

ENGLAND  
IRELAND  
WALES  
FRANCE

**18  
DAYS**

Experience the UK and France like never before - 4 countries in 19 days - England, Ireland, Wales and France. Get ready for one amazing adventure after another.

Travel back to the distant past while you explore the British Isles; gain a unique insight into English Politics and the Monarchy in London, explore the picturesque countryside in Wales and the rural charm of Killarney Ireland, before heading over to the City of Lights on your journey to France. Get to know a European family during a home stay, and build confidence when you abseil off a tower wall. You can gain a global perspective during these unique experiences that help you discover other cultures - learning what distinguishes one country from another, while building the common bonds that unite us all.



### Tour Highlights

- ✓ Community Service Project in Ireland
- ✓ Medieval Encampment & Re-enactment
- ✓ Parliamentary Briefing
- ✓ 2 Full Days at the UK Premier Sailing Academy
- ✓ See a West End Show
- ✓ Tickets to the EDF Energy London Eye
- ✓ See the Changing of the Guard
- ✓ Activity Adventure Day
- ✓ Visit the Normandy Beaches
- ✓ Visit the Memorial de Caen
- ✓ Commemorative Service at Omaha Beach
- ✓ Entrance to the Musee du Louvre
- ✓ Tickets to the Eiffel Tower

### Essentials

- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Homestay options (where noted)
- ✓ 24-Hour Tour Manager
- ✓ Daily Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- ✓ Transfers
- ✓ Traditional Fish & Chips Lunch



# Itinerary

## Day 1

### Arrival in Dublin

Welcome to Ireland! An introduction to your Tour Manager and motor coach driver mark the commencement of your programme.

### Visit Phoenix Park

Phoenix Park at 707 hectares (1752 acres) is one of the largest enclosed recreational parks within any European Capital city.

## Day 2

### Titanic Experience Cobh

Visit this internationally acclaimed interactive museum situated at the departure point from Ireland of the Titanic's ill-fated voyage, and learn all about the history of the ship and its journey.

### Blarney Castle

Explore Blarney Castle long recognised as one of Irelands greatest treasures as it is the location of the Blarney Stone - take the challenge and kiss the Blarney Stone to gain the gift of eloquence

### Irish Homestay

Tonight you will stay in a typical family guest house in Cahersiveen. Meet your guesthouse hosts and enjoy a pot of tea and the Craic amidst the warmth of Irish hospitality.

## Day 3

### Community Project and Service Learning activity;

Today you will spend the day immersed in a delightful Irish community, take part in a locally led Historical Walk through the town and mix with local students and learn about the sports that ignites passion in the Irish. Give something back to community as you help local youths to complete rewarding tasks to help local people. Receive a lesson in how to cut peat. Once dried, this will then be given to the elderly to burn for winter fuel. Prepare and deliver meals for the elderly, visit the local hospital or work in the gardens of this community.

### Cahersiveen Ceili

Enjoy a traditional Irish Ceili, with music and dancing led by young local musicians. You will get the chance to participate and learn the art of Irish Dancing.



## Day 4

### Visit the Gap of Dunloe

Spend the day in the breath-taking Gap of Dunloe. Travel by Pony Trap known as a Jaunting Car and journey through the valleys. End the day by travelling back across the Lake by boat taking in the tranquil scenery and enjoying the views of the McGillicuddy Reeks.

### Visit a Traditional Irish Farm

At the farm you will be transported back in time and visit an old classroom, experience farm life before everything became mechanised, see the traditional equipment, learn how cows were hand-milked and how the farms of yesteryear were run.

## Day 5

### Travel from Limerick to Dublin

#### Visit the GAA (Gaelic Athletic Association) Museum

Take a guided tour of the GAA museum at the legendary Irish stadium, Croke Park, and learn all about Irish sports and it's importance to the Irish people. The GAA is the custodian to all the artefacts and archives of the Gaelic games and honours the heritage of the games and the leading personalities in the sports of hurling and Gaelic Football

### Dublin Homestay

Meet your homestay family and experience their hospitality and traditional home-life in Dublin.

## Day 6

### Interactive Dublin Quiz

Discover Dublin's town centre whilst taking part in an interactive quiz.

### Orientation of Dublin

Spend the afternoon exploring Ireland's capital city of Dublin with our area manager who will introduce you to this delightful city. Learn interesting facts as you spot famous landmarks such as St Patrick's Cathedral, Phoenix Park, Trinity College and statue-lined O'Connell Street, before breaking into groups and exploring this historic city on your own.

### Dublin Homestay

Enjoy your final night with your homestay family.



## Day 7

### **Travel across the Irish Sea by Ferry to North Wales**

Meet your country manager and Take part in a Student Meal challenge!

### **Visit Llanfair Station**

Encounter the village that boasts one of the world's longest station names:

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwylllantysiliogogoch! Challenge yourself to learn the name before you leave Wales !

## Day 8

### **Full Day Activity Adventure Challenge**

Today you will spend the day taking part in the activity adventure programme. The essence of the day is to embrace challenges and learn to face your fears, learn the importance of optimism, resiliency and self-esteem especially towards problem solving. The highlight of the day is overcoming your fear by abseiling down the side of the tower of Penryn Castle.

## Day 9

### **Orientation of Chester**

Discover the ancient Roman and walled city of Chester once the capital of Great Britain, on an orientation led by your tour manager.

### **Warwick Castle Medieval Encampment Experience**

Explore Warwick castle and experience 1100 years of jaw-dropping history. See the state-rooms, visit the gardens and watch the displays with the birds of prey. This evening enjoy an exclusive Medieval encampment re-enactment led by Knights and warriors who will instruct you in battle manoeuvres, sword play, bill drill and the art of archery; battle one to one with real swords and be introduced to poll arm fighting using six foot staffs! The day will end with a bang as you witness the amazement of the world's largest trebuchet (Capapult) firing over the grounds of this historic castle.



