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7 -10 Day Combining History & Royalty – London To Belfast



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CUSTOM ITINERARY – YOUR FLEXIBLE INCLUSIONS DATES — 7-10 Day ITINERARY

Day 1 Arrival England: Arrive London

Upon arrival at your airport of choice, (Heathrow or Gatwick) you will meet your VIP Liaison in the Arrival Hall, where you will be assisted through customs and escorted to baggage claim. Once there, you will be joined by your private chauffeur who will transfer you all to your hotel.

Upon arrival at your hotel, The Kensington Hotel, you will be greeted by the concierge and escorted for a private VIP Check-in. They will accept your luggage and have it delivered to your accommodation so it is waiting for you upon your return today.

After check-in, Enjoy a 4 hour panoramic tour of London. This tour is ideal for first-time visitors and really captures the very best that London has to offer.

Your private professional local guide will make sure the morning tour suits you. They will begin with offering an insight into London's history. Your guide's commentary will be tailored to your personal interests and will be able to adapt to your specific requirements.

During your Classic Highlights Tour of London you will see Buckingham Palace with the Changing of the Guard (subject to army schedules), Big Ben, Trafalgar Square, St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Piccadilly Circus, Harrods, Tower Bridge, the London Eye, the City of London, HMS Belfast, the Royal Parks, including Squares, along with narrow and hidden streets, not normally seen on the average tours.

You may choose to have lunch en-route during your tour (your guide will offer suggestions for dining in the area) or wait until after the tour and have lunch in your hotel. Either way you will stop for refreshments and light snacks as you desire along the way.

After your tour, you will be escorted back to your hotel.

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This afternoon, you have reservations for spa treatments in the Hotel Spa. In your creative planning session, you will have chosen which treatments you would like to enjoy today to help you relax and rejuvenate after your day of flying and a walk through London.

After your spa treatments, you are at leisure to relax in the hotel, or continue to explore on your own.

Dinner is on your own this evening. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in London.

Day 2 England: London – Oxford – Windsor Castle

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, you will meet your private driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour.

Today you will explore Royalty & Architecture with an all day tour of Windsor Castle and Oxford for up to 8 hours touring.

Your first stop is Oxford: The University of Oxford is the oldest university in the English speaking world, and one of the most famous and prestigious higher education institutions of the world. Today you will visit some of the colleges, including Christchurch College, which featured in the Harry Potter movies.

Lunch will be in Oxford and your guide will suggest options for luncheon dining in this interesting and beautiful city.

Your next stop will be Windsor Castle: The largest and oldest occupied castle in the world, is one of the official residences of Her Majesty The Queen.

The castle's dramatic site encapsulates 900 years of British history. It covers an area of 26 acres and contains, as well as a royal palace, a magnificent chapel and the homes and workplaces of a large number of people.

The magnificent State Apartments are furnished with some of the finest works of art from the Royal Collection, including paintings by Rembrandt, Rubens, Canaletto and Gainsborough.

In 1992 fire destroyed or damaged more than 100 rooms at the castle. The highly acclaimed restoration work, completed in 1997, is a testament to the extraordinary skills of some of the finest craftsmen in Europe.

Today you will be able to have a private tour in the castle and enjoy first-hand the magnificent surroundings, the furnishings, and the architecture of this beloved icon of the Royal family.

After the tour you will be returned to your hotel, where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day.

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For a special romantic treat, we recommend the beautifully prepared meal on the iconic London Eye.

Day 3 England: London

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, you will meet your private driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour.

This morning you will embark on an exploration of some of the most interesting architecture in the city. Your guide will be an expert in this field today and will offer insights and history about many specific buildings, and areas of the city. The tour is tailored to your personal passions and will be crafted and presented prior to your trip. You will be returned to your hotel after the tour.

Lunch is on your own today. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in London.

The remainder of the day is at leisure for you to relax in the hotel, or choose some options you might enjoy in London.

Special Offers : All experiences must be scheduled in advance of your trip, at the time of booking, and penalties will apply for cancellations of some experiences.

