



First Class 9 Day Package

Beautiful Ireland

Day 1: Depart for Ireland

We begin our adventure to the Emerald Isle with an overnight flight to Dublin, Ireland. Sit back, rest and enjoy the in-flight service.

Day 2: Welcome to the "Emerald Isle"

We arrive in Dublin and meet our Pilgrim Tour guide who will help transfer us to our city center hotel. After checking into our hotel the remainder of our day will be free to rest or explore downtown Dublin on your own. This evening we enjoy an Irish welcome dinner together.

Day 3: Ireland's Midlands, Blarney Castle & Kerry

After breakfast we depart Dublin and travel to the town of Blarney for a visit to Blarney Castle and its magical Kissing Stone. We'll take some time to enjoy shopping at Blarney Woollen Mills. The presence of the Woollen Mills during the famine shielded Blarney from the worst effects of the famine, due to its employment of local workers. The success story at the mills continued until a disastrous fire in 1869. By August 1871, the mill was once again operational with a labor force of 222. In 1976 Chris Kelleher, himself a mill worker, bought the old mill property. Within a short period of time Chris and his family transformed the mill into what is perhaps the largest quality craft shop in Ireland.

Day 4: Ring of Kerry

Discover the famed Ring of Kerry for a 100-mile panoramic drive around the island's southwestern tip. We'll take in spectacular scenery - mountains, peat bogs, lakes and magnificent views of the Atlantic Ocean. We'll make a visit to Muckross House, which was

built in 1843 by the Herbert Family, in Elizabethan style. This house is one of the prettiest residences of Ireland. Muckross, surrounded by beautiful gardens, is in the heart of the Killarney National Park.

Day 5: Burren & Cliffs

This morning we 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. We make our way to the Cliffs of Moher. These majestic cliffs in Ireland rise from the Atlantic Ocean over 600 feet and extend for over 4 miles. On a clear day, you can admire the Aran Islands, the Connemara Mountains and the many sea birds that live here on the cliffs. This afternoon we tour the Burren Region. The Burren is a strange and unique region in Europe. "Burren" means "large stones" and its name describes this impressive scenery perfectly well. You will also discover the testimonies of its rich history thanks to countless castles and monastic ruins. This evening you may want to enjoy an Optional Medieval Banquet at Bunratty Castle for \$75 per person. Guests are invited to enjoy an unforgettable evening in the splendor of this magnificent castle.

Day 6: Galway City & Lough Corrib Cruise

After breakfast we travel to Galway and enjoy an orientation tour. Galway City is a delight with its narrow streets, old stone and wooden shop fronts, good restaurants and busy pubs. The city has attracted many musicians and artists, which add much to the character of the city. Our visit will start at Galway's modern Cathedral, which was built in 1965. The Cathedral is one of the largest and most impressive buildings in Galway City. Next we enjoy a

cruise on Lough Corrib which takes passengers along the Majestic River Corrib and onto the lake, providing visitors with wonderful views of the historic monuments and scenery and making it one of the most spectacular waterways in Ireland. The remainder of our day will be free for our leisure.

Day 7: Connemara

We spend the day traveling through the beautiful Connemara Region. Connemara is a land of lakes and rivers, bogs and mountains. A land of small villages where Gaelic is still the spoken language and where little has changed since the beginning of time. It is without a doubt the wildest and the most romantic part of Ireland and a real paradise for nature lovers. We'll enjoy a visit to Kylemore Abbey. The architecture is best described as neo-gothic and the house still displays all the characteristics of that period.

Day 8: Galway, Dublin's Fair City

We depart Galway this morning and travel to Dublin via Clonmacnoise. Situated in the wilds, on the banks of the Shannon, sixth century Clonmacnoise is nowadays partly in ruins. We'll take time to visit the Visitor Centre where the original Celtic crosses are exhibited, followed by a tour of the site where you will see high towers, the eleventh century cathedral and the wonderful reproductions of the High Crosses. We continue to Dublin and enjoy a guided tour to include O'Connell Street, Trinity College, the Book of Kells, We'll take some time to view Dublin Castle and the two Anglican Cathedrals before enjoying some time at leisure for some last minute shopping. This evening you may want to enjoy an optional evening of entertainment at Taylors Three Rock for \$75 per person.

Day 9: Farewell

After a final Irish breakfast we transfer to Dublin Airport for your return flight home.

Price Includes: 7 nights lodging at first class hotels, breakfast daily and 3 dinners, full time English speaking driver guide, services of long distance deluxe motor coach as appear on itinerary, all entrances and transportation as appear on itinerary.

Not Included: Roundtrip airfare, 7 lunches and 4 dinners, tips to driver, guide and hotel staff of \$50 suggested, optional travel insurance, optional credit card payments (Additional 3% of amount paid).



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