

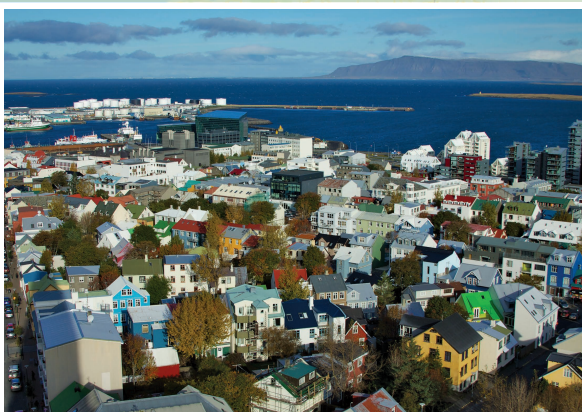
Ireland, Iceland and The Isles

6 - 30 AUGUST • 25 DAYS



Seldom does an opportunity such as this present itself. A luxurious two week *Celebrity Cruise* to the *Emerald Isles* plus the *Land of Ice and Fire*. See Ireland's historic cities of *Cork*, *Waterford*, *Dublin* and *Belfast* along with its lush green landscape. Visit Iceland's steaming *geothermal pools*, *volcanoes* and *rushing waterfalls* which will take your breath away. Added to this cruise of Ireland and Iceland are some iconic British sites. UK highlights include the state rooms of *Buckingham Palace*, the labyrinth tunnels of the *Churchill War Rooms*, *Highclere Castle*, made famous by the hit Series *Downton Abbey* and beautiful *Beaulieu* historic home, gardens and motor museum. In three weeks you *only unpack three times!!*

If the *Edinburgh Tattoo* is on your bucket list you can include this experience along with extended time to visit relatives or explore the UK on your own.



"One's destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things." HENRY MILLER



FROM **\$14,980** per person
share twin

INCLUDED

- Return Economy Class airfares flying Singapore Airlines ex CHC or AKL
- 15 day cruise including all meals in a "Balcony" stateroom
- Tips, port charges and on-board gratuities
- All transfers and sightseeing as specified
- 4 star hotels in the UK
- 4 nights London pre-cruise plus sightseeing
- 2 nights Southampton post cruise including sightseeing
- Singapore Stopovers en-route including Belfast
- Shore excursions in Iceland & Cork.
- All breakfasts in the UK
- Travel 2U tour pack
- Services of a Travel 2U tour leader

NOT INCLUDED

- Items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, laundry, drinks, spending money etc
- Meals other than those stated
- Fuel surcharges, airport taxes, and govt levies approx. \$365
- Optional shore excursions whilst cruising
- Single supplement from \$6,390

OPTIONAL – PER PERSON (POA)

- Return Business or Premium Economy Class upgrade options on Singapore Airlines flights.



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NEW ZEALAND – SINGAPORE

one night Singapore

Day 1 Today we depart New Zealand on Singapore Airlines bound for London and the start of our wonderful journey to England, Ireland, the Channel Islands and Iceland.

SINGAPORE – LONDON

four nights London

Days 2–6 Our overnight transit in Singapore provides us with an opportunity to rest prior to our morning flight to London. On arrival, we'll transfer to our centrally located hotel, perfect for exploring the sights of this great city. We'll visit the **Churchill War Rooms**, the underground bunker from where **Winston Churchill** and his war cabinet plotted the allied route to victory during WWII. Included is a visit to **Buckingham Palace** where we see the lavishly furnished **State Rooms** of the world's few remaining working royal palaces. There is ample time for iconic attractions such as **Big Ben**, the **London Eye**, **Tower of London**, **Hyde Park** and **Harrods**.

OPTIONAL EDINBURGH TATTOO ADD ON:

Our stay in London coincides with the **Edinburgh Military Tattoo**. If you've been to London previously and would like to take advantage of your time in the UK to visit the Tattoo, we can make arrangements to accommodate you.

The Tattoo option is unescorted, however past trips have proven to be very popular, so speak with us if you are interested in finding out more.



LONDON – SOUTHAMPTON

Day 7 Today we transfer from London to Southampton where we join Celebrity Cruises **MS Silhouette**, and the beginning of our **North Atlantic Odyssey**.

