

This itinerary is brought to you exclusively by John Hall's Alaska!
A 15 DAY JOURNEY THROUGH HISTORIC LANDS



BEAUTY OF IRELAND & SCOTLAND

TOUR OVERVIEW

- 1 Arrive Cork & Kinsale, IRL
- 2 Blarney Castle & Queenstown Story, IRL
- 3 Maritime Museum & Ring of Kerry, IRL
- 4 Dingle Peninsula & Dingle Crystal, IRL
- 5 Foynes Flying Boat Museum & Dromoland Castle, IRL
- 6 Cliffs of Moher, Rathbaun Farm & Dublin, IRL
- 7 Dublin, St Patrick's Cathedral, Book of Kells & Guinness Brewery, IRL
- 8 Belfast City & Titanic Belfast, NIR
- 9 Alloway & Glasgow, SCT
- 10 Loch Lomond, Glen Coe, Fort William & Inverness, SCT
- 11 Culloden Battlefield, Glenlivet Distillery & Athol Palace, SCT
- 12 Athol Palace Activity Day, SCT
- 13 St Andrew's, Scotland's Secret Bunker & Edinburgh, SCT
- 14 Edinburgh, Royal Mile & Palace of Holyrood House, SCT
- 15 Fly Home Edinburgh, SCT

TOUR

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DATE

SEPT 17 - OCT 1, 2021

SEPT 21 - OCT 5, 2021

SINGLE OCCUPANCY

\$14,579

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DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$10,419

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No triple or quad rates available.

PER PERSON PRICING INCLUDES ALL

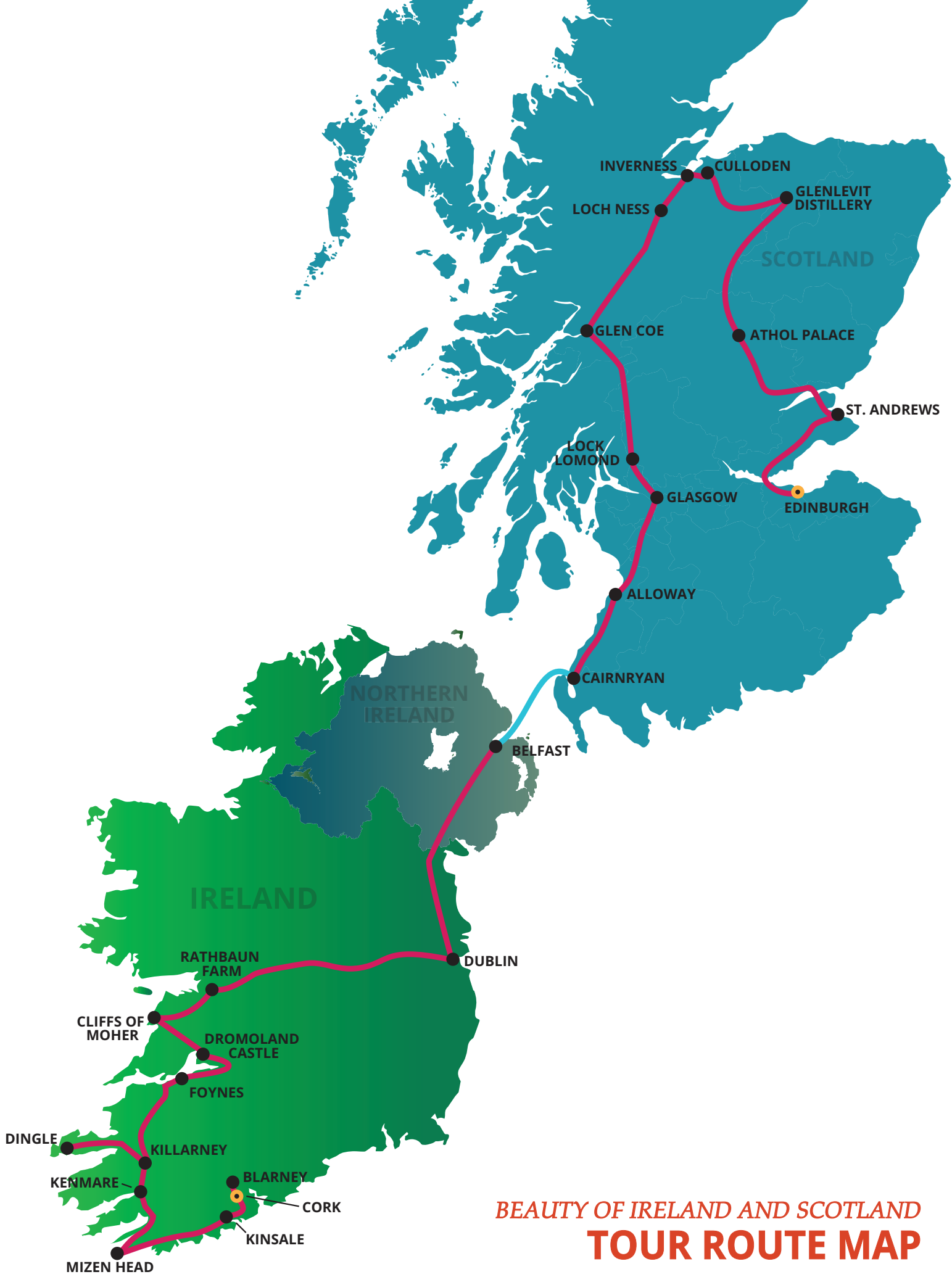
Daily attractions & corresponding gratuities, accommodations, meals & corresponding gratuities, taxes, baggage handling & corresponding gratuities, airport meet & greet services, locally guided service including all guide gratuities, coach transportation, & John Hall's Alaska representative.

