

Amazing Irish Tours

Have the time of your life

Enchanting Ireland for 11 days

DAY 1: Destination Ireland: The adventure begins with an overnight flight to the enchanted “Emerald Isle”. Dinner and a light breakfast are served onboard before an early morning landing in Shannon.

DAY 2: Shannon: Upon arrival in Shannon, we meet our Irish coach driver and experienced guide. We'll have a coffee break in the picturesque village of Adare on our short journey to Killarney. The afternoon we'll be free to possibly take a jaunting cart ride through the Killarney National Parklands.



DAY 3: Killarney: Our stay in Killarney allows us to explore the majestic beauty and historic sites of county Kerry and county Cork. This morning we depart on a spectacular 100 mile journey around the “Ring of Kerry”. We'll experience breathtaking seascapes, gently rolling hills, quaint Irish villages, high mountain passes, beautiful lakes and streams, and every shade of green that exists! We'll make stops at the fascinating Bog Village, the coastal village of Waterville, spectacular Coomakista Pass, the charming village of Sneem, Moll's Gap, and the Lakes of Killarney.

DAY 4: Blarney Castle: We depart this morning, bound for Ireland's capital city of Dublin. Our first stop will be the historic Blarney Castle where you can climb to the top and kiss the Blarney Stone and receive the gift of gab. We will then make our way to Dublin.

DAY 5: Dublin: Our stay in magnificent Dublin begins this morning with a guided tour of one of the world's trendiest cities. First settled by the Vikings in 841, Dublin today is one of Europe's most popular cities. Our tour will include a scenic drive along the River Liffey, through neighborhoods of superbly maintained Georgian town homes, and past some of Dublin's most historic landmarks. We'll visit St. Patrick's Cathedral, and tour Phoenix Park, Europe's largest enclosed park. Dublin Castle, the National Parliament, Trinity University, the Millennium Spire, the Daniel O'Connell Memorial, and St. Stephens Green are also included on our city tour. The afternoon will be yours to explore and experience this remarkable city. You might choose to see the exquisite “Book of Kells” at Trinity University, tour of the famous Guinness Brewery, stroll through St. Stephen's Green, visit the Writer's Museum, or take in a play at one of Dublin's trendy theatres.

DAY 6: Clifden: This morning we begin our journey to Ireland's West coast and county Mayo. We'll pass through Ireland's historic Midlands, the spiritual and political seat of Celtic power in ancient Ireland. Rolling grasslands and bogs, dotted with scenic lakes dominate the region. We'll be making an interesting stop at Locke's Whiskey Distillery in the town of Kilbeggan. Founded in 1757, Locke's claims to be the oldest “pot still” distillery in the world.



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DAY 7: Kylemore Abbey: Our morning begins with a short drive to the imposing Kylemore Abbey. Built between 1863 and 1868 by Manchester tycoon, Mitchell Henry, this lakeside castle is a Gothic Revival fantasy of romantic charm. Henry sold the castle shortly after the sudden death of his wife in 1875. The castle became an abbey during World War I when Benedictine nuns, fleeing from war-torn Belgium, arrived here. Today, the nuns run the abbey as a select girl's boarding school. We return to Clifden for an afternoon of free time.

DAY 8: Galway: Today's departure for Galway will take place in the morning to allow us time to explore this beautiful coastal town on the banks of the Corrib River. The narrow, winding streets of this once walled city offer a variety of shops, pubs, and historic sites. At the city docks, one may view a Galway hooker, the small wooden sailing boats featured on the city's coat of arms and once used to ferry peat, cattle, and beer along the coast.



DAY 9: Aran Islands: Today, we journey to the legendary Aran Islands. Our morning begins the going by ferry to the main island of Inishmore. The island's stunningly austere landscape is enhanced by spectacular coastal views and sheer cliffs that drop down to the Atlantic. The island is dotted with beehive huts and several large prehistoric stone forts, a legacy remaining from the land's earliest inhabitants. With the arrival of St. Enda in the 5th century, the isolated islands have long since had a strong monastic tradition. Island inhabitants still wear traditional Aran clothing...tweed jacket for men and colorful crocheted shawl for women.

DAY 10: Cliffs of Moher and Bunratty Castle: Upon departure, our destination this morning is to one of the most breathtaking natural sites in all of Ireland...the Cliffs of Moher. This sheer rock wall of cliffs, towering 650 feet up from the Atlantic, extend for 8 miles along the Irish coast. Even when seen through a foggy mist created by Atlantic gales, the cliffs provide the visitor with an unforgettable experience! After lunch near the cliffs, we're off to the town of Bunratty and its popular landmark castle. Built in the 15th century for the O'Briens, Earls of Thomond, the well preserved castle is one of Ireland's most visited sites. The nearby Bunratty Folk Park is a meticulously re-created Irish village, complete with shops, homes, working mills, thatched buildings, and people in authentic costumes, demonstrating crafts of an earlier time. Tonight, we'll stay in Limerick, where our adventure began almost 2 weeks ago.

DAY 11: Depart for Home

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