

School Group Tours 2022

Option 1 - EDINBURGH

Day 1

An early departure from school by coach and travel to Belfast for the 7.30am ferry crossing to Cairnryan. Arrive in Cairnryan at 9.50am and continue by coach to Edinburgh.

A tour of **Murrayfield Stadium** : highlights will include the changing rooms, Royal Box, Press room, team tunnel and pitchside.

This evening – check in and evening meal at the hotel.

Day 2

The first visit is to the city's most famous sight - **Edinburgh Castle**, the city's most visited attraction is a must see! Full of history with Mons Meg, One O'clock gun and even a pet cemetery as well as the Scottish Crown Jewels.

Our Dynamic Earth where you can follow the interactive exhibits through the history of the Earth; from volcanoes, to the polar ice chill and even a tropical rainforest!

At the **National Museum of Scotland**, explore the galleries getting up close to animals from different habitats, discover ancient Egypt, meet Dolly the Sheep and find out why she's famous as well as finding the ancient chess set featured in Harry Potter & the Philosopher's Stone.

Finish off today with some sightseeing in the old town to include Scottish Parliament, Arthur's Seat, Royal Mile (and a visit to some Scottish souvenir shops), as well as Greyfriars Bobby.

Day 3

Full day visit to **Blair Drummond Safari Park** : elephants, chimps, camels, giraffes, lions, tigers – they're all here! There will be a sea lion presentation, birds of prey displays, and you could visit Lemur Land and the Rhino house as well as enjoy the amusements!

This evening : **10 pin bowling**.

Day 4

Early hotel check out and departure from Edinburgh today. Travel to the **Glasgow Science Centre** to explore the science mall with 3 floors of 'hands on' galleries, whether you like brainteasers in the maths zone, testing your steady hand on the wiggly wire or your driving skills at the reserve driving exhibit.



Continue by coach to Cairnryan for the 3.30pm crossing to Belfast. On arrival in Belfast continue by coach to the school.

****TICKETS FOR THE LION KING MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS TOUR****

Option 2 – DUBLIN AND TAYTO PARK

Day 1

Depart school by coach this morning and travel directly to Dublin for a **Viking Splash Tour** of Dublin which will take you on a tour of the sights by land and water!

At **Dublinia** join your guide for a tour through the Viking and Medieval history of Dublin. During a **walking sightseeing tour**, visit the city's highlights including O'Connell Street, GPO, Halfpenny Bridge, Memorial Gardens, Grafton Street and Molly Malone.

An afternoon visit to the EPIC museum – an interactive journey about how a small island made a big impact on the world.

Evening : evening meal, hotel check in and a visit to the beach.

Day 2

A tour of the **Aviva Stadium or Croke Park** will include behind the scenes areas e.g. changing rooms, press room, warm up room, pitch side!

Then, a visit to **Dublin Zoo**, home of all the favourites including giraffes, lions, penguins and meerkats!

Evening – 10 pin bowling.

Day 3

Tayto Theme Park has rides and amusements to enjoy today; then return to school by coach.

For the next three tours the school will travel by coach to Dublin port and the 8am ferry crossing to Holyhead. After disembarkation, travel across North Wales to your first visit (see individual tour for details).

Option 3 - YORK

Day 1

Travel details as above.

This afternoon, a guided tour of Manchester City's Etihad Stadium** – behind the scenes changing rooms, press box, pitch side, warm up room and some time to visit the supporters shop. Continue to your hotel for check in and evening meal.

**Further option MAY be Old Trafford or Anfield.

Day 2

Enjoy a full day in York beginning with a visit to the **Railway Museum** for all the 'must sees' including the Mallard, Stephenson's Rocket, Japanese Bullet Train (session/science show included).

At the **Jorvik Centre** board your state of the art capsule to journey through a reconstruction of Viking York.

Visit one of the largest Gothic Cathedral's in Europe, **York Minster** (self guided visit). This evening enjoy a Fun Hunt of York to take in the sights including The Shambles, Clifford's Tower and York City Walls.

Day 3

Full day to **Flamingoland** to enjoy the rides and amusements as well as zoo keeper talks and sea lion/bird displays! This evening 10 pin bowling (optional; not included in the cost).

Day 4

Early departure this morning for the journey to Holyhead with a stop, time permitting, at **Llanfairpwllgwyngyll** (Welsh Village with the longest name) before the afternoon ferry to Dublin. Arrive Dublin and continue to school.

Option 4 - LAKE DISTRICT AND ALTON TOWERS

DAY 1

Travel details as above.

Continue to Chester for a **Roman Soldier Tour** of the city. Then on to the hotel for check in and evening meal.

DAY 2

Today, a visit to the beautiful Windermere area of the **Lake District**. The first stop is **The Beatrix Potter Attraction** which brings three dimensional life to the magical world of her most famous characters and includes an outdoor Peter Rabbit Garden. A trip on Lake Windermere and the Haverthwaite Steam Railway will follow.

Then, some outdoor activities this afternoon. **Treetops Nets Adventure** (trampolines, walkways, zip wires) or the Treetops Trek (aerial adventure) which are both suitable for 5 year olds and up. Also, enjoy a visit to the outdoor adventure playground.

DAY 3

A full day at Alton Towers – Britain's Greatest Escape with lots of amazing rides and attractions for children of all ages.

DAY 4

Early check out this morning and retrace the journey to Holyhead. Make a stop at the **Pili Palas Nature World** for a tour of the animal houses including butterflies, lizards, birds and meerkats, as well as the opportunity to hold some of the creepy crawlies, visit pets corner and have fun in the adventure playground.

Afternoon ferry from Holyhead to Dublin; continue by coach to school.

Option 5 - LONDON PLUS

Day 1

Travel details as above.

Cadburys World - A world of chocolate awaits with the magical cadabra ride and the crunchie rollercoaster. After the visit, continue south to the hotel for check in and dinner.

Day 2

The first visit today is to the **Tower of London** to see the Crown Jewels, ravens, Yeoman Warders and hear the stories of those who were imprisoned and executed here.

At **St Paul's Cathedral**, built by Sir Christopher Wren, climb the 551 steps (365 feet) to the top of the dome for a view of London.

Covent Garden is the perfect stop for some souvenir shopping in the market and to enjoy the street entertainment.

After dinner, board a capsule on the **London Eye** for a 360 degree ride to view the London skyline.

Day 3

At **Natural History Museum** visit some of the interesting and interactive galleries including dinosaurs, mammals, fossils, volcanoes & earthquakes and much more.

Enjoy a **walking tour** of some of London's most famous sights including Trafalgar Square, Whitehall, Downing Street, Horseguards Parade, St James' Park and Buckingham Palace. After dinner it's time for **Hamleys**, the world famous toystore with 7 floors of toys.

Day 4

After breakfast, begin the journey home. Visit Harry Potter Studios and step onto the sets for the Great Hall and Diagon Alley, check out the details in the costumes and props, discover how the special effects are created and how the magical creatures come to life!

Continue to Holyhead for the ferry to Dublin and on to school.

** A VISIT TO MADAME TUSSAUDS AND A WEST END THEATRE CAN BE ARRANGED>

All Tours include : [Based on 40 pupils]

-Return travel from school by coach and ferry accompanied by a Tour Manager.

-Full board, ensuite accommodation (pupils 3-4 per room).

-All visits and entrance fees as per itinerary.

-Travel Insurance and Financial Failure Insurance.

-1 free teacher place per 10 pupils and teachers in single rooms.