FSB's Connect Club presents...

Discover Britain & Ireland

April 8 – 22, 2021

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15 Days ● **20 Meals**: 13 Breakfasts, 7 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... London, Stonehenge, Bath, Cardiff, Waterford, Choices on Tour, Blarney Castle, Killarney, Diner's Choice, Ring of Kerry, Jaunting Car Ride, Farm Visit, Dublin, Irish Cooking Class, Wales, Lake District, Edinburgh, York, Stratford-upon-Avon

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Radisson Blu Edwardian Grafton, London
Day 4	Hilton Cardiff, Cardiff
Day 5	Tower Hotel Waterford, Waterford
Days 6, 7	Killarney Plaza Hotel, Killarney
Days 8, 9	Herbert Park Hotel, Dublin
Day 10	Grosvenor Pulford Hotel & Spa, Chester
Days 11, 12	Apex Grassmarket Hotel, Edinburgh
Day 13	Doubletree by Hilton York, York
Day 14	Mercure Warwickshire Walton Hall Hotel & Spa, Stratford-Upon-Avon
	On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Collette's Flagship: Collette's tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.

Day 1: Thursday, April 8, 2021 Overnight Flight Discover the true cultural treasures of Britain and Ireland on a comprehensive journey through England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland.

Day 2: Friday, April 9, 2021 London, England - Tour Begins Your journey opens in the regal city of London. A capital of culture and commerce, the city blends traditional with modern. Tonight, meet your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Saturday, April 10, 2021 London Discover the pageantry of London as we join a local guide for a city tour. See Big Ben, Westminster, Whitehall, Hyde Park and Buckingham Palace. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore this iconic city or perhaps partake in an optional excursion to Windsor Castle. (*B*)

Day 4: Sunday, April 11, 2021 London - Stonehenge - Bath - Cardiff, Wales Travel to Stonehenge, the mysterious formation that dates back to the Stone Age. Explore various theories on how the colossal stones arrived at the location and their purpose. Continue to the elegant Georgian town of Bath to visit the Roman Bath Museum's 2,000-year-old elaborate spas. Enjoy some time to stroll through Bath's cobblestone streets and soak in its old-world atmosphere. Your day ends in the Welsh capital of Cardiff. (B)

Day 5: Monday, April 12, 2021 Cardiff - Ferry to Ireland - Waterford Join a local expert on a leisurely-paced walking tour of Cardiff. Learn about the city's deep ties to the coal industry, its connection to ancient Rome and its famous Victorian shopping arcades. Take in the beautiful countryside of Wales en route to the coastal village of Fishguard. There we board the ferry for Ireland, crossing the Irish Sea. Upon arrival in Rosslare, travel to Waterford, your home for the evening. (B, D)

Day 6: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 Waterford - Blarney - Killarney This morning, it's your choice! Tour the House of Waterford Crystal factory featuring a fascinating visitor's center and a retail store housing the largest collection of Waterford Crystal in the world -OR-enjoy a leisurely-paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest city and discover its rich Viking, Norman and Cromwellian history. Later, travel to historic Blarney Castle. Make your way to the top of the castle, lie back and kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Legend has it that if you do, you will be blessed with the "gift of eloquence." This evening it's *Diner's Choice...*tonight's dinner is included and you'll choose the perfect spot from a 'menu' of Killarney's great restaurants. (B, D)

Day 7: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney This morning explore Killarney National Park on a traditional jaunting car ride.* Then travel along the glorious Ring of Kerry where you'll find some of Ireland's most magical scenery. Pause for a moment at the Gap of Dunloe to browse for traditional Irish handcrafted goods. As we continue our journey, marvel at the vistas created by windswept cliffs, rugged mountains, lakes and picturesque villages. Later, see border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration at a family-run farm. (B)

