

a taste of IRELAND TOUR – 2012



Highlights:

- Merry Ploughboy Dinner & Show
- Bunratty Castle Medieval Banquet
- Dublin Castle
- Kiss the Blarney Stone
- Ring of Kerry Tour
- Cliffs of Moher

Hotels:

Superior & first class:

- Burlington Hotel, Dublin (1 night)
- Killarney Towers Hotel, Killarney (2 nights)
- Bunratty Castle Hotel, Bunratty (1 night)
- Academy Plaza Hotel, Dublin (1 night)

Tour Includes:

- Airport transfers at start and end of tour
- Sightseeing by luxury coach
- Professional tour director
- 5 nights in hotels listed above
- Full breakfast daily except on day of arrival (B)
- 4 dinners (D) including
 - Merry Ploughboy Pub dinner and traditional show and Bunratty Castle Medieval Banquet
 - 2 table d'hote dinners in Killarney
- Welcome get-together drink
- Tour of Dublin with a local guide
- Sheepdog trials on Ring of Kerry
- Ferry ride across the River Shannon
- Visits and admissions to Dublin Castle, Blarney Castle, Blarney Woollen Mills, Skellig Experience and Cliffs of Moher
- Deluxe carry-on backpack, ticket wallet, luggage tags & strap
- All local taxes, hotel service charges & portorage for one suitcase per person

6 Day Taste of Ireland Tour Itinerary

Day 1 - Dublin & Merry Ploughboy Pub

Start at Dublin Airport with a group transfer to your hotel between 7:00 am and 12:00 noon. At 2:00 pm join a local guide for a tour of ancient and modern Dublin. Drive through the main streets to see historic buildings such as Trinity College, where the Book of Kells is housed; the evocative figures of the Famine Memorial; and rows of Georgian houses with gaily-painted doorways. Stop at Dublin Castle for a guided tour through the elegant State Apartments, which are filled with elaborate Waterford Crystal chandeliers and portraits of prominent Irish leaders. Return to your hotel for a get-together with your tour group and a welcome drink. In the evening head to the Merry Ploughboy Pub for a great dinner of Irish specialties and a lively show with popular Irish songs and intricate step-dancing. (D)



Day 2 - Blarney Castle & Killarney

Depart Dublin and travel through the midlands of Ireland, which has many mixed farms. Stop for photos of the stately ruins on the Rock of Cashel, rising high above the surrounding plain. Continue your drive south and, just a few miles outside Cork, visit Blarney Castle to kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence." Also visit the Blarney Woollen Mills where you can find quality Irish-made goods of all types, conveniently displayed under one roof. Drive through Macroom, built around a fine castle, and into County Kerry where the scenery becomes more mountainous. Arrive in Killarney, picturesquely set beside lakes with Ireland's highest mountains, the Macgillycuddy's Reeks, forming a backdrop. Check in to your hotel and

relax before dinner. After your meal you may like to take a stroll through the compact town and explore Killarney's famous singing pubs. (B, D)

Day 3 - Ring of Kerry & Skellig Experience

Today embark on Ireland's most popular scenic drive of 100 miles - the Ring of Kerry. This winding route reveals breathtaking sights of the Macgillycuddy's Reeks as well as coastal views of beaches and cliffs. As you travel along, there will be plenty of stops for photos at the best vantage points. Stop at Kells to meet a local farmer, Brendan Ferris, for a taste of farm life with a sheepdog demonstration of herding flocks and see different breeds of sheep. Drive through the village of Cahirciveen and cross to Valencia Island by bridge. Visit the Skellig Experience to learn about the nearby rocky islands where early Christian monks lived in austere conditions and today they form a thriving bird sanctuary. Stop to walk around Sneem, where brightly-painted houses are grouped around a central green. Pause at Moll's Gap for a view of the Three Lakes of Killarney with the town in the distance. Return to Killarney and enjoy a fine dinner in your hotel once again. (B, D)

Day 4 - Cliffs of Moher & Bunratty Castle

Leave Killarney and drive north to Tarbert for a 20-minute ferry ride across the wide River Shannon Estuary. Your tour continues along the Clare coast to the Cliffs of Moher, a spectacular wall of limestone that reaches to almost 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. Drive past Lahinch Golf Course, one of Ireland's most famous, and through the marketing town of Ennis to Bunratty. Check in to Bunratty Castle Hotel, which is located close to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. In the evening head to Bunratty Castle for a memorable experience in a wonderful setting with good food and entertainment. Take your place in the Great Hall for a medieval-style feast of excellent dishes and plenty of wine. During and after the meal the lords and ladies will serenade you with song and harp music, evocative of the Middle Ages. (B, D)



Day 5 - Dublin Extension via Galway

Drive north through Galway and out along the famous Galway Bay to Spiddal where the locals still speak the Irish language. Then drive across the rugged boglands of Connemara to Moycullen to visit the Connemara Marble Factory. See how this locally-quarried marble is made into attractive products and enjoy tea and scones. Drive into Galway for a panoramic tour around the principal areas and then take some time to look around the city before traveling to Dublin.



Check in to a different hotel, centrally located off O'Connell Street. You are free this evening to spend the final night of your tour exploring the pubs in the lively Temple Bar area or experience one of Dublin's fine restaurants. (B)

Day 6 - Depart from Dublin Airport

Group transfers are provided to Dublin Airport to arrive at 6:00 am, 9:00 am or 12:00 noon to check in for your flight. If you need an earlier transfer, your tour director will arrange one for you. Then you can shop for duty-free goods before boarding your flight home. (B)

B: Breakfast; D: Dinner

dates & prices

call today to reserve your place

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Dublin to Dublin

Flights from North America depart the day before the tour start date. Prices below do not include airfare. We will be happy to provide a quote including airfare.

Depart USA	Arrive Dublin	Dublin	Dublin	Per Person Price Twin Sharing	Status
Sun Feb 12, 2012	Sat Feb 18, 2012	Mon Feb 13, 2012	Sat Feb 18, 2012	\$798	Guaranteed
Sun Feb 19, 2012	Sat Feb 25, 2012	Mon Feb 20, 2012	Sat Feb 25, 2012	\$798	Guaranteed
Sun Feb 26, 2012	Sat Mar 3, 2012	Mon Feb 27, 2012	Sat Mar 3, 2012	\$798	Guaranteed
Sun Mar 4, 2012	Sat Mar 10, 2012	Mon Mar 5, 2012	Sat Mar 10, 2012	\$896	Guaranteed
Fri Mar 9, 2012	Thu Mar 15, 2012	Sat Mar 10, 2012	Thu Mar 15, 2012	\$896	
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