FLIGHTS

The tour begins in Cork, Ireland. You may arrive at anytime on Day 1. The tour concludes in Edinburgh, Scotland. You may fly home at any time of day on day 15.

CHECK DISCOUNT

\$300 per person when tour payment is made by check. \$1000 per person deposits may still be made by credit card.



BEAUTY OF IRELAND AND SCOTLAND
TOUR ROUTE MAP

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Days 1 - 5

Kinsale; Blarney Castle and Gardens; Queenstown Story; Dingle Peninsula; Dingle Crystal Workshop; Killarney; Mizen Head Maritime Museum; Ring of Kerry; Dingle Peninsula; Dingle Crystal Workshop; Foynes Flying Boat Museum; Make An Authentic Irish Coffee; Dromoland Castle + Activities.

1 ARRIVE CORK - KINSALE OVERNIGHT

Upon arrival at the Cork airport, you will be greeted by your John Hall's Alaska representative and escorted to your awaiting motor coach. You then travel to Kinsale where you check into Actons Hotel, overlooking Kinsale Harbour for a two night stay. Kinsale is a historic fishing town on the southern coastline of County Cork. The remainder of the afternoon is free to relax after your travels and this evening you will enjoy dinner in the hotel's Fisher Street restaurant. *Overnight: Actons Hotel, Kinsale. D*

2 BLARNEY CASTLE - QUEENSTOWN STORY

Start off your time in Ireland with a visit to Blarney Castle and Gardens. The castle was built in 1446 and today you will have an opportunity to climb the spiral stairs to the top of the castle and kiss the famous Blarney Stone, said to bestow the gift of eloquence on all those who dare. Also on the castle grounds, you can visit the Castle Gardens and Rock Close. You will have some free time in the town of Blarney or to visit the Blarney Woollen Mills before traveling to Cobh, one of the main points of emigration during the great famine. Here you will visit "The Queenstown Story" which portrays the hardship of life on board ship as it sailed to the "New World". Annie Moore, the first ever emigrant to be processed on Ellis Island when it officially opened on January 1st, 1892 left from Cobh with her two brothers. Return to Kinsale with the remainder of the late afternoon free to enjoy browsing in its many shops. *Overnight: Actons Hotel, Kinsale. B L D*

