

PORT BUS

42 DAY UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND WITH THE EDINBURGH TATTOO ESCORTED TOUR

Saturday 01 August 2026



Day 1: PORT MACQUARIE TO SYDNEY

Sat 01 August 2026

(D)

Today we depart Port Macquarie with our overnight at the Rydges Sydney Airport hotel. Tonight, we enjoy our welcome dinner before retiring for the night.

Rydges Sydney Airport – 1 Night
Dinner at hotel

DAY 2: SYDNEY TO SINGAPORE

Sun 02 August 2026 (B Meals on

flight)

We check in at Sydney international airport for our 11:00am Singapore Airlines flight to Singapore. On arrival at 5:30pm, and after clearing customs, we are met by our friendly coach driver and transferred to our hotel for the night.

Mercure Singapore Bugis Hotel – 2 nights
Breakfast at hotel | Inflight meals

DAY 3: SINGAPORE

Mon 03 August 2026 (B)

After breakfast, we enjoy a full day at leisure in Singapore.

Breakfast at the Hotel | Lunch and Dinner by own arrangements

DAY 4: SINGAPORE TO LONDON

Tue 04 August 2026 (B Meals on flight D)

An early departure from Singapore as we are transferred from our hotel to check in for our 9:00am flight to London. On arrival at London Heathrow airport at 3:45pm, we clear customs and meet our driver for our transfer to our hotel. After checking in we all gather for our welcome dinner.

Hotel Holiday Inn High Wycombe or similar – 2 Nights
Dinner at hotel

DAY 5: LONDON TO STRATFORD

Wed 05 August 2026 (BD)

After breakfast, we travel to Windsor and visit Windsor Castle. (includes audio guide) before arriving in Oxford for our walking tour. Visit the main sights such as the Bodleian Library, Sheldonian Theatre, Trinity, All Souls and Hertford Colleges. See the Bridge of Sighs, Oxford new theatre and the University Church of St Mary The Virgin. Afterwards, we are transferred to our hotel and meet later for dinner.

Hotel Premier Inn Evesham or similar – 2 nights
Breakfast and Dinner at hotel | Lunch by own arrangements

DAY 6: STRATFORD -UPON-AVON

Thu 06 August 2026 (B)

Today after breakfast, it's all about Shakespeare. We visit his birthplace, New Place and Anne Hathaway's Cottage. We also have admission to Shakespeare's schoolroom and Guildhall. This afternoon, some free leisure time exploring Stratford-Upon-Avon before returning to our hotel.

Breakfast at hotel | Lunch and dinner by own arrangements

DAY 7: STRATFORD TO NOTTINGHAM

Fri 07 August 2026 (BD)

We travel to Nottingham today and visit Althorp House, the home and burial place of Princess Diana. Next, we travel through Market Harborough and Melton Mowbray and onwards into 'Robin Hood' country. We spend time at leisure at the famous Sherwood Forest and visit the 'Old Oak Tree'. We arrive in Nottingham and settle in before dinner.

Hotel Leonardo Nottingham or similar – 1 night
Breakfast and Dinner at hotel | Lunch by own arrangements

DAY 8: NOTTINGHAM TO YORK**Sat 08 August 2026 (BD)**

Today we travel through Thirsk to the Medieval city of York, but not before a visit to the James Herriot Museum. A veterinarian and writer, known as the creator of 'All Creatures Great and Small'. In York, we have time to see visit the York Minster Cathedral and famous 'Shambles', once a street of butchers now lined with quirky shops, cafes and eateries. We check into our hotel and enjoy dinner in-house.

Raddison Hotel York or similar – 1 night
Breakfast and Dinner at hotel | Lunch by own arrangements

DAY 9: YORK TO DURHAM**Sun 09 August 2026 (BD)**

We travel across the North Yorkshire Moors to Goatland, the home of the TV series 'Heartbeat'. After some time here, we arrive at Whitby, the birthplace of Captain James Cook. We spend some leisure time wandering through Whitby before arriving Durham, famous for its Cathedral, University and the escape of Ronny Biggs and Eric Flower who served long prison terms for the 1963 Great Train Robbery and fled to Australia and eventually Brazil. Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant.

