



Presents

Ireland “The Emerald Isle”

October 10-20, 2020 (10 days)

“Ireland feels like a dear old friend...an old friend who greets me with warmth and cheer no matter what the weather is, who serves up the best food and tea ever to cross my lips. An old friend who makes me feel at home so far away from home.” “It’s a place where beauty and serenity, laughter and music come together, wrapped up in myths and legends, and sprinkled with fairy dust and little people.” Quoted from Irish Central

DAY #1 Saturday October 10, 2020 Depart USA for Ireland

Depart the U.S. tonight aboard your wide bodied jet bound for the Emerald Isle. Dinner will be served shortly after takeoff, then watch a movie, or just relax as you approach the dawn of an Irish morning. **(meal service onboard)**

DAY #2 Sunday October 11, 2020 Dublin

After landing at Dublin Airport, you will proceed through Immigration, then collect your suitcase and pass through Customs. After clearing customs we make our way to our motorcoach which will transfer

us to the hotel. This afternoon, we board our coach for a sightseeing tour of Dublin’s fair city, which though modern and cosmopolitan, still retains the grace and atmosphere of the eighteenth century through its Georgian squares and terraces. We see Christchurch Cathedral and O’Connell Street, reputed to be one of the widest main streets in Europe and the Bank of Ireland, formerly the Irish House of Parliament. We also visit St. Patrick’s Cathedral, founded in 1190, with its memories of Jonathon Swift, Handle, King William and many more. To top off our day we’ll visit the Guinness Brewery for a tour and sampling of their product! After our tour, you are free to enjoy dinner and perhaps some Dublin style nightlife on your own. **Welcome cocktail at hotel, Overnight: Hotel downtown Dublin**

DAY #3 Monday October 12, 2020 Cork, Ireland

After breakfast this morning we depart Dublin and travel south across the scenic Wicklow Mountains and through the prosperous farming valley. Along the way we’ll stop to take photos at the Rock of Cashel, a stately limestone outcrop topped with medieval church ruins. Continue south past the gentle slopes of the Galtee Mountains to Cork, Ireland. Upon arrival in the town of Cork, Ireland we’ll check into our hotel for the evening (dinner on own). **Breakfast, Overnight: Cork, Ireland**

DAY #4 Tuesday October 13, 2020 Killarney

This morning after breakfast we visit Cobh Heritage Centre, which depicts the varied history of emigration from Ireland and many European countries to the United States over the past 150 years. Cobh was the last port of call for the “Titanic” and many liners that carried emigrants to the New World. This informative display is housed in the rail station through which all of the Irish emigrants had to pass. Then drive through the outskirts of Cork to the village of Blarney where you may climb the battlements of Blarney Castle and kiss the famed “Stone of Eloquence.” Also visit the Blarney Woollen Mills, which has an excellent range of Irish products of all types. They will ship and insure goods such as Waterford Crystal for you. Travel through the rugged countryside of County Kerry where the town of Killarney is charmingly located with a backdrop of mountains and lakes. We check into our hotel for a two night stay. **(dinner on own) Breakfast, Overnight: Hotel downtown, Killarney**



DAY #5 Wednesday October 14, 2020 Killarney

Today after our hearty Irish breakfast we will explore the Ring of Kerry 100 miles of marvelous scenery consisting of the highest peaks in Ireland on one side and a coastline scattered with golden beaches and rocky headlands on the other. Travel through Glenbeigh and stop for an optional visit to the Kerry Bog Museum & Village Farm which gives you an insight into how people lived and worked in Ireland in the 18th century. The village is the only one of its kind in Europe and was well researched prior to being recreated. For a very nominal fee you can visit an old blacksmith's forge, which was brought stone by stone, from Brosna, a small village in North Kerry. Also included in the fee is the turf cutters house, stable dwelling, dairy house, Denny's hen house, the labourer's cottage, and the thatchers dwelling. Continue your drive through Cahirciveen, on to Waterville and the colorful village of Sneem. Next we stop at Moll's Gap for a view of the three lakes of Killarney with the mountains and the town in the background. This afternoon we visit the Kissane Sheep Farm and enjoy a sheep dog demonstration (dependent on weather). We return to our hotel and the evening free to explore quaint Killarney. **(dinner on own) Breakfast, Overnight: Hotel downtown, Killarney**



