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The UK City to Country Adventure



London ➔ Birmingham ➔ Manchester ➔ Edinburgh ➔ Glasgow

Day 1: London to Birmingham

Distance: 192km
Approx. 2 hours and 25 minutes



After you have had your London fix, head northwest to the city of **Birmingham**. The top attractions here include **Cadbury World**, **The Birmingham Botanical Gardens** and the **Birmingham Hippodrome**. However, with many restaurants and bars at your disposal, you will never be short of an adventure. It is also a fun fact that Birmingham is known to some as the home of heavy metal as a number of famous artists such as the lead singer of Led Zeppelin and Black Sabbath (including Ozzy Osbourne) originated from here.



Buckingham Palace

London is a bustling city that always has something new to see and new experiences to do, so it makes it the perfect starting point for your **UK** road trip. Upon arrival at **London Heathrow** Airport, collect your UK car hire here and explore all that the city has to offer. See the iconic **Big Ben** gothic clock tower, take a ride on the **London Eye**, be in awe of **Buckingham Palace** or take a walk through **Hyde Park** and by the **River Thames**.



Big Ben

Things to do in London:

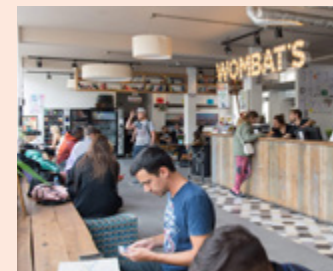
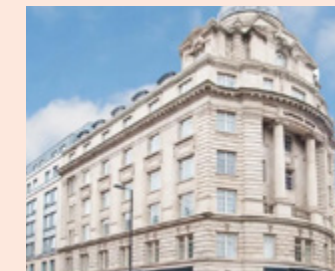
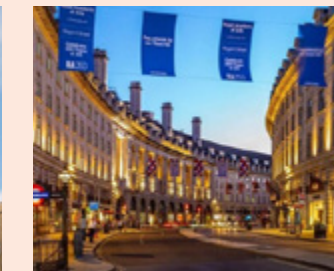
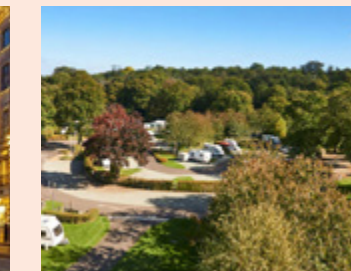
- Big Ben
- London Eye
- Buckingham Palace
- River Thames
- Hyde Park



Helpful Tip

Avoid the **congestion charge** in London by travelling outside of those hours.

Places to Stay in London

<p>Budget Option: <u>Wombat's City Hostel London</u></p> 	<p>Best Value: <u>Travelodge London Central City Road</u></p> 	<p>Family: <u>Park Lane Apartments Shaw House</u></p> 	<p>Motorhomes: <u>Abby Wood Club Campsite</u></p> 
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Day 2: Birmingham to Manchester

Distance: 152km

Approx. 1 hour and 51 minutes



Once you have finished rocking it in Birmingham, drive for another hour to Manchester. This major city was inhabited by the Romans as far back as the 16th century and the **Castlefield district** still shows the proof. Park in the central west part of the city and set off to explore the site and see the remains of walls and canals built hundreds of years ago. Take a short drive from here to the **Science and Industry Museum** where the first railway station in the world, **Liverpool Road station** lies, which is a must-see for any history buff or transport enthusiast. If you're a Football fan, no trip to Manchester would be complete without travelling to **Old Trafford**, which is home to Manchester United!

Things to do in Manchester:

- Castlefield
- Old Trafford
- Museum of Science and Industry



Places to Stay in Manchester

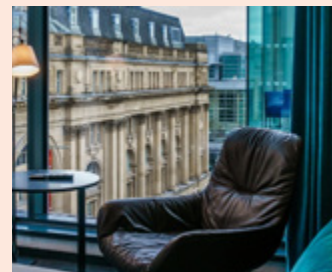
Budget Option:

[easyHotel Manchester City Centre](#)



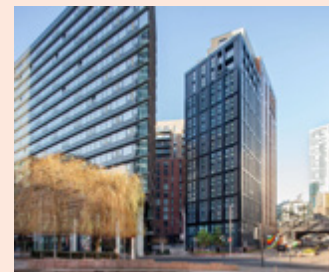
Best Value:

[Motel One Manchester Royal-Exchange](#)



Family:

[CitySuites Aparthotel](#)



Motorhomes:

[Burrs Country Park Club Campsite](#)



Day 3: Manchester to Edinburgh

Distance: 349km

Approx. 4 hours and 10 minutes



Once you have experienced all that Manchester has to offer, take a four-hour drive to **Edinburgh**. No trip to Edinburgh would be complete without getting a great city view from the magnificent **Edinburgh Castle**. If you would prefer a little walk, travel to **Holyrood Park** where you can climb to the highest point at Arthurs Seat. **Arthurs Seat** is an ancient volcano and the site of a large and well-preserved fort. Whilst in the park you can also visit **St Anthony's Chapel** - a 15th-century medieval chapel and Salisbury Crags - a series of 50-metre cliff faces. On the outskirts of Edinburgh, you'll find the stunning **Craigmillar Castle** and **Rosslyn Chapel** (which is featured in the Da Vinci Code).