14 NIGHT CRUISE ABOARD CELEBRITY SILHOUETTE

Days 7-21 **MS Silhouette** is Celebrity's most modern of their fleet of 12 vessels, offering an array of innovative features for the cruise passenger who enjoys a little luxury, delivered in a casual and relaxed style. Our **Balcony Staterooms** are roomy, with plenty of storage space, 24 hour room service and a cosy seating area to relax. Unpack, settle in and explore your beautiful onboard surroundings as we prepare to sail!

ST PETER PORT (GUERNSEY)

Day 8 **St Peter Port** is the **Capital of Guernsey** and has been a busy port as far back as Roman times. Today it's regarded as one of the prettiest ports in Europe, with **Castle Cornet** standing guard over the town as it has done for more than 800 years. The church is the town's centerpiece and claims to be the closest church to a pub in the British Isles! You can learn about the Islands history at the **Guernsey Tapestry**, wander the beautiful **Candie Gardens**, visit **Hauteville House**, home to French writer **Victor Hugo**, or just relax unwind and explore the boutique shops, then sit back at one of the many cafes or bars and watch the world go by.

CORK (Cobh Port) (REPUBLIC OF IRELAND)

Day 9 Our day begins with a visit to **Blarney Castle** – a romantic ruin that dates back to 1446. Explore the castle gardens, climb the steps, kiss the stone and enjoy the breathtaking view from the top. Travelling through rolling fields our scenic drive takes us to **Kinsale**, regarded as Ireland's gourmet capital, a picturesque and enchanting town just waiting to be explored. Before returning to our ship we'll see the highlights of **Cork City** and the port of **Cobh** which was the original embarkation point for the hundreds of thousands of, mostly hungry and penniless, migrants seeking a new life in the Americas and beyond.

WATERFORD

Day 10 The oldest city in Ireland, **Waterford** celebrated its 1100 anniversary in 2014. Its history dates back to Viking times and whilst the city has been extensively redeveloped, it still retains vestiges of its Viking and Norman past in the narrow streets and town walls of the **Viking Triangle**. Here you find three excellent museums telling the story of Ireland's middle ages. We also find the home of the famous **Waterford Crystal**, where at **The House of Waterford** you can see how skilled craftsmen still use ancient wooden molds to shape hand-blown molten crystal to transform into stunning works of art. If crystal doesn't make you want to sparkle, an optional ship shore excursion into the country side surely will.



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DUBLIN

Day 11–12 Settled by *Vikings* in 841AD *Dublin* has been a magnet through the ages for saints, scholars, poets, playwrights and dreamers. An easy city to navigate by foot or hop-on hop-off bus with must see's that include *Trinity College*, the *Guinness Factory* and *Dublin Castle*. For whiskey lovers a tour to the *Jameson* or *Teeling Whiskey* distilleries can be accommodated. For the shoppers, an array of options in close proximity to the town centre awaits, with *Grafton Street*, offering everything from high-end boutique to regular *High Street* fare. *Oscar Wilde*, *George Bernard Shaw* and *William Yeats* are three of a long list of distinguished poets, playwrights and novelists, originating from Dublin and immortalized in bronze and stone across the city. In 2018 some of Dublin's statues have been given a voice, and if you've ever wondered what a famous statue might be able to tell you if it could talk... in Dublin you'll wonder no more! For those who enjoy gardens an optional excursion to *Powerscourt Estate* will reward you with exquisite vistas.

Days 13–14 Two days at sea to relax and enjoy the facilities and services of your floating resort. *MS Silhouette* has **15 dining options** at your disposal including *specialty restaurants* to celebrate that special occasion, or to treat yourself to a more intimate dining experience. There are **10 lounges**, bars and dance clubs for your enjoyment, a casino, fitness and spa facilities, *shopping plaza* with high-street and top-end stores including an *innovation store*. Enroll in a number of *workshops* and *classes* including wine appreciation, mixology, food and wine pairing, art, dance, language, yoga, fitness and wellbeing, technology and photography... the options to fill your day are almost endless! In the evening check-out the onboard entertainers, and of course the ships cabaret and shows, or catch the latest movie releases at the theatre.