Hotel Travelodge Durham or similar – 1 night
Breakfast at hotel | Lunch by own arrangements | Dinner at local restaurant

DAY 10: DURHAM TO EDINBURGH**Mon 10 August 2026 (B)**

After breakfast, we take a drive through Northumberland National Park where we can view Hadrian's Wall. We cross the border into Scottish Lowlands and visit the ruins of Jedburgh Abbey. Built over more than 700 years in the 1100's, the Abbey reflects both Romanesque and Gothic architecture. Afterwards, we visit Melrose Abbey being the burial place of 'Robert The Bruce' heart for a quick photo shot before checking in our hotel. Tonight, what a night to remember as we enjoy the Edinburgh Tattoo Military Tattoo. A world-famous celebration of music, dance and military precision.

Hotel Hampton by Hilton Edinburgh Airport or similar – 2 nights
Breakfast at hotel | Lunch and dinner by own arrangements

DAY 11: EDINBURGH**Tue 11 August 2026****(B)**

After our late night, we enjoy the morning at leisure before our afternoon walking tour to view the Royal Mile, Palace of Holyroodhouse, Cannongate and Flodden Wall. A visit to the Writer's Museum is also a must before returning to your hotel.

Breakfast at hotel | Lunch and dinner by own arrangements

DAY 12: EDINBURGH TO KENMORE**Wed 12 August 2026 (BD)**

This morning, we travel across the Forth River to visit the St Andrews, the famed 'home of golf'. Enjoy a guided tour of this town including St Andrew's Castle, St Andrew's Cathedral, the University and the Royal and Ancient Golf Club. We continue on to Aberfeldy for a photo stop at Castle Menzies and the Church of Weem before arriving at Kenmore. Dinner tonight is in house.

Hotel Mains of Taymouth Country Estate or similar – 2 nights
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Lunch by own arrangements

DAY 13: KENMORE

Thu 13 August 2026 (BD)

We spend the day finding out about local history and folklore of this magical area, fondly known as the 'Heart of Scotland'. We visit the Falls of Acharn, Killin and its burial grounds on the Fall of Dochart. View the magnificent Ben Lawers Mountain, Travel around Glen Lyon, and see the oldest tree in Europe at Fortingall and the site of an old Roman fort. We finish our memorable day enjoying dinner at a local restaurant.

Breakfast at hotel | Lunch by own arrangements | Dinner at local restaurant

DAY 14: KENMORE TO ABERDEEN

Fri 14 August 2026 (BD)

Today we will travel to Forfar and enjoy a guided tour of Glamis Castle and its grounds. It became the setting for Shakespeare's MacBeth and was the childhood home of HM Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. After our visit, we travel to Dunnottar Castle. Perched atop a 160-foot rock, it is surrounded by 3 sides by the North Sea, was once an impregnable fortress of the Earls Marischal, one of the most powerful families of Scotland. We arrive in Aberdeen, once the centre of the North Sea fishing fleets. Today, the North Sea oil and gas industry is based here. After checking in to our hotel, we meet up for dinner.

Mercure Aberdeen Caledonian Hotel (although no twin rooms) or similar – 1 night
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Lunch by own arrangements

DAY 15: ABERDEEN TO INVERNESS

Sat 15 August 2026 (B)

A special day today as we head for the Speyside town of Duffton – home to the Glen Fiddich Distillery. Enjoy a guided tour of the Distillery before arriving at the Battlefield of Culloden, where the Jacobite Army was defeated and ended any hope of Scottish rule. We continue on for a photo stop at Grandtown-on-Spey, one of the finest and best preserved of all Georgian and Victorian architecture. Next, a stop and view of the Carrbridge WW2 statue, a tribute to those Commandos who died in war. It is also located with views of the training grounds. Our final stop today is at the Scottish Kiltmaker Centre for a guided tour. Afterwards, we check into our hotel.

BB Inverness Hotel or similar – 1 night
Breakfast at hotel | Lunch and dinner by own arrangements

DAY 16: INVERNESS TO THURSO

Sun 16 August 2026 (BD)

Leaving Inverness, we travel along the shores of the famous Loch Ness to the little town of Drumnadrochit and visit the 'Nessie' Centre. It is here that most of the sightings of the elusive monster have occurred. – so keep your eyes, you never know! We get a chance to explore Urquhart Castle, home of the McLeod's, before continuing north through the towns of Beaully and Dingwall to visit the magnificent Dunrobin Castle, home to the Dukes of Sutherland. Dunrobin Castle is the most northerly of Scotland's great houses

and the largest in the Northern Highlands. It is also one of Britain's oldest continuously inhabited houses dating back to the early 1300s. We reach the most northerly tip of the mainland at John O'Groats before continuing to Thurso for our overnight stay. Dinner is inhouse.

