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Day 1: Sat 11 Aug 2018

WELCOME TO DUBLIN

On arrival at Dublin airport, you will be met and transferred to the hotel. Later, join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly Welcome Dinner with drinks and the opportunity to mingle over a pleasant evening of dinner and wine.

Hotel: O'Callaghan Stephen's Green Hotel Dublin

Meals: Dinner with Wine



Day 2: Sun 12 Aug 2018

IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY

An orientation with your Travel Director will take you past the Custom House and along O'Connell Street. Travel along the River Liffey to see the Guinness Storehouse and Dublin Castle before admiring the historic buildings of the Georgian section of the city. Enjoy your VIP priority entrance to the 9th century Book of Kells and a walk through the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College accompanied by a University insider, gaining their insight into modern life and the establishment's impressive history.

Hotel: O'Callaghan Stephen's Green Hotel Dublin

Meals: Breakfast

Day 3: Mon 13 Aug 2018

WATERFORD AND CORK

Kildare offers a look behind-the-scenes at one of the country's main racehorse breeding centres. You will also visit the finest Japanese Gardens in Europe, for a 'journey through life' as you wander by the beautiful floral displays. Then head for Waterford to see Reginald's Tower, the ruined city walls and for a guided visit of the House of Waterford Crystal to meet a master craftsman. Continue on to Cork, Ireland's second most populous city, built on the River Lee.

Hotel: The Kingsley, Cork

Meals: Breakfast

Day 4: Tue 14 Aug 2018

TRAVEL TO BLARNEY CASTLE AND KILLARNEY

In the morning, travel along the Grand Parade and see Cork's City Hall and Opera House. Continue to the ruined 15th century Blarney Castle, home of the famous Stone of Eloquence - once kissed, never forgotten! Then, onto Killarney where you join a local Jarvey onboard a traditional horse-drawn jaunting car. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure.

Hotel: The Rose Hotel, Tralee

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5: Wed 15 Aug 2018

RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE

Tour the superb seascapes, towering cliffs and spectacular mountains of the Ring of Kerry. Journey past lush lakelands and through delightful villages like Sneem. Cross the peat bogs of the Black Mountains to Moll's Gap and admire Queen Victoria's Ladies View. Upon returning in the mid-afternoon, the rest of the day is at leisure.



Hotel: The Rose Hotel, Tralee

Meals: Breakfast



Day 6: Thu 16 Aug 2018

THE CLIFFS OF MOHER AND DROMOLAND

Begin the day with a delightful ferry ride across the Shannon Estuary. Journey to the Visitors' Centre at the 700-foot Cliffs of Moher. Enjoy magnificent views of the Clare Coast before continuing to your hotel located at the gateway to the Wild Atlantic Way near the Dromoland Castle Estate.

Hotel: The Inn at Dromoland

Meals: Breakfast

Day 7: Fri 17 Aug 2018

GLORIOUS GALWAY TO SLIGO BAY

Join your Travel Director in Galway to see the infamous Lynch Memorial and the Church of St. Nicholas, where Christopher Columbus reputedly prayed before his discovery of America. Also see the aged Spanish Arch and Eyre Square, dedicated to the late US President, John F. Kennedy. Tour the wild Connemara region, a scenic wonderland of rivers, lakes and silent hills. In the evening, your perfect country retreat is set on the scenic shores of Sligo Bay.

Hotel: Great Southern Hotel, Sligo

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 8: Sat 18 Aug 2018

WALK IN THE GIANT'S STEPS

The day begins in Drumcliffe, with a visit to the final resting place of Ireland's famous poet, William Butler Yeats. Cross into Northern Ireland to visit Londonderry. What better way to experience sightseeing than with one of Northern Ireland's best storytellers, Ronan, as he walks with you inside the city walls, still topped with cannons. Walk down steep Shipquay Street, with its elegant Georgian houses, to the Gothic Guildhall. Continue around the coast to the amazing Giant's Causeway, then take a spectacular drive along the Antrim Coast to your hotel in Larne.



Hotel: Curran Court Hotel, Larne

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 9: Sun 19 Aug 2018**HIGH TEA AT ARDGOWAN ESTATE**

Cross the Irish Sea by ferry and journey to Ardgowan, set on a stunning 10,000-acre coastal estate. Meet Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart for a tour of the expansive house and learn the history of the area, family, estate and its contents - you may even hear about the ghost! Delight in freshly-made, traditional Scottish Tea and Scones. Continue to Glasgow where your Travel Director will show you the city's grand public buildings, including George Square and St. Mungo's Cathedral.

