



 **SAMPLE TOUR**



UK AND IRELAND



PERFORMANCE TOUR



LONDON - Welcome to London! This cosmopolitan city is known for its world famous buildings such as the Houses of Parliament and their Big Ben, the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, and St Paul's Cathedral. These historical landmarks combined with innovative buildings such as the Shard, the Tate Modern, and the Sky Garden make London what it is today: a city with a rich history, yet a contemporary vibe.



1 DEPARTURE

Depart to Europe on your overnight flight.

2 ARRIVAL

Arrive at one of London's International Airports and meet your European Tour Manager who will remain with you throughout your tour. Board your private bus and transfer to Windsor. Time to stretch your legs and to have lunch on own in this picturesque English town, followed by a visit to Windsor Castle.

Windsor Castle is the oldest and largest castle that is still occupied in the world. Whenever the queen is at the castle – Windsor Castle being one of their main residences – the Royal Standard waves on top of the round tower of the castle. The castle is known for the famous St George's Chapel, where Harry and Meghan got married in 2018, but also where Henry VIII, Charles I, and also the current queen's parents, George VI and (former) Queen Elizabeth. It is also famous for Queen Mary's Dolls' House, which is still equipped with plumbing, electrics and tiny Crown Jewels.

After your visit, board your bus and transfer to your hotel for check-in. This evening, a typical British Welcome Dinner will await you in one of the London pubs. Overnight at your hotel in London.





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LONDON - PERFORMANCE #1

Breakfast at your hotel. This morning, enjoy a City Tour of London by bus with local guide (including stops).

You will see the city highlights such as the Tower Bridge, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, London Eye, Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus, St. Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London.

Visit of Westminster Abbey with local guide.

Constructed by the orders of Henry III in 1245, Westminster Abbey turned into a masterpiece of Gothic architecture. Many royal ceremonies and burials took place here, among which the wedding of the current Queen Elizabeth II to the Duke of Edinburgh in 1947, the funeral of Diana in 1997 and William's wedding to Kate Middleton in 2011. Many famous artists and scientists are buried or memorialized here as well, including George F. Handel, Charles Darwin, Isaac Newton, Charles Dickens, Jane Austen and Stephen Hawking

Enjoy time for lunch at the Borough Food Market, London's most renowned fresh food market. This afternoon rehearsal at today's concert venue.

Dinner, then performance at one of London's concert venues such as Cadogan Hall or Duke's Hall at the Royal Academy of Music or at one of London's many churches, such as Southwark Cathedral or St Paul's Church Covent Garden. Overnight in London.

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LONDON - WORKSHOP #1

Breakfast at your hotel. This morning, visit the Tower of London.

The Tower of London is famous for its gruesome history. The Tower is one of London's most famous landmarks. Both a castle and a fortress, the function of the Tower in history was diverse, ranging from a royal residence, to a prison, a zoo, and a treasury. It is especially known as the place where many royals met their ends. To this day the Crown Jewels are guarded here by the Yeomen Warders, who live in the castle and also provide tours. Did you know the Crown Jewels contain the largest diamonds in the world?

This afternoon transfer to the Royal Academy of Music. Enjoy sectional clinics (instrumental Ensembles) and/or choral workshop (choir) given by Professors of the Royal Academy of Music or other renowned clinicians.

In the evening, after dinner, attend a West End musical production or a concert at one of London's theaters / concert halls. Overnight at your hotel in London.

OXFORD – Known as the city of Dreaming Spires, Oxford is especially famous for its university, which is one of the highest ranked universities in the world, and with that, represents the highest of English education. Hence, the city has known many famous scholars and has been an established town for many centuries. The incredible number of Colleges, each with his own impressive architecture, make this city one of a kind.



5 LONDON - OXFORD - PERFORMANCE #2

Breakfast at your hotel followed by a transfer to Oxford. Upon arrival Enjoy a Walking Tour of Oxford with local guide.

Oxford is definitely one of England's most beautiful cities. Your tour will take you through picturesque streets and alleys to show you the city's most important monuments and colleges. Highlights of the tour include Christ Church College, the Bodleian Library, Sheldonian Theatre and the Covered Market.

Your tour includes a visit of Oxford's famous Christ Church College and Cathedral.

Founded in 1525, Christ Church College is known for its architecture and literary heritage. Christ Church College functioned as the inspiration and film location for Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry of the Harry Potter books and movies.

