



Irish Traditions' Ireland Discovery Tour

This custom designed itinerary presents all of the wonders the Emerald Isle has to offer. From the moment you set foot on Irish soil you will feel like you have come home. Experience the warmth and charm of the Irish people and immerse yourself in their rich culture as you stroll through charming seaside villages and visit local pubs. Your discovery will give you memories to last a lifetime.

July 7-15, 2010

\$2,955 per person - double occupancy

\$1,995 per person, land only

Single room supplement \$395, Travel Protection Plan (optional) \$159 per person

Price includes:

- Sightseeing by luxury motorcoach with a professional Irish tour guide for 8 days
- Superior first class hotels with private bath for 7 nights
- A perfectly leisurely pace with two nights in Kinsale, County Cork, two nights in Killarney, County Kerry, two nights in Ennis, County Clare, and one night in Dublin
- Full Irish breakfast daily plus dinner on five evenings
- Traditional Irish céilí at Bunratty Corn Barn
- Dinner and traditional Irish entertainment at the Merry Ploughboy Pub
- Guided Tour of Dublin
- 'Titanic' Walking tour of Cobh
- Horse drawn jaunting car ride in Killarney
- Passage on the Tarbert ferry
- Visits and admission fees to the Guinness Storehouse, Cobh Heritage Centre, Blarney Castle & Woollen Mills, Muckross House & Gardens, Cliffs of Moher, Bunratty Folk Park
- All local taxes, hotel service charges & portage

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Airport taxes are subject to change until ticketed. Price, excluding airport tax, is guaranteed for reservations under deposit by March 27, 2010. Final payment due May 1.

Wed, July 7: UNITED STATES TO DUBLIN

Depart the United States and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic.

Thurs, July 8: DUBLIN ARRIVAL and KINSALE, COUNTY CORK

Land in Dublin where our CIE Tours guide will meet us. Travel to Naas and through Kildare, which is prime horse-breeding country. Drive south through pleasant farmland to the marketing town of Carlow and on to Kilkenny. Then continue south to the coastal town of Kinsale. After checking into the hotel, enjoy some time to relax or take a stroll before dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Fri, July 9: COBH SIGHTSEEING

This morning visit the Cobh Heritage Centre, which depicts the history of emigration from Ireland to the United States over the past 150 years, and is housed in the rail station through which all of the Irish emigrants had to pass. Set off on a guided walking tour, the *Titanic Trail*, which will show you around the streets of Cobh, revealing locations and incidents directly connected to the Titanic. St. Colman's Cathedral, the Holy Ground, and the site of the landing of Lusitania victims are all pointed out and interspersed with a multitude of emigrant, military and maritime history. Enjoy some free time to explore the city before returning to Kinsale, renowned as "the gourmet capital" of Ireland, for independent dining.

Sat, July 10: BLARNEY & KILLARNEY

Depart Kinsale and drive a short distance to Blarney where you may climb to the battlements of Blarney Castle to kiss the "Stone of Eloquence." Also visit the Blarney Woollen Mills, which has an excellent range of Irish products of all types. Then journey west through rugged countryside to Killamey, widely celebrated for its setting overlooking lakes and mountains. An old-fashioned horse drawn jaunting car will bring you through the Killarney National Park, which is closed to motorized vehicles. Drive along the shores of Lough Leane to Muckross House, an elegant 19th century mansion set beside the tranquil Muckross Lake. A guided tour around the 19th century manor house will fill you in on some local history and the family ties to the United States. Head into town where you will check into your hotel. You may like to browse around this busy little town before dining in the hotel restaurant.

Sun, July 11: DINGLE PENNINSULA TOUR

Today discover the beauties of the Dingle Peninsula, made famous by David Lean's movie, "Ryan's Daughter." Drive along the south shore of the peninsula for plenty of vistas of heathery mountains, sandy stretches of beach and rocky headlands. There will be frequent stops at strategic locations to admire the views and take photos. Stop in the town of Dingle before continuing to the western tip of the peninsula. Here the scenery becomes wilder as the influence of the open Atlantic Ocean strengthens. You will pass early Christian monastic beehive huts and small fishing villages. Return to Killarney where the balance of the day is free for independent activities and dining.

***Book now to avoid disappointment!
Final payment due May 1, 2010***

For reservations, complete the coupon below and send it with your deposit check payable to NACBA Travel for \$200 per person (\$359 if you wish to purchase travel protection plan) to:

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Mon, July 12: CLIFFS OF MOHER AND CÉILÍ

Depart Killamey and travel north through the village of Listowel to Tarbert. Take a 20-minute ferry ride across the River Shannon estuary and 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. Then drive inland to the town of Ennis known for its pedestrianized streets, quaint shop fronts and traditional Irish music. After checking in to our hotel, drive to the nearby village of Bunratty for an Irish céilí - a home-style meal of Irish favorites and a lively program of music and storytelling.

Tues, July 13: BUNRATTY FOLK PARK

This morning return to the Bunratty Folk Park, which comprises a collection of farmhouses from different regions of Ireland and a 19th century village street with a pub, school, general store and many other buildings where traditional lifestyles and crafts are demonstrated. You may like to visit Durty Nelly's pub which stands in the shadow of Bunratty Castle and has been in business for about two centuries. It is a warren of small rooms and intimate bars with cozy fireplace seats. Return to Ennis for some free time before dining at the hotel restaurant.

Wed, July 14: DUBLIN HIGHLIGHTS

Depart Ennis and travel through the city of Limerick and past the busy towns of Roscrea and Nenagh. Travel through mixed farming country and past the gentle slopes of Slieve Bloom and Silvermines Mountains and on into Dublin. Upon arrival set off with a local guide who will show you around the prominent historic buildings and monuments. Dublin is an ancient settlement, founded by the Vikings in the 9th century. The city has been molded through the centuries with many architectural styles, reflecting the economic, political and artistic influences. Visit the Guinness Storehouse to see exhibits on how this world famous stout was first created and why it is so popular today. Finish your visit in the roof-top bar, Gravity, overlooking the city center where you can sample a draft Guinness and enjoy the view of the city. Check into your hotel with some time to freshen up before dinner.

This evening drive to the town of Rathfamham to The Merry Ploughboy Pub for dinner followed by a lively show of traditional Irish songs, dancing and music.

Thurs, July 15: RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

Transfer to Dublin Airport in good time to check in for your flight, do some duty-free shopping and board your aircraft for the return journey.

Hotels:

Carlton Hotel, Kinsale, County Cork (2 nights)
Killamey Plaza Hotel, Killamey, County Kerry (2 nights)
Old Ground Hotel, Ennis, County Clare (2 nights)
Davenport Hotel, Dublin (1 night)

Name of Passenger/s: (Must match passport/s!)		
Number of passengers: [] Type of room: [] Twin [] Single (\$395 supplement) Reserving for: [] Air and Land (\$2955 per person) [] Land only (\$1995 per person)		
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