

2009 ITHF Pre-Convention Tour . . .



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Exploring Britain & Ireland

June 6 - June 19, 2009

ANNOUNCING

International Travel and Hosting Fellowship's 2009
tour of England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland
arriving in time for the Birmingham Rotary
International Convention 21 - 24 June 2009

\$3,245 PER PERSON **

** Price for double occupancy, includes all coach and ferry required during the tour only. Airfare to and from the UK is not included. Price includes meals as indicated on the itinerary. Single supplement is \$800.

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All schedules and sequences of sightseeing are subject to change. A valid passport is required. See itinerary on reverse. For additional information regarding this tour, contact ITHF Administrator Jim Andrews, P.O. Box 2911, Cookeville, TN 38502, USA, telephone 931-528-1810, fax 931-372-8358, email jandrews@ithf.org.

ITHF's 2009 Pre-Convention Tour of Britain and Ireland

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Itinerary of ITHF's 2009 pre-convention tour

Exploring Britain and Ireland

Sat, June 6. London, England. After arrival and acclimation, your tour begins here in the capital city of London. Meet your fellow travelers at a special welcome dinner. (D)

Sun, June 7. London. During a guided city tour, discover Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and the changing of the guards. Enjoy the afternoon on your own or take the optional Complete London Experience (\$179) for traditional English tea, a Thames River cruise and ride on the London Eye. (B)

Mon, June 8. London - Stonehenge - Bath - Cardiff
Your day begins with a visit to Stonehenge of Celtic and Druid lore. This mysterious site dates back to the Stone Age. Next, journey to the elegant Georgian town of Bath for a visit to the Roman Bath Museum. See the elaborate spas, which are nearly 2,000 years old. Continue on to the Welsh capital city of Cardiff for an overnight stay.. (B,D)

Tues, June 9. Cardiff - Ferry to Ireland - Waterford
Take in the verdant countryside of South Wales enroute to the coastal viillage of Fishguard where you board a ferry for a cruise on the Irish Sea across St. George's Channel to Rosslare, Ireland. Begin your exploration of southeast Ireland in Waterford, founded by the Vikings. (B,D)

Wed, June 10. Waterford - Blarney - Killarney. During a tour through the world-famous Waterford Crystal Factory you will see a demonstration of how cherished crystal treasures are created and shop for same. Next journey to County Cork enroute to historic Blarney Castle. Wind your way to the top of the castle, lie back and kiss the famous Blarney Stone. The day ends in beautiful Killarney with enchanting lakes and deep green valleys, and you'll meet people with sparkling Irish eyes and wits to match. . (B,D)

Thurs, June 11. Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney.
A scenic drive brings you to the Ring of Kerry where you'll find some of Ireland's most magical scenery. At the Gap of Dunloe, shop for traditional Irish goods handcrafted by local artisans. Marvel at the stunning vistas created by windswept cliffs, rugged mountains, still lakes and picturesque villages. Return to Killarney after a truly enchanting day. (B)

Fri, June 12. Killarney - Rock of Cashel - Dublin
The Irish are known for their wit, humility and most of all, their humor. Today you will have a chance to talk and laugh with a local family when you visit the Molanna Dairy Farm. After a relaxing spot of tea, you'll journey through the picturesque "Golden Vale" enroute to the Rock of Cashel for a visit to the historic spot where St. Patrick preached and, as legend has it, rid the Emerald Isle of snakes. This evening, dinner and traditional entertainment are included. (B,D)

Sat, June 13. Dublin Enjoy a tour of Dublin "Fair City." Dubliners are very proud to tell you why it has earned the title as best city in Europe in which to live. See the Bank of Ireland, O'Connell Street, Grafton Street and Phoenix Park. Visit famous St. Patrick's Cathedral. This afternoon, use free time to explore the city your way - visit a museum, stroll in a park or stop by a pub and chat the afternoon away. (B)

Sun, June 14. Dublin - Ferry Crossing - Wales
A ferry ride across the Irish Sea transports you to Holyhead in northern Wales where you'll pass Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogoch, the town with the longest name in the world. Travel through picturesque Welsh countryside enroute to visit the majestic Caernarfon Castle, where Charles was crowned Prince of Wales. (B, D)

Mon, June 15. Wales - Lake District - Edinburgh, Scotland
Travel north to England's scenic Lake District to see charming Lake Windermere, Ambleside and Grasmere. Crossing into Scotland, you arrive at the border town of Gretna Green. At the Old Blacksmith's shop, hear why generations of runaway couples came here to be married. Continue to Edinburgh, Scotland's charming capital city.. (B,D)

Tues, June 16. Edinburgh. A morning tour of this regal city includes entrance to the famous Edinburgh Castle, the city's most prominent landmark and home of the Scottish crown jewels. Also enjoy a visit to the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary, Queen of Scots. Use the rest of the day to listen to the lilt of the Scottish brogue while you shop, explore a museum, or enjoy a tasty afternoon snack. (B)

Wed, June 17. Edinburgh - York, England
Return to England and visit the historic city of York. Explore its quaint streets, including the famous "Shambles," which, most agree, is like traveling back in time to the Elizabethan period. In some places the street is so narrow that you can touch both sides with outstretched arms. A visit is included to the magnificent 13th century Minster Cathedral. . (B,D)

Thurs, June 18. York - Coventry - Stratford-Upon-Avon
Journey to Coventry and visit its famous modern cathedral, rebuilt after World War II. Next, to Stratford-Upon-Avon, the home of William Shakespeare. Visit Shakespeare's birthplace and Anne Hathaway's thatch-roofed cottage, the childhood home of the author's wife. Join your fellow traveler's this evening for a farewell dinner to celebrate your new memories and friends. (B,D)

Fri, June 19. Your journey through Britain and Ireland ends in Stratford-Upon-Avon today. Coach to Birmingham for convention. (B)