Muthu Royal Thurso Hotel or similar – 1 night
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Lunch by own arrangements

DAY 17: THURSO TO ULLAPOOL

Mon 17 August 2026 (BD)

After breakfast, we spend the day travelling along the rugged Northwest visiting many villages and hamlets along this scenic part of Scotland. Who knows, you might even see a surfer or two! Afternoon at leisure as we arrive in the quant port of Ullapool.

Royal Hotel, Ullapool or similar – 1 night
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Lunch by own arrangements

DAY 18: ULLAPOOL TO FORT WILLIAM

Tue 18 August 2026

(B)

Travelling back to the West Coast, we drive into the Kyle of Lockalsh and transverse the 'Bridge over the Atlantic' to reach the Isle of Skye with its mystique Cullins mountain range. Wander and explore Portree, the capital of Skye with all its quant souvenir and café shops before returning to the mainland for a photo opportunity of Eilean Donan Castle before arriving in Port William.

Alexandra Hotel or similar – 1 night
Breakfast at hotel | Lunch and dinner by own arrangements

DAY 19: FORT WILLIAM TO GLASGOW

Wed 19 August 2026 (B)

Today, we have something very special as we board the Jacobite Train to Mallaig. Described as one of the greatest railway journeys in the world. It was used famously as the Hogwarts Express in the Harry Potter films. We'll pass plenty of scenic views including the Glenfinnan Viaduct. On arrival in Mallaig, enjoy some free time before returning with a photo opportunity at Loch Lomond before arriving in Glasgow, Scotland's second largest city.

Hotel Ibis Glasgow City or similar – 1 night
Breakfast at hotel | Lunch and dinner by own arrangements

DAY 20: GLASGOW TO KENDAL

Thu 20 August 2026 (B)

After breakfast, we visit the woolen mills of Moffat before arriving at Lockerbie, the site of the Pan Am Disaster. We have time at leisure here before continuing on to Gretna Green, where the blacksmith married many an eloping couple. From here, it's on to the Lakes District and the home of William Wordsworth.

Stonecross Manor Hotel or similar – 2 nights
Breakfast at hotel | Lunch and dinner by own arrangements

DAY 21: WINDERMERE (DAY OF LEISURE)

Fri 21 August 2026 (B)

A full day at leisure. Perhaps take a railway trip or cruise Lake Windermere and the small villages and attractions of the Lakes District before returning to your hotel.

Breakfast at hotel | Lunch and dinner by own arrangements

DAY 22: KENDAL TO LLANDUDNO

Sat 22 August 2026 (BD)

We continue our journey and travel through Lancashire as we make our way to the medieval city of Chester. You can choose to walk along the wall, visit the 'Rows' a 16th Century shopping mall or catch up with the Roman history of the area. We then cross to into northern Wales, following along the coastal road to Llandudno. Llandudno is famous for the longest pier in Wales, Punch and Judy and beautiful beaches with canopied shopping streets. We check in at our hotel before having a traditional Welsh Dinner at the Groes Inn, one of the oldest Pubs in Wales.

Llandudno Bay Hotel or similar – 1 night
Breakfast at hotel | Lunch by own arrangements | Dinner at Groes Inn

DAY 23: LLANDUDNO TO DUBLIN

Sun 23 August 2026 (B)

Time for a photo opportunity of the magnificent Conway Castle before travelling through Caernarvon and onwards to the Isle of Anglesey where we catch a ferry from Holyhead across the Irish sea to Dublin for our 2-night stay.

Hotel Holiday Inn Express Dublin or similar – 2 nights
Breakfast at hotel | Lunch and dinner by own arrangements

DAY 24: DUBLIN (DAY OF LEISURE)

Mon 24 August 2026 (B)

Today, you are left to your own devices to explore the many wonders of this city. The open top tour is a must where you can jump on and off at your leisure and peruse anything from the Guinness Brewery, Jamieson's Irish Distillery, St Patrick's Cathedral to Trinity College with its world-famous 8th century 'Book of Kells' which many say is the Irish Bible.

Breakfast at hotel | Lunch and dinner by own arrangements

DAY 25: DUBLIN TO DONEGAL

Tue 25 August 2026

(BD)

We travel into the Irish Countryside this morning, visiting the burial place of WB Yeates, an influential poet, dramatist, writer and was one of the foremost figures of 20th-century literature. In Sligo, his hometown, we visit the Country Museum and Niland Gallery, which includes the Yates Memorial collection before meandering through the breathtaking part of the Emerald Isle on the way to Donegal along the West Coast. Check in and enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Grand Central Hotel Bundoran or similar – 1 night
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Lunch by own arrangements

DAY 26: DONAGAL TO GALWAY

Wed 26 August 2026 (BD)

After breakfast, we travel through the mystical Connemara, home of the 'Leprechauns'. A stop at Connemara Heritage and History Centre offers a great insight into the early settlers here. Next, Galway, we meet u with our local guide to view many of its landmark buildings such as the Latin Quarter, Quay Street, Spanish Arch, Galway City Museum, Eyre Square and the Galway Cathedral. Check in our hotel and enjoy dinner.