3 WEST CORK - MIZEN HEAD - KENMARE - KILLARNEY

Depart Kinsale and travel along the southern coast line to Mizen Head - the most southerly point of Ireland. Here you will visit the award winning Maritime Museum and Heritage Attraction. You can also take a ten-minute walk across the Arched Bridge over the crashing waves to the Lighthouse. Following this adventure you will travel up the coast via lovely lazy towns & villages to Kenmare, an example of one of Ireland's few planned towns. Kenmare and its Gaelic name Neidin (Little nest) so named because of its fine setting nestling as it does among the mountains of Cork and Kerry. You continue to Killarney taking in a 20-mile stretch of the famous Ring of Kerry. This evening you will check into your hotel for a two night stay. *Overnight: The Killarney Park Hotel. B L D*

4 DINGLE PENINSULA - DINGLE CRYSTAL

This morning you enjoy the unspoiled beauty of the Dingle Peninsula, once cited as 'the most beautiful place on earth' by National Geographic. You will visit the Dingle Crystal Workshop founded by Sean Daly who designs, cut, and signs each individual piece of Crystal. As you travel around Sleat Head, you will get some breathtaking views of the Atlantic coastline and see some beehive huts (early monastic settlements) dating back over a thousand years. View the Blasket Islands and see the locations for such films as Ryan's Daughter and Far and Away which starred Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman. You will lunch in Dingle, followed by some free time to check out the many craft shops and the Dingle Crystal shop before returning to Killarney. *Overnight: The Killarney Park Hotel. B L D*

5 FOYNES FLYING BOAT MUSEUM - DROMOLAND CASTLE

Leaving Killarney this morning, travel to the Foynes Flying Boat Museum. This museum recalls the historic time from 1939 to 1945 when Foynes became the center of the aviation world. You will enjoy a guided tour and go inside a full scale replica of a Boeing 314 flying boat, the only one of its kind in the world. It was in this very building that the Irish Coffee originated in 1943 and before departing you will be shown how to make the perfect Irish Coffee. Continue on to Newmarket-on-Fergus where you will check into the luxurious Dromoland Castle Hotel around midday. The castle built in the 16th century was once the royal seat of the O'Brien clan. It was refurbished and transformed into a luxury hotel in 1962 and retains priceless reminders of the castle's historic past. The remainder of the day is free to enjoy some of the castles many activities which includes golf, fishing, falconry, clay pigeon shooting, tennis, archery and horseback riding. The golf course at Dromoland is regarded by many as one of the finest 18 hole parkland golf courses in the country. You may also like to try out the luxurious health spa. This evening you will enjoy dinner in the elegant surroundings of the castle's Earl of Thomond Restaurant (jacket required for dinner). *Overnight: Dromoland Castle. B L D*

Blarney Castle



Dingle Peninsula



Dingle Crystal Workshop



Foynes Flying Boat Museum



Dromoland Castle



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Days 6 - 10

Cliffs of Moher; Rathbaun Sheep Farm; Dublin City Tour; St. Patrick's Cathedral; Book of Kells; Guinness Brewery Tour; Belfast; Belfast City Hall; Belfast Linen Hall Library; Belfast Grand Opera House ; Titanic Belfast; Alloway; Glasgow; Scottish Highlands; Loch Ness; Inverness.

6 CLIFFS OF MOHER - RATHBAUN FARM - DUBLIN

Bid farewell to Dromoland Castle and travel to the majestic Cliffs of Moher which rises to a height of 600 ft over the Atlantic Ocean. O'Brien's Tower stands near the highest point and has served as a viewing point for visitors for hundreds of years. Your tour continues through the lunar type landscape of the Burren which takes its name from the Irish word 'bhoireann' meaning, 'a stony place' or 'a rocky place'. Your next stop is Rathbaun Farm where we will enjoy a traditional ploughman's lunch. This will be followed by a guided tour of the sheep farm. Farm owner Fintan Connelly will give a demonstration of sheep shearing and sheep herding. You can spend some time in the thatched cottage and smell the peat fire before departing. From here you continue across the Irish midlands to Dublin for a two night stay. This evening you will enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Overnight: Dublin. B L D