Things to do in Edinburgh:

- Holyrood Park
- Rosslyn Chapel
- Edinburgh Castle
- St Anthony's Chapel
- Craigmillar Castle
- Arthurs Seat



Places to Stay in Edinburgh

Budget Option:

[CoDE Pod – THE CoURT](#)



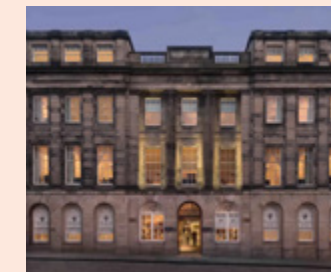
Best Value:

[Cityroomz](#)



Family:

[Princess Street Suites](#)



Motorhomes:

[Edinburgh Club Campsite](#)



Day 4: Edinburgh to Glasgow

Distance: 75km

Approx. 1 hour



About an hour's drive away from Edinburgh you will find the beautiful port city of Glasgow. It is famed for its Victorian and art nouveau architecture whilst being home to a number of cathedrals and galleries such as the **Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum**, the **Gallery of Modern Art**, **Riverside Museum** and **Glasgow Cathedral**. The **Glasgow Botanic Gardens** are also a must if you're travelling in the summertime.

If you are looking for the best time to visit Glasgow then we would recommend between March and August as this is when temperatures are at a moderate peak and you will have more daylight hours.

Things to do in Glasgow:

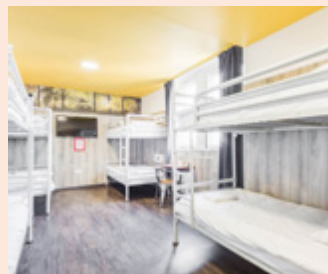
- The Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum
- The Gallery of Modern Art
- Riverside Museum
- Glasgow Cathedral



Places to Stay in Glasgow

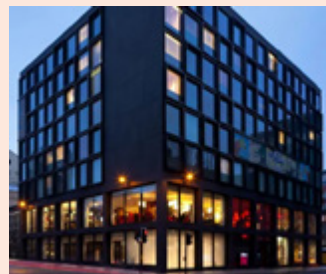
Budget Option:

[Euro Hostel Glasgow](#)



Best Value:

[citizenM Glasgow](#)



Family:

[voco Grand Central Glasgow](#)



Motorhomes:

[Red Deer Village Holiday Park](#)



Old town, Edinburgh





The Cotswolds Country Charm



Oxford ➤ Burford ➤ Stow-on-the-Wold ➤ Cirencester

Day 1: Oxford to Burford

Distance: 33km
Approx. 40 minutes



Oxford is filled with a historic background that makes this southern **England** city so charming. With a number of gardens, parks, bookstores and cafes to explore, it is a delightful city for leisurely walks and discovering hidden gems. **Oxford** is the perfect gateway to the **Cotswolds** as it is relatively close and easily accessible from the city. While you are in the city of Oxford, be sure to visit some of the free attractions in the area such as the **Bodleian Library** or **Pitt Rivers Museum**. However, if you are a Harry Potter fan then you must take one of the **Oxford Harry Potter Tours** to see some of the film locations in real life.

Following on from Oxford you will now take the 40-minute drive to the town of **Burford**. Located on the **River Windrush**, Burford is known for its medieval bridge and streets with old stone houses. Enjoy the charming atmosphere of this historic town by dining in or staying at the many places in town such as **Burford House**, **The Maytime Inn**, **The Royal Oak** or **The Angel at Burford**. From here, you can also venture out to **The Cotswold Wildlife Park & Gardens**.



