



# Air & Sea Travel Center

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## THE OLD EMPIRE – BRITISH ISLES

Countries: England, (Northern) Ireland, Wales & Scotland

**Cities Covered:** London, Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon, York, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Alnwick, Edinburgh, Stirling, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Cairnryan, Belfast, Bushmills, Dublin, Galway, Lahinch, Limerick, Waterford, Wexford, Rosslare, Fishguard, Cardiff, Bath, Amesbury & Windsor

### Tour Package Includes

- \* Roundtrip International Flight from Honolulu
- \* All Meals & Admissions as Stated
- \* 6 UNESCO World Heritage Sites:
  - Tower of London
  - Bath
  - Westminster Abbey
  - Giant's Causeway
  - Stonehenge
  - Edinburgh
- \* Buckingham Palace Changing of the Guard
- \* British Museum
- \* Shakespeare's Birthplace
- \* Harry Potter's Hogwarts Alnwick Castle
- \* Scottish Evening Dinner and Show
- \* Guinness Beer Tasting
- \* Cliffs of Moher
- \* Bunratty Castle Dinner & Show
- \* Cardiff Castle
- \* Windsor Castle



Traveling Dates:

**Sep 4 – 19 , 2017  
(16 Days)**

Price per person:

**\$ 6,288**

Incl: Tax & Fuel Charge

**Single Supp: \$1,380**



Palace of Westminster



Alnwick Castle



Giant's Causeway



Stonehenge

**Day 1\*\*Sep 4 Honolulu – London →**

We start our vacation by boarding an international flight bound for London, the capital of England. Located on the River Thames, London is a leading global city and one of the world's leading financial centers. Meals and snacks will be served on the plane.

**Day 2\*\*Sep 5 London**

Upon arrival at Heathrow International Airport, an Air & Sea Travel representative will greet and escort us to our hotel.

*Hotel Accommodation: Hilton London Bankside or Similar*

**Day 3\*\*Sep 6 London (B, L, D)**

Following breakfast at the hotel, the group will start the journey by visiting world famous sights in London including the Tower Bridge, an iconic symbol of London which crosses the River Thames; Westminster Abbey for picture taking opportunities and the most notable religious building in the United Kingdom where Prince William was married to Catherine Middleton in 2011; and the House of Parliament. One of London's most popular destinations is Her Majesty's Royal Palace and Fortress, the Tower of London, which has served as an armory, a treasury, a menagerie, and a prison. In 1988, the Tower of London was added to the **UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites** in recognition of its global importance and to help conserve and protect the site. Next, the Great Bell of the clock at the Palace of Westminster, nicknamed Big Ben, will be viewed from the Lambeth Bridge. Afterwards, the group will head to the British Museum. This museum is one of the world's most well known museums and a landmark in London dedicated to human history and culture. After passing Trafalgar Square, we will follow The Mall to Buckingham Palace, the London residence and principal workplace of the monarchy of the United Kingdom. There, we will watch the Changing of the Guards, one of the top "performances" in London! This colorful ceremony is a main attraction in London. The group will pass by Hyde Park, one of the capital's eight Royal Parks and one of the largest parks in central London famous for its Speakers' Corner.

**Day 4\*\*Sep 7 London – Oxford – Stratford-upon-Avon (B, L, D)**

After breakfast, we will transfer to Oxford. This city is known worldwide as the home of Oxford University, the oldest English-speaking University in the world. We will walk around Oxford with our first stop at Trinity College. This college is one of the oldest in Oxford. Trinity has produced three British Prime Ministers and tied for second place with Balliol College in terms of former students who have held office. After lunch, the group will transfer to Stratford-upon-Avon. This town is a popular tourist destination because it is the birthplace of William Shakespeare, often regarded as the world's greatest playwright of all time. The group will visit Anne Hathaway's Cottage, a twelve-room farmhouse where Anne Hathaway, the wife of William Shakespeare lived as a child in the village. We will also visit Shakespeare's Birthplace. The house where William Shakespeare was born and raised has been attracting visitors for over 250 years. The group will have the opportunity to discover the world that shaped William Shakespeare and learn about other famous historical figures such as Charles Dickens, John Keats, Walter Scott and Thomas Hardy who traveled through this area.