1. Kensington Hotel: Let us make a reservation for Afternoon High Tea and receive a 25% off.
2. The Marylebone Hotel: Ladies' Personal shopping experience at the L.K. Bennett boutique on Marylebone high street. The guest will receive 20% off any purchases at that boutique.
3. Personal Shopper for an afternoon at Harrods. Your personal shopper will have pre-selected items that you are looking for, that will interest you, or that you have defined as items of interest for your visit. You will traverse the store easily as many items will be prepared in advance for your visit.
4. Private Tea with one of England's Aristocracy and tour of their Castle or Manor House. This is a very special arrangement and one that very few people have an opportunity to enjoy.
5. Special Cultural events in London with Celebrity hosts and surprise inclusions. You will have an opportunity to discuss and make a selection in your Creative Planning Session with the Celebration Escapes' Travel Consultants.
6. Evening Musical, Theater or other evening entertainment performances with dinner included before or after the events. Options will be offered that coincide with your dates of travel.

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Day 4 England: London – Kensington

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, you will meet your private driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your Wonders of London Garden Tour.

Your first stop is the **Kensington Gardens**



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Kensington Gardens offers a mix of old and new park pastimes and green space. Get your fix of contemporary art and architecture at the Serpentine Galleries, marvel at the history and heritage of Kensington Palace or admire the Victorian splendour of the Albert Memorial. Over in the Diana Playground, kids will enjoy the huge wooden pirate ship, sensory trail and play sculptures, inspired by the adventures of fictional park hero, Peter Pan. Did you know? Kensington Gardens is one of London's eight Royal Parks and covers an area of 265 acres.

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This impressive sprawling rooftop high above West London is divided into three sections - the vivid Spanish Garden, the quintessential English Woodland Garden (with the addition of four resident flamingos) and the walled Tudor Garden ornamented with traditional archways. Your expert guide today will offer insights and facts that will make this garden tour a delight.

Next you will head off to Holland Park. **Kyoto Gardens in Holland Park**



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The Kyoto Garden was originally opened in September 1991 by HRH Prince Charles and His Imperial Highness The Crown Prince of Japan as a part of the Japan Festival celebrations.

It is in the style of 'kaiyushiki' (a stroll garden) and was built by the Kyoto Garden Association over three months that year with the financial assistance of the Kyoto Chamber of Commerce.

This is another park inside a park, the Japanese Garden in Holland Park features tiered waterfalls, koi carp in the rivulets and peacocks roaming the pretty paths.

Lunch today will keep the garden theme going with a restaurant with a garden. Your guide will help you decide, partly depending on where you are when you're hungry.



The River Café

A visit to the River Café is always a treat - but dinner on the patio during the warmer months is particularly special.

Linger over antipasti and mains prepared with the freshest of summer produce while enjoying Thameside views.

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Chiltern Firehouse

Five years after its buzzy opening, Marylebone's Chiltern Firehouse is still one of the best spots for people-watching in London.

Ask for a seat on the outdoor terrace and while away an afternoon over a glass of Sancerre and a plate of chilled oysters.



The Ivy Chelsea Garden

Housed in a grade II-listed building, The Ivy Chelsea Garden on King's Road has both a terrace and an orangery.

The menu includes classics like whole Dover sole and rack of lamb, but it's the gorgeous roses and wisteria that monopolise the table conversation.

After lunch you can continue with additional gardens and parks or if you are tired you can choose to return to the hotel and relax for the remainder of the day.

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Special evening entertainment can be included in your itinerary for this last night in London.

Day 5 Ireland: London – Belfast

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, you will meet your private driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport where you will meet your flight for Belfast.

Arrive Belfast Airport. meet your VIP Liaison in the Arrival Hall, where you will be assisted through customs and escorted to baggage claim. Once there, you will be joined by your private chauffeur who will transfer you all to your hotel.

Upon arrival at your hotel, The Merchant Hotel, you will greeted by the concierge and escorted for a private VIP Check-in. They will accept your luggage and have it delivered to your accommodation so it is waiting for you upon your return today.

After check-in, you will go to the Titanic Belfast Experience.

Titanic Belfast Experience. A self-guided experience through 9 state of the art interactive galleries detailing the entire Titanic story in chronological order. (Please allow at least 1hr 45 mins).

Titanic Belfast is a visitor attraction and a monument to Belfast's maritime heritage on the site of the former Harland & Wolff shipyard in the city's Titanic Quarter where the RMS Titanic was built. It tells the stories of the ill-fated Titanic, which hit an iceberg and sank during her maiden voyage in 1912, and her sister ships RMS Olympic and HMHS Britannic. The building contains more than 12,000 square metres (130,000 sq ft) of floor space, most of which is occupied by a series of galleries etc.