Things to do in Oxford:

- Oxford Castle & Prison
- The Covered Market
- Ashmolean Museum
- Oxford University Museum of Natural History
- Pitt Rivers Museum

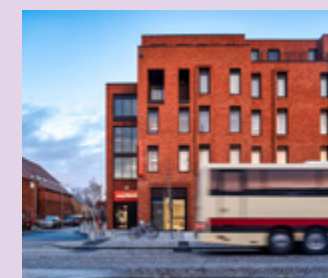


Places to Stay in Oxford

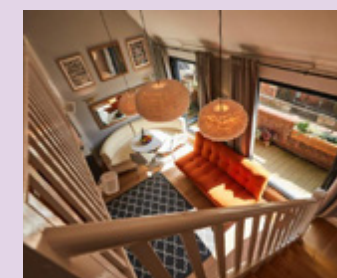
Budget Option:
[Central Backpackers Oxford](#)



Best Value:
[easyHotel Oxford](#)



Family:
[The Union Penthouse](#)



Motorhomes:
[Oxford Camping and Caravanning Club Site](#)



Day 2: Burford to Stow-on-the-Wold

Distance: 16km
Approx. 16 minutes



Not only are there a number of attractions within the town, but you will also be spoilt for choice in the surrounding area of **Bourton-on-the-Water** with places like **The Cotswold Farm Park**, **The Dragonfly Maze**, **The Cotswold Perfumery** and **The Model Village** only a short drive away.



The Cotswolds

Things to do in Stow-on-the-Wold:

- Cotswold Motoring Museum & Toy Collection
- St Edward's Church
- Stow-on-the-Wold Market Square



St Edward's Church

Places to Stay in Stow-on-the-Wold

Budget Option:
[The Sheep on Sheep Street](#)

Best Value:
[The Porch House](#)

Family:
[The Old Stocks Inn](#)

Motorhomes:
[Cotswold Hills Country Park](#)



Day 3: Stow-on-the-Wold to Cirencester

Distance: 31km
Approx. 31 minutes



Cirencester is located in the **Gloucestershire** region of **England** and is known as the "Capital of the Cotswolds." With its rich history, enchanting laneways and natural beauty, there is no wonder it is the heart of the Cotswolds. At the heart of the town, you'll find the bustling **Cirencester Market Square**. It has been a center of trade for centuries and still hosts regular markets, where you can find local produce, crafts, and antiques. The square is surrounded by a variety of shops, cafes, and historic buildings. You will have to venture to the famous **Cecily Street** to admire the colourful floral display which was once voted one of the most picturesque streets in the UK.

Cirencester's historical significance, coupled with its vibrant cultural scene and natural beauty, make it an appealing destination for both history enthusiasts and those seeking a quintessential Cotswold experience. Whether you're exploring its Roman heritage, enjoying the local markets, or simply strolling through its picturesque streets, Cirencester offers a delightful blend of past and present.



Cirencester Park

Things to do in Cirencester:

- Corinium Museum
- Cotswold Sculpture Park
- Cirencester Park
- Cotswolds AONB



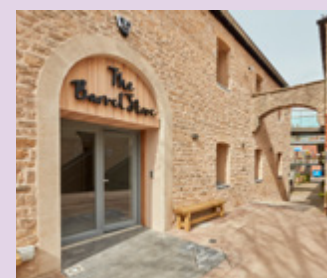
Places to Stay in Cirencester

Budget Option:
[Premier Inn Cirencester Hotel](#)

Best Value:
[The Fleece at Cirencester](#)

Family:
[The Barrel Store Cirencester](#)

Motorhomes:
[Cirencester Park Club Campsite](#)





North East 250: A Scenic Scottish Sojourn



Aberdeen ➤ Tomintoul ➤ Cullen ➤ Fraserburgh ➤ Aberdeen

Day 1: Aberdeen to Tomintoul

Distance: 95km
Approx. 1 hour 40 minutes



Start your Scottish road trip in the third-largest city in **Scotland**, **Aberdeen**. Explore the city's rich history by visiting attractions like the 13th-century **Aberdeen Maritime Museum**, which showcases the city's maritime heritage, and the impressive ruins of **Dunnottar Castle**, perched on a cliff overlooking the **North Sea**. Discover the city's vibrant arts scene at venues like the **Aberdeen Art Gallery**, home to a diverse collection of art from around the world. Take a stroll along the sandy stretch of **Aberdeen Beach**, where you can enjoy panoramic views, indulge in beachside activities, or even try your hand at surfing.



For whisky enthusiasts, visiting the **Glenfiddich Distillery** in nearby **Dufftown** is a must, offering tours and tastings of their renowned single malt Scotch whisky. Aberdeen is also a gateway to the stunning landscapes of the **Scottish Highlands**, with opportunities for outdoor activities such as hiking, fishing, and wildlife spotting in the nearby **Cairngorms National Park**. You can also visit the historic **Crathes Castle** just 30 minutes out of town. With its blend of history, culture, and natural beauty, Aberdeen provides a memorable experience for all who visit.



