

IRELAND emerald supreme– 2012 with Dromoland castle and ashford castle



maximum number of guests on tour: 26



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Highlights:

- Ireland's Best Deluxe & Castle Hotels Including Famous Dromoland & Ashford Castles
- Abbey or Gate Theatre
- Slieve League Sea Cliffs
- Giant's Causeway & Belfast

Deluxe Hotels and Castle:

- Westbury Hotel, Dublin (2 nights)
- Killarney Park Hotel, Killarney (2 nights)
- Dromoland Castle Hotel, Newmarket-on-Fergus (1 night)
- Ashford Castle Hotel, Cong (2 nights)
- Harvey's Point Hotel, Donegal (2 nights)
- Merchant Hotel, Belfast (1 nights)
- Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin (2 night)

Tour Includes:

- Airport transfers at start and end of tour
- Sightseeing by luxury coach
- Professional tour director
- 12 nights in hotels listed above
- Full breakfast daily except on day 1 (B)
- 10 dinners (D) including:
 - Pre-theatre dinner in Dublin
 - Killeen House Restaurant in Killarney
 - Dinner and entertainment at Eddie's Pub in Clonbur
 - Farewell dinner in the Loft Restaurant and traditional show at the Abbey Tavern
 - 6 table d'hote dinners
- Welcome get-together drink
- Tour of Dublin and Belfast
- Abbey or Gate Theatre performance
- Farmhouse tea and scones with sheepdog display
- Ferry ride across the River Shannon
- Catamaran cruise of Killary Fjord with Irish coffee
- "The Quiet Man" walking tour of Cong
- Slieve League Sea Cliffs followed by home-baked scones with coffee or tea
- Walking tour of Derry
- Dublin open-top bus tour with a visit and drink at Guinness Storehouse or Old Jameson Distillery
- Visits and admissions to Russborough House, Book of Kells at Trinity College, Rock of Cashel, Skellig Experience, Cliffs of Moher, Museum of Country Life, W. B. Yeats' Grave, Belleek Pottery Factory, Triona Design, Giant's Causeway and Titanic Belfast
- Deluxe carry-on backpack, ticket wallet, luggage tags & strap
- All local taxes, hotel service charges & portorage for one suitcase per person

13 Day Emerald Supreme Tour Itinerary

Day 1 - Dublin & Russborough House

Your tour starts at Dublin Airport with a transfer to your hotel between 7:00 am and 12:00 noon. If your flight arrives later, transfer to the hotel at your own expense. At 2:00 pm take a short ride through the Wicklow Mountains for a guided tour around Russborough House, noted for its art and photography collections. In the evening discuss your itinerary with your tour director over a welcome drink.

Day 2 - Book of Kells & Theatre Evening

This morning tour central Dublin as you drive past Leinster House, the seat of government, and St. Stephen's Green. Cross the River Liffey to see O'Connell Street and pause at the Famine Memorial. Walk through Trinity College to visit the Old Library where the priceless 8th century manuscript of the Book of Kells is housed. In the afternoon use included vouchers for an open-top bus tour and visit Guinness or Jameson. Dine in the hotel restaurant before heading to a play at the world-famous Abbey or Gate Theatre. **(B, D)**



Day 3 - Rock of Cashel & Sheep Farm Visit

Visit the Rock of Cashel, where Brian Boru was crowned King of Munster in 977. See the 12th century Cormac's Chapel with its Hiberno-Romanesque decorations, the large cruciform cathedral and a round tower. At a nearby farmhouse sample home-made scones with tea and watch trained dogs round up sheep. Drive to Killarney, famous for its scenic location. Check in to your hotel and enjoy a superb dinner in the fine restaurant. **(B, D)**

Day 4 - Ring of Kerry & Killeen House Restaurant



Today experience the Ring of Kerry drive for breathtaking views of mountains and the Atlantic Ocean. You will have plenty of stops to admire or photograph scenic vistas. Visit the Skellig Experience, which shows early Christian monastic life on the nearby rocky islands. Today the islands form a sanctuary for sea birds. Return through Sneem and pause at Moll's Gap for panoramic views. Enjoy delicious cuisine at the award-winning Killeen House Restaurant. **(B, D)**

