



# Irish Elegance

British Isles Touring  
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*The Cliffs of Moher tower over the Atlantic Ocean*

*A stylish outing which stays at the distinguished and luxurious Ashford Castle, all the while showcasing the very best sightseeing and scenery Ireland has to offer.*

## DAY 1 – DEPART USA.

Board your overnight flight (not included).

## DAY 2 – ARRIVE DUBLIN. 🇮🇪 📷 🚗

Welcome to Dublin! On arrival at Dublin Airport, your airport shuttle service leaves for the tour hotel at 07:00, 09:30 & 12:00. Later, join your Tour Director for a city tour that brings to life Dublin's architectural treasures and history stretching back more than 1,000 years. Visit St. Patrick's Cathedral, founded in 1190, tour Dublin's beautiful Georgian squares, *walk the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College* to its famed library and see the 8th century Book of Kells. Back at your hotel, join your Tour Director and fellow guests for a *Welcome Reception with drink and a light meal*. Hotel: Burlington/Herbert Park. (WR)

## DAY 3 – DUBLIN – BLARNEY – KILLARNEY. 🇮🇪 📷 🚗

Depart Dublin, and pass the green meadows where many of the finest Irish racehorses are bred, as well as the famous Curragh Racecourse. Stop at the *Rock of Cashel*, an impressive pre-Christian settlement. The dramatic limestone rock, crowned with secular and religious buildings, dominates the flat countryside for miles around. *A local guide will point out some of the cathedrals and historic sites on an orientation tour*. Then continue on to the village of Blarney. Climb to the ramparts of *Blarney Castle and kiss its magical stone* to ensure a lifetime of eloquence. There is also time to browse through Blarney Woollen Mills to shop for Irish knitwear and crafts. Afterwards, head to bustling Killarney. If you fancy a 'pint of porter', this town on the lakes is famous for its lively pubs, so why not join in the 'craic' tonight. Hotel: Killarney Towers (FB,D)

## DAY 4 – THE RING OF KERRY EXCURSION. 🇮🇪 📷

*Travel the road that winds around the beautiful Iveragh Peninsula, better known as the Ring of Kerry. It is undoubtedly one of the most magical places in all Ireland.* Here mountains, valleys, lakes and sea blend into a landscape that is often breathtaking beyond words. Stopping at Torc Waterfall for photos, there is a chance to

*join a hike with a qualified guide along the lake shore and past the farmlands of the Muckross Estate, admiring the spectacular scenery. Walk by West Meadow Bay and visit Muckross Abbey.* For those who do not want to join the hike, the motorcoach will return you to Killarney, where the balance of the day is free. (FB)

## DAY 5 – KILLARNEY – CONNEMARA. 🇮🇪 📷 🚗

This morning cross the Shannon estuary by ferry and enter County Clare. *Stop at the Exhibition Center and enjoy a walk along the Cliffs of Moher, rising approximately 700 feet above the pounding Atlantic waves.* Then travel north across the Burren, a suddenly stark and barren landscape. *Drop in for afternoon tea at Rathbaun Farm and meet a Galway farming family as they carry out their everyday chores. Watch as the farmer shears a sheep and maneuvers his flock with the help of his dog.* Next, on to tour Galway, "City of the Tribes," including lovely Galway Cathedral. Tonight your hotel is spectacularly set on the shores of Galway Bay. Hotel: Connemara Coast (FB,AT,D)

## DAY 6 – KILLARY FJORD EXCURSION. 🇮🇪 🚗

Embark on a superb day through a wonderland of rivers, lakes and silent hills. *Head for Killary Harbor, Ireland's only fjord, boasting some of the finest scenery in the land. Board a boat for a cruise through the calm waters; relax on board, enjoy the spectacular, uninterrupted views of the fjord and mountains beyond.* Later, on the way back to your hotel, *stop at lake side Kylemore Abbey, a castellated neo-Gothic mansion, occupied today by a Benedictine community of nuns who came from Ypres after World War I.* (FB,D)

## DAY 7 – CONNEMARA – CONG (ASHFORD CASTLE). 🇮🇪

Today experience the picturesque Connemara region. Drive on to Cong, a village with a deliberate old-world feel, and the setting for *The Quiet Man*. Cong is also where you enter into the grounds of majestic Ashford Castle. Ashford Castle provides a romantic backdrop in superior surroundings, offering guests both relaxation and comfort. There are many opportunities to explore the vast estate with fishing on Lough Corrib, equestrian pursuits, golf, falconry and trail walking. Or simply relax in the castle's luxurious interiors and enjoy your favorite novel or pamper yourself at the spa. *Dining at Ashford Castle ranks among the finest culinary experiences in the world. Creative cooking, seasonal ingredients and an innovative menu await at your Highlight Celebration dinner tonight.* Hotel: Ashford Castle (FB,CD)

## DAY 8 – CONG – DUBLIN.

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast this morning and perhaps a stroll on the estate. Then cross the midlands to Dublin where the balance of the day is free for independent activities and maybe some last minute shopping. Hotel: Burlington/Herbert Park. (FB)

## DAY 9 – RETURN TO USA.

Your tour comes to an end after breakfast this morning. Departure transfers arrive at Dublin Airport at 07:30, 09:30 & 11:30. (FB) *Why not combine this tour with our Easy Pace Channel Islands tour (starting on Sundays), see page 96-97.*



*Explore Ashford castle's vast estate*

## 9 DAYS ~ IRELAND

- Key**
- PREMIUM HIGHLIGHTS
  - VISITS INCLUDE ENTRANCE
  - HIGHLIGHT MEALS
  - DRINK INCLUDED
  - GUIDED SIGHTSEEING OR ORIENTATION TOUR
  - CENTRAL HOTELS + NIGHTS
  - SCENIC HOTELS + NIGHTS
  - HERITAGE HOTELS + NIGHTS
- See hotel details on pages 216-222