Things to do in Aberdeen:

- Duthie Park
- Codona's
- Old Aberdeen
- Provost Skene's House



Places to Stay in Aberdeen

Budget Option: Great Western Hotel	Best Value: Palm Court Hotel	Family: Marischal Apartments	Motorhomes: Stonehaven Queen Elizabeth Park Club Campsite

Day 2: Tomintoul to Cullen

Distance: 69km
approx. 1 hour 5 minutes



Tomintoul provides a peaceful and picturesque escape for visitors seeking outdoor adventures and a taste of Scottish charm. Nature enthusiasts will find themselves in paradise with the surrounding scenic landscapes. Take the opportunity to hike or cycle through the rolling hills, explore the nearby **Glenlivet Estate** with its whisky distilleries and walking trails, or go wildlife spotting in the expansive wilderness.

For history buffs, a visit to the **Tomintoul Museum** provides insights into the area's past and traditional way of life. The village itself is home to cosy tearooms, charming shops, and friendly locals, offering a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Don't forget to sample some of the finest whiskies at the local distillery, **Tomintoul Distillery**, known for its smooth and flavoursome single malt. With its idyllic surroundings and inviting community, Tomintoul is the perfect destination to unwind, immerse yourself in nature, and experience the true essence of **Scotland**.



Things to do in Tomintoul:

- Cairngorms National Park
- Tomintoul Museum
- The Whisky Castle



Places to Stay in Tomintoul

Budget Option:
[The Glenavon](#)

Best Value:
[Argyle Guest House](#)

Family:
[Balneden Steading](#)

Motorhomes:
[Tomintoul Bowling Club Caravan Site](#)



Day 3: Cullen to Fraserburgh

Distance: 63km
approx. 54 minutes



Cullen is a charming coastal village in **Scotland** that has a delightful array of activities and attractions for visitors to enjoy. Start by exploring the picturesque **Cullen Bay** with its sandy beach, rocky cliffs, and mesmerising views of the **Moray Firth**. Take a leisurely walk along the coastline, breathe in the fresh sea air, and perhaps even catch a glimpse of dolphins playing in the waves. History enthusiasts can visit the **Cullen Viaduct**, an impressive railway structure that spans the valley and offers a unique photo opportunity.

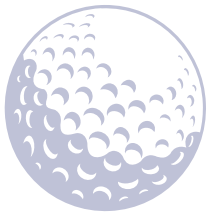


Don't miss the opportunity to savour a bowl of **Cullen Skink**, a delicious traditional Scottish soup made with smoked haddock, potatoes, and cream, which has its origins in the village. For those looking for adventure, the surrounding countryside provides ample opportunities for hiking, fishing, and cycling. In nearby towns, you can also visit sights like **Findlater Castle** and **Bow Fiddle Rock**. With its natural beauty, coastal charm, and warm hospitality, Cullen is a delightful destination that will leave visitors with unforgettable memories.



Things to do in Cullen:

- Cullen Beach
- Cullen Antiques Centre
- Cullen Harbour
- Cullen Links Golf Club



Places to Stay in Cullen

Budget Option:
[Grant Arms Hotel](#)

Best Value:
[Royal Oak Hotel](#)

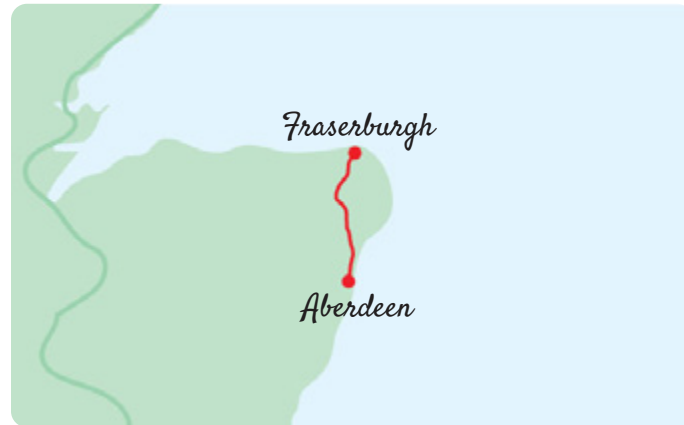
Family:
[The Seafield Arms Hotel](#)

Motorhomes:
[Findochty Caravan Park](#)



Day 4: Fraserburgh to Aberdeen

Distance: 65km
approx. 55 minutes



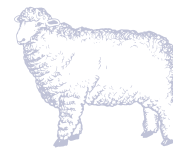
Fraserburgh is a historic fishing town on the northeastern coast of **Scotland**, that offers a range of activities and attractions for visitors to enjoy. Begin by taking a stroll along the scenic **Fraserburgh Beach**, with its golden sand and beautiful views of the **North Sea**. Visit the **Museum of Scottish Lighthouses**, housed in the iconic **Kinnaird Head Lighthouse**, to learn about the important role lighthouses played in safeguarding ships along the Scottish coastline.

