



# Dave Yeates

## IRELAND TOURS



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# Agnes Scott Alumni Ireland & Scotland Tour

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Day 1 – June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Saturday: U.S. to Ireland:** Depart the U.S. for your overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner will be served shortly after take-off.

**Day 2 – June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday: Dublin – Belfast:** Morning arrival at Dublin Airport. After clearing Irish customs, you'll board your motor coach and travel a short distance to the **Man of War Pub**, where you'll enjoy your first Irish breakfast. Continue on then to Belfast City, where you check into your hotel. Take a stroll around the neighborhood or catch a nap before you gather for dinner at your hotel. Overnight at the **Malone Lodge**.

**Day 3 – June 4<sup>th</sup> - Monday: Belfast:** This morning after breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a **guided sightseeing tour of Belfast with Fiona O'Donovan** visiting sites of cultural significance. After lunch on your own in the city centre, we'll make our way to **R-City Coffee** (432 Crumlin Rd.); a café located where a protestant and a Catholic neighborhood meet that is designed with two entrance doors so that people from both communities can enter and feel welcome. We'll have a coffee and hear about the work R-City does with young people from both communities. Dinner on your own and overnight at the **Malone Lodge**.

**Day 4 – June 5<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday: Belfast:** This morning there will be a **Coiste panel** (former paramilitaries) about life since The Troubles at your hotel from 9:30am – 11:30am. Lunch today is at the **Ulster Scots Agency** at 1:00 and includes a lecture on the Ulster Scots language and culture. At 3:30 we'll visit with **Linda Ervine of Turas** at East Belfast Mission, Skainos Centre; Linda teaches the Gaelic language in a Unionist-Loyalist community. Tonight you will enjoy "**Lovers: Winners & Losers**" at the Lyric Theatre at 7:45pm. Dinner on your own and overnight at the **Malone Lodge**.

**Day 5 – June 6<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday: Belfast:** Today you have the option of going for a **scenic drive along the Antrim Coast** or taking the day to independently explore **Belfast City**. Tonight author **Anne Devlin** will give a talk at our hotel at 7:30. Dinner on your own and overnight at **Malone Lodge**.

**Day 6 – June 7<sup>th</sup> – Thursday: Belfast – Cairnryan – Maybole – Ayr:** This morning after breakfast you'll bid a fond farewell to your Irish driver/guide Dave. You will then be met by your Scottish tour escort, Joe Clifford and be escorted to your new coach for the Scottish portion of your trip and transfer to Larne Pier for the **ferry to Cairnryan**. On to Maybole for a guided visit of **Culzeon Castle and Country Park**. Dinner on your own and overnight at the **Western House Hotel in Ayr**.

**Day 7 – June 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday: Ayr – Alloway – Ayr:** After a full Scottish Breakfast at the hotel, you travel on to Alloway to visit the **Robert Burns Birthplace Centre** for a guided tour. Lunch on you own at the Centre. Your afternoon is free to explore Ayr. Dinner on your own and overnight at **Western House Hotel**.

**Day 8 – June 9<sup>th</sup> – Saturday: Ayr – Dumfries – Melrose:** After breakfast, you make your way to Dumfries, stopping at the **Ellisland Farm** for the "Tam O'Shanter Walk" and recitation. Enjoy lunch at the farm (soup, sandwich and coffee). In Dumfries you view the **Globe Inn** and stop at **Robert Burn's House and tomb**. On to Melrose. Dinner on your own and overnight at **Burt's Hotel and Town House Hotel**.

**Day 9 – June 10<sup>th</sup> – Sunday: Melrose:** Breakfast at hotel, then off to **Abbotsford House and Gardens**, Sir Walter Scott's house, for a guided tour and lunch on your own. After, visit **Dryburgh Abbey**, Scott's burial place, and other related sites with a local guide. Dinner on your own and overnight at **Burt's Hotel and Town House Hotel**.

**Day 10 – June 11<sup>th</sup> – Monday: Melrose – Selkirk – Melrose:** After breakfast at your hotel, you travel on to Selkirk and visit the **Bowhill House Country Estate** for a guided tour. Then on for a tour of the **Locharron Visitor Centre**, where you will also enjoy a lunch of soup and sandwich. Enjoy a guided tour of the Locharron Mill before returning to your Melrose hotel. Tonight we have a **three course dinner** with a Scottish musical performance at the Townhouse Hotel. Overnight at **Burt’s Hotel and Town House Hotel**.

**Day 11 – June 12<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday: Melrose – Roslin – South Queensferry – Loch Lomond:** After breakfast at your hotel, you will head to **Rosslyn Chapel**, a place of worship since 1446, for a guided tour. Then on to **South Queensferry**, a historic village on Firth of Forth where three Forth bridges meet. Here you will have time to explore the many cafes, shops, and sights of the town including Hawes Inn, and have lunch on your own. Dinner on your own and overnight at **The Lodge Hotel in Loch Lomond**.

