortress from the 13th to 17th centuries.



Day 6 Neptune's Staircase

Continue along the canal through Loch Oich, ascending to 106 feet at Laggan Locks after gliding serenely along the tree-lined section known as Laggan Avenue. Onwards through picturesque Loch Lochy, before descending Neptune's Staircase, a set of eight interconnected locks dropping 64 feet into the sea loch at Corpach. After lunch, we take the West Highland railway, famous from the Harry Potter films for the Hogwarts Express, over the renowned viaduct to beautiful Glenfinnan. Our overnight mooring is in Corpach.

Overnight: Lord of the Glens
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

West Highland Line

One of the top railway journeys in the world, this section of the famous line has achieved worldwide coverage through the Harry Potter films and the Jacobite Steam Train. The fabulous scenery surrounds us and includes the famous Glenfinnan Viaduct, a late Victorian construction and a site to behold. Over 100 feet in height and made up of 21 arches, this viaduct is a beautiful piece of engineering and a glorious sight.



Day 7 Loch Linnhe to Oban

Today we sail Loch Linnhe, passing mysterious lochs and islands until we reach Oban, the seafood capital of the highlands. Take a guided walk up to McCaig's Tower; inspired by the Roman Colosseum, it affords spectacular views of the Hebrides. We berth in Oban overnight.

Overnight: Lord of the Glens
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 Craignure, Mull & Iona

This morning, we sail to Craignure on Mull for a visit to the Isle of Iona, the last resting place of some 50 Scottish Kings and where St. Columba introduced Christianity to Scotland. Later, we sail to the island capital of Tobermory where brightly painted houses line the waterfront which was originally built by the British Fisheries Company to house its workers. We remain alongside overnight.

Overnight: Lord of the Glens
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Tobermory

Built as a fishing port in the late 18th century, Tobermory is now the main town on the Isle of Mull. With its colourful frontage curving round its natural harbour, Tobermory is one of the most instantly recognisable of Scotland's island-towns.



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Day 9 Eigg

Sailing north to the Small Isle of Eigg this morning, we catch glimpses of the islands of the Inner Hebrides along the way. This community owned island is a nature reserve and allows us to go in search of marine animals and birdlife, including Atlantic seals, minke whales, dolphins, porpoises and a variety of seabirds. Our afternoon is spent at Inverie on Loch Nevis, where you can enjoy a drink at the most remote pub on mainland Britain, The Old Forge Inn.

Overnight: Lord of the Glens

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 Isle of Skye

An early morning sail across the Sound of Sleat leads us to Armadale on the Isle of Skye where we trace the legacy of the Clan MacDonald at the Museum of The Isles. Our final port of call is Kyle of Lochalsh from where we visit the iconic Eilean Donan Castle, ahead of the farewell reception and dinner.

Overnight: Lord of the Glens

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11 Disembarkation and Flight to Dublin

Disembark in Kyle of Lochalsh after breakfast for the onward transfer to Edinburgh, where we fly to Dublin to begin our exploration of the Emerald Isle. Dublin has lots of Viking history, fabulous food and is officially the friendliest locale in the world! Our local guide and friendly coach driver share the famous Irish hospitality. After a long day of travel, free time is given to relax before dinner at our hotel.

Overnight: Dublin, Brooks Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12 Dublin

Our tour today is the perfect way to discover Dublin, a lovely Irish town. We begin at St. Patrick's Cathedral which was founded in 1191 and is the largest church in Ireland. Continuing, we see Dublin Castle, City Hall and lively Temple Bar. Our final stop of the morning is Trinity College and the Old Library to see the Book of Kells, a stunningly beautiful manuscript containing the Four Gospels. It is Ireland's most precious medieval artifact and is generally considered the finest surviving illuminated manuscript to have been produced in medieval Europe. Following lunch at a local restaurant, we visit the Guinness storehouse to discover what goes into making a pint of Guinness – the ingredients, the processes, the effort.

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The journey ends in the Gravity Bar on the top floor with a pint of Guinness and the best view in the city! This evening, join us for a traditional Irish meal that includes Irish Folklore, storytelling, and live traditional music.

