## **Vikings and Royals Shore Excursion Inclusions**

Edinburgh starts with a scenic drive north to East Neuk in the Kingdom of Fife where you will visit the delightful fishing village of Anstruther. Stroll around the busy harbor and pop into the popular Fishing Museum. If you're lucky you might get to see a dolphin in the waters! From there you will next travel to the world-renowned golfing mecca of St. Andrews. Enjoy a tour around the town and stop at the Old Course, one of the most iconic and photographed golf courses in the world. Spanning 6721 yards in length, this legendary course is still open to the public for play. Continue to Market Street in the heart of the city for 2 hours of free time to tour this beloved area on your own terms. Get up close and personal with the picturesque ruins of St. Andrews Castle or head over to historic St. Andrews Cathedral. The Golfing Museum is a must-do for golfing afficionados. You can also walk along the beach or just stay in town for shopping and a bite to eat. Connect back with your group and make your way to Falkland village nestled at the foot of the Lomond Hills. Take a tour around this town that used to be a prime vacation and hunting spot for Stuart royalty and now was most recently used in the filming of the movie Outla.

Depart Kirkwall and enjoy views of Scapa Flow famous for its travel trade and conflict over the years. Visit the beautiful Italian Chapel and Churchill Barriers. This chapel tells a story of patience faith hope and camaraderie. (Family artefacts and photos available to view given by Italian POW's) Next, we travel to Rennibister Earth House, a wonderfull example of a subterranean souterrain which was discovered in November 1926. It lies by the south – eastern shores of the Bay 'O' Firth and is believed to date to around the first milleneum .The bones of 6 adults and 12 children were found inside this structure. Following on we visit The Standing Stones of Stenness dates from around 3100BC making the stones one of the earliest stone circles in Britain. There are only four megaliths still standing today, it is thought that there could have been 12 megaliths originally however excavations suggest that the11th or 12th stones may never have been erected. From here we journey to view The Ring of Brodgar, it is thought to date from around 2500BC and is believed by many to have been ceremonial. It is the third largest and best preserved Stone Circle in Great Britain. The stones at the ring are quite evenly spaced and at one time contained sixty. Many visitors to this site feel compelled to touch them or place an ear to them. Mystery still surrounds the actual purpose of the Stones. The afternoon continues with a tour to Skara Brae, a Neolithic village and one of Orkney's most visited ancient sites. It dates back to between 3200BC and 2200BC. Skara Brae has eight dwellings linked together by a series of low covered passages. The buildings and the contents are very well preserved, including interior fittings, providing a fascinating and thought provoking glimpse of life at that time.

Depart from Tórshavn and drive to Kirkjubø where coffee and cake will be served in the atmospheric Roykstovan. When arriving in Tórshavn, there will be a guided walk in the old part of Tórshavn. The tour takes approx. 4 hours.

Climb into a Super Jeep and leave Akureyri behind to experience the magic of Dettifoss Waterfall. Scaling 44m high and 100m wide, this stunning fall is the most powerful one in Europe. Carefully walk up a rocky path to the viewing platform and listen to the roar of the water as it plunges into the canyon below. Make sure to have your camera to capture stunning photos to add your wall or photo collection. Upload one to Facebook for your profile cover to be the envy of your friends, then enjoy a hike up to the smaller Selfoss Waterfall. While much shorter in height, this beautiful 10m high fall is very wide and worth the walk. Take another path in the area to smaller Hafragilsfoss Waterfall and enjoy an impressive overview of the canyon surrounding the fall and river. This area (and the falls) is one of Iceland's national monuments.

Due to limited infrastructure, tours in these locations(\*) are limited to walking tours of between 1 and 2 hours. They are photo opportunities of the local culture and lifestyle. (\*) Isafjl.ordur, IcelandPaamiut, Greenland Qaqortoq, Greenland

The Golden Circle is among Iceland's most popular routes, and you'll get to experience it for yourself on this scenic tour. Your Reykjavik tour takes you to some of Iceland's incredible natural attractions that will provide you with memories that will last a lifetime. If you want to make the most of your time in Reykjavik, book your tour now. The popular tourist route needs no introduction. The loop is home to a number of attractions including Strokkur, Gullfoss, and Thingvellir National Park. Strokkur is an amazing sight to behold: The geyser shoots up a water column up that reaches almost 100 feet! This occurs every 4-8 minutes, so you'll have plenty of chances for a photo. Another stop is Gullfoss, the majestic Iceland waterfall with a drop of more than 100 feet; you can stand next to it for a quick photo. You will also visit Thingvellir National Park, where you'll be able to see exactly where Eurasian and American tectonic plates pull apart little by little each year.

## Londonderry tba

Departing Belfast Cruise port, the tour heads inland through beautiful scenery directly to the Giants Causeway. Most cruise lines travel to Belfast first, which makes the roads clear for you on this tour. Upon arrival unlock the mystery and theories of the stunning landscape in the award winning exhibition center. There is a café for those who want to indulge in local cuisine, and retail area where you can take back local souvenirs. After approximately one hour we depart for Dunluce Castle. Here you have an opportunity to take photos of these striking ruins. Then it's a short journey to the famous rope bridge near Ballintoy known as the Carrick-a-Rede. The bridge is 20 meters long and 30 meters above the sea and rocks below. This bridge links Northern Ireland to the small island of Carrickarede. Those interested can choose to cross the bridge for an additional fee of approximately £5.90 GBP (not included in tour price) on the day of the tour. Next, head along one of the most picturesque portions of this journey to the seaside village of Ballycastle where we can enjoy lunch on your own in the heart of the Giants Causeway. After lunch, continue the coastal tour toward Belfast City. In Belfast, your tour includes the sights in the city and a main highlight is seeing where the famed Titanic ship was built. Belfast was created during a time of industry and engineering, it overcame disease, bombing, famine and many political issues.

This tour of Wicklow is guaranteed to be one of the highlights of your visit to Ireland. You may arrive a stranger, but you will leave a friend. Your most memorable day in Ireland is enhanced by your award winning tour guides. Absorb their tall tales and legends of Glencree Valley and the famous Sally Gap. Soak up the breath-taking Wicklow mountain scenery and rolling green countryside at locations made famous by movies such as Braveheart, P.S. I Love You, and Vikings. The stunning scenery of your route includes Glencree Valley, a photo stop at the Guinness Lakes, the bog lands and heather fields of the Sally Gap, and Glendalough. Situated in the heart of the Wicklow Mountains, the 10th century monastic round tower settlement in Glendalough is the jewel in the crown of the Wicklow Mountains Tour. Offering up leisurely (or more challenging) walkways to the lower and upper lakes, Glendalough is a must for any visit to Ireland. You will have the opportunity to try a shot of Irish whisky before heading back to Dublin after a day exploring the enchanting garden of Ireland.