REYKJAVIK (ICELAND)

Days 15–16 This morning we arrive at *Reykjavik*, Iceland's capital city, located on the south west coast of the island. Norsemen chose this location to settle in 877A.D, due to its proximity to the *hot geothermal springs*, making life tolerable during the cold winter months. Today Reykjavik still utilizes the thermal springs to heat all of the town's buildings. From Reykjavik we will explore the geothermal fields of *Haukadalur*, where geysers spout steaming water 30 metres into the air every 8 minutes. On the glacier fed *Hvita River* see the *Gulfoss* or *Golden Falls*, an iconic waterfall disappears into a 32 metre deep crevice.

AKUREYRI (ICELAND)

Day 17 Today *Akureyri* (pronounced ak-koo-rare-ee) is Iceland's second largest city with a population of around 18,000. It's nestled at the head of Iceland's longest Fjord, *Eyjafjorour* at the base of snowcapped peaks. In the summer flowering gardens belie the geographical location as it's just a stone's-throw from the *Arctic Circle*. The *Akureyri Botanical Gardens* has a wonderful collection of high latitude plants well worth visiting. You can expect quirky cafes, quality restaurants, a handful of art galleries and museums, well maintained walkways and trails. One museum *Into the Arctic* would be of interest for those with a bent on polar exploration. Exhibits include old charts used by some of the first Polar explorers, the oldest dating back 300 years. Optional shore excursions include *whale watching* or a visit to *Santa's House* where it's Christmas every day of the year.

Day 18 At sea.

BELFAST (IRELAND)

Day 19 Belfast is Northern Ireland's capital and largest city. During the *heady* days of the Industrial Revolution it was the largest producer of *Irish Linen* and had the largest rope making and shipbuilding industries in the world. Since the

two days in port



troubled times of the 1970's and 80's Belfast has been transformed into a new city. The city's divided into cultural quarters being the *Cathedral*, *Gaeltacht*, *Queens Quarter* and the *Titanic Quarter* where visitors can see beautifully restored Victorian architecture, indulge in retail therapy at fabulous shopping outlets or enjoy the *quintessential Irish experience* at the lively waterfront lined with modern art galleries, live music, fantastic eateries, and a lively pub scene. Follow the *Maritime Mile* waterfront trail to see the award winning *Titanic Belfast* to explore the exhibits of arguably the world's most notorious maritime disaster. An optional shore excursion to the *Giants Causeway* can be accommodated.

DAY 20 At sea.

SOUTHAMPTON

Days 21–22 Southampton is a bustling port city bursting with history, great shopping opportunities, wonderful restaurants and superb English pubs. There's a deep connection here with WWII, having been the staging area for the *D-Day* assault on the beaches of Northern France. We'll visit *Highclere Castle* location of the hit British TV series *Downton Abbey* and *Beaulieu*, boasting one of the finest stately homes and most beautiful gardens in the UK. It's also home to the *National Motor Museum*, the *Secret Army exhibition* and *World of Top Gear*. The latest edition to Beaulieu, appropriately name *Chequered History* tells the story of motor racing from the early years to today's high performance *F1 machines*. *Arundel Castle* built at the end of the 11th century by the Earl of Arundel is also on our list of visits. It's one of a few castles that has descended directly from 1138 to its present day owners and has been the seat of the *Dukes of Norfolk* for over 850 years.

SOUTHAMPTON – LONDON – SINGAPORE

Days 23–24 After a leisurely morning we'll be met by our coach and make our way to London Heathrow Airport, to begin our flights homeward, or to other points in Europe for those choosing to stay on a bit longer. We arrive in Singapore late afternoon and will be taken to our well positioned hotel where the remainder of the day and evening is at leisure.

SINGAPORE – NEW ZEALAND

Day 25 You have today to do anything that takes your fancy in beautiful Singapore, from shopping on Orchard Road or the Marina Bay shopping centre, to looking around *Gardens by the Bay* the impressive domed botanical gardens, or simply relaxing poolside before the final assault on the suitcase.

Day 26 On arrival in New Zealand our wonderful experience draws to a conclusion. It's not the end of the journey though, simply a completed chapter in the book of unforgettable experiences.

