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October 13-26, 2024



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Join Gareth McCray  
In Britain & Ireland



**14 Days • 20 Meals:** 13 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 6 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Edinburgh, York, High Speed Train, London, Afternoon Tea, Stonehenge, Bath, Wales, Cardiff Castle, Choice on Tour: St. Fagan's National Museum of History or Leisure Time in Cardiff, Welsh Evening, Waterford, Choice on Tour: House of Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre or Walking Tour of Waterford City, Blarney Castle, Killarney, Ring of Kerry, Jaunting Car Ride, Dublin, Choice on Tour: Dublin City Tour by Bus or Walking Dublin City Tour, Traditional Irish Night

**ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

- Days 1, 2    Mercure Haymarket , Edinburgh
- Days 3, 4    Doubletree by Hilton York, York
- Days 5, 6    Melia White House Hotel, London
- Days 7, 8    Clayton Hotel Cardiff, Cardiff
- Day 9        Granville Hotel, Waterford
- Days 10, 11   Great Southern Killarney, Killarney
- Days 12, 13   Aloft Dublin City , Dublin

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*



Gareth has enjoyed over 40 years in radio sharing his love of music. He has an OAM for services to Radio, Education & the Community.

Gareth McCray is forever grateful for his 2 amazing children; he has the privilege of being the MC for all official ANZAC functions and loves

exploring different parts of this great country.

His favourite writers include, Charles Dickens, James Joyce, T S Eliot and John Donne and his favourite shows are Les Misérables, Beauty and the Beast, West Side Story & Hamilton.

Give him a slice of homemade lasagne and a glass of red and he'd just about be the happiest man in Australia.

**Day 1: Sunday, October 13, 2024 Edinburgh, Scotland - Tour Begins** Your tour opens in Edinburgh, the historic capital of Scotland, where rocky hills tower in the distance and the shadows of history can be seen around every corner. Discover Scotland's capital and see how medieval crossroads blend seamlessly with a vibrant modern energy. This evening, delve into Scottish culture with a whisky-inspired dinner highlighting the flavours of Scotland. (D)

**Day 2: Monday, October 14, 2024 Edinburgh** Today get acquainted with Scotland's regal capital on a locally guided city tour exploring both the Old and New Towns. Explore the Royal Mile on foot and visit Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels. (B)

**Day 3: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 Edinburgh - Scottish Borders - Hexham, England - York** Depart Edinburgh, travelling through the picturesque countryside of Northumberland. Visit a family farm situated in the heart of the Scottish Borders, where sustainability and innovation are core to their business. Continue to Hexham Abbey, one of the earliest seats of Christianity in England. Then, head south to York, with its historic city walls. (B)

**Day 4: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 York** Take in York's rich and storied history while joining your Tour Manager on a leisurely orientation walking tour. Explore the quaint, narrow streets of the 'Shambles' that appear today almost as they did during the Middle Ages. At the heart of the city is its impressive Minster, the largest Gothic cathedral in Northern Europe. Venture inside and stand in awe of the seemingly endless sea of stained-glass windows. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, enjoy traditional fare at a local pub for dinner. (B, D)

**Day 5: Thursday, October 17, 2024 York - London** Board a high-speed train to London. Upon arriving in England's bustling capital, enjoy a traditional afternoon tea. Afterward, join a local expert for a panoramic city tour. At Westminster, see the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Big Ben, and continue to Buckingham Palace, the London home to Britain's royalty since 1837. (B, L)

**Day 6: Friday, October 18, 2024 London** Enjoy a day to explore this incredible city at your leisure. You may choose to take an optional excursion to Windsor Castle. Originally built to guard the city of London, Windsor Castle has been the home of kings and queens for nine centuries and is the oldest royal residence still in use today. (B)

**Day 7: Saturday, October 19, 2024 London - Stonehenge - Bath - Cardiff, Wales** Travel to Stonehenge, the mysterious formation that dates back to the Stone Age. Explore theories on how the colossal stones arrived at the location and their purpose. Continue to the elegant Georgian town of Bath to visit the Roman Bath Museum's 2,000-year-old elaborate spas. Stroll through Bath's cobblestone streets and soak in its old-world atmosphere. Your day ends in the Welsh capital of Cardiff. (B)

**Day 8: Sunday, October 20, 2024 Cardiff** Join a local expert on a leisurely-paced walking tour of Cardiff. Learn about the city's deep ties to the coal industry, its connection to ancient Rome, and its famous Victorian shopping arcades. Tour Cardiff's historic castle, an impressive structure that was once a Roman fort, a Norman castle, and an extraordinary Victorian Gothic fantasy palace. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** You may choose to accompany your Tour Manager to St. Fagan's National Museum of History, an open-air museum chronicling the history, culture and architecture of the Welsh people - **OR**- enjoy time to explore Cardiff at your leisure. Tonight, dive into Wales' rich cultural heritage when you join local artists for an evening of Welsh music, poetry and cuisine. (B, D)

**Day 9: Monday, October 21, 2024 Cardiff - Waterford, Ireland** Take in the beautiful Welsh countryside en route to the coastal village of Fishguard. There, board the ferry for Ireland, crossing the Irish



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\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from AUD.