*Hotel Accommodation: Crowne Plaza Stratford Upon Avon Hotel or Similar*

**Day 5\*\*Sep 8 Stratford-upon-Avon – York – Newcastle-upon-Tyne (B, L, D)**

This morning, we will head to York, a 2,000 year old historic walled city and county town where the Ouse and Foss Rivers meet in North Yorkshire. The city has a rich heritage and has provided the backdrop to major political events in England throughout much of its existence. The city offers a wealth of historic attractions, of which York Minster is the most prominent, and a variety of cultural and sporting activities making it a popular tourist destination for millions. Today we have a walking city tour of York that include visits to York Minster, the Chapter House, and a Roman Excavation Site. The final destination of the day will be Newcastle-upon-Tyne, commonly

known as the city of Newcastle, a metropolitan borough in Northeast England. It is a lively and diverse city, known for its nightlife, art, music and sports. Compact, attractive and friendly, it is one of England's core cities and is a centre of culture, architecture and business. Newcastle is a starting point for tours of the Northumberland coast and Hadrian's Wall. The town is also home to the Geordie culture, with a rich heritage of folk music and dance and its own dialect.

*Hotel Accommodation: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Newcastle or Similar*

**Day 6\*\*Sep 9** **Newcastle-upon-Tyne – Alnwick – Edinburgh** **(B, L, D)**

After breakfast at the hotel, we will drive to Alnwick. According to Country Life, October 2002, "Alnwick is the most picturesque market town in Northumberland and the best place to live in Britain". Alnwick Castle & Alnwick Gardens are two "must see" attractions for tourists. Alnwick Castle is a castle and stately home in the town of the same name in the English county of Northumberland. Many movies are filmed here, including Harry Potter's Philosopher's Stone and Chamber of Secrets. Located next to the castle, the Alnwick Gardens is known as one of the world's most extraordinary contemporary gardens. This complex of formal gardens has a long history under the Dukes of Northumberland, but fell into disrepair until it was restored at the turn of the 21st century. After lunch, the group will drive to Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland. Edinburgh Castle is a historic fortress which dominates the skyline of the city of Edinburgh from its position on the Castle Rock. After visiting the castle, we will walk through the Royal Mile. The Royal Mile is a succession of streets forming the main thoroughfare of the Old Town of Edinburgh. It runs downhill between the Edinburgh Castle and Holyrood Palace. Edinburgh's Old Town and New Town together are listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, which has been managed by Edinburgh World Heritage since 1999.

*Hotel Accommodation: Macdonald Holyrood Hotel or Similar*

**Day 7\*\*Sep 10** **Edinburgh – Stirling – Edinburgh** **(B, L, D)**

After breakfast, the group will transfer to Stirling, a city in central Scotland. The city is clustered around a large fortress and a medieval old-town. We will first visit the Stirling Castle, which is one of the largest and most important castles, both historically and architecturally in Scotland. It has a strong defensive position sitting atop Castle Hill. Several Scottish Kings and Queens have been crowned at Stirling, including Mary, Queen of Scots, in 1542. Argyll's Lodging is a 17th century town-house in the Renaissance style. It was a residence of the Earl of Stirling and later the Earls of Argyll. The Royal Commission regards it as "the most important surviving town-house of its period in Scotland". After lunch, we will be back to Edinburgh. The city's historical and cultural attractions have made it the second most popular tourist destination in the United Kingdom after London, attracting over one million overseas visitors each year. We have the afternoon free at leisure to explore this charming city. Tonight, we have a "Scottish Evening" Dinner and Show.

**Day 8\*\*Sep 11** **Edinburgh – Glasgow – Cairnryan – Belfast** **(B, L, D)**

After breakfast, the group will transfer to Glasgow, the largest city in Scotland, and the fourth largest in the UK. Glasgow was the "Second City of the British Empire" for much of the Victorian era and Edwardian period although many cities argued the title was theirs. Glasgow Cathedral, also called the High Kirk of Glasgow or St. Kentigern's Cathedral, is the most significant attraction in Glasgow, and a gathering of the Church of Scotland. The title cathedral is honorific and historic, dating from the period before the Scottish Reformation and its former status as the Roman Catholic mother church of the Archdiocese of Glasgow and cathedral of the Archbishop of Glasgow. The group will then have an outside view of the prestigious City Chambers Building and George Square. We will visit Burrell Collection, where it houses a unique collection of over 8,000 objects gifted to Glasgow by Sir William Burrell in 1944. This is a must-see for Glasgow visitors. After lunch, the group will transfer to Cairnryan, a small village that holds historical maritime importance, with a ferry service connecting Scotland and Northern Ireland. We will take a Ferry to Belfast, Northern Ireland. Belfast is the capital and largest city of Northern Ireland.

