



IRISH TREASURES  
The Unforgettable Ireland one-week tour  
8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



| Dublin | Blarney Castle | Ring of Kerry | Burren & Cliffs of Moher | Galway | Connemara |

Discover Ireland's Celtic spirit and experience the stunning and varied landscapes of this beautiful  
"Emerald isle".

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 DUBLIN

Arrival in Dublin by your own. You are free to explore the city at your leisure this afternoon. Your hotel will be within walking distance of the city centre. (D)

**Accommodation: Dublin for 1 night**

### DAY 2 DUBLIN - BLARNEY - COUNTY KERRY

Today meet with your English speaking driver/guide and depart Ireland's capital traveling to County Kerry. En route stop in the town of Blarney to visit Blarney Castle. Here you will find the legendary Stone of Eloquence. Kiss it and you'll never again be lost for words. Enjoy some time for shopping at Blarney Woollen Mills. It was bought in 1976 by a former worker has been transformed into what is perhaps the largest quality craft shop in Ireland. (B)

**Accommodation: Kerry for 2 nights**



### DAY 3 RING OF KERRY

Today you can enjoy a superb tour of the Iveragh Peninsula, which will give you the opportunity to discover the Ring of Kerry. Taking in spectacular scenery such as mountains, peat, bogs, lakes and magnificent views of the Atlantic Ocean. Leaving Killarney pass through Killorglin, famous for its Puck Fair, then to Glenbeigh where the cliff road affords panoramic views of the Dingle Peninsula & Dingle Bay. Passing through the peat bogs one arrives at the sea town of Waterville. Continue to Sneem Village, famous for its brightly coloured houses, before arriving back in Killarney. Along the Ring of Kerry stop at a local farm for a sheepdog demonstration. Your visit starts with an overview of the different breeds of sheep, followed by an introduction to the farmer's most important tools, his border collies. Next you will see a superb demonstration of sheep herding as the farmer with his dogs demonstrate how, by working together, he can take a flock of sheep from the mountain top to the sheep pen close to the farmyard. (B)



Continuing the tour, you will visit the Dingle Peninsula, known for its rugged coastline and traditional music. The tour concludes in Killarney, where you can enjoy the views of the lake and the surrounding mountains. (B)

**Optional:** *Jaunting Car Ride in Killarney National Park. Enjoy transportation of a different kind! A pony and trap (also known as a Jaunting Car) helps you discover areas of Killarney National Park that you might not otherwise visit. Relax aboard a jaunting car as your Jarvey [driver] takes you through the magnificent scenery of the National Park. Today enjoy dinner on your own in one of the many restaurants or pubs in Killarney town.*



#### **DAY 4 KERRY - KILLIMER - BURREN - LIMERICK**

Travel northwards to Tarbert and take a short boat ride across the mouth of the river Shannon to land on Clare's shore at Killimer. Travel along the coast to the Cliffs of Moher, the most majestic cliffs in Ireland which rise from the Atlantic Ocean. On a clear day, you can admire the Aran Islands & Connemara Mountains. Enjoy a tour of the Burren region. The Burren is a high plateau of porous limestone situated in Northern Clare. The limestone is bare with no trees growing here or land covering the stone. But the Burren is not as deserted as we believe: the cracks allow different types of flowers to grow all year round. The rocks hide many caves such as the Ailwee caves. (B)

**Accommodation: Limerick for 1 night**

***Optional:** Medieval Banquet at Bunratty Castle or similar Bunratty Castle, built in the 15th century by the Earl of Thomond, stands on the banks of the Raithe River in County Clare. The Earl was known for his generosity and his lavish banquets. The entertainment today is provided by the superb Bunratty Singers and is a compliment to the lively mead reception, a four-course meal and, of course, good wine. Guests are invited to enjoy an unforgettable evening and take a true step back in time to Medieval Ireland.*

