

Discover Ireland



Dublin – Blarney Castle - Kerry Limerick - Galway - Connemara

Departure Date : 13 September, 2010

Tour Days: 9

Tour Price:

Based on per person on a twin sharing basis

Members: US\$2495

Non members: US\$2595

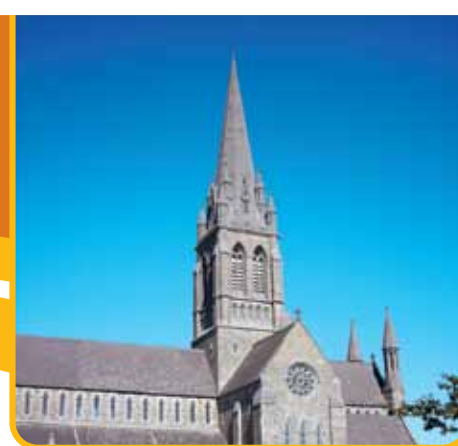
Single Supplement: US\$695

Tour Package Includes:

- 8 nights superior accommodation.
- Full Irish breakfast at Hotels each day.
- Daily Dinner at Hotels each day.
- Medieval Banquet at Bunratty Castle.
- English speaking driver plus guide.
- Modern motorcoach with driver for airport transfers.
- English speaking local guide for Dublin city tour.
- Ferry ride across the river Shannon.
- Cruise on Lough Corrib.
- International air from JFK.
- Service charges and taxes.

Book before 01 April and get \$100/pp discount.





TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 - Overnight Flight

Depart from USA for Dublin.

Day 2 - Dublin

Arrive at Dublin International Airport and transfers to your hotel. The remainder of the day is yours at leisure. Overnight in Dublin. (D)

Day 3 - Ireland's Midlands - Blarney Castle - Kerry

This morning depart Ireland's capital and travel to County Kerry. En-route stop in the town of Blarney for a visit to the famous Blarney Castle. Dating from 1446, the castle is a tower house built on solid limestone within wonderful grounds. At the top of the Tower you will find the legendary Stone of Eloquence. Kiss it and you'll never again be lost for words. But don't take our word for it – everyone from Sir Walter Scott to a host of American presidents, world leaders, and international entertainers has been eager to take advantage.

Enjoy some time for 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 labour 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. Continue on to Kerry. Overnight in Kerry (B, D)

Day 4 - Ring of Kerry

Today you will 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 and magnificent views of the Atlantic Ocean. Leaving Killarney one passes through Killorglin, famous for its Puck Fair, then to Glenbeigh where the cliff road affords panoramic views of the Dingle Peninsula and Dingle Bay. Passing through the peat bogs one arrives at the sea town of Waterville. Continue to Sneem Village, famous because of its brightly coloured houses. The road continues through the mountains to Molls Gap and Ladies View with superb views of the famous Lakes of Killarney. Visit Muckross House, which was built in 1843 by the Herbert Family, in Elizabethan style. This house is one of the most sumptuous residences of Ireland. Muckross, surrounded by beautiful gardens, is in the heart of the Killarney National Park, the first to be opened in Ireland. Overnight, in Kerry (B, D)

Day 5 - Burren - Cliffs of Moher - Limerick

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. Travel along the coast to the Cliffs of Moher. The most majestic cliffs in Ireland rise from the Atlantic Ocean at 215 metres and extend for over seven kilometres. On a clear day you can admire the Aran Islands, the Connemara Mountains and the many sea birds that nest here in spring.

Enjoy a tour of the Burren Region. Continue on to Limerick. This evening enjoy a Medieval Banquet at Bunratty Castle. Overnight in Limerick (B, D)

Day 6 - Galway

This morning travel to Galway. On arrival enjoy an orientation tour of the city. Galway 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 adds so much to the character of the city. A visit starts at Galway's modern Cathedral one of the largest and most impressive buildings in Galway. Built between 1958 and 1965, it stands on the site of the old city jail. The architecture of the Cathedral draws on many influences. Enjoy the rest of your afternoon at leisure. Overnight in Galway (B, D)

Day 7 - Connemara

Today enjoy travelling through the beautiful Connemara Region, 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. The Connemara is a real paradise for nature lovers. You will also visit Kylemore Abbey. Overnight in Galway (B, D)

Day 8 - Galway – Dublin

Depart Galway for Dublin via Clonmacnoise. Situated in the wilds, on the banks of the Shannon, sixth century Clonmacnoise is now partly in ruins. You 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. Continue on to Dublin to discover the Fair City. The north side of the River Liffey offers great striking monuments such as the General Post Office on the main thoroughfare, O'Connell Street, or the Custom House along the quays, as well as Phoenix Park, the largest public park in Europe. This part of the city is also dominated by the students of Trinity College. The university is facing the medieval district where Dublin Castle and the two Anglican Cathedrals can be found. Visit Trinity College, the oldest University in Ireland, founded in 1592 by Elizabeth 1st. Within its walls, you will be able to admire Parliament Square and its 18th Century edifices. Visit the ancient library, containing over twenty thousand manuscripts, to see the ninth century Book of Kells, famous for its precious illuminations. Late this afternoon enjoy some last minute time at leisure for souvenir shopping. Overnight in Dublin (B, D)

Day 9: Depart for the USA

Transfer to Dublin International Airport for your departure flight home. (B)

TOUR LODGING INFO:

Hotel list is as follows:

Dublin
03 Nights - Jury's Inn Parnell

Kerry
02 Nights - Killarney Court

Limerick
01 Night - Maldron Hotel

Galway
01 Night - Carlton Hotel

Please note:
Itinerary and Hotels are subject to change