Hotel: Holiday Inn Glasgow City Centre Theatreland

Meals: Breakfast, Afternoon Tea

Day 10: Mon 20 Aug 2018**JOURNEY THROUGH GLENCOE AND LOCH NESS TO INVERNESS**

In the morning, head north for a scenic drive along the Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond. Absorb the dramatic landscape of Glencoe, still echoing with the cries of massacred clansmen, before reaching Fort William. Pause at the Commando Memorial for a view of Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis. Continue on to Loch Ness and embark on a cruise to soak up the scenery, historic monuments and intriguing tales of Nessie in the heart of Scotland's great glen.

Hotel: Best Western Palace Hotel & Spa Inverness

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 11: Tue 21 Aug 2018**A HIGHLANDS EXPERIENCE**

In the morning, see the sights of Inverness before travelling to the Culloden Moor Visitor Centre, where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army was finally defeated. Not much more than a cannon shot away lies the prehistoric Clava burial cairns, dating back to around 2,000 B.C. Then have a 'wee dram' during a visit to the Glen Ord Distillery, hear stories of the whisky smugglers as you delve into the fascinating world of the single malt.

Hotel: Best Western Palace Hotel & Spa Inverness

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 12: Wed 22 Aug 2018**ST. ANDREWS AND EDINBURGH**

A scenic drive takes you through the Grampian Mountains past the Duke of Atholl's Blair Castle. Drive down and cross the Tay to visit St. Andrews. As you arrive, pass the Old Course, the home of golf since its invention in the 15th century. Enjoy free time to explore. Why not wander to St. Andrews University where the love story of Kate Middleton and Prince William began? Alternately, stroll to West Sands Beach where the famous 'Chariots of Fire' scene was filmed. Continue across the majestic Forth Road Bridge to the Scottish capital, Edinburgh. In the evening, attend the spectacular Edinburgh Military Tattoo.



Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Edinburgh City Centre

Meals: Breakfast



Day 13: Thu 23 Aug 2018 EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND'S CAPITAL OF CULTURE

In the morning, join your Local Expert for a visit to Edinburgh Castle, housing the Honours of Scotland, its Crown Jewels. See the Stone of Destiny and Mons Meg. At the bottom of the Royal Mile stands the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of Her Majesty, the Queen. Turn onto Princes Street, past the Scott Memorial to see Edinburgh's famous Georgian New Town, with its Adam facades. In the afternoon, you are at leisure to continue exploring as you wish, or perhaps go shopping. Join your friends at a stylish restaurant for a celebration of our time in Scotland.

Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Edinburgh City Centre

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

Day 14: Fri 24 Aug 2018 ACROSS THE BORDER TO THE LAKES DISTRICT

We depart Edinburgh, and cross the border into England. Travel through the English countryside to the Lakes District for a 2 night stay

Hotel: MacDonald Old England Hotel and Spa Windemere or similar

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 15: Sat 25 Aug 2018 EXPLORING THE LAKES DISTRICT

Spend a delightful day exploring the famous Lake District. Visit Grasmere for a guided visit through Dove Cottage, once home to the poet William Wordsworth. Then relax on a stunning cruise on the Lake Windemere. Travel through some of the countryside the Lakes District is famous for, before heading back to our hotel, where the rest of the day is at leisure.

Hotel: MacDonald Old England Hotel and Spa Windemere or similar

Meals: Breakfast

**Day 16: Sun 26 Aug 2018
TO HISTORIC CHESTER**

Continue south today, travelling to Chester. Chester is rich in Roman ruins and has a wonderfully preserved medieval centre, full of half-timbered houses and the famous 'Rows' – double level, balconied shopping arcades that date back to the Middle Ages. Explore Chester with a local guide before settling into your accommodation

Hotel: Hallmark Hotel The Queen Chester

Meals: Breakfast



Day 17: Mon 27 Aug 2018

STRATFORD – UPON – AVON

Today, travel to Stratford Upon Avon in England's West Midlands on the banks of the River Avon. On arrival, visit Shakespeare's birthplace, a restored 16th-century half-timbered house where it is believed that William Shakespeare was born in 1564 and spent his childhood years, as well Anne Hathaway's cottage. Tonight, we celebrate our adventure with a dinner with wine in a local restaurant.