#### **DAY 5 LIMERICK - GALWAY CITY - CORRIB RIVER**

This morning travel to Galway City and get oriented with this beautiful place which has attracted many musicians & artists. Visit Galway Cathedral, one of the largest & most impressive buildings in Galway built between 1958 and 1965. Next enjoy a cruise along the Corrib River to Lough Corrib including scones and an Irish coffee. This journey on the Corrib Princess takes passengers along the majestic River Corrib and onto the lake. Visitors will see unsurpassed views of the historic monuments and natural amenities that make this one of the most spectacular waterways in Ireland. (B/D)

**Accommodation: Galway for 2 nights**

#### **DAY 6 GALWAY - CONNEMARA**

Today travel through the beautiful Connemara Region filled with lakes, rivers, bogs & mountains. Visit Kylemore Abbey, built in 1868 by Mitchell Henry, and see its most famous feature the miniature Cathedral. It has been home to the Irish order of Benedictine nuns since 1920. Next you will visit a bodhrán maker. Roundstone Music and Crafts is located in a former Franciscan monastery in Roundstone, in the heart of Connemara. It is here that you will find the workshop of Malachy Kearns, better known as Malachy Bodhrán, who is famous for the manufacture of bodhráns, the oldest instruments that accompany traditional Irish music. Malachy makes bodhráns for the world famous Riverdance troupe and he is currently the only full-time bodhrán maker in Ireland. (B)

#### **DAY 7 DUBLIN**

Depart Galway for Dublin today. On arrival in Dublin, you will first explore the north side of the city which offers striking monuments such as the GPO (General Post Office) on O'Connell Street & Phoenix Park, the largest public park in Europe. The city's south side appears more sophisticated with its vast Georgian squares & is home to Trinity College, Dublin Castle & two Anglican Cathedrals. Visit EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum. This is a state-of-the-art interactive experience located in the beautiful vaults of the 1820 Custom House Quarter building in Dublin's Docklands, the original departure point for so many of Ireland's emigrants. It will inspire and guide you on a journey to discover the stories of Irish emigration around the world, from early times to the modern day. (B)

**Accommodation: Dublin for 1 night**

***Optional:** Evening Entertainment at Taylor's Three Rock or similar. Visit this lively pub in Rathfarnham for an excellent night of music and dance. A ballad group will regale visitors with ballads both happy and sad and will (after a few pints) have visitors singing along with them. The music is interrupted for a short while to enjoy the*





*best of Irish dancing guaranteed to get feet tapping. Visitors will later be sent into the night with fond memories of a memorable night in a Dublin Pub.*

#### DAY 8 DUBLIN

After a final Irish breakfast, taxi or public transportation to the airport at your own expenses. End of services. (B)

**Note: alternatively we can book hotel accommodation in Dublin if you wish to extend your stay.**

### INCLUSIONS

- 7 night accommodation at 3\* and 4\* hotels
- 9 meals: 7 breakfasts, 2 dinners
- Visits as per itinerary
- Sheepdog Demonstration
- Ferry ride across the river Shannon
- Lough Corrib Cruise
- Half day Dublin city tour guide
- Modern motor-coach with driver/guide included as per itinerary
- Portage of 1 piece of luggage per person in/out of hotels
- Service charges and taxes at existing rates

**Not included.** Flights · beverages · travel insurance · tips · optional excursions · anything not mentioned in the inclusions

Hotel Options or similar		
City	3*	4*
Dublin	Academy Plaza Hotel	Riu Plaza Gresham Hotel
Kerry		Randles Hotel or Dromhall Hotel
Limerick	Treacys West County	George Hotel
Galway		Clayton Hotel

### Guaranteed dates for 2021

Price in CAD\$, per person starting from, double occupancy	Land package
April 4, 20, Oct. 12, 19	\$1659
May 11, 25, June 15, July 6, 20, August 10, 31, Sept. 14, 28,	\$1945
Single room supplement	On request

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