**Day 12 – June 13<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday: Loch Lomond:** Full English breakfast in hotel. You will then enjoy a 90 minute scenic **cruise on Loch Lomond** including tea and shortbread. The rest of the day is at your leisure, or take an excursion to **Trossachs**. Three course **dinner** and overnight at **The Lodge Hotel**.

**Day 13 – June 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday: Loch Lomond – Edinburgh:** After your hotel breakfast, you will head to Edinburgh where you will meet your local city guide and embark on a **“Book Lovers Tour”** exploring significant literary sites. A stop is included at the café where J.K. Rowling wrote the early chapters of the first Harry Potter novel. Dinner will be on your own. Overnight at **Edinburgh Marriott Hotel**.

**Day 14 – June 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday:** After breakfast, you will transfer to the Edinburgh airport to head home or continue your travels. U.S. flights arrive home the same day.

## **TOUR INCLUDES:**

- ♣ Accommodations for twelve (12) nights at hotels listed, rooms with private facilities
- ♣ Full breakfast daily, including the day of arrival at the Man of War Pub
- ♣ One (1) hotel dinner in Belfast, and two (2) dinners in Scotland: dinner with Scottish music at the Townhouse Hotel in Melrose, and hotel dinner at the Lodge at Loch Lomond
- ♣ One (1) lunch in Dumfries (soup, sandwich & coffee), and One (1) lunch of soup & sandwich in Locharron
- ♣ Admissions: Culzeon Castle and Country Park, Robert Burns Birthplace, Ellisland Farm, Abbotsford House and Gardens, Dryburgh Abbey, Bowhill House, Locharron Visitor Centre, and Rosslyn Chapel
- ♣ 90 minute cruise on Loch Lomond with tea and shortbread
- ♣ Half-day guided tour of Belfast
- ♣ Reserved room at the Malone Lodge hotel for the Panel of speakers re: Troubles and for Anne Devlin
- ♣ Theatre performance at the Lyric Theatre
- ♣ One-Way ferry ticket from Larne to Cairnryan
- ♣ Edinburgh – guided tour for “Book Lovers Tour”
- ♣ All transportation and sightseeing via deluxe touring motor coach with the services of a professional driver/guide (1 person in Ireland – Dave Yeates) while in Ireland, and separate coach with driver and tour escort (2 people contracted through Operation Europe) while in Scotland
- ♣ Tips and taxes in Ireland and Scotland
- ♣ Tip to your driver/guide Ireland and driver and guide in Scotland are included. **NOTE: Tips to individual city guides are not included; this is at the passengers’ discretion.**
- ♣ Porterage of one (1) suitcase throughout
- ♣ Celtic Tours portfolio of travel documents

## **HOTELS:**

**Belfast:** Malone Lodge Hotel

60 Eglantine Ave-Malone Rd  
Belfast, Co. Antrim BT9 6DY  
PH: 028-9038-8000  
FROM US: 011-44-28-9038-8000

**Ayr:** Western House Hotel

66 Craigie Rd  
Ayr KA8 0HA, UK  
PH: 01-292-294-990  
FROM US: 011-44-1292-294-990

**Melrose:** Townhouse Hotel

Market Square  
Melrose TD6 9PQ UK  
PH: 01-896-822-645  
FROM US: 011-44-1896-822-645

**Melrose:** Burt's Hotel

Market Square  
Melrose TD6 9PL  
PH: 01-896-822-285  
FROM US: 011-44-1896-822-285

**Loch Lomond:** The Lodge Hotel

Loch Lomond Luss  
Luss, Loch Lomond G83 8PA, UK  
PH: 01-436-860-201  
FROM US: 011-44-1436-860-201

**Edinburgh:** Edinburgh Marriott Hotel

111 Glasgow Rd  
Edinburgh EH12 8NF, UK  
PH: 01-31-334-9191  
FROM US: 011-44-131-334-9191

### **HOTEL NOTICE CHECK-IN:**

In most areas, the check-in time is approximately 2:00 p.m. onwards. Most hotels will hold your luggage for you upon arrival, until your room is available. It takes time to prepare your room after other guests have left. The checkout time is usually between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. If you arrive on an early morning flight into Ireland, every effort will be made to obtain an early check-in at your hotel; however this is not always possible. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

DRIVER WILL ADVISE YOU OF THE DAILY SCHEDULE EACH DAY WHILE ON THE COACH.  
IN ORDER TO ENSURE FAIRNESS, DAILY ROTATION OF SEATS ON MOTOR COACH TOURS IS REQUIRED.

PLEASE USE THE ENCLOSED BAGGAGE TAGS, AS THIS IS HOW OUR DRIVER RECOGNIZES YOU BELONG ON HIS COACH. THEY ARE ALSO USED IN SORTING LUGGAGE AT AIRPORT AND HOTELS. THANK YOU.

**CELTIC TOURS - Albany, NY Office Tel. (Calling from Ireland)  
001-518-862-0042 or 001-833-4373**

**Celtic Tours 24 Hour (EMERGENCIES ONLY) Ph: 001-518-229-0089**  
**When calling from the United States to Ireland, the international codes are as follows:**  
**For the Republic of Ireland dial 011 353, and drop the zero on the area code.**

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