\*\*If you choose to deviate your itinerary, additional charges may apply.

Sea. Upon arrival in Rosslare, travel to Waterford, your home for the evening. (B, D)

**Day 10: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 Waterford - Blarney - Killarney** This morning, **it's your choice!** Tour the House of Waterford Crystal factory featuring a fascinating visitor's centre and a retail store housing the largest collection of Waterford Crystal in the world **-OR-** enjoy a leisurely-paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest city and discover its rich Viking, Norman and Cromwellian history. Later, travel to historic Blarney Castle. Make your way to the top of the castle, lie back and kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Legend has it that if you do, you will be blessed with the "gift of eloquence." This evening it's **Diner's Choice...** tonight's dinner is included and you'll choose the perfect spot from a "menu" of Killarney's great restaurants. (B, D)

**Day 11: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney** This morning, explore Killarney National Park on a traditional jaunting car ride.\* Then, travel along the glorious Ring of Kerry where you'll find some of Ireland's most magical scenery.

Marvel at the vistas created by windswept cliffs, rugged mountains, lakes and picturesque villages. Enjoy an evening in Killarney at your leisure. (B)

**Day 12: Thursday, October 24, 2024 Killarney - Rock of Cashel - Dublin** Venture through the "Golden Vale" en route to the awe-inspiring Rock of Cashel. Take in its imposing facade and visit the spot where St. Patrick preached. Continue on to vibrant Dublin, Ireland's cosmopolitan capital. (B)

**Day 13: Friday, October 25, 2024 Dublin** Today, **it's your choice!** Choose to ride with a local guide to see St. Patrick's Cathedral, O'Connell Street, the General Post Office, and the historic Phoenix Park **-OR-** choose a walking tour of the city's historic centre, exploring St. Stephen's Green, Grafton Street, and the River Liffey. Either way, what follows is an afternoon to discover Dublin's charms on your own. Tonight, experience Ireland's lively music and dynamic dancing during a fun-filled evening of Irish entertainment. (B, D)

**Day 14: Saturday, October 26, 2024 Dublin - Tour Ends** Depart today with many fond memories of lovely Britain and Ireland. (B)

### Experience It! Stonehenge

Walk in the footsteps of so many before you when visiting prehistoric Stonehenge. This mysterious rock formation dates back to the Stone Age and remains one of the world's most famous sites. Standing in the middle of the most dense complex of Neolithic and Bronze Age monuments in England, Stonehenge is perhaps the most important prehistoric monument in England. Enhance your overall experience and understanding of Stonehenge at the state-of-the-art visitor's center. Explore fascinating exhibitions, featuring nearly 300 archaeological treasures. The outdoor gallery includes three Neolithic houses. These houses offer visitors a glimpse into the life and times of the people who built Stonehenge. The experience of seeing this timeless monument is not to be missed – it will surely be a highlight of your tour.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Book Now rates valid until Feb 13, 2024, valid on air inclusive packages only. A deposit of \$895 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of February 13, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by August 14, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until February 13, 2024.

**PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS**

Passports are required at your own expense for travel outside of Australia. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity beyond the return date from the destination. Some countries require a visa in addition to a valid passport for entry into the country. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate embassy or consulate for specific information and entry requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our guests take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visa. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

\*Jaunting car ride is included, weather permitting.

Not all hotels in Britain and Ireland have air conditioning or elevators.

**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3.** This means you're an on-the-go traveller. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transport (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travellers who require mobility assistance devices.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.



For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

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BOOKING NUMBER: 1228890

TOUR: Exploring Britain & Ireland featuring England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales

DEPARTURE DATE: October 13, 2024

GROUP NAME: ACE Media 2UE

## Available Options

Personalise your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

*Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.*

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

### London



#### Windsor Castle

**\$91 AUD**

Step into the formal world of the British Monarchy when you visit the stately and expansive Windsor Castle. His Majesty King Charles III uses Windsor as both a private home and as a Royal residence where formal duties of state are performed. Windsor's 1,000 rooms comprise the largest inhabited castle in the world. It dates back to the 1070s, when William the Conqueror built the original wooden structure, now replaced by the grand stone edifices. Explore one of Britain's most visited historic buildings, its precincts, and the State Apartments, which house a delightful collection of Royal art treasures. Enjoy time for lunch in the quaint town of Windsor before heading back to London. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit the castle that houses so much British history and lore is not to be missed! *Duration: Approximately 4.5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 8 passengers is required. Transport is included.

#### Exploring Britain & Ireland Tour Gratuities

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#### PASSENGERS NAME: (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

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✓	Option	Price Per Person (AUD)
	Windsor Castle	91.00
	Exploring Britain & Ireland Tour Gratuities <i>Prepaid gratuities are only available to customers travelling out of Australia. If a pre or post extension is offered, gratuities for services on that extension are not included.</i>	285.00