Most of Belfast, including the city centre, is in County Antrim, but parts of East and South Belfast are in County Down. It is on the flood plain of the River Lagan.

*Hotel Accommodation: Europa Hotel or Similar*

**Day 9\*\*Sep 12** **Belfast – Bushmills – Belfast** **(B, L, D)**

After a buffet breakfast, the group will travel to Bushmills on the north coast of County Antrim, named after the River Bush and a large watermill built in the early 17th century. The Giant's Causeway is an area of about 40,000 interlocking basalt columns resulting from a volcanic eruption. It was declared a **World Heritage Site by UNESCO** in 1986. In 2005, the Giant's Causeway was named as the fourth greatest natural wonder in the United Kingdom. The tops of the columns form stepping stones that lead from the foot of the cliff and disappear under the sea. Most of the columns are hexagonal, although there are also some with four, five, seven or eight sides. The tallest columns are about 39 ft high, and the solidified lava in the cliffs are up to 92 ft thick. After lunch, we will have a half day sightseeing tour of Belfast including Belfast's most significant attraction – Titanic's Dock and Pump House. This site is the closest visitors can get to the Titanic – the world's most famous passenger liner built in Belfast. The Titanic was docked at this site on the eve of her first and last voyage in April of 1912. Here in the shipyard where she came to life, the group will be able see the remnants of engineering brilliance behind the Titanic. Next, we will visit Belfast Castle, set on the slopes of Cavehill Country Park, Belfast, in a prominent position 400 feet (120 m) above sea level. Its location provides unobstructed views of the city of Belfast and Belfast Lough.

**Day 10\*\*Sep 13** **Belfast – Dublin – Galway** **(B, L, D)**

After breakfast at the hotel, the group will transfer to Dublin, the capital and largest city of Ireland. Founded as a Viking settlement, the Kingdom of Dublin became Ireland's principal city following the Norman invasion. Our sightseeing tour includes the largest church in Ireland, St. Patrick's Cathedral, also known as The National Cathedral and collegiate Church of Saint Patrick, Dublin, founded in 1191. We will then visit Trinity College Library, the library of both Trinity College and the University of Dublin. It is the largest library in Ireland and as a legal deposit or "copyright library", it has rights to receive material published in the Republic of Ireland free of charge. The Trinity College Library is also the only Irish library to hold such rights for the United Kingdom. The Library is the permanent home to the famous Book of Kells, an illuminated manuscript Gospel book in Latin, containing the four Gospels of the New Testament together with various introductory texts and tables. The group will tour one of the most successful beer producers worldwide at the Guinness Storehouse and enjoy a Beer Tasting session. We drive to Galway and stay overnight.

*Hotel Accommodation: Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa Galway or Similar*

**Day 11\*\*Sep 14** **Galway – Lahinch – Limerick** **(B, L, D)**

Galway is known as Ireland's Cultural Heart and is renowned for its vibrant lifestyle and numerous festivals, celebrations and events. In 2007, Galway was named one of the eight "sexiest cities" in the world. After breakfast, the group will start the Panoramic City Tour. Then, we drive to Lahinch, a small town on Liscannor Bay and the home of the renowned Lahinch Golf Club. We will visit the Cliffs of Moher located at the southwestern edge of the Burren region. The Cliffs of Moher rise 390 ft. above the Atlantic Ocean at Hag's Head and reach their maximum of 702 ft. just north of O'Brien's Tower, eight kilometers to the north. At the visitor center, we will be able to see the Atlantic Edge Exhibition and access the Cliffs. The group will transfer to Limerick, a city on the Shannon River. Its historic core is located on King's Island which is bounded by the Shannon and the Abbey Rivers. A photo stop at St. Mary's Cathedral will be arranged. We will have a Medieval Dinner and Show at Bunratty Castle tonight.

*Hotel Accommodation: Clayton Hotel Limerick or Similar*

**Day 12\*\*Sep 15** **Limerick – Waterford – Wexford** **(B, L, D)**

After breakfast, we will transfer to Waterford in the South-East Region. Waterford is the oldest and the fifth most populous city in the country. The group will have a City Tour and stop at a famous crystal manufacturer – Waterford Crystal Factory, where we will see how the crystal masters create their work and visit its show room for the world's largest collection of Waterford Crystal. Then we will transfer to Wexford and stay overnight.