Hotel Radisson Red Galway or similar – 1 night
Breakfast and Dinner at hotel | Lunch by own arrangements

DAY 27: GALWAY TO KILLARNEY

Thu 27 August 2026 (BD)

This morning, we travel to the Cliffs of Moher. One of Ireland's favourite visitor experiences, the Cliffs of Moher tower over the rugged west Clare coast. Walk the safe, paved pathways and view the famous Cliffs on Europe's western frontier and enjoy the spectacular vistas over the Atlantic Ocean. The exhibition also includes O'Brian's Tower. Next, we travel to Limerick to visit Bunratty Castle before to Killarney where we settle in for the next 2 nights.

Scott Hotel or similar – 2 nights
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Lunch by own arrangements

DAY 28: KILLARNEY

Fri 28 August 2026 (BD)

Today we explore the wonderful Dingle Peninsular with its dramatic backdrop, views of the Atlantic and I am sure you will recognise the filming location of 'Ryans Daughter' Photo opportunities will be at Inch Beach, Coumeenole Beach, Kilmalkedar Church, Sleah Head Drive and Dun Beag Fort. We also have admission to Gallarus Oratory in Dingle. One of Irelands best-preserved early Christian churches. Dinner tonight is at your hotel.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Lunch by own arrangements

DAY 29: KILLARNY TO DUNGARVAN

Sat 29 August 2026 (BD)

This morning, we cross into county Cork and to the famous Blarney Castle. Over the many years people have been flocked to Blarney to kiss the stone with the same name. Legend has it you will receive the "gift of the gab," or the power of eloquence and flattery. While the magical effect is a matter of belief, the act itself involves a unique and daring experience at Blarney Castle, where you must lean backward over the

parapet while holding onto a railing to reach the stone. Hope you're not frightened of heights! We visit Cork and spend some free time at the Cork English markets or wandering around the town. Upon arriving in Dungarvan, we check in and enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Lawlors Hotel or similar – 1 night
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Lunch by own arrangements

DAY 30: DUNGARVAN TO CARDIFF

Sun 30 August 2026 (BD)

An early start today as we tour through the Irish countryside taking us to Rosslare Harbour. We travel back across the Irish Sea to land in the south Wales port of Pembroke. From here, we travel through Welsh coal valleys via the Brecon Beacons to the capital, Cardiff. We have time for an orientation tour including views of the main landmarks such as St Fagans National Museum of History, Principality Stadium, Cardiff Castle, Cardiff Bay and the National Museum of Cardiff before checking in to your hotel.

Hotel Future Inn Cardiff Bay or similar – 1 night
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Lunch by own arrangements

DAY 31: CARDIFF TO WESTON-SUPER-MARE

Mon 31 August 2026 (BD)

Today, we visit the Port of Bristol and visit the Kings Weston House and Gardens before returning over the River Avon and continue to the Roman town of Bath, named after the obvious. Enjoy a walking tour to view the Bath Abbey, The Royal Crescent and Pulteney Bridge before visiting a Roman Bath. Some free time to explore Bath or perhaps catch one of the top open buses where you can hop on and off at your leisure. At a designated time, we travel to Weston-Super-Mare for our overnight accommodation.

Hotel Premier Inn or similar – 1 night
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Lunch by own arrangements

DAY 32: WESTON-SUPER-MARE TO TINTAGEL

Tue 01 September 2026

(BD)

We travel along the rugged North Devon coastline visiting the historical ports of Clovelly and Tintagel, famous for the folklore of King Arthur. In Clovelly, we visit Clovelly Village which also includes entry to Clovelly Court Gardens, and also the Fisherman's Cottage & Kingsley Museum, a lovely little museum housed in a historic building. In Tintagel, we visit Tintagel Castle. Legend says it was where King Arthur was born and lived and was his stronghold. Upon arrival in Camelford, we settle in and enjoy down for dinner.