Hotel: MacDonald Alveston Manor
Hotel Stratford Upon Avon or similar

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine



Day 18: Tue 28 Aug 2018

TO LONDON

After breakfast, we travel to Windsor and visit famous Windsor Castle, the oldest and largest inhabited castle in the world. It has been the family home of British kings and queens for almost 1,000 years and is an official residence of Her Majesty The Queen, whose standard flies from the Round Tower when she is in residence. Then continue to London where you are transferred to the hotel for a final night.

Hotel: Grosvenor Hotel or similar

Meals: Breakfast

Day 19: Wed 29 Aug 2018

FAREWELL LONDON

Your trip ends today after breakfast with a transfer to London's Heathrow airport. Or you may like to book additional nights in London. Please discuss with Cathie and staff.

Meals: Breakfast



TOUR PRICE:

Per person, twin share \$6,690.00

Single supplement \$2,600.00

Additional nights London including breakfast:

Per person, twin share from \$296.00

Single room from \$517.00

**Prepaid Gratuities Option
(Insight Vacations Tour
Director & Driver)**

\$285.00 per person



INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation based on twin share in First Class hotels for 18 nights including portorage.
- All sightseeing and meals as per the itinerary.
- The services of a professional English speaking Insight Vacations Travel Director throughout. Local expert guides where required and as noted on the itinerary.
- Tips to restaurants where a meal is included by Insight Vacations. Service charges and local taxes on services provided by Insight Vacations. Gratuities for the Tour Director and Driver may be prepaid, cost as shown above.
- Transportation on an Insight Vacations 40 seater coach. Arrival and departure transfers based on one group arrival and one group departure. Should members of the group require transfers outside these times, an additional fee may apply.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

- International airfares. Group flights will be discussed at time of booking, however you may travel to the United Kingdom earlier if you wish. Please note transfer arrangements as shown under "Inclusions".
- Optional tours.
- Travel insurance.
- Visas and passport fees.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Gratuities to Travel Director, Coach Drivers, and local guides. Gratuities for Travel Director and Driver can be prepaid as mentioned above.

DEPOSITS

A non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 per person is required with 5 days of booking.

At this time we require the completed booking form attached to this brochure showing names as they appear on your passport, and a photocopy of your current passport.

PROGRESS PAYMENT

A second payment of \$500.00 is due on or before 15 January 2018. For bookings made after this date, the deposit due will be \$1000.00 per person.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

Payments made by credit card incur the following merchant charges:

Visa/Mastercard	1.4%
American Express	2.9%

AIRFARES

Airfares are not included as part of this tour. Flights can be reserved and prices are based on the best available airfare at time of booking. Emirates operates direct flights Perth/Dubai/Dublin – London/Dubai/Perth. Our group transfers will be based on these flights.

FINAL PAYMENT

Final payment date is **01 MAY 2018**. It is imperative that deposits and final payments are paid by the due dates provided. Failure to pay on time may result in the cancellation of your reservations. Cancellation fees will apply once deposit paid.

FARES AND PRICES

◦ Group costs quoted for this tour are subject to a minimum number of 20 paying passengers travelling together. Cathie Rice Travel reserves the right to re-cost should minimum numbers not be met.

Due to the current instability of oil prices, all of the companies involved reserve the right to increase their costs relevant to fuel prices. All prices subject to increase until paid in full.

Tour prices specified are based on airfares and land arrangement tariffs applicable at the time of printing and do not include airline taxes, airport/port charges or gratuities unless indicated. Prices are based on currency exchange rates therefore may be subject to increase without prior notice until the final payment date. All prices are in Australian dollars.

Please note: As this holiday package may incorporate many different facets such as flights, hotels, transfers, tours and/or a cruise, the payments you make will be forwarded to the individual companies involved to secure your reservations. Individual payments are not able to be made to these companies, therefore prices are subject to change as per the clause above, until the final payment date.

Travel insurance is not included in your tour cost. Please refer to the "travel insurance" section for more information.

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

In the event of cancellation by the passenger, the following fees will apply:

Deposit - non refundable

After final payment date – any charges imposed by the principals involved in operating the tour. If cancelled less than 60 days prior to departure, up to 100% of tour fare can be charged as a cancellation fee. Travel insurance is required for this holiday – see note below. Bookings and payments are non-transferable to another passengers or booking.

