



Dublin City Council Park, Dublin

15 nights

📍 **\$6,595*** p.p.

Departs: Sept. 3, 2020

Toronto - **\$6,595*** p.p.

Vancouver - **\$6,995*** p.p.

Group size: 30 maximum

🗺️ Visits to:

England: London, St. Peter Port,
Channel Isl - Ireland: Cork (Cobh),
Waterford (Dunmore East), Dublin -
Iceland: Akureyri, Reykjavík -
Scotland: Glasgow (Greenock)

✔️ What's Included:

* **Round-trip airfare**

- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass
- London: one night 4-star hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Half-day city tour of London including entrance to the Tower of London
- Celebrity cruise: 14-night Iceland & Ireland sailing onboard *Celebrity Silhouette* with meals (onboard the cruise only)
- Merit Travel tour host**
- All transfers, taxes and gratuities***

Includes most meals!

ICELAND & IRELAND CRUISE

Round-trip by land & sea: London

Experience Island hopping with this cruise commencing in London, and including calling into famous and memorable ports in both Reykjavík, Iceland and in Dublin, Ireland before returning to London.

After an overnight stay and a tour in London, you will transfer to the *Celebrity Silhouette*, and enjoy modern luxury for the next 14 nights.

Once onboard indulge in exceptional cuisine, comfortable accommodation, and stellar service that Celebrity Cruises is known for. Cruise to the Emerald Isle of Ireland, indulging in the warmth of Irish hospitality in Dublin, before cruising past rugged Atlantic coastlines and to the unparalleled beauty of the Nordic island of Iceland, before returning to London.

Single supplements available!
Call your local Merit Travel expert.






ACTIVITY LEVEL:
EASY PACE

APPROPRIATE FOR:

Travellers in good health with overall good mobility and comfortable participating in at least three hours of activity each day. Suitable for those with minor mobility issues.

Your Itinerary | Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner = (B, L, D)

DAY 1 | Sept. 3, 2020 | Toronto/Vancouver - London

Board your overnight flight to London, England.

DAY 2 | Sept. 4, 2020 | London

Arrive in the city and enjoy an introductory tour showcasing the highlights of London, including the River Thames, Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus and entrance to the Tower of London.

Accommodation at Arbor City Hotel (1 night)

DAY 3 | Sept. 5, 2020 | London - Southampton (B, D)

Breakfast at hotel. Enjoy your morning at leisure in London for shopping or exploring. In the afternoon, transfer to the Southampton port terminal to board your cruise ship.

Cruise departs at 4:00 p.m.

Southampton is a bustling port city bursting with history, as well as shopping opportunities, great restaurants, and superb pubs. Located on England's southern coast, the area has a deep connection with WWII, having been used as a staging area for the attack on D-Day. It's also well-known to be the home port of the Queen Mary 2. Today, the city is largely defined by its universities and retail shopping. The real sightseeing, however, happens when you use this port as a jumping off

point for attractions found outside, yet relatively close to the city. You can take a ferry to the Isle of Wight, an English holiday favourite with 25 miles of coastline, sand dunes and dramatic white cliffs. While on your Southampton cruise you can also visit the nearby, quaint town of Windsor where you can visit the many boutiques of High Street or enjoy a tour of historic Windsor Castle.

Accommodation onboard *Celebrity Silhouette* (14 nights)

Below is the cruise itinerary and ports of call you will be visiting. Meals onboard cruise are included. Shore excursions are not included, unless stated.

DAY 4 | Sept. 6, 2020 | St. Peter Port, Channel Isl. (B,L,D)

Arrive 8:00 a.m. Depart 5:00 p.m.

Saint Peter Port is the capital of Guernsey in the Channel Islands. The city overlooks a picturesque harbour and offers visitors the chance to stroll along cliffside paths and through the rustic interior. The breathtaking scenery and peaceful ambiance of this city, makes this port stop, a vacationer's paradise.

DAY 5 | Sept. 7, 2020 | Cork "Cobh" (B, L, D)

Arrive 10:30 a.m. Depart 7:00 p.m.

