

IRISH SPIRIT

8 DAYS (11Meals) \$1,899 PER PERSON

*If you have ever wanted to see Ireland, this is the tour for you! You will have free time almost every day allowing you to really get in the “spirit”. Begin the tour with a “shindig” evening with traditional entertainment. You will see the best of the **Emerald Island** and no doubt, you will want to return again.*

DAY 1 - Depart U.S. for Dublin

Depart from McAllen or your U.S. gateway city in the evening and fly through the night to Ireland to start your vacation. **Meals in flight.**

DAY 2 - Dublin Tour & Book of Kells

Arrive at Dublin Airport. A group transfer can be arranged by the tour desk (not incl. in price.) Your hotel is located in Ballsbridge, one of Dublin’s most prestigious addresses. A local guide will take you for an introductory look around central Dublin. See the **fashionable shopping areas**, view the many elegant **Georgian townhouses** and pass the Dail where the government convenes. Visit Trinity College’s Old Library to view the early illuminated manuscript of the **Book of Kells**. Back at your hotel meet with your guide and fellow travelers for a welcome drink and discuss your itinerary. **Overnight in Dublin.**

DAY 3 - Rock of Cashel & Blarney Woollen Mills

Depart Dublin to travel through the Irish countryside where you can see the “Forty Shades of Green” as you pass many farms. Visit the **Rock of Cashel**, where Brian Boru was crowned King of Munster in 977. See the 12th century, highly-decorated Cormac’s Chapel, the large cruciform cathedral and a round tower. Just outside Cork shop at the **Blarney Woollen Mills**, renowned for their quality Irish merchandise. While it is not included in the tour, you will have time to climb to the ramparts of **Blarney Castle** to kiss the famous stone. Continue your drive to your hotel in the center of Killarney. After dinner you may like to sample one of the many singing bars. **Overnight in Killarney.**

DAY 4 - Ring of Kerry & Muckross Gardens

Today you will discover the wonderful scenery of Killarney as you drive around the famous **Ring of Kerry**. The road winds between the Macgillycuddy’s Reeks, Ireland’s highest mountains, and the varied Atlantic coast. You will be amazed at the breathtaking views and you will stop for photos at the most dramatic scenes. Continue through remote villages, pass through the colorful village of Sneem and pause at **Moll’s Gap** to view the Three Lakes Of Killarney. Stroll through the splendid **Muckross Gardens** on the shores of Muckross Lake. Enjoy some free time in Killarney before dinner in your hotel. **Overnight in Killarney. B, D**

DAY 5 - Cliffs of Moher & Galway

Depart Killarney and travel north through the village of Listowel to Tarbert. Take a **short ferry ride** across the **River Shannon** and drive along the coastline of County Clare to view the cliffs of Moher. This wall of limestone rises to heights of almost 700 feet above the churning Atlantic swells. Drive through the Burren, an area of rounded limestone hills where rock has weathered into amazing rock formations. **Overnight in Galway.**

DAY 6 - Connemara & Catamaran Cruise

Today explore another of Ireland’s famous scenic regions, Connemara. Here the constantly-changing cloud formations give hills, lakes and peat bogs an added dimension. Travel alongside Galway Bay to Spiddal where most locals speak the Irish Language. Pass the granite hills and sparkling lakes of the Inagh Valley on the way to Killary Harbour, Ireland’s only fjord. Take a **short catamaran cruise** to see unspoiled mountain areas. You can see traces of pre-Famine Fields on the hilly slopes and also thriving salmon and mussel farming. At **Connemara Celtic Crystal Factory** watch skilled craftsmen cut the crystal and learn about the symbolism of the motifs before returning to Galway for some leisure time before dinner. **Overnight in Galway. B, D**

DAY 7 - 6TH Century Clonmacnoise & Abbey Tavern

Drive to the center of the country to visit **Clonmacnoise**. This early Christian monastic site was founded by St. Ciaran in 545 AD, when Christianity flourished throughout Ireland. See round towers, church ruins and Celtic crosses with elaborate carvings, all in a picturesque setting on the banks of the River Shannon. Continue to the greater metropolitan area of Dublin once more and check into the same hotel. In the evening drive to the **Abbey Tavern** for a hearty dinner followed by a lively show of traditional music, songs and step-dancing. **Overnight in Dublin.**

DAY 8 - Depart for Home or Extra Day in Dublin

For those of you booked on our 8-day tour, complimentary group transfers are provided to Dublin Airport to arrive at 6:00 am, 9:00am or 12:00 noon. If you have booked our 9-day tour, spend an additional night in Dublin with an independent Dublin sightseeing tour pass (valid for 24 hours) and a taxi transfer to Dublin Airport on final day. **B**

PRICE PER PERSON

Double - \$1,899

Includes Air from McAllen, TX

DEPARTURE DATE

February 27, 2010

DEPOSIT: \$500 due upon booking

BALANCE: due on or before January 15, 2010

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