Golf enthusiasts can tee off at the **Fraserburgh Golf Club**, one of the oldest golf clubs in Scotland, offering stunning links courses and panoramic views. Seafood lovers can indulge in the local delicacies at one of the many seafood restaurants in town, with fresh catches straight from the North Sea. Nature enthusiasts can explore nearby nature reserves, such as the **Sands of Forvie** located in the **Forvie National Nature Reserve**, home to a variety of bird species and scenic dunes. Fraserburgh definitely offers a memorable experience for all who visit.



Things to do in Fraserburgh:

- Willows Animal Sanctuary
- Fraserburgh Leisure Centre
- Cairnbulg Castle



Places to Stay in Fraserburgh

Budget Option:

[Findlay's Hotel & Restaurant](#)



Best Value:

[Stag & Thistle Hotel](#)



Family:

[The Saltoun Inn](#)



Motorhomes:

[Fraserburgh Caravan Park](#)



Town House, Aberdeen





Whimsical Welsh Wonders



Cardiff ➤ Holyhead ➤ Swansea ➤ Cardiff

Day 1: Cardiff to Holyhead

Distance: 322km

Approx. 4 hours 40 minutes



Cardiff is the vibrant capital city of **Wales** that has a number of sights that cater to a wide range of interests. History enthusiasts can explore the iconic Cardiff Castle, a magnificent medieval fortress with a rich past, or delve into the city's maritime heritage at the **Wales Millennium Centre** and the historic docks. For nature lovers, the beautiful Bute Park provides a serene escape in the heart of the city, while nearby Cardiff Bay offers stunning waterfront views, boat trips, and an array of dining options. Sports fans can immerse themselves in the lively atmosphere of the **Principality Stadium**, home to thrilling rugby matches and other sporting events.

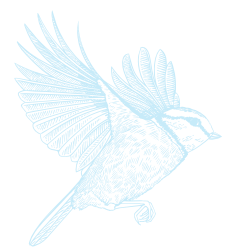


Art lovers will appreciate the **National Museum Cardiff**, which houses impressive collections of Welsh art, archaeology, and natural history. Additionally, shoppers can indulge in retail therapy at the bustling **St. David's Dewi Sant** shopping centre, featuring a blend of popular brands and unique boutiques. With its vibrant cultural scene, diverse attractions, and warm Welsh hospitality, Cardiff promises an unforgettable experience for visitors of all ages. From this beautiful city, you can head on straight to **Holyhead**.



Things to do in Cardiff:

- St. Fagans National Museum
- Roath Park
- Cardiff Market
- Techniquet
- Llandaff Cathedral



Places to Stay in Cardiff

Budget Option:

[Zip by Premier Inn Cardiff](#)



Best Value:

[Leonardo Hotel Cardiff](#)



Family:

[easyHotel Cardiff City Centre](#)



Motorhomes:

[Cardiff Caravan and Camping Park](#)



Day 2: Holyhead to Swansea

Distance: 285km

Approx. 4 hours 30 minutes



Holyhead is a picturesque town located on the Isle of **Anglesey** in **Wales** and is a delightful blend of natural beauty, rich history, and unique attractions. One of the must-see sights is the **South Stack Lighthouse**, perched dramatically atop rugged cliffs, providing breathtaking views of the **Irish Sea** and surrounding coastline. Nature enthusiasts can explore the stunning **Holyhead Mountain**, the highest peak on Anglesey, which offers scenic hiking trails and panoramic vistas.

History buffs can visit the **Holyhead Maritime Museum** to delve into the town's maritime heritage or explore the ancient ruins of **Caer Gybi**, a Roman fort dating back to the 4th century. For beach lovers,

Things to do in Holyhead:

- Parc Gwledig Morglawdd
Caergybi Breakwater Country Park
- South Stack Cliffs Nature Reserve
- Porth Dafarch



Trearddur Bay is a pristine sandy beach with crystal-clear waters, perfect for relaxing or engaging in water sports. Holyhead also serves as a gateway to the enchanting Isle of Anglesey, with its charming villages, historic sites like **Beaumaris Castle**, and picturesque landscapes. Whether you're seeking outdoor adventures, cultural exploration, or simply a peaceful retreat, Holyhead offers a delightful range of attractions to satisfy every visitor's desires.



Places to Stay in Holyhead

Budget Option:
[Anglesey Outdoors](#)



Best Value:
[Premier Inn Holyhead Hotel](#)



Family:
[The Boathouse Hotel](#)



Motorhomes:
[Valley of the Rocks Caravan Park](#)



Day 3: Swansea to Cardiff

Distance: 74km

Approx. 1 hour 5 minutes



Swansea is a vibrant coastal city in Wales that is bursting with a wealth of attractions and activities that cater to a diverse range of interests. History buffs can explore the ruins of **Swansea Castle**, a medieval fortress that played a significant role in the city's past or visit the **Swansea Museum**, which showcases the region's history and heritage. For art enthusiasts, the **Glynn Vivian Art Gallery** is a must-visit, housing an impressive collection of contemporary and traditional artworks.



