

Irish Pubs & Folklore



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10 DAYS AIR & LAND
9 DAYS DUBLIN/DUBLIN
from **\$1399** land only



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LET'S GO!

YOUR TRAVEL VALUE INCLUDES

- Airport transfers on days 2 and 10, see page 225
- Twin-bedded rooms in hotels listed or similar; hotel taxes, service charges and tips for baggage handling
- 8 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L), 1 afternoon tea (AT) and 3 dinners (D) including a Farewell Dinner (FD)
- Services of a professional Irish Tour Director
- Private luxury motorcoach with air-conditioning, reclining seats and emergency restroom
- Sightseeing, special features and scenic highlights as indicated in the itinerary, including admission charges where applicable
-   – see pages 12 and 14
- Portfolio of travel documents

DAY 1

Depart USA*

Board your overnight transatlantic flight.

DAY 2


Arrive in Dublin, Ireland

Welcome to Dublin! Spend the afternoon relaxing or travel to the Guinness Storehouse and discover what goes into making a pint of Guinness. Hear how it has traveled to 150 countries and how the famous brew has been advertised over the years. The journey ends on the roof in the Gravity Bar with a pint. Tonight, have a Welcome Drink at a traditional Irish pub.

DAY 3

Dublin

Pass Christ Church on the way to St. Patrick's Cathedral. Then on to the seat of learning at the heart of Dublin – Trinity College. Walk across the cobbled squares to the old library and see one of Ireland's greatest treasures – the famed 8th century Book of Kells. Your Tour Director will also reveal a hidden treasure

. Spend the rest of your day exploring the city on your own. This evening, join the "Dublin Literary Pub Crawl." You are

transported away from everyday life to the richness of Ireland's famous writers, including Joyce, O'Casey, Yeats and Behan. Each group is led by actors on a trail from pub to pub – no props, no lights, no make-up, just the voice and personality of the actor. Nothing like it exists anywhere else in the world. (B)

DAY 4

Dublin / Galway

Depart Dublin and travel through the midlands to Locke's Distillery in Kibbegan. Established in 1757, Locke's is the oldest licensed pot-still distillery in the world.



HOTELS

Dublin	Alexander Hotel (SF) or The Burlington (SF)
Galway	Jurys Inn (F)
Killarney	Killarney Towers (SF)
Kilkenny	Pembroke Hotel (SF)

Now open as a museum, guided tours follow the process from the grinding of the grain to the casking of the final product. Learn about the lives and the working conditions of the people who toiled here. At the end of the tour, you are treated to a complimentary sample of six-year-old Lockes Irish Whiskey. Then, on to Rathbaun Farm for afternoon tea and to see an Irish farming family carrying out their everyday chores. End the day in Galway. (B,AT,D)

DAY 5

Connemara Excursion

In the west of Ireland, the starkly beautiful mountains of Galway and Mayo drop down the coast. Visit Kylemore Abbey, a castellated neo-Gothic mansion, occupied by the Irish Benedictine community of

nuns who came from Ypres after World War I. Return to Galway for a city tour and a visit to Galway Cathedral. (B)

DAY 6

Galway / Cliffs of Moher / Killarney

Heading south, drive through the Burren, a lunar-like area petrified in carboniferous limestone. Stop at the Cliffs of Moher, one of the outstanding features of County Clare. Moving on, cross the wide Shannon Estuary on the Tarbert Ferry and visit the Flying Boat Museum at Foynes, location of the refueling point for Pan Am's Flying Boat, the *Yankee Clipper*, from 1939-1945. Foynes is also the birthplace of Irish Coffee. There is time to sample the famous beverage before continuing to Killarney. (B,D)

DAY 7

The Ring of Kerry

Travel the road that winds around the beautiful Ring of Kerry. Stop off half way round "The Ring" for a pub lunch. Later, take a jaunting car ride along the lake to the 19th century Muckross House and Folk Museum. (B,L)