Affectionately referred to as 'The real capital of Ireland', Cork is a musical and resilient place where tradition and modernity often meld and where live music and local pride are the order of the day. Navigate Cork's hilly streets and discover the melody of Ireland's most talkative citizenry with their signature gift of the gab.

The seaside town of Cobh is located on the south coast of Ireland in County Cork and is considered one of the world's most noteworthy, natural harbours. For history buffs, Cork is also a great find. Ring the Shandon Bells inside the 300-year old tower of St. Anne's Church. Admire the French Gothic spires of St. Finbarre's Cathedral and stroll through 17th-century alleys surrounded by the River Lee. Ireland's second city is fast becoming one of Europe's most playful destinations.

You'll easily find yourself downing a pint of stout in a cozy pub or enjoying hearty Irish favourites at a corner bistro on your Cork cruise. The town also boasts an array of market-source international restaurants serving French, Spanish, and American cuisine. Visit local artisans and witness their skills in the arts of weaving and cutting crystal. Cork is filled with the lore, tradition, and good cheer of Ireland at its best.

DAY 6 | Sept. 8, 2020 | Waterford "Dunmore East" (B, L, D)

Arrive 7:00 a.m. Depart 7:00 p.m.

Ireland's oldest city, Waterford, was founded by Vikings in 914 A.D. and parts of its ancient walled core still stand. Explore the area's history and heritage with a visit to the archaeological finds on display at the Waterford Museum of Treasures.

The Waterford Crystal factory is another must-see on your Waterford cruise, where craftsmen, glass blowers, cutters and engravers have been crafting elegant crystal creations since 1783. Another way to come face to face with Waterford's Viking and Norman past is to head to the Viking Triangle where you'll find the best museums in all the country.

Reginald's Tower, the oldest standing building in the city, dates back to the 13th century and is the first structure to use mortar in its construction. The tower once served as a prison, an arsenal,

and a mint. Almost 300 years of Waterford's history can be found under the single roof of an old Georgian mansion known as Bishop's Palace. All sorts of period flatware, furniture and other items can be found here, including a Waterford crystal decanter from the late 1700's.

DAY 7 | Sept. 9, 2020 | Dublin (B, L, D)

Arrive 4:45 a.m.

Dublin, Ireland is thought to be almost a thousand years old, but the city has transitioned well into the 21st century. Easily navigated by foot, the city's 44 square miles and cobblestoned streets speak to its storied history of patriots and writers, the latter of which includes Joyce, Yeats, Wilde, and Beckett. Must-sees include Trinity College, St. Stephen's Green Park, Newgrange, Dublin Castle, the National Museum of Ireland and the James Joyce Cultural Centre.

However, your Dublin cruise is not complete without a pint (or two) of Guinness and an afternoon-into-evening spent in one of the city's many pubs. Travel to the seaside town of Malahide to enter its grand castle set amid 250 acres of breathtaking grounds. Climb the stone stairway and explore the castle's Great Hall and intricately carved Oak Room. Afterwards, head to Malahide Village and stop in a local pub for an Irish Coffee and some good cheer. Delve into Ireland's past with visits to a pair of storied landmarks. First, enter Dublin Castle, symbol of English rule since the 13th century. Tour its apartments adorned with Killybegs carpets and Waterford chandeliers then visit the Old Library at Trinity Collage to view the mysterious Book of Kells, Ireland's most treasured medieval manuscript.

DAY 8 | Sept. 10, 2020 | Dublin (B, L, D)

Depart 5:30 p.m.

DAYS 9-10 | Sept. 11 to 12, 2020 | At Sea (B, L, D)

Enjoy the amenities onboard your cruise ship as you cruise at sea.

DAY 11 | Sept. 13, 2020 | Akureyri (B, L, D)

Arrive 7:30 a.m. Depart 4:00 p.m.

Akureyri, Iceland is the country's second-largest city and one of the country's most important ports and fishing centres. Known as the Capital of North Iceland, it has a cool café scene, a growing gourmet movement, and a bustling nightlife that proves this city is more than meets the eye. From fabulous summer festivals fueled by the Midnight Sun, to some of the best skiing this side of the arctic circle, Akureyri is a laid-back Nordic city and a study in contrasts. Soar into the blue sky to discover Grimsey Island, home to only 92 residents and thousands of sea birds.