Places to Stay in Swansea

Budget Option:
[The Dragon Hotel](#)



Best Value:
[Premier Inn Swansea Waterfront Hotel](#)



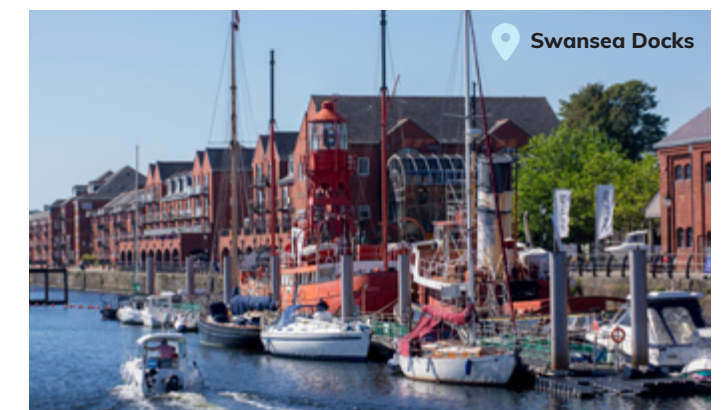
Family:
[Ice House Apartments](#)



Motorhomes:
[Pitton Cross Caravan Park](#)



The Swansea Marina provides a picturesque setting for leisurely strolls, boat trips, and waterfront dining, while the nearby **Mumbles** offers charming boutiques, restaurants, and stunning coastal views. Nature lovers can bask in the beauty of the **Gower Peninsula**, a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, boasting breathtaking beaches like **Rhossili Bay** and scenic coastal walks. Additionally, sports enthusiasts can catch a football match at the **Swansea.com Stadium**, home to Swansea City AFC. With a blend of history, art, natural beauty, and a lively atmosphere, Swansea offers an enticing array of experiences that will leave visitors captivated and eager to explore more.



Things to do in Swansea:

- The National Waterfront Museum
- Clyne Gardens
- Parc Singleton Park
- Oystermouth Castle
- Penllergaer Valley Woods





Coastal Charm: Cruising the Causeway in Northern Ireland



Belfast ➤ Carrickfergus ➤ Ballycastle ➤ Derry ➤ Belfast

Day 1: Belfast to Carrickfergus

Distance: 19km
Approx. 20 minutes



Welcome to **Belfast**, the vibrant capital city of **Northern Ireland**. This stunning city is brimming with an abundance of things to see and do. Begin your exploration with a visit to the **Titanic Belfast** museum, an architectural marvel that tells the captivating story of the ill-fated RMS Titanic. Immerse yourself in the city's history by taking a guided tour of the **Belfast City Hall**, an iconic landmark showcasing stunning architecture and exhibitions. Stroll along the cobbled streets of the **Cathedral Quarter**, known for its lively atmosphere, artsy vibe, and a plethora of pubs, restaurants, and art galleries. Don't miss the vibrant **St. George's Market**, a treasure trove of local produce, crafts, and delicious food stalls.

Things to do in Belfast:

- Belfast Castle
- Grand Opera House
- SS Nomadic
- Crumlin Road Gaol



For a glimpse into Belfast's troubled past, explore the murals and political history of the **Falls Road** and **Shankill Road** areas. Take a leisurely walk through the enchanting **Botanic Gardens**, home to beautiful flora, the **Palm House**, and the **Ulster Museum**. Belfast is also renowned for its music scene, so be sure to catch a live performance at one of the city's many venues. Take on the adventure for yourself in this unforgettable city.



Belfast Castle

Places to Stay in Belfast

Budget Option:
[Global Village](#)



Best Value:
[Ramada by Wyndham Belfast](#)



Family:
[Radisson Blu Hotel Belfast](#)



Motorhomes:
[Dundonald Touring Caravan Park](#)



Day 2: Carrickfergus to Ballycastle

Distance: 82km
Approx. 1 hour 6 minutes



Carrickfergus is a charming town in **Northern Ireland** that is bursting with an array of activities and attractions for visitors to enjoy. Begin by exploring the impressive **Carrickfergus Castle**, a formidable fortress dating back to the 12th century. Step back in time as you wander through its well-preserved walls and towers, gaining insight into its rich history. Stroll along the picturesque **Marina**, where you can admire beautiful boats and enjoy waterfront views. Take a leisurely walk along the promenade, lined with shops, cafes, and restaurants, offering a pleasant atmosphere for relaxation and dining.