DAY #6 Thursday October 15, 2020 Cliffs of Moher

After our Irish breakfast we will be leaving Killarney, traveling north. We will have a stop for a brief visit in the village of Listowel, before continuing to Tarbert to take a 20-minute ferry ride across the River Shannon estuary. We then drive along the coastline of County Clare to view the Cliffs of Moher, one of the country's most magnificent rock formations that rise to heights of almost 700 feet above the churning Atlantic swells. Later this afternoon we tour the Rathbaun Farm and enjoy tea, coffee and scones! Called the "City of the Tribes" after the fourteen most prominent families that settled this area, Galway, has had a long tradition of trade with Spain, and the Spanish influences are many in the city. Upon arrival, we will have a panoramic tour of Galway city, before checking into our hotel. You are on your own for dinner and to enjoy the lively city of Galway. **Breakfast, Overnight: Hotel downtown, Galway**

DAY #7 Friday October 16, 2020 Connemara

This morning, after a hearty Irish breakfast we shall explore the rugged yet serene Connemara area which John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara made famous in the classic, "A Quiet Man". This rocky land of broad-backed mountains and pearl-like lakes is the largest Irish speaking section of the country and the old traditions and way of life are as much a part of Connemara's attractions as is the scenery. We'll also enjoy an Irish tradition of a pint at a local pub in Connemara! Next we drive along the shores of Lough Corrib and then westward through Maam Cross to Leenane and Kylemore. Here you will visit Kylemore Abbey, the only Irish home of the Benedictine Nuns. Built originally as a Castle it is one of the best examples of Irish neo-gothic architecture, the estate features include a Victorian Walled Garden, restored Abbey reception rooms, Gothic Church, tranquil walks, craft shop, pottery, and restaurant. We'll return to Galway via the coastal route, stopping at Spiddal, a coastal market town to explore Staunton's Shoppe, which offers a wide selection of Irish hand knits and other local products this region is known for. This evening, we enjoy a Medieval Banquet at the 15th century Dunguaire Castle. Turn back the clock as you feast on fine food, drink rich mead and wine, and enjoy the lore and music of Ireland, performed by the enchanting Ladies of the Castle, to the strains of the harp and violin. **Breakfast, Drink, Medieval Dinner, Overnight; Hotel downtown, Galway**

DAY #8 Saturday October 17, 2020 Dublin

After breakfast, depart Galway and travel back through the Northern area of the Wicklow Mountains for a tour of the Causey Family Farm. Here we learn about the art of brown bread making, turf cutting demonstrations, general farming and experience traditional Irish activities like Ceili dancing. We continue our travels to the City of Belfast. Upon arrival we will have a brief orientation to acquaint us with the many restaurants, pubs and activities that only Belfast has to offer. **(dinner on own) Breakfast, Overnight: Europa Belfast Hotel**

DAY #9 Sunday October 18, 2020 Belfast City

After breakfast this morning we depart our hotel for a panoramic sightseeing tour of Belfast City. Some of the notable sights we will see are Belfast City Hall, Linen Hall Library, Stormont House, Grand Opera House; St. Anne's Cathedral, Ulster Museum and the Botanic Gardens. Next enjoy the New Titanic Experience where you will learn all about the history of this vessel and the fate of the passengers. At the end of your tour you may wish to visit one of the city's fine art galleries or museums. The evening is free to explore the many fine restaurants, pubs and entertainment venues that Belfast has to offer!

Breakfast, Overnight: Europa Belfast Hotel, Belfast

DAY #10 Monday October 19, 2020 Cabra Castle

This morning we travel south to the Boyne Valley where we will stop at the Newgrange Visitors Center for a visit. Here you will see a replica of the Newgrange passage-tomb dating from the late Stone Age (pre Stonehenge). All that remains today are huge circles of earthworks which are impressive by their size and age. After your visit, we continue on to our last overnight stop at Kingscourt, Co Cavan. Your hotel tonight is Cabra Castle Hotel and Golf Club. This 15th century Castle stands on 88 acres of gardens and parkland with delightful views of the Cavan countryside, famous for its beautiful lakes. Enjoy your stay here whether you play a round of golf, horseback ride or just enjoy the scenery. **Breakfast, Reception drink and Dinner, Overnight: Cabra Castle, Kingscourt**

DAY #11 Tuesday October 20, 2020 Depart Ireland

After breakfast, we bid farewell to Ireland as we board our coach for transfer to Dublin Airport. There will ample time to browse and shop in the Duty Free Store before boarding your return flight. Then, it's on board leaving behind the "Land of a Thousand Welcomes", sparkling in a setting of silver coastline and a patchwork of emeralds. **Breakfast**



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