This afternoon, perform in either Oxford or London. Venue possibilities include Oxford Castle / St Michael at the North Gate in Oxford, or St Bartholomew-the-Great / St John's Smith Square in London. Dinner and overnight in London.

6 LONDON - STONEHENGE - BATH

Breakfast at your hotel. Then transfer to Stonehenge on your private bus. Enjoy a visit of Stonehenge

Stonehenge is one of the world's greater archeological mysteries, having become one of the most famous sites in the United Kingdom. Many theories have been researched why Stonehenge was built, from a sacrificial purpose, to a celestial timepiece. Until this day, nobody knows for sure what motivated prehistoric Britons to construct the site, although the sites have been sacred for many years.

Continue to Bath. Upon arrival Walking Tour of Bath with local guide.

Highlights of the tour include Bath Abbey, Pulteney Bridge, The Roman Baths, Theatre Royal, Royal Crescent, The Circus and the Assembly Rooms.

Dinner and overnight in Bath.



BATH – Bath was granted their UNESCO World Heritage Site status in 1987. Rich in history and architectural treasures, Bath is also surrounded by beautiful countryside and nature. Walking through the cobbled streets of Bath, you will see one of the world’s best-preserved Roman bath houses, through which Bath became a spa town in the first place, back in the 18th century. The Circus and Royal Crescent represent some of the grandest Georgian buildings in the United Kingdom. Additionally, Bath is associated with 19th century writer Jane Austen, who lived here in the early 1800's. Follow in her footsteps when walking through Bath’s elegant streets.



7 BATH - PERFORMANCE #3

Breakfast at your hotel followed by a visit of the famous Roman Baths.

Built by the Romans, these famous baths were placed above Bath’s natural hot springs, with a temperature of 46°C (115°F). The building was constructed right next to a temple. The Romans dedicated this temple to the healing goddess Sulis-Minerva. Today they are the best preserved ancient Roman spas in the world.

This afternoon, lunchtime performance at Bath Abbey (choir), or an afternoon / evening performance at, for example, St Luke’s Church (instrumental or choral groups), St Michael’s Without Church or at the Colston Hall in Bristol (bands and orchestras). Dinner and overnight in Bath.

8 BATH - FISHGUARD - WATERFORD

After breakfast transfer to Fishguard, Wales. Take the ferry across the Irish Sea to Ireland. Upon arrival in Rosslare Harbor (Ireland), enjoy a short transfer to Waterford.

Waterford is Ireland's oldest city, founded by the Vikings in the 9th century. With a population of 55.000 people it is the 5th largest city in the Republic of Ireland. From the 12th century onwards, Waterford became an important town under Norman rule. They owe some great monuments to the Normans that are still visible today in the Viking Triangle, the historic heart of the city with the 13th century Reginald's Tower as its masterpiece. Waterford's is internationally known for the high quality Waterford Crystal that has been produced here since 1783.

Enjoy some free time in Waterford to explore the city. Dinner and overnight in Waterford.



LIMERICK - Limerick is an ancient city, located right where the River Shannon meets the Atlantic Ocean. The city is known for its Medieval and Georgian architecture, dynamic city charm, a vibrant music scene and rugby.

9 WATERFORD - CASHEL - LIMERICK

After breakfast continue west to Tipperary County. Make a stop in Cashel to visit the Rock of Cashel with a local guide.

The Rock of Cashel, formally known as St. Patrick's Rock, is unique because of its abundance of Celtic art and sacred medieval architecture. The art and architecture in combination with the location of a green hill overlooking the surrounding pastoral like landscape creates an almost mystical experience.

Continue to Limerick. After lunch in the medieval quarter of Limerick, enjoy a Tour of King John's Castle.

Located on King's Island encircled by the rivers Abbey and Shannon, the castle was built in the 13th century by the orders of King John to protect the city and its port from attacks by Gaelic tribes and Norman rebels. The castle secured the prosperity Limerick gained as an important trade center in the Middle Ages. Discover the history of the castle with a state of the art interactive exhibition and 3D models which bring its 800 years of history to life.

Tonight, enjoy a Medieval Banquet at one of Ireland's historical castles, for instance Knappogue Castle or Bunratty Castle. The Lord and his royal household will host and entertain you with medieval music, dance and drama. Overnight at your hotel in Limerick.