For those interested in maritime history, a visit to the **Andrew Jackson Cottage & US Rangers Museum** is a must, as it provides a glimpse into the early life of the 7th President of the United States. Additionally, Carrickfergus is home to several parks and green spaces, such as **Shaftesbury Park**, perfect for picnics and outdoor activities. With its blend of historical landmarks, coastal beauty, and inviting atmosphere, Carrickfergus offers a delightful experience for all visitors.



Things to do in Carrickfergus:

- Carrickfergus Marina
- Knockagh Monument
- Blackhead Lighthouse



Places to Stay in Carrickfergus

Budget Option:

[Premier Inn Carrickfergus Hotel](#)



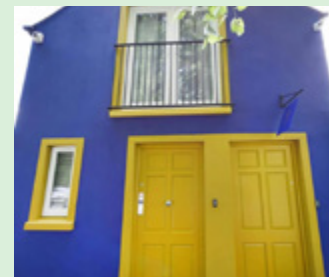
Best Value:

[Dobbins Inn](#)



Family:

[Walter's Place](#)



Motorhomes:

[Loughshore Caravan Park](#)



Day 3: Ballycastle to Derry

Distance: 77km
Approx. 1 hour 3 minutes



Start your exploration in **Ballycastle** with a visit to **Ballycastle Beach**, a beautiful sandy stretch where you can enjoy a leisurely stroll, build sandcastles, or simply relax while soaking up the stunning coastal views. Embark on an adventure to **Rathlin Island** by catching a ferry from **Ballycastle Harbor**, where you can explore the island's rugged cliffs, spot wildlife, and visit the fascinating **Rathlin West Light Seabird Centre**. Golf enthusiasts can enjoy a round at **Ballycastle Golf Club**, known for its scenic location and challenging course.

Immerse yourself in history by exploring **Bonamargy Friary**, an atmospheric ruined monastery that dates back to the 15th century. For those seeking outdoor adventure, take a hike along the magnificent **Ballycastle Forest**, offering stunning woodland trails and panoramic views. Ballycastle is also famous for its annual **Ould Lammas Fair**, a traditional event where you can enjoy local music, food, and traditional festivities. With its coastal charm, natural beauty, and a range of outdoor activities, Ballycastle provides a delightful experience for visitors of all ages.



Things to do in Ballycastle:

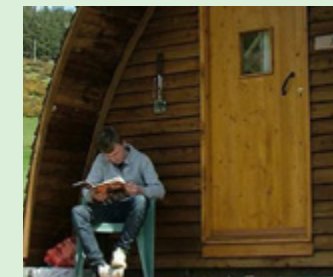
- Torr Head
- Carrick-a-Rede
- Giant's Causeway
- The Dark Hedges
- Dunluce Castle



Places to Stay in Ballycastle

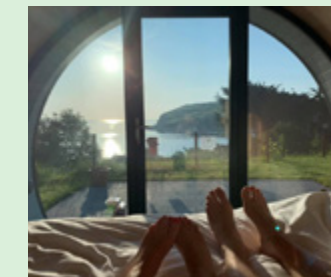
Budget Option:

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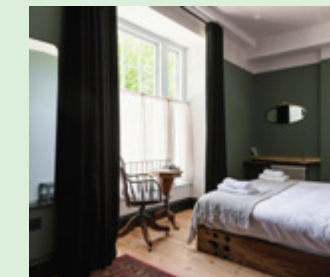
Best Value:

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Family:

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Motorhomes:

[Causeway Coast Holiday Park](#)



Day 4: Derry to Belfast

Distance: 114km
approx. 1 hour 25 minutes



Derry, also known as **Londonderry**, is a historic walled city in **Northern Ireland** that offers a wealth of experiences for visitors. Begin your journey by walking along the city walls, which date back to the 17th century, providing panoramic views of the city and its surroundings. Dive into the city's troubled history by exploring the **Museum of Free Derry**, where you can learn about the events of Bloody Sunday and the city's role during the Troubles. Stroll through the charming streets of the Bogside neighbourhood to admire the famous political murals that depict the city's past and aspirations for peace. Delve into Derry's rich cultural scene by visiting the **Tower Museum**, which showcases the city's history and hosts fascinating exhibitions.

Things to do in Derry:

- Creggan Country Park
- Derry City Walls
- The Bogside



Take a leisurely walk across the **Peace Bridge**, a stunning pedestrian bridge that symbolizes the city's progress towards peace and unity. Don't miss the chance to explore the Guildhall, an iconic Neo-Gothic building that houses beautiful stained glass windows and hosts cultural events. Indulge in the vibrant atmosphere of the **Craft Village**, where you can browse unique shops, sample local cuisine, and enjoy live music. Derry is the perfect place to finish your Northern Ireland coastal road trip.