The city's Botanical Gardens is famed for its collection of high-latitude plants and well worth a visit.

Explore the ancient lava formations of Dimmuborgir and the geothermal landscape of bubbling mud and hissing fumaroles at Namafjall Mountain. The Great Fish Day of Dalvik, on the second Saturday in August, where revelers feast for free on the North Atlantic's bounty is a paradise for seafood lovers.

The city is best known as the gateway to Iceland's natural wonders – thundering waterfalls, gurgling lava fields, snow-capped mountains, sweeping fjords, and robust folk culture.

DAY 12 | Sept. 14, 2020 | Reykjavík (B, L, D)

Arrive 11:00 a.m.

Iceland's capital and largest city is located on the country's southwest coast at the head of Faxafloi Bay. Settled in 877 A.D., Reykjavík has grown into an important seaport and centre of government and education with theatres, museums and observatories. Interestingly, this modern city still chooses to use water from nearby hot springs to heat all of its buildings.

And you'll find on your cruise to Reykjavík that the culinary scene is eclectic and awesome. The seafood is amazing just about anywhere throughout the city and traditional Nordic salt cod or fish stews are readily available. But there is no shortage of international culinary favourites like French and all sorts of new Nordic fusion-style options as well. Explore the city's artistic boutiques for authentic Icelandic souvenirs and trinkets, like music boxes, unique clothing, driftwood furniture and fish-skin handbags.

DAY 13 | Sept. 15, 2020 | Reykjavík (B, L, D)

Depart 3:00 p.m.

DAY 14 | Sept. 16, 2020 | At Sea (B, L, D)

Enjoy the amenities onboard your cruise ship as you cruise at sea.

DAY 15 | Sept. 17, 2020 | Belfast (B, L, D)

Arrive 1:00 p.m. Depart 9:00 p.m.

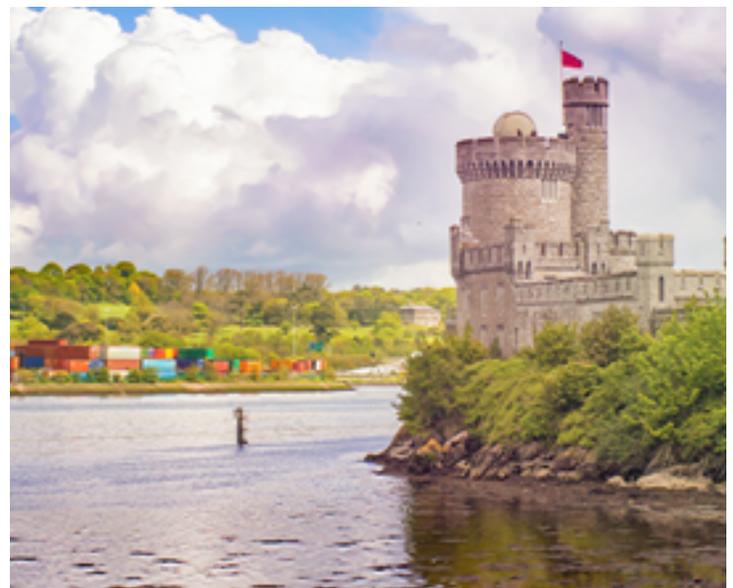
DAY 16 | Sept. 18, 2020 | At Sea (B, L, D)

Enjoy the amenities onboard your cruise ship as you cruise at sea.

DAY 17 | Sept. 19, 2020 | Southampton - London - Toronto/Vancouver (B)

Cruise arrives at 6:00 a.m.

Breakfast onboard then disembark and transfer to the airport for your flight home.