There is no refund for any sightseeing tours, meals, accommodation, or any other services not utilised or required during this tour. There is no refund if travel insurance cannot be obtained.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is mandatory for this holiday and recommended to be purchased at time of booking. Travel insurance may be subject to age and pre-existing medical condition surcharges. It is important to consider the purchase of travel insurance as early as possible as cancellation penalties will be enforced by the cruise/tour companies, hotels, airlines etc. Cancellation fees will not be waived if insurance cannot be obtained. Medicare will not pay for services or hospitalization outside Australia. Medical disembarkations do occur on cruises and passengers (or their families) are held personally liable for medical and associated costs incurred onboard ship or overseas.

In conjunction with your tour, we are offering a 10% group discount on SureSave Insurance or AussieTravel Insurance. Please contact our office for a brochure and a quote.

Please note: For guests who do not take travel insurance with Cathie Rice Travel. We have a long standing relationship with our sales representatives at SureSave and AussieTravel, and they are able to assist us should you require medical help or other emergency assistance while you are on tour. Due to the privacy act, our tour escorts are unable to assist with medical or loss claims and discuss any issues on your behalf with any other insurer while you are on tour. Persons who take insurance through any other provider must ensure they have copies of their insurance PDS, policy and emergency assistance contacts with them while on tour.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

All passengers must be in the possession of a passport that is valid for **at least six months after your return date to Australia**. Passengers not travelling on an Australian passport must have a valid re-entry visa for Australia.

ITINERARY ALTERATIONS

Alterations may occur due to road or weather conditions, strikes or other reasons beyond our control. Please note - The itinerary and hotels are subject to change should circumstances dictate. Any additional expense incurred by the passenger is not the responsibility of Cathie Rice Travel. We can give no guarantee as to the exact arrival and departure times for **airlines, other carriers and operators** used in the tour and Cathie Rice Travel will not be liable for failure to make connections with any other services or attractions beyond its control.

SPECIAL NOTE

Every endeavour has been made to ensure that the contents of this brochure are correct at the time of printing, however, details may have changed since the brochure was published. Please ensure you check with Cathie Rice Travel as operational reasons may necessitate itinerary changes and amendments to the hotels as specified.

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INFORMATION AND PRICES AS AT 09 NOV 2017 – SUBJECT TO INCREASE

**Cathie Rice Travel - Escorted Tours & Special Departures
PASSENGER INFORMATION FORM**

Please complete and return with a copy of your passport

SURNAME:		TITLE:
GIVEN NAMES (as per passport)		
ADDRESS:		
HOME PHN:	MOBILE:	BUSINESS PHN:
EMAIL:		
PASSPORT NO:	PLACE OF ISSUE:	
DATE OF ISSUE:	DATE OF EXPIRY:	
NATIONALITY:	PLACE OF BIRTH:	
DATE OF BIRTH:	NAME YOU LIKE TO BE CALLED:	
EMERGENCY CONTACT: (Name, relationship, address phone number)		
DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:		
FREQUENT FLYER NUMBER & AIRLINE:		
HOTEL REQUIREMENTS: <input type="checkbox"/> TWIN <input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> TRIPLE		
SPECIAL REQUESTS: (see note below)		
MEDICAL INFORMATION: If yes, please give further information		
During the past 5 years, have you suffered any significant illness, been hospitalised or require regular care by a doctor?		
Do you have any physical limitations, handicaps or prosthesis?		
Do you take medication or drugs relating to a pre-existing medical condition?		
Are you affected by any other pre-existing Medical condition not mentioned above?		
Have you arranged your own travel insurance policy? Please give details of company and policy number. (Do not complete if insurance arranged by Cathie Rice Travel)		

The information on this form will be assessed and you may be required to complete an additional confidential medical form relating to the tour you are joining.

All special requests such as those for particular airline seating, hotel rooms and dietary requirements will be forwarded to the appropriate suppliers, however cannot be guaranteed by Cathie Rice Travel.

Our escorted tours bring together people of all ages. It is very important you are aware that, as a minimum, an average level of fitness and mobility' is required to undertake our easiest programs. Travellers must be able to walk for a reasonable length of time without the aid of another person, climb 3-4 flights of stairs or over uneven surfaces, and carry their own luggage at a minimum. This is to ensure that travellers have the necessary fitness and mobility to comfortably complete their chosen trip. While our staff work hard to ensure that all our travellers are catered for equally, it is not their responsibility to help individuals who cannot complete the day's activities unaided. Travellers who need such assistance must be accompanied by a qualified companion to assist them.

I have read and understand these conditions and the brochure conditions. I have arranged travel insurance coverage.

Date: _____

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