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First you will experience Titanic Belfast.

Titanic Belfast, named the World's Leading Tourist Attraction at the prestigious World Travel Awards in 2016, is located beside the Titanic Slipways, the Harland and Wolff Drawing Offices and Hamilton Graving Dock, the very place where Titanic was designed, built and launched in 1912.

Titanic Belfast tells the story of the Titanic, from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to its maiden voyage and subsequent place in history.

The self-guided Titanic Experience extends over nine interpretive and interactive galleries, which explore the sights, sounds, smells and stories of RMS Titanic, as well as the city and people who made her.

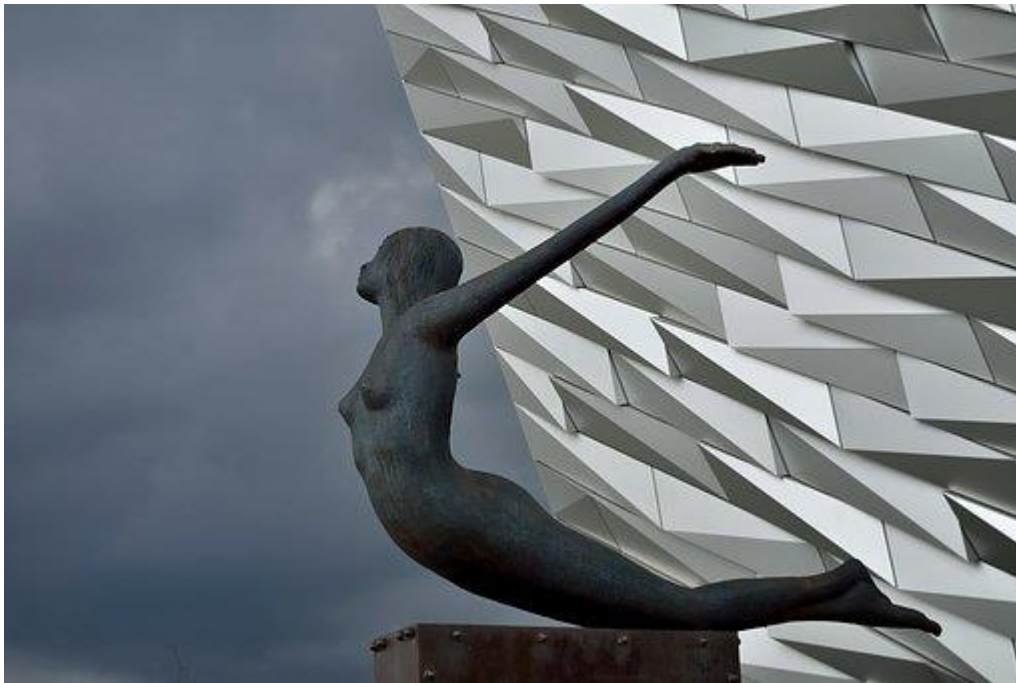
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After your experience, your guide will take you on a tour of the other Titanic sites and experiences in this area.



The Titanic Memorial Garden commemorates the 1,512 people who perished on RMS Titanic in 1912.

Located on the east side of Belfast City Hall, the garden is set on two levels with the upper level containing a nine metre long plinth, inscribed with the names of those who died on RMS Titanic and a lower grassed terrace surrounding the existing monument.

The garden's memorial plinth supports fifteen bronze plaques which list, in alphabetical order, the names of 1,512 people who perished on RMS Titanic.

When the plaques were being designed, it was believed that a complete list of names was already in existence, however this was not the case.

Eight well-known Belfast-made ships are represented by spectacular sculptured masts that line the east side of Donegall Place.

The Masts.

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Donegall Place, Belfast City Centre

Titanic, her sister ships Olympic and Britannic, and Nomadic are among eight famous Belfast made ships represented by spectacular sculptured masts that line the east side of Donegall Place in the heart of Belfast. Each mast carries a sail which celebrates Belfast's maritime heritage.

The Kit

Abercorn Basin, Titanic Quarter

The innovative genius that lay behind the building of Titanic is celebrated in this spectacular see-through 13.5 metre tall bronze structure. A giant modelling kit - using scale replicas of Titanic's component parts - recreates the legendary liner beside the Abercorn Basin, near where the real ship was built. The £200,000 piece was inspired by the plastic frames of the Airfix model kits. At night it lights up Titanic Quarter with blue and white phosphorous lighting.

