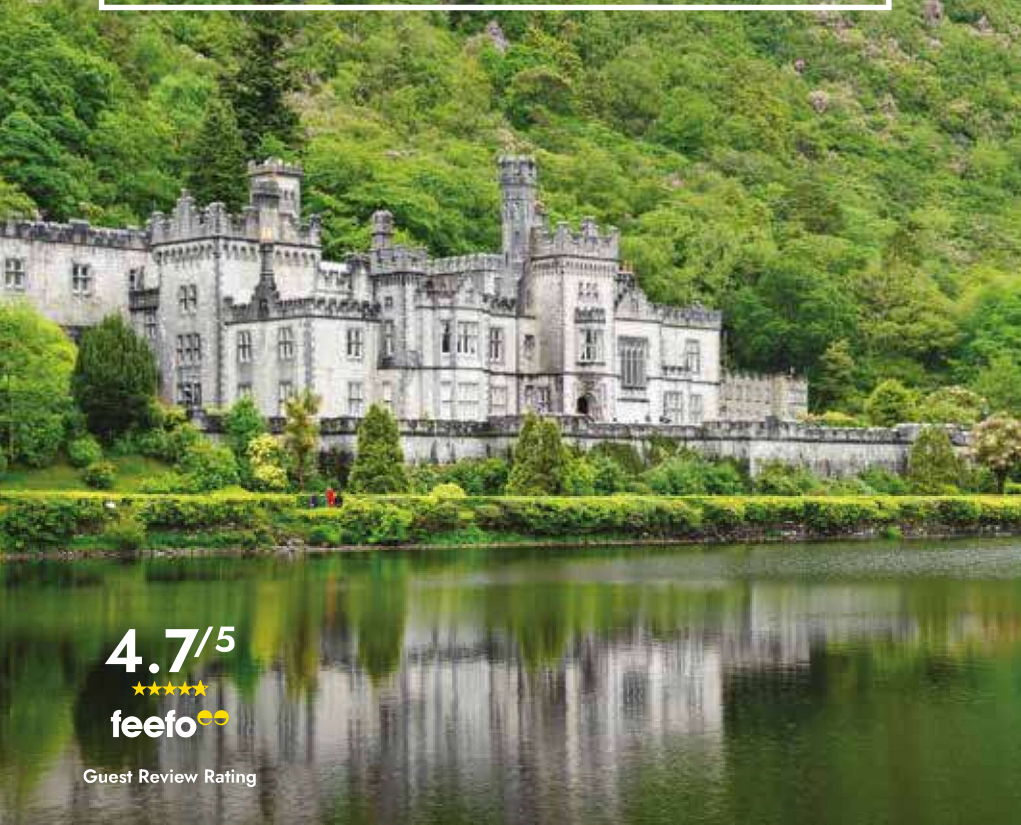


Enchanting Ireland

Let the luck of the Irish be with you on this guided tour. Visits to iconic Blarney Castle and Kilkenny Castle get you up close and personal with Ireland's history.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: BIBRED

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see insightvacations.com/enchanting-ireland

DAY 1 | HELLO DUBLIN

A modern multi-cultural city that embraces its past and exudes an enduring sense of fun, the 'Emerald Isle' has lured the most curious of travellers for centuries. Your Local Expert reveals the best of the city on a guided tour past the Georgian Squares and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Delicious cuisine and history merge this evening over drinks and canapes at EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum where you'll discover the stories of Irish emigrants who became scientists, politicians, poets, artists and even outlaws all over the world.

Hotel: Camden Court, Dublin

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 14:00.