DAY 8

Killarney / Blarney / Kilkenny

Your first stop today is in the village of Blarney. There is time to browse through Blarney Woolen Mills to shop for Irish knitwear and crafts. Don't miss Blarney Castle with its magical stone that gives the gift of eloquence for a kiss. Then on to Kilkenny. Walk with a local guide for an introduction to the medieval city. Stop in at Langton's Bar, known throughout Ireland, having won the award of "National Pub of the Year" a record four times along with "Super Pub of the Year." (B)

DAY 9

Kilkenny / Dublin

Travel through Ireland's horse country to The Irish National Stud. A guided tour shows you the stallion boxes, foaling unit and museum. Return to Dublin with some time for last minute shopping. Tonight enjoy a traditional Irish evening with dinner, song and dance. (B,FD)

DAY 10

Depart Dublin

Your homebound flight arrives the same day. (B)

ABOUT DUBLIN PUBS

At one time Dublin had over 4000 pubs where locals could indulge in their favorite tippie. As time passed, laws were introduced to control the number of pubs in the city. Now Dublin has almost 750 licensed pubs. The Dublin pub is far from being a mere drinking emporium. Each has its own special character, and many have developed far-flung reputations for specializing in specific aspects of Irish culture – traditional music, song and dance, sports, literature and local cuisine. All, however, are centers of Irish community life, where the art of conversation finds effortless expression and no one remains a stranger for long.

There are many traditional pubs just a stone's throw away from your hotel. O'Donoghue's, a landmark pub established in 1789, is known for its original Victorian interior, plus it has also been the setting for a host of famous musicians throughout the years. It is a favorite haunt of local Dubliners, who enjoy the real Irish music experience this pub offers seven nights a week. Other pubs close by which are worth having a pint in include Toners, Foleys and Doheny & Nesbitts, where you are guaranteed a memorable experience.

TOUR BRPF

DEPARTURES & PRICES *per person*

Depart USA	Return to USA	Land Only*	Depart USA	Return to USA	Land Only*
Fri Feb 26 ‡	Sun Mar 07	\$1399	Fri Jul 23	Sun Aug 01	\$1950
Fri Mar 12 ‡	Sun Mar 21	\$1425	Fri Aug 06	Sun Aug 15	\$1950
Fri Mar 26 ‡	Sun Apr 04	\$1425	Fri Aug 13	Sun Aug 22	\$1950
Fri Apr 23	Sun May 02	\$1899	Fri Aug 20	Sun Aug 29	\$1950
Fri May 07	Sun May 16	\$1950	Fri Sep 03	Sun Sep 12	\$1950
Fri May 14	Sun May 23	\$1950	Fri Sep 10	Sun Sep 19	\$1950
Fri May 21	Sun May 30	\$1950	Fri Sep 17	Sun Sep 26	\$1950
Fri May 28	Sun Jun 06	\$1950	Fri Sep 24	Sun Oct 03	\$1950
Fri Jun 04	Sun Jun 13	\$1950	Fri Oct 01	Sun Oct 10	\$1925
Fri Jun 11	Sun Jun 20	\$1950	Fri Oct 08	Sun Oct 17	\$1925
Fri Jun 18	Sun Jun 27	\$1950	Fri Oct 15	Sun Oct 24	\$1925
Fri Jun 25	Sun Jul 04	\$1950	Fri Oct 22	Sun Oct 31	\$1925
Fri Jul 09	Sun Jul 18	\$1950	Fri Nov 05 ‡	Sun Nov 14	\$1825
Fri Jul 16	Sun Jul 25	\$1950	Fri Nov 19 ‡	Sun Nov 28	\$1825

Single room supplement: \$480. Triple room reduction per person: \$25.

Early Payment Discount: 12 months \$190; 10 months \$145; 6 months \$95.

2nd Vacation Discount: up to \$98. Young Traveler Discount: \$190.

‡ Winter departures – tour code WRPF. Nov 05-19 departures are subject to itinerary, hotel, discount and price modifications. Details will be available in May 2010.

Holiday departures: St. Patrick's Day Mar 12; Thanksgiving Nov 19.

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