

Scenic Ireland

Ireland's scenery will inspire the mind of any curious traveller. Stand atop the towering Cliffs of Moher, and drive the mystical Ring of Kerry.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 14 MEALS | BALANCED



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO DUBLIN

With soul-stirring landscapes of rugged cliffs and rolling hills, the 'Emerald Isle' has lured the most curious of travellers for centuries. Get your bearings and discover Dublin's past and present on an insightful orientation tour with your Local Expert past the Georgian Squares and St. Patrick's Cathedral. After an afternoon celebrating the icons of Dublin, embrace its fine cuisine over dinner. **(D)**

Hotel: Riu Plaza The Gresham, Dublin

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 14:00.

DAY 2 | DUBLIN AND KILKENNY

Learn the story behind the name at the Guinness Storehouse where you'll sip your way through history, starting with the founder, Arthur Guinness, signed a 9,000 year lease on St. James's Gate Brewery in Dublin. After an enlightening morning, arrive in the medieval city of Kilkenny, with its majestic castle and river walk. Browse the medieval mile showcasing the hub of Ireland's arts and crafts scene along its narrow lanes on an orientation. Visit Kilkenny Castle, founded after the Norman conquest of Ireland and rebuilt, extended and adapted over 800 years. **(B)**

Hotel: Kilkenny

DAY 3 | BLARNEY CASTLE AND KILLARNEY

Visit Blarney Castle, steeped in centuries of Irish folklore and legend, is famous for its enchanting grounds and the legendary Blarney Stone. Visitors from around the world come to kiss the stone, believed to bestow the 'gift of the gab.' Take your turn at giving it a peck knowing that the stone was sourced from 330-million year-old limestone. Next, head to Killarney, gateway to the famous Ring of Kerry, that has been welcoming travellers who appreciate the spectacular scenery of woodlands and lakes, for over 250 years. Enjoy an orientation with your Travel Director and relive the highlights of the day over a Dine-Around evening of local cuisine. **(B) (D) (RS)**

Hotel: Killarney Oaks

DAY 4 | KILLARNEY FREE DAY

This morning, take in Killarney with Insight Choice. Choose to join a memorable ride on a horse-drawn jaunting car with the local jarveys. Alternatively, admire incredible scenery on a gentle hike with a Local Expert along the lake shore and past the grounds of the 15th Century Ross Castle. Famous for its 'forty shades of green,' the Ring of Kerry has inspired writers and poets for centuries. Drink in the beauty of the coastal drive lined with beaches, colourful seaside villages and views of the Atlantic Ocean. **(B) (D)**

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Dublin | See Dublin's elegant Georgian squares, O'Connell Street and the Custom House with a Local Expert.

Kilkenny | Take in the sights of the medieval city of Kilkenny with its majestic castle and river walk.

Visit Kilkenny Castle and learn about the powerful family that came to call it home for so many centuries.

Blarney | Take your turn to kiss the Blarney Stone, the famous stone of eloquence sourced from 330-million-year-old limestone.

Ring of Kerry | Venture into a world of towering cliffs, lush lakelands and remote villages, as you journey the magical Ring of Kerry.

Killarney | *Insight Choice* Join a gentle hike with a Local Expert admiring the incredible scenery of the Killarney National Park, *or* explore the scenery of Killarney National Park on a horse-drawn jaunting car ride with the local jarveys.

Galway | See the Lynch Memorial Window and the Church of St. Nicholas - the largest medieval parish church in Ireland continuously used.

Sligo | Amble along a coastal promenade and path as your Local Expert shares with you Sligo's connection to the sea. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 14: Life Below Water.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE



Premium Dining

Dublin | Join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly dinner, an opportunity to get to know each other over a meal.

Westport | Embark on a food exploration of the town, meeting the locals and savouring the local delicacies.

Dublin | Cross the River Liffey and venture to a local restaurant to toast your unforgettable travels over dinner. Sláinte!

For all inclusions see tour page online.

DAY 5 | CLIFFS OF MOHER AND GALWAY

All aboard the Ferry from Tarbert to Killmer bringing you to an up close and personal encounter with the towering Cliffs of Moher. Take in views of the Clare Coast and the pounding Atlantic, where puffins find sanctuary in its nooks and crannies. Gain insights into the cliffs' geology and history before driving through the rocky landscape of the Burren to Galway. Upon arriving in Galway, your Travel Director will lead an orientation tour to help you get acquainted with the city. In the afternoon, you can join a Galway Walking Tour to visit notable sights such as the Lynch Memorial, Church of St. Nicholas, Spanish Arch, and Eyre Square, dedicated to the late U.S. President John F. Kennedy. End your day with a delightful dinner at a local restaurant featuring live music. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Clayton Galway

DAY 6 | GALWAY FREE DAY

Ireland's cultural centre and the festival capital of Ireland, Galway hosts 122 festivals per year. One might say the city's artistic side is reflected in actor Peter O'Toole, who has a strong connection with Galway. O'Toole claimed that he was born in Galway before being taken to England as a baby and built a house outside Clifden in the county. You'll feel Galway's fun, bohemian vibe come to life over your free day at leisure to discover this bustling port city. You could join an optional experience to the iconic Aran Islands, a must-see of scenic Ireland. **(B)**

DAY 7 | GALWAY TO SLIGO

The seaside town of Westport will charm any traveller. Your Local Expert leads you on a culinary walk for a tasting of the local favourites and to learn about the town's heritage - from its settlement 5,000 years ago to today. The town is

famous for its sustainability and Westport House - a heritage home museum celebrating 300 years of Irish heritage, a quaint stone bridge, Rockfleet Castle and Burrenshoole Abbey tied to the 16th-century pirate queen Grace O' Malley. Meaning "abounding in shells," the town of Sligo will enchant the most curious of travellers. An orientation tour introduces you to the charms of the town. Later, perhaps join an optional experience Sligo Drive along the scenic shores of Sligo Bay. **(B)**

Hotel: Sligo Park

DAY 8 | SLIGO

Embark on an insightful MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience to Rosses Point, a small maritime village near the intriguing town of Sligo under the guidance of a Local Expert and maritime archaeologist. With the afternoon free in Sligo, take the opportunity for an in-depth look at one of the historic houses, museums or the Yeats memorial building. The Yeats Building in the heart of Sligo is a gathering space for literary culture and the arts. Its permanent exhibition and contemporary exhibitions and give you local insights into this land that was an inspiration for Yeats. **(B)**

DAY 9 | SLIGO TO DUBLIN

Depart Sligo this morning to conclude your scenic Ireland tour in Dublin. Your journey finishes with a memorable dinner. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Camden Court, Dublin

DAY 10 | DEPART DUBLIN

Your journey comes to an end after breakfast. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 10:30.



KEY

Join/Leave Options 1 Hotels and Nights ● Place Visited 🚢 Cruise