Day 8: Thursday, April 15, 2021 Killarney - Rock of Cashel - Dublin Today we venture through the "Golden Vale" en route to the awe-inspiring Rock of Cashel. Be amazed by its imposing facade and visit the spot where St. Patrick preached. End your day in the exciting city of Dublin, with time to discover the city's charm on your own. (B)

Day 9: Friday, April 16, 2021 Dublin Discover Dublin's past and present on a locally guided tour highlighting the Bank of Ireland, O'Connell Street, Grafton Street, Phoenix Park and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Later, experience for yourself the welcoming nature of the Irish as you set out to explore the "Fair City" on your own. Tonight, give traditional Irish cuisine a modern twist during a cooking class and dinner at one of Dublin's premier culinary institutions. Top off the evening by making your very own Irish coffee! (*B*, *D*)







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Day 10: Saturday, April 17, 2021 Dublin - Ferry to Wales - Cheshire Ferry across the Irish Sea to Holyhead, Wales. As you traverse northern Wales, pass

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch, the town with the longest name in the world. Make a stop at majestic Caernarfon Castle, where Charles was crowned Prince of Wales. Then, continue through the Welsh countryside and discover some of the most magnificent scenery in all of Britain. Tonight, experience dinner at a traditional English carvery. (*B*, *D*)

Day 11: Sunday, April 18, 2021 Cheshire - Lake District - Gretna Green, Scotland - Edinburgh Travel north into England's scenic Lake District. Here you'll feel the inspirational appeal of the region's quintessential English villages, Lake Windermere, Ambleside and Grasmere. Crossing into Scotland, stop in the town of Gretna Green where generations of runaway couples eloped. Continue to Edinburgh, Scotland's majestic capital city. (*B*, *D*)

Day 12: Monday, April 19, 2021 Edinburgh Today it's your choice! Come to know this regal city during a locally guided panoramic city coach tour -OR- for a different perspective, join a local expert and explore the city on foot. Both tours include a visit to Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels, and the Palace of Holyroodhouse,** the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary, Queen of Scots. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax or explore the city independently. (B)

Day 13: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 Edinburgh - York, England En route to England, visit Hadrian's Wall. Construction of this ancient

structure began in A.D. 122 and since that time, it has served as the northern border of the Roman Empire. Continue to the historic city of York. Find yourself surrounded by the charms of history as you explore its quaint narrow streets. Walk on the famous "Shambles" and see the magnificent 13th-century Minster. (*B*)

Day 14: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 York - Stratford-upon-Avon Journey to charming Stratford-upon-Avon. Step back in time as we visit William Shakespeare's birthplace. Afterward, it's your choice! Tour Anne Hathaway's thatch-roofed cottage, the childhood home of the author's wife -OR- set out on a leisurely cruise along the Avon River. This evening we gather to say farewell to this captivating region over dinner. (B, D)

Day 15: Thursday, April 22, 2021 Stratford-upon-Avon - Tour Ends Depart today with many fond memories of lovely Britain and Ireland. (B)

PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Nov 09, 2020, valid on air inclusive packages only. $\ensuremath{\mathsf{IDENTIFICATION}}$

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

If your accommodations are confirmed at the Walton Hotel while in Stratford-upon-Avon, triples are on request only - it may be necessary to use a double/single combination.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

- *Jaunting car ride is included, weather permitting.
- **The Palace of Holyroodhouse may close occasionally when the Queen is in residence or for official state functions.

Travelers arriving in Edinburgh from August 7 - 29, 2020 will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show. Please inquire at time of reservation.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Our air passengers will arrive and depart from London airports.

Our transfers will depart from Stratford-upon-Avon hotel for London airports Distance to London Heathrow Airport from Stratford-upon-Avon / Warwick is approximately two hours.

Due to flight schedules, you may require an early morning departure from your hotel. Return flights should not be booked prior to 11:00 a.m.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$500 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of November 02, 2020 are based upon availability. Final payment due by February 08, 2021. Deposits are refundable up until November 09, 2020.

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