

# **Unforgettable Ireland 9 Day Superior Package**

# Day I: 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 Ireland

Arrive at Dublin Airport. Transfer to your Dublin hotel under own arrangements. You are free to explore the city at your leisure this afternoon. Your hotel will be within walking distance of the city center.

Overnight: Dublin (Dinner)

#### Day 3: Blarney Castle & Kerry

Today meet with your coach & English speaking driver/guide & 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 & 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 and has been transformed into what is perhaps the largest quality craft shop in Ireland

Overnight: Kerry (Breakfast)

# Day 4: 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 - mountains, peat bogs, lakes & 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. Next arrive in the sea town of Waterville. Continue to Sneem Village, famous for its brightly colored houses. Next today 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.

Overnight: Kerry (Breakfast)

# Day 5: Burren & Cliffs of Moher

Travel northwards to Tarbert & 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.

This evening you may want to enjoy an Optional Medieval Banquet at Bunratty Castle for \$75 per person. Bunratty Castle, built in the 15th century by the Earl of Thomond, stands on the banks of the Raite 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 & is a compliment to the lively mead reception, a four-course meal & of course good wine. Guests are invited to enjoy an unforgettable evening & take a true step back in time to Medieval Ireland.

Overnight: Limerick (Breakfast)

#### 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 Cathe-



dral, 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.

Overnight: Galway (Breakfast and Dinner)

# Day 7: Connemara

Today travel through the beautiful Connemara Region filled with lakes, rivers, bogs & mountains. Enjoy some time at leisure in Connemara National Park. 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.

Overnight: Galway (Breakfast)

# Day 8: Dublin's Fair City

Depart Galway for Dublin today. En route visit Clonmacnoise on the banks of the Shannon. Explore the visitors center and take a tour to see the high towers, the 11th century cathedral & the wonderful high crosses. Continue on to Dublin to discover Dublin's Fair City. The north side of the city offers striking monuments such as the GPO (General Post Office) on O'Connell Street & the Phoenix Park, the largest public park in Europe. The cities south side appears more sophisticated with its vast Georgian squares & is home to Trinity College, Dublin Castle & two Anglican Cathedrals. Visit Trinity College, Ireland's oldest university & home to the Book of Kells.

This evening you may want to enjoy an optional evening of dinner and entertainment at Taylors Three Rock for \$72 per person. 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.

Overnight: Dublin (Breakfast)

#### Day 9: Farewell

After a final Irish breakfast transfer to the Dublin airport under your own arrangements. (Breakfast)

#### **INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE**

3-4 star lodging, porterage of 1 bag, full Irish breakfast daily, 2 dinners, entrance admissions, transportation, and driver/guide.

# NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE

Flight departures (low cost fares available nationwide), all lunches, optional Bunratty Castle banquet (\$75 per person), optional traditional Irish night and dinner (\$72 per person), 5 dinners, gratuities.

# PRICE PER PERSON: BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

From \$1,044

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