## Day 10

### **Welcome to London - Changing the Guard**

This morning witness the ceremonial Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace. The ceremony encompasses a colourful spectacle and British pageantry and is a must see for visitors to London.

### **Fish and Chips Lunch**

Experience one of Britain's favourite meals with a traditional fish and chips lunch from a British chip shop.

### **Blue Badge Guide of London**

See all of the sights of London on a panoramic guided tour of London. Your guide will introduce you to the major and iconic sights for which London is famous and regale you with history and anecdotes which will bring London alive.

### **London Eye**

Gain a birds eye view of the capital as Europe's tallest Ferris Wheel glides full circle- spot famous attractions such as The Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace and St. Paul's Cathedral.

## Day 11

### **Tower of London**

Explore one of Britain's most famous land marks, the Tower of London, whilst learning all about the history, and getting a chance to visit the crown jewels.

### **Thames River Cruise**

Take in the sights of London from a different vantage point on a River Thames Sightseeing Cruise and experience London from what was once a main form of transport and trading.

### **MP Briefing**

Gain a unique insight of/to the British constitution, the place of the Monarchy in government and the running of the country, the role and function of the House of Lords and House of Commons - enjoy a talk and Q&A session with a former Member of Parliament in this exclusive session only available to ECE groups.

### **West End Theatre**

London is as known for its innovative and classical theatre productions as any other city and this is your evening to experience and enjoy the glitz and glamour of a West End show.



## Day 12

### Performing Arts and Drama Workshop

Spend the morning at one of London's most famous performing arts schools taking part in acting classes and workshops run by some of the schools talented students. Alumni of these schools include: Adele, Benedict Cumberbatch, Jessie J, Kenneth Branagh, Leona Lewis and Rita Ora.

### Travel to Cowes

This afternoon you will travel by coach to Southampton ready to board the ferry to UKSA - the UK Sailing Academy where you will spend the next 2 days.

## Day 13

### UKSA - The UK Sailing Academy

Enjoy 2 days on the water at England's most renowned watersports centre and training facility, a charity of which Princess Anne is a patron.

Learn the skills of sailing, kayaking, and windsurfing as well as participating in full challenges like raft building.. You'll receive expert instruction and experience the ultimate adventure. Learn essential teambuilding skills, set personal learning objectives and harness the power of positive thinking as you put on wet suits and life preservers to keep you safe during this amazing experience!

## Day 14

### UKSA

For your second day on the water at UKSA in the Isle of Wight., hone your new skills have fun dragon boat racing, working as a team and facing the challenges and this inspiring facility.

### Travel to France

Tonight cross the English channel on an overnight ferry from Portsmouth to Caen in France. Sleep well as you travel across the English Channel.



## Day 15

### Memorial de Caen

Walk through the timeline of World War II in an interactive exhibit that makes history come to life. Deepen your understanding of World War II as you contemplate the desolation of war and how you can contribute to achieving a peaceful future.

### Guided Tour of Normandy

See the important historical and moving sights on a guided tour of the Normandy beaches on which allied forces began "Operation Overlord" - the invasion of northwest Europe - on June 6th, 1944. Wander through reminiscent cemeteries and across long, empty stretches of sand, exploring the museums, monuments and scattered remnants of this vast military undertaking.

### Omaha Beach Wreath Laying

Take part in a commemorative wreath laying ceremony at the Memorial Monument.

## Day 16

### Guided Tour of Paris

After travelling from Normandy to Paris, explore the City of Lights by coach with a professional guide and learn about the city's history.

### Visit the Arc De Triomphe

Explore the Arc De Triomphe built in honour of those who fought for France, in particular, those who fought during the Napoleonic Wars.

### Visit Montmartre

Spend some time exploring the artists area of Montmartre; take some time to climb the stairs to see the Sacre Coeur Basilica a sacred Roman Catholic church located at summit of the butte Montmatre.

## Day 17

### Visit the Musee du Louvre

Explore the world most visited museum of art and learn about the artwork on display during an interactive quiz. See Leonardo's masterpiece, Mona Lisa, and discover other famous artworks throughout this amazing collection.

### Visit the Eiffel Tower

Take two elevators up to the third level observatory's upper platform 906 feet above ground to experience the dazzling views of Paris at the city's most iconic landmark.

### Visit Notre Dame

Visit the iconic Notre Dame Cathedral and take a look at Ile de la Cité the centre of ancient Lutetium, medieval Paris and the contemporary capital.



## Day 18

### Departure Day

Pack your suitcases for the last time and board the coach to the airport with a wealth of knowledge about the Traditions of Europe and a lifetime of memories.



## Tour Learning Objectives

- Learn about the causes of the 2 Great World Wars and the effect on France and Europe today
- Spend 2 days at UKSA on the Isle of White and learn new watersport skills and participate in team building challenges
- Participate in a student led drama workshop learning skills to better express yourself and communicate
- Learn about the current British royal family and the role of the monarchy in government and society at a unique session with a former member of parliament
- Learn about Britain's medieval history in a live historical re-enactment at a unique Medieval Encampment
- Build on leadership and communication skills and learn to overcome fear in a number of personal development challenges and adventure experiences
- Participate in community service activities in Ireland, contributing positively to life in a typical Irish town and communicating pro-actively with the residents of the town



### Testimonial

**I came to know about different cultures and traditions.. learnt new languages... my thinking... my knowledge is no longer just confined to my main stream education but it has broadened up my horizon.**

### Why ECE

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