*Hotel Accommodation: The Ferrycarrig Hotel or Similar*

**Day 13\*\*Sep 16** **Wexford – Rosslare – Fishguard – Cardiff – Bath** **(B, L, D)**

After breakfast at the hotel, the group will transfer to Rosslare to take the Ferry to Fishguard, a coastal town in Pembrokeshire, Southwest Wales. Then we will transfer to Cardiff, the capital and largest city in Wales and the ninth largest city in the UK. The group will be escorted on a guided tour through Cardiff Castle. Cardiff Castle is one of Wales' leading heritage attractions and a site of international significance. Located within beautiful parklands at the heart of the capital, Cardiff Castle's walls and fairytale towers have more than 2,000 years of history. This medieval castle and Victorian Gothic revival mansion have a rich history from the 1st to 4th centuries AD and from the 11th to 21st centuries. Then, we will transfer to Bath and stay overnight.

*Hotel Accommodation: Macdonald Bath Spa or Similar*

**Day 14\*\*Sep 17** **Bath – Amesbury – London** **(B, L, D)**

As its name suggests, Bath city is famous for its hot springs. It became a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** in 1987. The group will enter the Roman Baths Museum to see 2000-year-old elaborate spas. The house is a well-preserved Roman site for public bathing. The group will also visit the Grand Pump Room, a historic building designated as Grade I listed building. The Abbey Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, commonly known as Bath Abbey, is an Anglican parish church and a former Benedictine monastery in Bath. After lunch, we will drive 2 miles west of Amesbury to visit Stonehenge, a prehistoric monument in the English county of Wiltshire and one of Britain's greatest national icons. One of the most famous sites in the world, Stonehenge is the remains of a ring of standing stones set within earthworks. It is in the middle of the densest complex of Neolithic and Bronze Age monuments in England, including several hundred burial mounds. The site and its surroundings were added to the **UNESCO World Heritage Sites** in 1986 in a co-list with Avebury Henge. The group will proceed to London and stay overnight.

*Hotel Accommodation: Hilton London Bankside or Similar*

**Day 15\*\*Sep 18** **London – Windsor – London** **(B, L, D)**

After breakfast, we drive to Windsor for a half day tour. Windsor is a town and unparished area in the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead in Berkshire, England. It is widely known as the site of Windsor Castle, one of the official residences of the British Royal Family. We will enter Windsor Castle and tour the state apartments, gallery, St. George's Chapel, castle precincts, Queen Mary's Dolls' house and the castle exhibition. Upon returning to London, we have a free afternoon to enjoy a cup of England tea or do some shopping. A Farewell Dinner is arranged for tonight.

**Day 16\*\*Sep 19** **London – Heathrow – Los Angeles – Honolulu** ➔ **(B)**

After breakfast, we will transfer to the airport for the return flight to Honolulu, taking home lasting memories of this magnificent trip.

*We wish you a safe journey and have many wonderful memories to share with family and friends! ☺*

B: Breakfast | L: Lunch | D: Dinner

# Welcome to British Isles



## Remarks:

- ✦ Fares are per person, USD based on double occupancy and include all airline taxes and fees
- ✦ Business class is available, please call your agent for price
- ✦ Escorted tour with a minimum of 20 passengers
- ✦ Local English speaking tour guide service
- ✦ All transportation and sightseeing tours in air conditioned coach
- ✦ Tour price is subject to change according to any airfare increase, increase in government taxes, additional fuel charges and fluctuation of the rate of exchange between U.S. and foreign currency
- ✦ Tips and gratuities are not included
- ✦ Refer to "General Condition of Air & Sea"
- ✦ We reserve the right to modify the itinerary to ensure a successful tour
- ✦ Tour price includes fuel surcharge & government taxes and fees. The tour price shown is current at time of listing and pricing on Nov. 15, 2016

## Payment Policy:

CHECK OR CASH PAYMENT ONLY. A deposit of \$500 per person is required at the time of application. The balance of payment is due on June 01, 2017. In case balance of payment is not made within the required time period, Air and Sea Travel Center reserves the right to cancel reservations and charge a service fee for cancellation.

Written notice is required for any cancellation.

\$500 deposit is non-refundable if you cancel after June 01, 2017.

Before departure, the cancellation fee will be as follow:

\*\* After **June 01, 2017**, \$500 deposit per person is non-refundable.

Within **70 days** prior departure, 50% of total price plus any other service fee caused by the cancellation;

\*\* Within **30 days** prior to departure or withdraw during the tour shall be regarded as willingly give up all rights concerned, 100% of total price, and request for the other service as substitute shall not be accepted.

We strongly recommend you to purchase travel insurance when you make a reservation.