7 DUBLIN - ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL - BOOK OF KELLS - GUINNESS BREWERY

Enjoy breakfast and then travel a short distance to Dublin City on the banks of the river Liffey and enjoy a tour of Ireland's capital city. On your tour you will see the Georgian Squares with their 18th Century houses, the Phoenix Park (the biggest town park in Europe), statue filled O'Connell Street and the fashionable Grafton Street. You will visit Saint Patrick's Cathedral, an architectural and historical site which has been at the heart of Dublin history for over 800 years. You will also visit the Old Library at Trinity College to view the famous Book of Kells. No visit to Dublin would be complete without a visit to the Guinness Brewery founded in 1759 by Arthur Guinness. Here you will enjoy a guided tour which concludes with a leisurely pint of Guinness in the 360-degree roof top bar while enjoying some spectacular views of Dublin City. You will have some free time in the city before enjoying dinner in a local restaurant. *Overnight: Dublin. B L D*

8 BELFAST CITY - TITANIC BELFAST

Travel to Belfast this morning for a tour of the city including City Hall - one of the finest Classical Renaissance buildings in Europe, the Linen Hall Library which has been lending books for over 200 years, and the Grand Opera House often described as the most beautiful Victorian theatre in the world! You will also see the Ulster Museum and Queen's University. Visit Titanic Belfast, nine galleries that tell the story of the RMS Titanic, her completion in Belfast and her famous maiden voyage and tragic end. This evening you check into the Europa Hotel.

Overnight: The Europa Hotel. B L D

9 FERRY FROM BELFAST TO CAIRNRYAN - ALLOWAY - GLASGOW

Scotland awaits! Journey to the port of Belfast where you will board a ferry for a 2 ½ hour sailing across the North Atlantic to Cairnryan in Scotland. On arrival in Scotland, you will travel the coast road to Alloway - the birthplace of Robert Burns, regarded as the national poet of Scotland and is celebrated worldwide. Following a stop at Burns Cottage, you continue to Glasgow for an overnight stay. This evening you will enjoy dinner in your hotel. *Overnight: Glasgow. B L D*

10 GLASGOW CITY - INVERNESS

This morning you will enjoy a panorama tour of Glasgow, often described as Britain's finest Victorian City. On departing Glasgow, you travel north along the bank of Loch Lomond, one of Scotland's most beautiful lakes, into the Scottish Highlands. Surrounded by spectacular scenery you continue through the historic glen of Glen Coe to Fort William on the shores of Loch Linnhe. From here, your tour winds its way around the foothills of Scotland's highest mountain, Ben Nevis (4,406ft) to Fort Augustus. You continue along the banks of Loch Ness, keeping your camera ready for a view of the monster, to Drumnadrochit before arriving in Inverness - the capital of the highlands for an overnight stay. This evening you will enjoy dinner in your hotel.

Overnight: Inverness. B L D

O'Brien's Tower - Cliffs of Moher



Rathbaun Farm



Saint Patrick's Cathedral



Guinness Brewery



Belfast City Hall



Titanic Belfast



Tour Highlights: Days 11 - 15

Culloden Battlefield; Glenlivet Distillery; Athol Palace; Athol Palace Activity Day; St. Andrews; Old Course; Scotland's Secret Bunker; Edinburgh; Royal Mile; Palace of Holyrood House; Edinburgh Castle; Spirit of Scotland Show.