DAY 2 | EXPERIENCE IRISH HISTORY AND ON TO SLIGO

The beauty of an Irish country house springs to life at Strokestown Park House and Gardens. After soaking in its beauty, go from grand homes to history visiting the onsite Irish Famine Museum to delve into the stories of the 1840s famine. Learn the history behind the Irish Potato Famine, the most catastrophic event in Ireland and one of the worst famines in history. View rare 19th-century photographs, witness accounts, sketches, newspapers and maps before continuing to Sligo. In the evening, consider an optional cruise on the River Shannon and admire the rolling countryside of the emerald isle. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Sligo Park

DAY 3 | JOURNEY TO WESTPORT AND GALWAY

The seaside town of Westport on Ireland's west coast will charm any traveller. Your Local Expert leads you on a walk to learn about the town's heritage – from its settlement 5,000 years ago to today. Continue to indulge your curiosity at Kylemore Abbey, a treasure trove of picture-perfect scenery and the oldest of the Irish Benedictine Abbeys. You could enhance your day with an optional experience, a Galway Walking Tour featuring the Lynch Memorial Window, Church of St. Nicholas, Spanish Arch and Eyre Square, dedicated to the late US President, John F. Kennedy. You'll love hearing intriguing stories of this bustling medieval port followed by a traditional Irish pub dinner. **(B)**

Hotel: Connemara Coast, Galway

DAY 4 | THE ICONIC CLIFFS OF MOHER AND ONWARDS TO KILLARNEY

Embark on an up close and personal encounter with Ireland's nature at the towering Cliffs of Moher. Perched at 700-feet, take in views of the Clare Coast and the pounding Atlantic. Gain insights into the cliffs' geology and history before crossing the Shannon Estuary by ferry from Killimer to Tarbet. Head to Killarney where

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

you'll relive the highlights of the day over a Dine-Around evening of local cuisine. You also have your pick of optional experiences including a Celtic Steps performance or a Gaelic Roots show of song and dance. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Great Southern Killarney



There are so many different types of seaweed. By the time you walk away from half an hour with John, you'll know how to tell the difference between seaweeds off the coast of Ireland.

FAITH, TRAVEL DIRECTOR.

DAY 5 | A DAY ON THE RING OF KERRY

Famous for its 'forty shades of green', the Irish nature at 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. On an insightful MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, meet John, a seaweed advocate and educator for a seaweed foraging walk. Embrace the landscape that has inspired poets, artists and writers. **(B)**

DAY 6 | VENTURE TO BLARNEY AND MEDIEVAL KILKENNY

With Insight Choice choose to explore one of the icons of Ireland, Blarney Castle, the Witch's Kitchen and Wishing Steps gardens and, of course, the infamous stone – said to bestow the 'gift of the gab' upon whoever kisses it. Or, don't miss your chance to amble the 1,500-acre grounds including the raised board walk, surrounded by water loving plants and waterfalls. The Carnivorous Courtyard features plants that with colourful, fluid-filled leaves whilst the Fern Garden features trees brought from the other side of the world that are survivors of the Jurassic period. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Kilkenny

DAY 7 | RETURN TO LIVELY DUBLIN

12th-century Kilkenny Castle is full of curiosities dating back to when it was the principal seat of the butlers, earls, marquesses and dukes of Ormond. On your exploration of its vast parkland, learn how the castle was remodelled in the Victorian style and restored and updated several times before being formally taken over by the Irish State in 1969. Return to Dublin and finish your incredible tour with a memorable dinner at a traditional Irish pub. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Camden Court, Dublin

DAY 8 | FAREWELL IRELAND

It's time to close the chapter on an unforgettable tour of the Emerald Isle. We bid our newfound friends and Travel Director a fond farewell. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 11:00.



KEY

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



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Dublin | Embark on an interactive discovery of the 70 million people who claim Irish ancestry at EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum.

Connemara | Neo-Gothic Kylemore Abbey is a sight to behold. See its striking Victorian Walled Garden and turreted Church.

Westport | Embark on an exploration of the town of Westport in a remote area of Ireland full of rugged beauty.

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

Blarney | *Insight Choice* Take your turn to kiss the Blarney Stone, the famous stone of eloquence sourced from 330-million-year-old limestone, or explore the gardens of the Blarney Castle estate which are brought to life on a guided tour with a senior gardener.

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

Ring of Kerry | Visit a local seaweed farm striving to protect the fragile ecosystem of the wild Atlantic Irish coasts. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 14: Life Below Water.

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Premium Dining

Killarney | Choose from a fine selection of local restaurants on your Dine-Around evening.

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.