

PORTS

SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND



Southampton is a coastal city located in southern England, about 70 miles southwest of London. The city is a major cruise departure port and one of the country's largest commercial ports. Visitors will find the longest surviving stretch of medieval walls in England and museums such as Tudor House and Garden, the maritime SeaCity Museum, and the aviation-focused Solent Sky. Many London tours hit the highlights, from the Changing of the Guard ceremony at Buckingham Palace and the Crown Jewels display at the Tower of London, to a cruise along the River Thames and a ride on the world-famous London Eye, a 443-foot Ferris wheel offering bird's-eye views of the capital city. It also is a great starting point for countryside excursions to the mysterious structures at Stonehenge as well as the towns of Bath and Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of Shakespeare.

Language: English

Currency: Pound Sterling (GBP)

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND

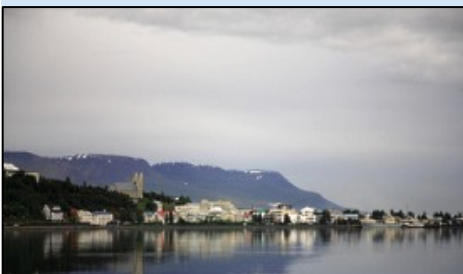


Belfast has something for everyone -- whether it is leisurely shopping or a night on the town. Golf enthusiasts will enjoy the beautiful golf courses around town, and serious shoppers will feel at home on Lisburn Road. A trip to Ireland would not be complete without visiting a traditional Irish pub, such as The Rotterdam or The King's Head.

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AKUREYRI, ICELAND



With an excellent natural harbor in the Eyja fjords, Akureyri is the capital and chief port of northern Iceland and the center of its successful farming cooperatives.

Language: Icelandic

Currency: Iceland Krona (ISK)

HRÍSEY, ICELAND



Hrísey is a peaceful island in the middle of Eyjafjörður, a well-known paradise for birdwatchers. The most abundant species at this spot is the ptarmigan, but in all about 40 species of bird nest here.

Language: Icelandic

Currency: Iceland Krona (ISK)

ISAFJORDUR, ICELAND



Home to fewer than 3,000 residents, Isafjordur boasts a spectacular, unspoiled landscape that's dying to be explored. The town, located on the Westfjords peninsula in northwest Iceland, features charming shops and a maritime museum, and also is a jumping off point for excursions throughout the region. Paddle past snow-draped mountains on a kayaking adventure, take photos in front of the cascades of Dynjandi waterfall, sample traditional Viking beer and bread in Thingeyri and listen to tales of local life while enjoying fresh seafood in the village of Sudureyri. Daily cruises to Vigur island offer sightings of eiders, puffins, arctic terns, guillemoths and other birds, while a visit to the Arctic Fox Center allows you to learn about and observe the country's only native terrestrial mammal. Wildlife lovers also can cruise area waters on a whale-watching safari.

Language: Icelandic

Currency: Iceland Krona (ISK)

REYKJAVIK, ICELAND



Reykjavik is the gateway to a jagged land of fire and ice. With its widespread lava fields, massive glaciers, deep fjords, lush lowlands and high plains, Iceland is a haven for geology and nature lovers. The city is the region's cultural and financial center. The most popular tours visit the Golden Waterfall, the Strokkur Geyser, Thingvellir National Park, the Blue Lagoon and The Pearl, a domed building offering exceptional views of the city.

Language: Icelandic

Currency: Iceland Krona (ISK)

STORNOWAY, SCOTLAND



The beautiful, treeless, windswept Outer Hebrides islands, with their mountainous spine, are located in an area with countless lochs, rivers, inlets, and pools. There's an almost infinite variety of wildlife for nature lovers. Though primarily a land in which to marvel at natural rather than manmade things, the islands offer some marvelous historical structures. The most northerly of the Hebrides are Lewis and Harris Islands, connected to each other by a land bridge. Stornoway is the largest town on Lewis, an island that features Neolithic tombs and stones and an Iron Age tower, reflecting its ancient history. It is the place to shop for beautiful Harris tweeds.

Language: English

Currency: Pound Sterling (GBP)

CORK (COBH), IRELAND



Cobh serves as the gateway to Cork, which is approximately 15 miles away. There is a train service from the port of Cobh to the center of Cork. Shop for Irish linen, tweeds, hand-knit woolens, and Waterford crystal along Patrick Street or try some Irish soda bread at a local pub. Visit St. Finbarr's Cathedral or the Fota Wildlife Park, located just outside town.

Language: English

Currency: Euro (EUR)