Places to Stay in Derry

Budget Option:
[Premier Inn Derry](#)

Best Value:
[Da Vinci's Hotel](#)

Family:
[Everglades Hotel Derry](#)

Motorhomes:
[Creggan Country Park](#)



Giant Causeway, Bushmills



Tips

Driving in the UK

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- Much like Australia and New Zealand, the United Kingdom has the **right-hand drive** and cars are driven on the left side of the road.
- The legal drinking limit is a **blood alcohol level** of **0.08%** BAC in Wales, Northern Ireland and England. In Scotland, it is a **0.05%** BAC. Driving over the limit can lead to large fines and imprisonment. However, these laws are changeable at any time. The safest way is to never drink and drive.
- Observe and stay **below speed limits**. Speeding cameras, handheld devices and portable detection devices are used by police to catch speeding drivers. Fines are issued for speeding drivers.
- **Tolls** are charged on the **M6**. Tolls can be paid in cash, credit cards or electronic tag that many suppliers will already have installed and payment will be linked to your credit card.
- **Parking** rules and regulations will differ depending on the city. There is on-street parking and car parks across the UK, many major cities will have a pay-and-display signposted for permitted areas. A prepaid ticket must be purchased from machines and displayed on the front dashboard.
- **Speed limits** can change, so it is important to keep an eye on changing speed limits.
 1. Built-up areas are typically 30mph (48km/h)
 2. Single carriageways are 60mph (96km/h)
 3. Dual carriageways are 70mph (112km/h)
 4. Motorways 70mph (112km/h)

Vehicles that are towing caravans or trailers must travel at a slower speed.
- **Child Safety Seats:** Children up to the age of 11 years old or 135 cm tall must use an appropriate child seat.
- It is **illegal** to talk on your mobile phone and drive.



The UK Driving Distances



From	To	Approx Distance	Approx Travel Time
London	Birmingham	192km	2 hr 25 min
Birmingham	Manchester	152km	1 hr 51 min
Manchester	Edinburgh	349km	4 hr 10 min
Edinburgh	Glasgow	75 km	1 hr



FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

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Can I choose Automatic or manual transmission in the UK?

DriveAway offers both automatic and manual transmission cars to hire. However, manual vehicles are much more common in the UK and hiring a manual vehicle is much cheaper than an automatic one.

Can I travel to Ireland with my car and return it back to the UK?

Travel to Ireland is permitted to both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. However, there is a fee based on the number of days the vehicle is taken to **Ireland** and is charged upon. The travel fee is taken for insurance purposes and is a mandatory charge. Travel to Ireland must be requested and noted on your booking prior to collection.

Will I be allowed to take the vehicle on a one-way, dropping off in the Republic of Ireland?

Many suppliers will not allow international one-ways from mainland **England** to the **Republic of Ireland**. However, more suppliers will permit travel from the **UK** to **Northern Ireland** and a one-way fee will apply. Prices depend on the car rental supplier and are to be paid upon collection. You will be able to find the price when enquiring with us. In many cases, it is cheaper to split your car hire booking and fly or ferry to Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland before hiring another vehicle there.

What is the UK Congestion Zone Charge?

The UK congestion zone areas are within **London** and **Durham**, designed to reduce traffic congestion and pollution. Currently, if you drive in the congestion zone between 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday you

will need to pay the daily charge of £11.50 (this rate is subject to change) and we recommend checking tfl.gov.uk for any updates and changes. Check at the time of booking to see what your supplier's payment procedure is.

Do I need a full driver's license in the UK?

A full driver's license is required when driving in the UK. All drivers must hold a full driver's license for a **minimum** of one year.

Do I require an International Driver's permit (IDP)?

You will not be required to obtain an International Driving Permit in the UK, it is recommended to take one to travel. However, if you take the vehicle to a non-English Speaking country, you will be required to obtain an IDP. Contact your local motoring association for more information. Australians visit the [Australian Automobile Association](https://www.aa.com.au) and New Zealanders visit the [AA](https://www.aa.co.nz) for up-to-date information.

Is there are minimum or maximum age limit?

The **minimum age** limit is generally **21**, however, certain locations and suppliers have a minimum age of 25. Some luxury, premium cars or vans will require a minimum age of 30. A **Young Driver Surcharge** applies to drivers between 21 to 24 years old and can be charged up to £30+ tax per day. The **maximum age** limit does not apply to most locations. A select number of locations and suppliers have a maximum age of **70-75** and may be required to hold a letter from their general practitioner stating they are healthy and fit to drive. Some may require an insurance form to be filled out.