▲ Harpenny bridge, Dublin



▲ Traditional Irish stew

TOUR CODE:  
BRAC

### Premium Escorted Touring from \$226 per day

Starts USA:	Ends USA:	Twin Share p.p.	Single Supp. Option	Starts USA:	Ends USA:	Twin Share p.p.	Single Supp. Option	Starts USA:	Ends USA:	Twin Share p.p.	Single Supp. Option	Starts USA:	Ends USA:	Twin Share p.p.	Single Supp. Option
Sat 28 Apr	- Sun 06 May	\$2065	\$599	Wed 13 Jun	- Thu 21 Jun	\$2185	\$685	Sat 28 Jul	- Sun 05 Aug	\$2185	\$685	Sat 08 Sep	- Sun 16 Sep	\$2225	\$685
Sat 05 May	- Sun 13 May	\$2099	\$599	Sat 16 Jun	- Sun 24 Jun	\$2185	\$685	Wed 01 Aug	- Thu 09 Aug	\$2185	\$685	Sat 15 Sep	- Sun 23 Sep	\$2225	\$685
Sat 12 May	- Sun 20 May	\$2099	\$599	Sat 23 Jun	- Sun 01 Jul	\$2185	\$685	Sat 04 Aug	- Sun 12 Aug	\$2185	\$685	Wed 19 Sep	- Thu 27 Sep	\$2225	\$685
Sat 19 May	- Sun 27 May	\$2099	\$599	Sat 30 Jun	- Sun 08 Jul	\$2185	\$685	Sat 11 Aug	- Sun 19 Aug	\$2185	\$685	Sat 22 Sep	- Sun 30 Sep	\$2225	\$685
Wed 23 May	- Thu 31 May	\$2099	\$599	Sat 07 Jul	- Sun 15 Jul	\$2185	\$685	Sat 18 Aug	- Sun 26 Aug	\$2185	\$685	Sat 29 Sep	- Sun 07 Oct	\$2035	\$599
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#### Reductions

Triple room reduction	n/a		
<b>SAVINGS &amp; DISCOUNTS</b>			
SAVE \$210 per person with Young Traveler Discount			
SAVE up to \$111 per person with 2nd Tour Discount			
SAVE up to \$111 per person with Frequent Traveler Discount			
<b>Early Payment Discount</b>	<b>12 mths</b>	<b>10 mths</b>	<b>6 mths</b>
SAVE per person	\$210	\$155	\$105

#### Extra Accommodation

Per person, per night	Twin	Single	Triple
Burlington or Herbert Park, Dublin, Monday - Saturday	\$141	\$206	\$135
Sunday	\$132	\$198	\$125

#### Notes

This tour is operated in conjunction with our sister company Brendan, on behalf of Insight Vacations. Insight's room mate matching is not available on this tour.

**Low Airfare Promise:** Your Tour Specialist will provide the best airfare available at the time you make your reservation. Airfares are not included in the prices above.

**DEF**  **Definite Departures (DEF)**



### TOUR PACE

Ireland's compact landscape means the driving distances are not great. Therefore, the tour pace is relatively easy going. This is complemented by the two-night stays in Killarney and Galway Bay.

### HOTELS

We have carefully selected hotels to give you a great touring experience in style. From the amazing views of the Connemara Coast Hotel to the elegance of historic Ashford Castle, you are sure to be enchanted and delighted!

### INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

**Dublin:** Visit St Patrick's Cathedral and tour some of the elegant squares. Visit the old library of Trinity College to see the 8th Century Book of Kells.

**Cashel:** Take a guided tour of the Rock, former seat of Irish kings.

**Blarney:** Visit the Castle and kiss the Blarney stone.

**Killarney:** Enjoy a scenic tour around the Ring of Kerry with dramatic mountains, valleys, lakes and sea vistas. Join a qualified guide for a two and a half hour hike over wooded paths and lake shore trails.

**Shannon Estuary:** Cross by ferry.

**Cliffs of Moher:** Stop by the Exhibition Center and look out to the Atlantic Ocean from the majestic cliffs.

**Burren:** Drive through the rocky limestone landscape.

**Rathbaun Farm:** Join the Connolly family for afternoon tea and glimpse the daily workings of a traditional sheep-farm.

**Galway:** See the Roman Catholic Cathedral.

**Connemara:** Visit the turreted neo-Gothic Kylemore Abbey.

**Killary Fjord:** Enjoy the scenic views as you cruise the serene waters of Ireland's only fjord.

**Scenic drives:** Wicklow Mountains, Ring of Kerry, the 'Burren', Connemara.

### INCLUDED QUALITY DINING

A Welcome Reception with light informal meal (WR)

Enjoy a delicious four-course Highlight Celebration Dinner at Ashford Castle\* (CD)

7 full Breakfasts (FB), 1 Afternoon Tea (AT) and 3 three-course Evening Meals with choice, plus tea or coffee (D)

\*Please note that the dress code for Ashford Castle dinner is Smart Casual - jacket & tie for men is required.

### INCLUDED FIRST CLASS SERVICES

Escorted by a professional Tour Director

Headsets for all guided visits and walking tours

Enjoy the unique comfort of Insight's Luxury air-conditioned 40 seat coach with extended leg room and on-board restroom

Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portage

Insight Traveler Welcome pack

Airport arrival and departure transfers at scheduled times on Day 2 and Day 9

(Should your flights not coincide with these transfers, please make your own way to/from the airport or see page 225 to purchase a transfer)

**HIGHLIGHT MEALS & INCLUDED SIGHTSEEING ARE WORTH APPROXIMATELY \$281**

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