11 CULLODEN BATTLEFIELD - GLENLIVET DISTILLERY - ATHOL PALACE

After breakfast, depart Inverness and travel a short distance to Culloden for your first stop. The last major battle in Britain was fought here on April 16, 1746 and this morning you can relive the drama with a visit to Culloden Visitor Centre. No visit to Scotland would be complete without a visit to a distillery and today you travel to Glenlivet in the heart of Scotland's whiskey-making country. Here you will visit the Glenlivet Distillery and enjoy a guided tour through the production area followed by a sampling of three whiskies before departing. With the taste and aroma of the whiskey still in the air, you continue south through the scenic Grampian Mountains to Avimore. From here, you continue to Pitlochry the geographical center of Scotland where you will check into the luxurious Athol Palace Hotel for a two night stay. This evening you will enjoy dinner in your hotel. *Overnight: Athol Palace. BLD*

12 ATHOL PALACE ADVENTURE DAY

The day is yours to spend how you wish. You will have many options without leaving the grounds of your hotel. You will find several walks and jogging routes around the hotel gardens and estate to enjoy as well as four all weather tennis courts. A 9 hole Pitch 'n' Putt course, putters and golf balls are available at reception. You may wish to visit the Athol Palace Museum, set in the old servant's wing of the hotel which charts the history of the hotel from when it first opened in 1878 to its re-opening after World War II. Take a stroll through the hotel's award winning gardens and visit the Black Spout Waterfall. You may wish to spend some time in the hotel leisure center which includes a spa bath, plunge pool, steam room, sauna and gym or indulge yourself in a spa treatment in the Lavender Spa while enjoying spectacular views of the Scottish countryside. Your coach will be available to facilitate other activities such as fishing in one of the nearby lakes or golf at the Pitlochry Golf Course, said to be one of the finest inland golfing facilities in Scotland. You may also like to wander through the quaint Victorian Spa town of Pitlochry where you will find a variety of craft shops, pubs and restaurants in a relaxed atmosphere. This evening, regroup and exchange stories of your day's activities while enjoying dinner at your hotel. *Overnight: Athol Palace. BLD*

13 ST ANDREW'S - SCOTLAND'S SECRET BUNKER - EDINBURGH

Checking out of Athol Palace, hit the road for Dundee before crossing the Tay Bridge to St. Andrew's. Not only is St. Andrew's famed as the home of golf, it is also an ancient ecclesiastical capital and home to Scotland's oldest university. Following lunch in St. Andrew's, you continue to Scotland's Secret Bunker. Hidden beneath a Scottish Farmhouse, a tunnel leads to an underground Nuclear Command Bunker built in 1951 and operational until 1993, Scotland's best kept secret for over 40 years. You continue south traveling over the Forth Road Bridge to Edinburgh City for a two-night stay. *Overnight: Edinburgh. BLD*

14 EDINBURGH HIGHLIGHTS

A full day of touring historic Edinburgh City is the highlight today. First, travel down Princess Street and the historic Royal Mile before visiting the Palace of Holyrood House - the official Scottish residence of her Majesty the Queen. Hear the tales of some truly intriguing characters - the Bodysnatchers, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde and Greyfriars Bobby. You will visit the majestic Edinburgh Castle and enjoy the breathtaking views of the city from the castle ramparts. You will have some free time in the city before returning to your hotel. This evening you enjoy the Spirit of Scotland Show at the Jam House. A traditional Scottish evening of song and dance accompanied by a great selection of Scottish cuisine. *Overnight: Edinburgh. BLD*

15 DEPART EDINBURGH AIRPORT

After breakfast, transfer to the Edinburgh airport for your flight home. *B*

Culloden Battlefield



Athol Palace



Old Course



Palace of Holyrood House



Edinburgh Castle



BEAUTY OF IRELAND & SCOTLAND: GENERAL INFORMATION

RESERVATIONS

Reservations may be made directly to John Hall's Alaska by mail, telephone, or in person. This tour is open to John Hall's Alaska alumni and friends or family that will be touring alongside the alumni.

DEPOSITS

To confirm your reservation please send a deposit of \$1000.00 per person within ten days of your reservation. To reserve your space by credit card, please contact our office.

FINAL PAYMENTS

Final Payment must reach John Hall's Alaska 90 days prior to tour departure date. If payment is not received on time, space may be released; re-booking will be subject to availability. Mastercard, Visa, Discover, American Express, and personal checks are acceptable forms of payment. A discount of \$300 per person will be extended for tours paid by cash or check. (\$1000 per person deposits may still be made by credit card). There are no friends and family discounts available with this tour.