10 LIMERICK - WORKSHOP #2 - PERFORMANCE #4

Breakfast at your hotel, then board your bus to the wild coastal region of Ireland's County Clare.

The first stop will be in the Burren (Great Rock in Irish), to experience the unique rocky landscape with rare flowers. Secondly, stop at the Cliffs of Moher, part of The Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark.

Before returning to Limerick, stop in the little town of Lisdoonvarna, famous for traditional Irish music and their annual matchmaking festival. Enjoy a workshop on traditional Irish music.

Late afternoon rehearsal at your venue for today's concert. After dinner, performance at the Lime Tree Theatre, St. Mary's Cathedral or the Limerick University Concert Hall. Overnight in Limerick.





DUBLIN – Dublin, founded by Vikings who once built a wooden bridge across the River Liffey, is currently known as a UNESCO City of Literature and a City of Music. Walk the streets where Oscar Wilde and James Joyce once strolled, and where many famous Irish musicians like the Dubliners and U2 began their careers. Dublin’s friendly locals and rich cultural heritage attracts both students and artists from all over the world to study, work and live here, making Dublin a hotbed of creativity.



11 GALWAY - DUBLIN

Following breakfast transfer to Galway, nicknamed the City of Tribes. Upon arrival enjoy a Walking Tour of Galway with local guide.

Galway is a charming town, known and beloved for its well-preserved historic old town, and for being a center of traditional Gaelic culture. The street musicians, colorful pubs, shops selling traditional Irish products give this city an almost Mediterranean feel. Galway is also the gateway to the Connemara, a cultural region with a wild landscape and home to a deep rooted Irish speaking community treasuring traditional Irish culture.

On your tour, walk the winding street of the old town full of colorful painted pubs. Highlights of this tour include the Collegiate Church of St Nicholas of Myra (Ireland’s largest medieval parish church still in use), the city walls, the Spanish Arch and Galway Cathedral.

Have time at leisure in Galway before you continue to Dublin in the late afternoon. Enjoy dinner and overnight at your hotel in or near Dublin.



12 DUBLIN - PERFORMANCE #5

This morning, enjoy a City Tour of Dublin with local guide.

First, discover the north side of the River Liffey. This area offers great iconic Irish monuments such as the GPO (General Post Office), O’Connell Street, the Garden of Remembrance and the Great Famine Memorial. Continue on the south side, with its elegant Georgian squares, Trinity College, Dublin Castle, Christ Church Cathedral, St. Patrick’s Cathedral and the Guinness Storehouse Cathedral. End your tour with a visit of Phoenix Park, one of the world’s largest city parks.

Have lunch, then visit the Old Library of Trinity College.

See the famous Book of Kells, the miraculously well-preserved 1200 year old illuminated manuscript of the Four Gospels of the New Testament.

Late afternoon rehearsal, followed by dinner. Tonight perform at the Christ Church Cathedral, Mahony Hall of the Helix. Alternatively, enjoy a lunchtime performance at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Overnight in Dublin.

12 WICKLOW MOUNTAINS - DUBLIN

After breakfast transfer to Wicklow Mountains National Park. Enjoy an excursion to the Wicklow Mountains, including a visit of the ancient monastic settlement Glendalough and its visitor center.

Glendalough (Valley of the two Lakes in Irish), is an early medieval monastic settlement, most likely founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century. The presence of many - mainly religious - buildings from the 10th to 12th century, surrounded by natural beauty of the Wicklow Mountains, makes a visit an unforgettable experience. "The Valley of the two Lakes", referring to the Upper and Lower Lakes are linked by hiking trails. If time permits, walk the 4 km loop trail to enjoy more great views of the valley.

Afternoon at leisure to visit a site of your own interest; for example the EPIC Irish Emigration Museum in the city of Dublin or a tour of Croke Park Stadium, that serves as both the principal stadium and headquarters of the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA).

Enjoy a Farewell Dinner with traditional Irish music, singing and dancing on your last night in Dublin! Overnight in your hotel in Dublin.



12 FLIGHT HOME

Following breakfast, get ready for your private transfer to Dublin Airport to check-in for your flight home.

END OF TOUR



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For your clients' most satisfying experience

Any itinerary can be adjusted according to your personal requests. Please contact us for the possibilities and more information.