Note: Book of Kells is set for renovation in Fall 2023 and may need to be substituted.

Overnight: Dublin, Brooks Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 13 Adare & Killarney

This morning, enjoy a lovely drive to the village of Adare. Adare is in the south west of Ireland and is regarded as being Ireland's prettiest and most picturesque village. It is a haven for those wishing to escape, unwind and take in its medieval surroundings. Situated on the River Maigue, a tributary of the River Shannon, Adare is steeped in history dating back to 1200 AD and has been the subject of many rebellions, wars and conquests, leaving behind a legacy of historical monuments. Following lunch, we continue to Killarney where we check in to our hotel.

Overnight: Killarney, Great Southern Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 14 Ring of Kerry Tour

Cinematic sea views, secluded white-sand beaches, and mountains shrouded in mist. Believe the hype: The Ring of Kerry has earned its reputation as one of the most beautiful regions in Ireland. The scenic route passes through lively villages with bustling pubs, charming bookshops, and pretty cafés. A visit is not complete without seeing the village Bog and Sheep Dog Trials. Following lunch, enjoy some free time to wander in the lovely village of Sneem. Tonight, enjoy a casual walk to dinner at Cellar One in Killarney.

Overnight: Killarney, Great Southern Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 15 The Cliffs of Moher

Today is a day of dramatic scenery, friendly locals and historic venues. The Burren, in North County Clare and parts of South County Galway, is like no other place in Ireland. There are no bogs and very few pastures. Instead, there are huge pavements of limestone called 'clints' with vertical fissures called 'grikes' and views that are truly spectacular. Enjoy lunch with the Cassidy Family who have long family roots in the Burren. The Cliffs of Moher are simply stunning. At over 200 metres high, one can easily view the cliffs, the Aran Islands, Galway Bay, the Twelve Pins, and the Maum Turk Mountains to the north in Connemara, and Loop Head to the south.

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Overnight: Galway, Harbour Hotel
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 16 Kylemore Abbey Tour

Enjoy the breathtaking coastal landscape of Connemara, situated at the very edge of Europe on the west coast of Ireland. It is surely one of the most beautiful, unspoilt places in Ireland. From the rugged Twelve Bens mountain range in the north through lake-rich Roundstone Bog to the golden beaches reaching out into the Atlantic Ocean, you'll know you're in Connemara by the light that constantly changes the mood and tone of the landscape. At Kylemore Abbey, tour the Abbey and explore over six acres of Victorian Walled Gardens.

Overnight: Galway, Harbour Hotel
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 17 Home

We bid our Irish friends a fond Gaelic Blessing “Na h-uile la gu math duit” (May all your days be good), before boarding our flights for home. Guests arriving at the Toronto airport are greeted and assisted to their private car home.

Overnight: Home
Meals: Breakfast

All information contained in this itinerary is correct at time of printing and is subject to the terms and conditions as listed on our web site at www.jerryvandyke.com or available from our office on request. We must reserve the ability to make improvements.

Your Journey Includes

First Class Accommodation

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| Edinburgh | Kimpton Charlotte Square | 2 nights |
| Cruise | MV Lord of the Glens | 7 nights |
| Dublin | Brooks Hotel | 2 nights |
| Killarney | Great Southern Hotel | 2 nights |
| Galway | Harbour Hotel | 2 nights |

Included Flights

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| Airline: | Air Canada |
| Outbound: | Toronto (YYZ) - Edinburgh (EDI) |
| Inbound: | Dublin (DUB) – Toronto (YYZ) |
| Class of Service: | Economy <i>Premium Economy and Business are available on request</i> |
| Note: | Fly from select Canadian gateways for only \$100 <i>For additional gateways and further information, contact us for details.</i> |

Journeys by Van Dyke Inclusions

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| Journey Manager | Services of a professional Journey Manager throughout the journey |
| Home-Pickup Service | Private car home pick up & return service (where available) or a credit or |
| Hotel Overnight | Hotel overnight near Toronto Pearson International Airport |
| Gratuities | Tips included for all intermediaries: all ship staff, Journey Managers, local sightseeing guides, coach drivers, porters, etc. |
| Porterage | Porterage for one piece of baggage |
| Visas & Fees | All fees, visas, port & service charges |
| Gift with Every Journey | Branded overnight carry-on bag or backpack |
| Taxes | All taxes incl. HST, PST, VAT |