RESPONSIBILITY

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- b. Illness, theft, strikes, mechanical problems, quarantine, governmental intervention, weather conditions, acts of hostility or violence, and any other grounds beyond our control;
- c. Your failure to obtain passport, visas, other travel documents or inoculations
- d. Your failure to advise us the name of the traveller exactly as it appears on the passport;
- e. Your failure to report on time at an airport or ground transfer facility;
- f. Material damages, theft or other mysterious disappearances of your goods;
- g. Personal injuries or death;
- h. Force Majeure - an event(s) beyond our, or our supplier(s), reasonable control including, but not limited to, acts of God, strikes, lockout or other labour disputes or disruptions, wars, blockades, insurrections, riots, earthquakes, weather conditions, floods or acts of restraints imposed by governmental authorities.

PRICING

All prices are per person in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted. GST, HST and provincial taxes are applicable on tours as noted.

INCREASE IN TOUR COSTS

Merit reserves the right to increase tour prices in the event of an increase in government and airport authority imposed taxes and fees, fuel and currency surcharges, supplier price increases, or any other cost increase. If the increase is greater than 7% of the tour cost, the client may cancel the booking within seven days of notification and obtain a full refund.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

A deposit of \$750 per person is required at the time of booking. Full and final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Please note, some of our suppliers may require additional deposit or full payments at time of booking, pending seasonality. You will be advised of additional requirements at time of booking.

LIABILITY

Merit cannot assume responsibility for any costs incurred for any travel arrangements purchased separately from the Merit tour. Merit's responsibility shall extend only to the provisions of advice as to industry-standard or supplier recommended connections and check-in times. Provided Merit supplies such advice, they shall not be responsible for missed connections or departures, regardless of the cause.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN (INSURANCE)

Trip cancellation and interruption insurance, medical and hospital insurance, baggage insurance, and various additional insurances are available and

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. If you choose not to purchase insurance, you are required to sign an Insurance Waiver Form. Note that if you choose not to purchase insurance, you are fully liable for any and all penalties imposed as stated under Cancellation Policy on this page. Please speak to your representative at the time of making reservations about insurance.

REFUNDS

The nature of travel involves risks and unpredictable weather and thus Merit cannot assure any departure or arrival times at any point of an itinerary. Your right to receive a refund is limited. There will be no discounts or monies refunded for any missed or unused services. Merit reserves the right to cancel the tour for any reason. Should this occur, a full refund will be made to the traveller.

CANCELLATION POLICY

While Merit will do its utmost to minimize any penalties charged, there are irrecoverable costs associated with your tour. The following penalties will be considered the costs incurred with cancellation:

- a. 90 days or more prior to departure: Loss of total deposit.
- b. 89 – 60 days prior to departure: Loss of 50% of total tour cost.
- c. 59 days or less prior to departure: Loss of 100% of total tour cost.

Cancellation penalties for some tours will vary and there may be additional penalties associated with the airfare. If so, these policies will be noted separately at time of booking and will prevail.

TOUR CHANGES

We reserve the right to substitute itineraries, hotels, airlines or vessels due to conditions beyond our control. In such cases we will do everything possible to ensure the locations visited, the excursions taken and the hotels offered are similar to the ones originally planned. Any change to itineraries will not result in eligibility for a refund.

REVISION FEE

Changes to your tour reservation might not be possible. Should you request a change and we are able to accommodate it, you will be subject to any charges imposed by the airline or tour suppliers. In addition, we reserve the right to charge a \$50 revision fee for any change made after the deposit is paid. A change in name or departure date may constitute a cancellation, and the corresponding penalties may apply.

PERSONAL DOCUMENTATION

All passengers travelling internationally must travel with a passport. Many countries require the passport to be valid for 6 months beyond the traveller's return date. Visas may be required for some destinations. It is the passenger's responsibility to obtain at the passenger's expense, all documentation required by all relevant authorities. In the event that the passenger does not possess the correct documentation, the air carrier has the right to refuse passage.

DESCRIPTION

Every effort has been made to describe and produce the travel services and photographs as accurately as possible in the printed tour description. However we reserve the right to correct errors and we will make all reasonable efforts to inform you should any significant changes occur.

Please note that the living standards and local conditions during your tour may be different from what you are accustomed to at home.

CONSENT

Your retention of tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute your consent to the above terms.

If you encounter any concerns during your tour, please inform your local travel service provider. If the matter cannot be resolved, please inform Merit Travel in writing upon your return.