Day 5 - Cliffs of Moher & Dromoland Castle

Take a ferry across the River Shannon to reach the Cliffs of Moher, majestic walls of rock, which extend five miles along the coast. You may walk to O'Brien's Tower for a view of the Aran Islands. Journey through the Burren to the lovely Dromoland Castle Hotel. Relax in the wonderful setting or take a short drive to Bunratty Village for an opportunity to visit Bunratty Castle and Folk Park or the 200-year-old Durty Nelly's Pub. Experience gourmet dining in the hotel's elegant dining room. **(B, D)**

Day 6 - Galway & Ashford Castle

Take a panoramic tour around Galway to see the Cathedral, the Claddagh area and the Spanish Arch. Have free time to browse around the main areas near Eyre Square and continue to Cong for a two-night stay at the famous Ashford Castle Hotel, arriving in time to unwind in wonderful surroundings or use leisure facilities. Dine in Ashford's lovely restaurant and afterwards listen to music in the Dungeon Bar. **(B, D)**

Day 7 - Connemara & "The Quiet Man" Walk



Travel through Connemara to Leenane and embark on a catamaran cruise around Killary Harbour, Ireland's only fjord. As you sip an Irish coffee, see remains of houses and potato patches abandoned during the 1840's Famine as well as stunning scenery. Take a walking tour around Cong to see movie locations of the 1952 production of "The Quiet Man." In the evening drive to Clonbur for an informal dinner with local entertainment at Eddie's Pub. **(B, D)**

Day 8 - Museum of Country Life & Belleek China

Visit the Museum of Country Life to view exhibits of domestic goods in daily use during the 19th and early 20th centuries. Travel to County Sligo, associated with the poet, W. B. Yeats, and view his grave, near Ben Bulbin Mountain. Tour the Belleek Pottery Factory to see how delicate china is formed and decorated by skilled craftspeople. Harvey's Point Hotel is set in glorious scenery a few miles outside Donegal town and is noted for its outstanding cuisine. **(B, D)**

Day 9 - Slieve League Cliffs & Donegal



Drive to the fishing port of Killybegs and on to Teelin to view Slieve League sea cliffs, the highest in Europe, reaching 1,972 feet. The cliffs drop straight down to the wild Atlantic waves creating breathtaking views. Enjoy coffee or tea with home-baked scones before driving through the majestic Glengesh Pass to Ardara. County Donegal is renowned for its rugged scenery, sheep and Donegal tweed. Visit Triona Design to see demonstrations of spinning, weaving and knitting. **(B, D)**

Day 10 - Derry Walk & Giant's Causeway

Take a walking tour around Derry's medieval walls, which completely encircle the old city. Learn about the history as you pass the Diamond and St. Columb's Cathedral. Pause for photos at Dunluce Castle before visiting the Giant's Causeway, enormous hexagonal columns formed over 60 million years ago. Experience wonderful views along the "Nine Glens of Antrim." In Belfast check in to your elegant Victorian hotel, built as the headquarters of the Ulster Bank. Enjoy fine dining in the elegant Great Room Restaurant, once the main Banking Hall. **(B, D)**



Day 11 - Belfast Tour & Titanic Quarter



A local guide will show you the highlights of Belfast, including Victorian buildings, the imposing City Hall and the shipyards where RMS Titanic was built in 1912. Visit the newly-opened Titanic Belfast to learn about this ill-fated famous liner through state-of-the-art displays. Drive past the gentle slopes of the Mourne Mountains to Dublin and check in to your landmark hotel on St. Stephen's Green. Enjoy a farewell dinner at the Abbey Tavern's Loft Restaurant in Howth followed by a lively show of songs and step-dancing. **(B, D)**

Day 12 - Extra Day in Dublin

Spend an additional night in Dublin and enjoy a day at leisure or use your independent Dublin open-top bus tour pass if you did not use it on day 2. **(B)**

Day 13 - Tour Ends Dublin Airport

Take a taxi transfer to Dublin Airport to arrive in time to check in for your flight home. **(B)**

B: Breakfast; D: Dinner

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Thu Mar 29, 2012	Wed Apr 11, 2012	\$ 4,918.00	Guaranteed
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Thu May 10, 2012	Wed May 23, 2012	\$ 5,688.00	Guaranteed
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Thu Jun 21, 2012	Wed Jul 4, 2012	\$ 6,048.00	Guaranteed
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Thu Oct 11, 2012	Wed Oct 24, 2012	\$ 5,438.00	
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