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Friendly Planet Gives Travelers 3 New Tours to Help Them Rediscover Their Love Affair with Europe

Friendly Planet Travel's European programs now total nine tours in five countries

JENKINTOWN, Pa.—**November 27, 2012**—Europe has always been a popular destination for tourists who flock to the region because of its affordability, charming locals, beautiful countryside, and the diverse group of people who call it home. Now, <u>Friendly Planet Travel</u> is helping travelers experience more of what Europe has to offer with three new tours to Spain, Scotland, and Ireland.

"We launched our first programs to Europe last year, and the response has been tremendous," says <u>Peggy Goldman</u>, President of Friendly Planet Travel. "Our European tours continue to gain popularity and our customers keep asking for more, so we are thrilled to expand our European product line to include <u>Spain</u>, <u>Scotland</u>, and a <u>Scotland-Ireland</u> combination."

All three tours—<u>Discover Spain</u>, <u>Discover Scotland</u>, and <u>Discover Scotland and Ireland</u> include round-trip airfare from <u>Newark</u>, N.J. (EWR) or <u>New York</u>, N.Y. (JFK); fuel surcharges, airline taxes, and fees; and all ground transportation and transfers. They also include accommodations in first-class hotels; comprehensive touring programs, including entrance fees; and a professional, English-speaking tour director and guide.

The eight-day <u>Discover Spain</u> tour starts at \$2,099 and brings travelers to the country's cosmopolitan cities, historical and medieval hilltop towns, and architectural treasures. The escorted tour visits <u>Madrid</u>, <u>Córdoba</u>, <u>Seville</u>, <u>Granada</u>, and <u>Toledo</u>. Highlights of the tour include stops at the <u>Prado Museum</u>, the <u>Mosque of Córdoba</u>, <u>Seville Cathedral</u>, <u>Granada</u> <u>Alhambra Palace</u> and <u>Generalife Gardens</u>, <u>St. Tomé Church of Toledo</u>, and more. Discover Spain also features daily breakfast, three dinners with wine, and headsets for enhanced sightseeing. Travelers can depart on April 19 for \$2,099, Aug. 9 or Sept. 20 for \$2,299, as well as other dates. An optional three-day extension to <u>Barcelona</u> is also available for just \$599.

The seven-day <u>Discover Scotland</u> tour brings travelers to <u>Glasgow</u>, <u>Inverness</u>, <u>Speyside</u>, <u>Blair Athol</u>, and <u>Edinburgh</u>, starting at \$2,249. The package includes a visit to the <u>Kelvingrove</u> <u>Art Gallery and Museum</u>, a cruise on Loch Ness, a stop at the <u>Culloden Battlefield Visitor</u> <u>Center</u>, a whiskey tasting at <u>Blair Athol Distillery</u>, a tour of <u>Edinburgh Castle</u>, and more. Discover Scotland also includes daily breakfast and three dinners. Travelers can depart on Sept. 5 for \$2,249, May 16 for \$2,499, as well as other dates. An optional three-day post-tour extension to London is available for \$699.

The 13-day <u>Discover Scotland and Ireland</u> tour starts at \$3,549 and offers travelers an indepth look at the two countries' most popular cities and towns, including <u>Glasgow</u>, <u>Inverness</u>, and <u>Edinburgh</u> in Scotland, and <u>Dublin</u>, Kerry, Killarney, Galway, Connemara, Limerick, and Clonmacnoise in Ireland. The tour includes all of the same destinations and highlights of the <u>Discover Scotland tour</u>, plus a visit to the <u>Ring of Kerry</u>, <u>Muckross House</u>, and <u>Clonmacnoise</u> <u>Monastery</u>; the chance to <u>kiss the Blarney Stone</u>; a stop at the picturesque <u>Cliffs of Moher</u>; a Dublin City tour; and a Lough Corrib Cruise. Discover Scotland and Ireland also includes daily breakfast and six dinners. Travelers can depart on May 16 for \$3,549, Sept. 5 for \$3,599, June 6 for \$3,699, as well as other dates.

Friendly Planet Travel's European product line consists of tours to Ireland, Scotland, Spain, Italy, and Croatia. For more information about these tours and Friendly Planet Travel, please visit the company's website at <u>www.FriendlyPlanet.com</u> or its blog at <u>blog.FriendlyPlanet.com</u>.

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