Journey Specific Inclusions & Experiences

- Complete pre-trip information & assistance
- 15 breakfasts, 15 lunches, 15 dinners
- All sightseeing & entrance fees as listed
- Edinburgh City Tour Including Royal Yacht Britannia & Edinburgh Castle
- McCaig's Folly & Duart Castle
- Isle of Mull
- Colourful Waterfront of Tobermory
- West Highland Line Train Journey with Glenfinnan Viaduct
- Neptune's Staircase & Caledonian Canal
- Loch Ness & Urquhart Castle
- Dublin City Tour with St. Patrick's Cathedral, Trinity College Old Library & Book of Kells
- Guinness Storehouse
- Irish Pub Dinner with Irish Folklore, Storytelling & Traditional Music
- Adare & Killarney National Park
- Ring of Kerry Tour
- Village Bog & Sheep Dog Trials
- Cliffs of Moher & Burren
- Connemara & Kylemore Abbey Tour

Fares

| Cabin | Twin | Single |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Lower Deck | \$14,990 CAD | \$20,990 CAD |
| Standard Cabin | \$15,790 CAD | \$22,290 CAD |
| Superior Cabin | \$16,590 CAD | \$25,590 CAD |

Fuel Surcharges - These journey fares include the current known fuel surcharges. Additional supplier fuel charges and or government fees may apply at final payment date.

The Lord of the Glens



The MV *Lord of the Glens* is a vessel with the elegant appeal of a luxury yacht. Indeed, the 'Royal Yacht Britannia' was very much in mind when deciding the exterior livery with its 'Mauritius' deep blue hull, complemented by an all-around band and resplendent eagle motifs all in gold, together with a brilliant white superstructure. She boasts all-round teak clad viewing and promenade decks with rich mahogany interiors.

The *Lord of the Glens* is the only passenger vessel able to navigate the intricate waters of the Caledonian Canal as well as the sheltered waters around Scotland's hauntingly beautiful fretted west coast. Her Master is able to manoeuvre the ship into almost impossibly tight locks and around the many tortuous bends, bringing the dramatic landscape even closer.

The *Lord of the Glens* is most certainly in harmony with both the landscape and the environment. On stepping aboard, you are greeted by a classical, colonial look with rich hardwood finishes throughout offset by cream paneling very much reminiscent of the ancient deluxe British Pullman carriage.

Of special note are the original 1929 'Riviera' armchairs (PLM Orient Express), hand painted David Roberts lithographs, light fittings from the *SS France* and *Nord Norge*, restaurant chairs, overhead glass paneling, deck furniture from the *RMS Windsor Castle* and lovely brass friezes from the *RMS Kenya Castle*. Elsewhere, there are scaled models of locomotives and ocean-going ships. Throughout, the vessel is adorned with plush carpeting and hardwood flooring with inlaid compass motifs made by craftsmen at the top of their profession.

The entire vessel is air-conditioned/heated throughout. Guests embark at the reception level, where also are located the delightful 'one sitting' 'Robert Louis Stevenson' restaurant, the Bridge and six Top Deck State Cabins.

One Deck up, enjoy the 'David Livingstone Lounge/Library,' – Sir Walter Scott Lounge, and forward and aft facing viewing decks. She was rebuilt in Spain in 2000 and enjoys annual refurbishment since.

Length 150' **Beam** 34.5' **Draft** 10.5' **Voltage** 220V **Max cruising speed** 14 knots



Dining Room

The splendid 'Robert Louis Stevenson' dining room accommodates all guests in one sitting. There are all-around picture windows, plush carpeting, and tables adorned with the finest blue and gold linen, Villeroy Bosch cutlery and crockery together with finest French crystal. The cuisine on board is excellent with the Executive Chef making full use of the fresh and bountiful local produce; fresh fish, meats and poultry are also delivered to the vessel daily. A full Scottish breakfast is served comprising eggs, bacon, tomatoes, black pudding, toast, fresh bread, cereals, fresh fruit, yogurts together with coffee and tea.