RMS Titanic's tender ship and the last remaining White Star Line vessel has been restored to her original glory.

Walk the decks, explore the ship, and take journey through over 100 years of authentic maritime and social history.

SS Nomadic is most famous for the part she played in the Titanic story when she ferried first and second class passengers to Titanic from Cherbourg, but this was only the beginning of her extraordinary journey that stretches over 100 years.

Restored to her original 1911 glory and back home in Belfast where she was designed and built, a visit to SS Nomadic and Hamilton Dock combines the authentic heritage and atmosphere of this historic ship with the intriguing stories of her passengers and the ups and downs of her dramatic career.

Stretched over four decks a visit to Nomadic allows you to experience first-hand what it was like to be a passenger boarding Titanic on her fateful maiden voyage, to marvel at the intricate details and the contrasts between the separated class areas on board.

Behind Titanic Belfast you can walk along the historic slipways where Titanic and Olympic were built and launched over 100 years ago.

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See where Titanic first touched the water back in 1911. The Slipways have since been restored and now play host to a variety of open air concerts and events.

Titanic Belfast stands at the head of the historic slipways where Titanic and Olympic were built and from where these famous ships were first launched into the water. Walk down the very slipway where Titanic was constructed and explore a life size plan of Titanic's Promenade Deck which is inlaid in white stone.

Discover the positions of the liner's lifeboats and funnels and have a seat at one of the benches positioned exactly as they would have been on board the deck of Titanic.

Lunch is on your own today. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Belfast.

You will be returned to your hotel, where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day to relax in the hotel or explore Belfast on your own.

Dinner is on your own today. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Belfast.

Day 6 Ireland: **Belfast**

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, you will meet your private driver in the lobby of your hotel for your tour today.

The booming linen industry in the North, made Belfast Ireland's biggest city by 1888. The yellow cranes which dominate the river are Samson and Goliath and signpost the Harland and Wolff shipyard where the world-famous Titanic ship was built.

Enjoy a tour of Belfast City. Lunch is on your own today during the tour in Belfast. Your guide will recommend options for dining around when you are hungry and the area you are in at the time.

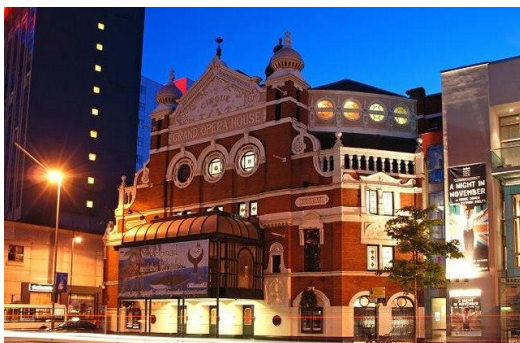
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Start the day off at at Belfast City Hall, one of the finest Classical Renaissance buildings in Europe; it resembles an American state capital building. See the ornate dome, grand staircase and the poignant marble figures commemorating the loss of the Titanic.

Cross the road to the Linen Hall Library which has been lending books for over 200 years and is the oldest surviving subscription library in the UK.



Close by is the Grand Opera House, Northern Ireland's premier theatre. Queens University is beside the Ulster Museum, with its display of Spanish Armada treasures, and The Botanic Gardens in their superb curvilinear Victorian glasshouse.



A deviation off the road here would bring you to the Ulster Folk & Transport Museum. Set in over 170 acres of rolling countryside, this outdoor museum tells the story of life in 19th & early 20th century Ulster.

On the grounds of a Georgian manor house dozens of original relocated buildings combined with full-size reconstructions have created a very representative village (or even small town) of the period. Costumed guides add to the “time travel” feeling.

The transport exhibition “across the road” is a highlight for fans of vintage technology. After the tour you will be returned to your Belfast hotel, where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day.

Dinner is on your own today. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Belfast.

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Day 7 Ireland: **Belfast**

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, you will be at leisure today to enjoy your hotel, visit the spa and refresh and rejuvenate, or go out and explore more of Belfast on your own.

Lunch & **Dinner are on your own today.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Belfast.

Day 8 Ireland: **Belfast – US & Home**

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, you will meet your private driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport to meet your international flight to the US and Home.

End of Services.

Ready to plan your journey? Contact us today ! 678-500-9548

Schedule Your Creative Planning Session Now!