CANCELLATIONS

If a cancellation is made in writing at least 90 days prior to departure, a full refund will be made, minus a 4% fee on monies originally paid by credit card. For cancellations made less than 90 days prior to departure, the following per person charges apply: 60-90 days - 50% of total charges; 45- 59 days - 75% of total charges, inside of 45 days - 100% of fare. In the event of interruption or cancellation of your tour after its commencement, there will be no refunds. **Please note: A 4% fee will be charged on the total amount of monies refunded that were originally paid by credit card. There is no fee for monies originally paid by check or money order.**

FLIGHTS

This tour begins in Cork, Ireland. If arriving on Sept 17th, please schedule your arrival flight to land prior to 2pm. Upon completion of the tour, you may return home on flights from Edinburgh after 10am. We recommend flights after 12pm so that you don't miss breakfast. Due to TSA security checks, please arrive at your local airport 3 hours prior to the plane departure time. The John Hall's Alaska team can provide assistance with flight arrangements.

MOBILITY RESTRICTIONS

This tour will require the ability to walk an easy mile or two on cobbled and sometimes uneven pavement. Some attractions and historic sites (i.e. castles) may only be accessed fully by taking uneven and small stairs. Please be aware of these requirements before joining the tour.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Special dietary requests, specific medical conditions, physical disabilities or other special needs requirements must be noted at the time of booking. We do not discriminate against persons on the basis of disability and seek, to the furthest extent possible, to accommodate any person with a disability. Although we are unable to guarantee that all special meal or diet requests may be available, we will request where appropriate. In particular, please let us know if you have had a recent change in a medical condition such as change of diet. This tour is not recommended for those requiring the use of a mobility device that may include a wheelchair, scooter or walker.

TIPPING/GRATUITIES

All gratuities have been included in the price of your package with the exception of your John Hall's Alaska Tour Representative. This includes all waiting staff, local drivers and guides, and luggage handling gratuities while on tour. Tipping your Tour Representative is not required and should reward exemplary service.

PACKING RECOMMENDATIONS

The daytime dress code for this tour is casual. Comfortable walking shoes, jeans or capris for touring days. Don't forget the sun protection: sunblock, sun glasses and a hat. You will want to pack business casual attire (i.e. slacks, black pants, closed toed shoes) for 6 evening dinners where shorts and casual sandals will feel under dressed. Don't forget to bring a raincoat, light hat, mittens and a travel umbrella!

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The following hotel rooms have been secured for your tour relaxation and enjoyment. Please visit the websites for these hotels to get a feel for what you can expect!

2 Nights - Actons Hotel, Kinsale

1 Night - Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow

2 Nights - The Killarney Park, Killarney

1 Night - Kingsmill Hotel, Inverness

1 Night - Dromoland Castle Hotel, Newmarket on Fergus

2 Nights - Atholl Palace Hotel, Pitlochry

2 Nights - Castleknock Hotel, Dublin

2 Nights - Dalhousie Castle Hotel, Edinburgh

1 Night - Titanic Hotel, Belfast

TOUR DOCUMENTS

Tour documents, including detailed itinerary, luggage tags, and passenger lists will be mailed approximately 14-21 days prior to departure. This may be delayed if final payment is not received on time.

EXTENDED STAYS AND ADDITIONAL OVERNIGHTS

Should you wish to spend some more time exploring Ireland by arriving early or extending your trip in Scotland, we would be happy to help you make these arrangements.

ITINERARY REVISIONS

John Hall's Alaska reserves the right to revise the services included in the itinerary such as hotel accommodations and attractions. In cases of substitution, a comparable quality service will be used.

CURRENCY

Credit cards are widely accepted and encouraged to be used while traveling. If you wish to carry local currencies, Ireland utilizes the Euro, while Scotland and Northern Ireland utilize the Pound.

CURRENCY EVALUATION

Tour price is based on current and anticipated Euro and U.S. dollar strengths. Should the US Dollar falls below a rate of .80 in comparison to the Euro within 100 days prior the departure date, tour pricing will be amended before payment.