State Cabins

The *Lord of the Glens* has 27 outward-facing state cabins spread over three decks, sequentially all named after well-known Scottish personages: Thomas Telford, David Roberts and Alexander Graham Bell. Each state cabin is complete with rich hardwood finishes, plush carpeting, dressing table, stool, wardrobe, writing desk, and en-suite facilities with shower, WC and washbasin.

Alexander Graham Bell Deck

Superior Cabins

303, 304, 305, 306

Large Picture Window
101 sq. ft. – Twin Beds

David Roberts Deck

Standard Cabins

211, 212, 218, 219

Picture Window
112 sq. ft - Double Bed

Superior Cabins

203, 204, 205, 206, 207

Large Picture Window
105 sq. ft - Twin Beds

James Watt Deck

Lower Deck Cabins

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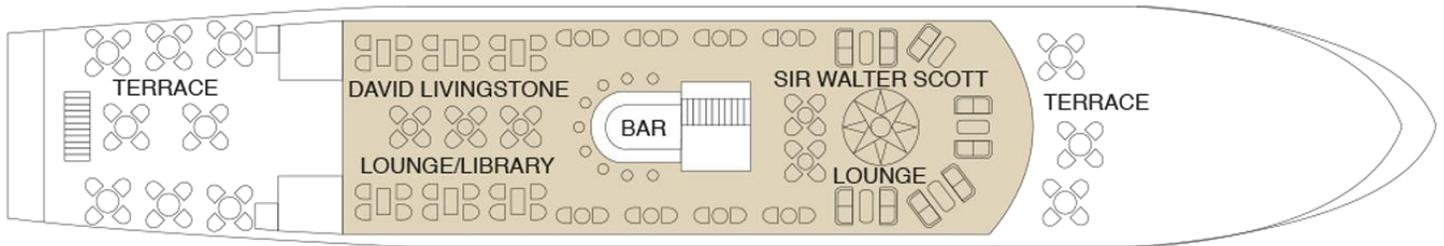
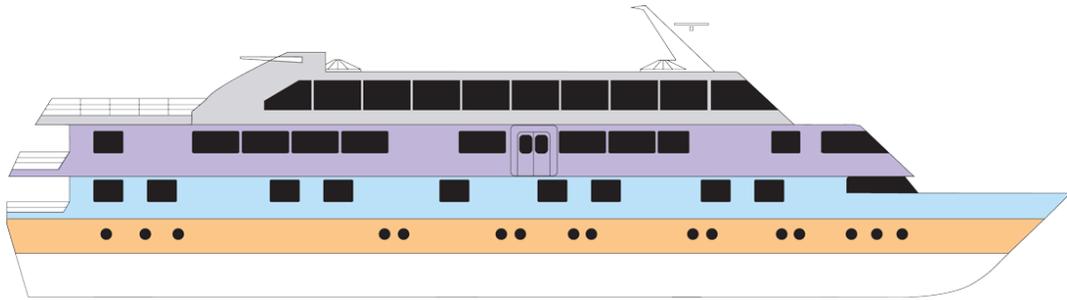
Portholes
87 sq ft – Twin Beds



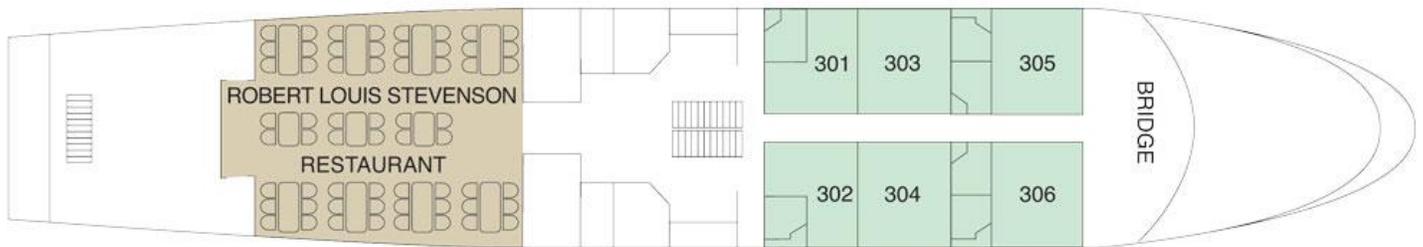
Beds: Twin - 6'4" x 3' Double - 6'4" x 4'9"