BoWood Park Hotel and Gold Club or similar – 1 night
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Lunch by own arrangements

DAY 33: TINTAGEL TO ST AUSTELL**Wed 02 September 2026 (BD)**

After breakfast, we make our way past the holiday seaside village of Sy Ives, passing many an old tin mine, to arrive at the southernmost tip of the British Mainland at Lands End. After a photo opportunity, we have some free time at Penzance, visiting St Michael's Mount a magical tidal island off the coast of Cornwall before arriving at St Austell to check in your hotel and enjoy dinner.

Hotel Premier or similar – 1 night
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Lunch by own arrangements

DAY 34: ST AUSTELL TO SALISBURY**Thu 03 September 2026 (BD)**

Leaving St Austell, we traverse the wild Dartmoor Forest and Moorlands to arrive at Exeter. Some free time here before we continue onto the Salisbury Plain and visit the site of the Stonehenge Standing Stones. This must-see monument is a powerful testament to human ingenuity; we walk in the footsteps of our Neolithic ancestors. **Stonehenge** – one of the wonders of the world and the best-known prehistoric monument in the world. We arrive at our hotel and enjoy dinner.

Mercure Salisbury White Hart Hotel or similar – 1 night
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Lunch by own arrangements

DAY 35: SALISBURY TO NEW HAVEN**Fri 04 September 2026 (BD)**

This morning, we continue skirting the south England countryside and visiting Winchester Cathedral, a medieval Anglican church built under William the Conqueror. We continue our travels to seaside resort of Brighton. We have the afternoon here so perhaps experience the famous Royal Pavilion on the pier or stroll along the beachfront enjoying the atmosphere with an ice cream. We check in and have dinner in-house.

Hotel Holiday Inn Brighton or similar – 1 night
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Lunch by own arrangements

DAY 36: NEW HAVEN TO DOVER**Sat 05 September 2026 (BD)**

The Hastings coastline is next. Of course, we all remember the date 1066 where King William of Normandy changed British history forever. We visit the little town of Battle, and visit Battle Abbey, built on the site of the Battle of the Hastings. We then take a train ride on a World War 2 train from Romney to Tythe. From here, we arrive at the channel port of Dover and enjoy a sightseeing tour of Dover and walking tour to view its famous white cliffs.

Hotel Holiday Inn Dover or similar – 1 night
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Lunch by own arrangements

DAY 37: DOVER TO LONDON**Sun 06 September 2026 (B)**

An early visit to Canterbury Cathedral with its stories of Chaucer is a highlight of this part of the trip. Canterbury Cathedral is the cathedral of the archbishop of Canterbury, the spiritual leader of the Church

of England and symbolic leader of the worldwide Anglican Communion. It is one of the oldest Christian structures in England. We arrive in London and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Ibis Hotel London Blackfriars or similar – 2 nights
Breakfast at hotel | Lunch and dinner by own arrangements

DAY 38: LONDON

Mon 07 September 2026 (B)

After breakfast, we have a free day to explore this fascinating city, perhaps the British Museum or the London Eye!

Breakfast at hotel | Lunch and dinner by own arrangements

DAY 39: LONDON TO SINGAPORE

Tue 08 September 2026 (B Inflight meals)

Thus morning, check out of our hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. At a designated time, our coach driver will depart from the hotel to London Heathrow airport for our Singapore Airlines 8:35pm flight to Singapore.

Breakfast at hotel | Inflight meals

DAY 40: ARRIVE SINGAPORE

Wed 09 September 2026 (Inflight meals)

On arrival at 4:45pm, we clear customs and immigration before meeting up with our coach captain to be transferred to our reserved hotel for the night.

Mercure Singapore Bugis Hotel or similar – 1 night
Inflight meals

DAY 41: SINGAPORE TO SYDNEY

Thu 10 September 2026 (B Inflight meals)

After breakfast, enjoy the day. This morning, perhaps rest up enjoying the hotel's amenities before checking out of your rooms. The hotel will hold your luggage so why not take a final tour or enjoy a long lunch at one of Singapore's many restaurants and cafes. Our coach will transfer us to Singapore airport for our Singapore Airlines 8:20pm flight to Sydney.

Breakfast at hotel | Lunch and dinner by own arrangements | Inflight meals

DAY 42: SYDNEY TO PORT MACQUARIE

Fri 11 September 2026 (Inflight meals)

On arrival at 5:55am, we clear customs and immigration where our coach will be waiting to transport us home to Port Macquarie.

Inflight meals

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times or days. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures or inclement weather

The cost pp twin share is \$27,599.00.
Additional cost for a single is \$7,959.00 pp
Deposit of \$5,000 pp
Make instalments along the way.

