

Best of Ireland

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As rated by Past Guests

10 Days | 1 Country | 14 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Oct

An in-depth encounter with the Best of Ireland awaits, from spectacular sights like the Cliffs of Moher and Ring of Kerry to the past and present showcased in Dublin, Galway and pretty Adare. You'll learn all about Irish famine history, former kings and how to embrace the craic.



Traditional Food Fare
Meat Plate, Cheese Board
Fresh Oysters, Smoked Salmon
Charcuterie Meats, Olives
Toasted Sandwiches
Hot Roast Beef Rolls
Kitchen Times
10.30am to 10.00pm



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74 Key: ● Start ● End ● Overnight - - - Sightseeing

DAY 1 Welcome to Ireland Write your own lively tale of legends and iconic landscapes during this epic encounter with Ireland's treasures. We begin our journey in the capital of Dublin, joining a **Local Specialist** to see the sights. This evening sees you visiting EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum, for some drinks and canapes. **Hotel: Sandymount/Clayton Ballsbridge**
Transfers: Depart the airport at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00.
Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 14:15.

DAY 2 Through the Scenic County Wicklow and Waterford to Kilkenny Journey through the scenic countryside of County Wicklow, 'The Garden of Ireland', and on to New Ross. Dive Into Culture and gain insights into the plight of emigrants who boarded the Dunbrody Famine Ship to flee the potato famine. This afternoon, celebrate the centuries-old craft of flint glass creations as you Dive Into Culture in Waterford and visit the House of Waterford Crystal, witnessing talented master crafters at work. Next, continue to Kilkenny. **(B, D)**
Hotel: Kilkenny

DAY 3 Journey to Blarney and on to Killarney Today, travel through County Cork and pursue the 'gift of the gab' at Blarney Castle, where you'll have a chance to kiss the famous stone. Arrive in Killarney for a two-night stay. **(B, D)**
Hotel: Killarney Towers/Killarney

DAY 4 A Day on the Ring of Kerry Ireland's soul-stirring Ring of Kerry takes centre stage today as you embark on a scenic drive past its mountains, lakes and lush green countryside - unquestionably one of the most scenic routes in Ireland. See Daniel O'Connell's Cahirciveen, the fishing village of Waterville, Moll's Gap and the Black Valley, whose remoteness saw it become the last area in Ireland to receive electricity. Consider joining an Optional Experience of an Irish Ceilidh Evening. The Irish Ceilidh epitomises how music and dance were enjoyed in rural Ireland, especially on festive occasions. The craic - welcoming, jolly, fun and informal - is accompanied with plenty of food and drink. There's no more enjoyable way to understand Irish culture. **(B)**

DAY 5 Onwards to Lively Limerick Continue through the windswept countryside, arriving in Adare, one of the prettiest villages in Ireland. The next stop is Limerick, where you'll enjoy views of St. Mary's Cathedral, the Treaty Stone and the 13th-century King John's Castle during an orientation tour. Delve into an Ireland of old, as you discover the day-to-day life of the Irish during the 18th and 19th centuries on your included visit to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park this afternoon. **(B)**
Hotel: Greenhills/The Inn at Dromoland

DAY 6 Admire the Cliffs of Moher and Onwards to Galway Journey to the magnificent Cliffs of Moher which plunge over 650 feet (200 m) into the Atlantic waters below. This UNESCO-listed highlight along the Wild Atlantic Way is one you will never forget, and you will visit the interactive visitor centre which will bring this natural treasure to life. Later, arrive in Galway with some time at leisure to see its beautiful stone Cathedral or stroll through Eyre Square. **(B)**
Hotel: Connacht

DAY 7 A Day Exploring Stunning Connemara Connemara's 'savage beauty' is yours to explore today as you tread in the footsteps of Oscar Wilde who described its 'wild and mountainous splendour' as magnificent. Stop at Brigit's Garden, a Celtic heritage garden, on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**. Admire the views on the scenic drive to Kylemore Abbey, now a Benedictine monastery, where you will embark on an included visit to the country's most romantic castle and walk through its exquisite Victorian Walled Garden **(B, D)**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Brigit's Garden offers a peaceful journey through Ireland's Celtic heritage. With your Local Specialist, explore the native woodlands and wildflower meadows. The gardens, inspired by the Celtic festivals, feature a rich biodiversity and native rewilding. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities. Land

DAY 8 A Pilgrimage to Knock and on to Sligo Your journey takes you to Westport House to indulge in a memorable **Be My Guest experience** at this stately 18th century home. Heading north, stop in the pilgrimage town of Knock to view the Marian Shrine where villagers witnessed an apparition of Our Lady in 1879. Arrive in Sligo this evening, your home for the night. **(B, L)**
Hotel: Clayton

Be My Guest Enjoy a traditional High Tea with your hosts, the Hughes family, in the drawing room of their historic home, Westport House. Savour traditional banoffee and Baileys flavours whilst delighting in stories about the house's history and tales of the Pirate Queen.

DAY 9 Return to Lively Dublin Continue south to Dublin. Here you will enjoy some free time to take a walk down Grafton Street or stroll along the Liffey. This evening, close the chapter on an epic journey through Ireland, joining your fellow travellers for a memorable dinner. **(B, D)**
Hotel: Clayton Dublin Airport

DAY 10 Farewell Ireland After a hearty Irish breakfast, bid our Travel Director and fellow travellers a fond farewell as your Irish holiday ends. **(B)**

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

Included highlights and must-sees

Explore with Local Specialists
Dublin

Discover on City Orientations
Waterford, Killarney, Limerick and Galway

Visit Must-see Landmarks
The Dunbrody Famine Ship in New Ross, the Crystal showroom at Waterford, Blarney Castle to kiss the stone and gain the 'gift of the gab', Adare, Bunratty Folk Park in Bunratty, Cliffs of Moher, Connemara and Kylemore Abbey

Travel by Scenic Journeys
Drive of the Ring of Kerry

One-of-a-kind Experiences
See day 8 for your unique local encounters

Travel Responsibly
See day 7 for how you'll make a positive impact

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My best friend and I took the trip to celebrate our birthdays and anniversary of knowing each other. The pic is of her singing with the band at Malzards Pub. So much fun!

Janna

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Included meals: Breakfast **(B)** Lunch **(L)** Dinner **(D)**
Hotels: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

Trip code: IRBO