



IRELAND TOUR 2016

March 21 - March 31, 2016

Monday, March 21, 2016

Departure Day

Overnight flight to Shannon from Boston, via Aer Lingus

Kilkenny Castle or Kilkenny Design Centre showcasing chosen pieces from over 200 studios and workshops countrywide are two options. On to Waterford, Ireland's oldest city, and a very busy port.

Tuesday, March 22

Arrive into Shannon Airport



We board our luxury motor coach and travel east through Limerick to Dublin, with a stop for breakfast. When we arrive and check in to the Davenport Hotel in Dublin, the rest of the day is free. For those who experience jet-lag, check-in and head straight for your room to rest until dinner, and you will be good to go for the rest of the trip.

Friday, March 25



Waterford Crystal Factory, tour the Copper Coast

Tour the Waterford Crystal Factory followed by a tour along the south coast with visits to some beautiful villages along the way to the Copper Coast. Return to our hotel and spend the evening at Bobby & Eileen Bohill's award winning pub, the Holy Cross for dinner and entertainment.

Wednesday, March 23



Tour Dublin, dinner/show in the Dublin Mountains

We will tour Dublin and New Grange. This evening we will enjoy dinner and a show at the Merry Ploughboy pub in the Dublin Mountains.

Saturday, March 26

Rock of Cashel, Lismore, Youghal, Jameson Distillery at Middleton, Blarney Stone

Depart to the historic Rock of Cashel, one of Ireland's most spectacular archaeological sites, for a visit. From there we'll travel over the "Vee" mountain drive to the Heritage town of Lismore with its beautiful castle. Head for Youghal, a picturesque harborside town (setting for the 1954 movie Moby Dick) and the Jameson Distillery at Middleton in County Cork to sample the spirits. Afternoon journey to the village of Blarney with free time to kiss the Blarney Stone and/or shop in the Blarney Woolen Mills before heading Clarion Hotel in Cork City.

Thursday, March 24

St. Kevin at Glendalough, Wicklow Pass and Waterford

Depart for Waterford, heading south through the Dublin Mountains to the 6th Century Monastic Settlement of St. Kevin At Glendalough a tree dotted glacial valley bordered by two lakes, one of the most beautiful and historic places in Ireland.

Then over the Wicklow Pass to the medieval city of Kilkenny with some free time to explore.

Sunday, March 27

West Cork, Kinsale and Clonakilty

Day tour to West Cork via Kinsale, a mid sized town with narrow winding streets, artsy shops, and a handsome harbor full of bobbing fishing boats and pleasure craft and Clonakilty, a cheerful, brightly colored bustling market town. An early return will provide a free afternoon in Cork City, and an evening at leisure.

Monday, March 28 

Killarney, Muckross House Gardens, Ross Castle

Depart for Killarney with a visit to the gardens at Muckross House, a restored 19th century mansion and Ross Castle which dates back to the 15th century, when it was residence to the Donahughes and historic Aghadoe Heights with views of the lakes and mounts. Early afternoon check-in to Killarney Towers Hotel.

Tuesday, March 29

Dingle Peninsula

Day tour on the awesome Dingle Peninsula, Framed by its fishing port, this in one of the largest Irish speaking towns, where many a pub is also a store. Some of the finest craftsmen can be found in Dingle. We will travel out to Sleat Head overlooking the Blasket Islands, which were inhabited until 1953, then loop back to Dingle for shopping and pub crawling. Return to Killarney and enjoy the good food and pub music.

Wednesday, March 30 

Ferry across the Shannon River to County Clare, Cliffs of Moher, Bunratty

Depart Killarney via Tralee and Listowel to Killimer and take the ferry across the broad Shannon River to County Clare, and follow the Atlantic Coast north to the famed Cliffs of Moher, which rise majestically 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. Puffins make their home in the fissure-filled cliff faces. Then we will travel east through Ennis to the village of Bunratty for our final evening in Ireland. (If shopping in Bunratty, beware of 'authentic' Irish goods from China.)

Thursday, March 31

Departure Day

Depart for Shannon Airport, midday, but not before taking advantage of some great Duty Free shopping.

 Dinner

For information, contact:

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\$2,695. includes round trip air fare between Boston, MA and Shannon Ireland, breakfast and five dinners, entrance fees to noted sites.

Payment Schedule

\$500 Deposit

\$1,098. October 30, 2015

\$1,097. December 31, 2015

Single supplement \$400.

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