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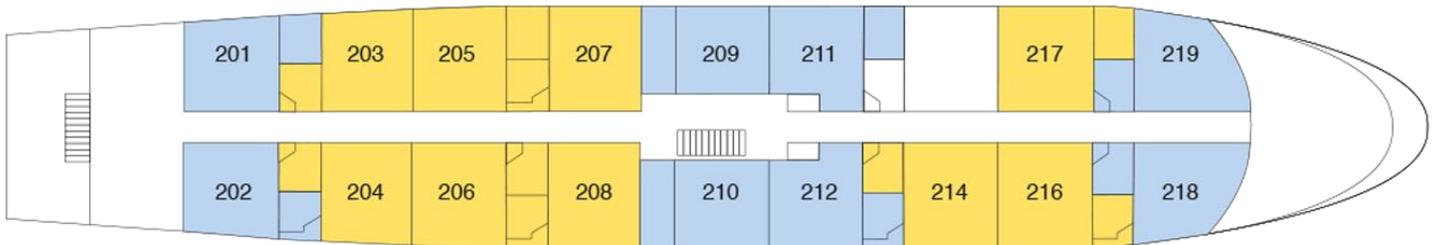
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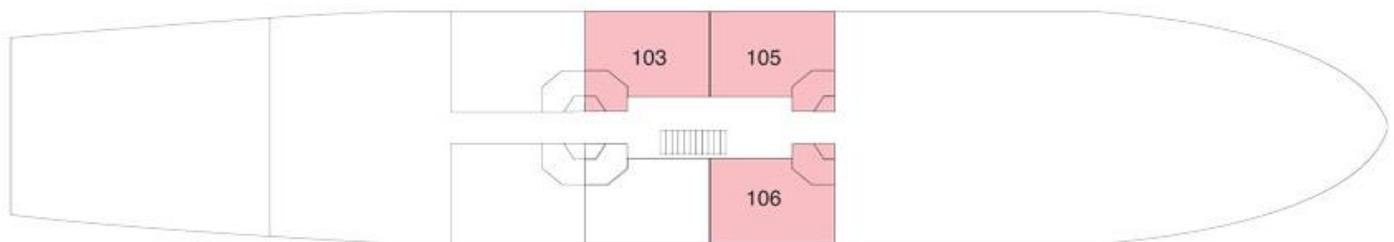
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Outstanding Accommodation

Edinburgh **2 nights**

Kimpton Charlotte Square Hotel

Overlooking one of Edinburgh's prettiest private garden squares, the Charlotte Square Hotel consists of seven interconnecting Georgian townhouses in the heart of the New Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. With rooms inspired by the golden age of travel, this stunning hotel offers genuine Scottish hospitality.



Dublin **2 nights**

Brooks Hotel

A designer boutique hotel in Dublin city centre, Brooks Hotel is a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World and has been voted one of the 100 Best Places to Stay in Ireland in the Bridgestone Guide for the past 3 years. This sophisticated hotel features luxurious rooms and personalized service, as well as a restaurant with a bar and café lounge.



Killarney **2 nights**

Great Southern Hotel

From its distinctive architecture to its effortless service and genuine hospitality, the Great Southern Killarney has been an iconic retreat for over 160 years. Recently restored to its former greatness, the hotel is uniquely situated on six acres of beautiful gardens and stands proudly as Killarney's Premier Historic Hotel.



Galway

2 nights

Harbour Hotel

Harbour Hotel Galway is conveniently located in the heart of Galway City, perfect for a getaway break with so much to do on their doorstep. All guest rooms have been completely renovated in a nautical style reflective of the hotel's dockside location. All rooms are fully air-conditioned, have a mini fridge and Bluetooth speakers. Stay connected with complimentary high speed Wi-Fi provided throughout



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Personal Notes & Questions