

Irish Pubs & Folklore



10 DAYS AIR & LAND
9 DAYS DUBLIN/DUBLIN
from **\$1965** land only

Vacation Pace

EASY LET'S GO!

YOUR TRAVEL VALUE INCLUDES

- Airport transfers on days 2 and 10, see page 67
- Twin-bedded rooms in hotels listed or similar; hotel taxes, service charges, and tips for baggage handling
- 8 breakfasts (B), 1 morning coffee (MC), 1 lunch and 3 dinners (D)
- Services of a professional Irish Tour Director
- Private deluxe 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 page 7
- Portfolio of travel documents

BRENDAN HOTELS

Dublin	Alexander Hotel (SF)
Galway	Jurys Inn (MF)
Killarney	Killarney Towers (SF)
Kilkenny	Pembroke Hotel (SF)
Dublin	Radisson SAS St. Helens (DLX)

Drop by a friendly local pub for a pint of Guinness or a taste of Jameson's fine whiskey

DAY 1
Depart USA*

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 the traditional Irish pub in the Mont Clare Hotel.

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,

meet at 7:15 p.m. in the Duke Pub and 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. 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. Next, on to tour Galway, including Galway Cathedral. (B,D)

DAY 5
Connemara Excursion

In the west of Ireland, the beautiful mountains of Galway and Mayo drop down the coast. Visit Kylemore Abbey, a castellated neo-Gothic mansion, occupied by an Irish Benedictine community of nuns. The balance of the evening is free to explore Galways' pubs. (B)

DAY 6
Galway / Cliffs of Moher / Killarney

Stop for morning coffee at Rathbaun Farm. See an Irish farming family carrying out their everyday chores. Continue to 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. Foynes is also the birthplace of Irish Coffee. There is time to sample the famous beverage before continuing to Killarney. (B,MC,D)

DAY 7
The Ring of Kerry

Travel the road that winds around the Iveragh Peninsula, better known as "The Ring of Kerry." Claiming the best views in Ireland, stop off at the Scarriff Inn, half way round "The Ring" for a light lunch. Later, take a jaunting car ride along the lake to the 19th century Muckcross 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,D)

DAY 10
Depart Dublin (B)

ABOUT DUBLIN PUBS

At one time Dublin had over 4000 pubs where locals could indulge in their favorite tippie. As time passed, laws came into being 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 & 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.

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DEPARTURES & PRICES per person

Depart USA	Return to USA	Land Only*	Depart USA	Return to USA	Land Only*
Fri Mar 13 PD	Sun Mar 22	\$1965	Fri Aug 07 PD	Sun Aug 16	\$2050
Fri Apr 17	Sun Apr 26	\$1965	Fri Aug 14	Sun Aug 23	\$2050
Fri Apr 24 PD	Sun May 03	\$1965	Fri Aug 21	Sun Aug 30	\$2050
Fri May 01	Sun May 10	\$2050	Fri Aug 28	Sun Sep 06	\$2065
Fri May 08	Sun May 17	\$2065	Fri Sep 04 PD	Sun Sep 13	\$2065
Fri May 15 PD	Sun May 24	\$2065	Fri Sep 11 PD	Sun Sep 20	\$2065
Fri May 22 PD	Sun May 31	\$2065	Fri Sep 18 PD	Sun Sep 27	\$2065
Fri May 29 PD	Sun Jun 07	\$2065	Fri Sep 25	Sun Oct 04	\$2050
Fri Jun 05	Sun Jun 14	\$2065	Fri Oct 02	Sun Oct 11	\$2025
Fri Jun 12 PD	Sun Jun 21	\$2065	Fri Oct 09	Sun Oct 18	\$2025
Fri Jun 19	Sun Jun 28	\$2065	Fri Oct 16	Sun Oct 25	\$1999
Fri Jun 26 PD	Sun Jul 05	\$2050	Fri Oct 23	Sun Nov 01	\$1999
Fri Jul 03	Sun Jul 12	\$2050	2010		
Fri Jul 10	Sun Jul 19	\$2050	Fri Feb 26 \$	Sun Mar 07	\$1799
Fri Jul 17 PD	Sun Jul 26	\$2050	Fri Mar 12 \$	Sun Mar 21	\$1799
Fri Jul 24	Sun Aug 02	\$2050	Fri Mar 26 \$	Sun Apr 04	\$1799
Fri Jul 31	Sun Aug 09	\$2050			

Single room supplement: \$575. Triple room reduction per person: \$35.

Early Payment Discount: 12 months \$200; 10 months \$150; 6 months \$100.

2nd Vacation Discount: up to \$103. Young Traveler Discount: \$200.

\$ Winter departures – tour code WRPF. Nov '09-Apr '10 departures are subject to itinerary, hotel, discount and price modifications. Details will be available in Jun 2009.

Holiday departures: St Patrick's Day Mar 13, '09, Mar 12, '10.

PD Preferred Departures. See page 6.

* Your Brendan Specialist will quote you the lowest airfare available from your hometown at the time of booking.