## **IRELAND** *May* 11 – 24, 2025





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# IRELAND



#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- ★ Cliffs of Moher
- \* Dingle Peninsula
- ★ Ring of Kerry
- ★ Killarney
- ★ Blarney Castle
- ★ Muckross House Jaunting Cart
- ★ Burren National Park
- ★ Galway
- ★ Connemara
- ★ Kylemore Abbey
- ★ Beleek Pottery
- ★ Lough Eske Castle
- 🖈 Donegal
- 🖈 Dublin
- ★ Guinness Storehouse
- Merry Ploughboy Pub
- ★ Irish Emigration Museum
- ★ Titanic Museum
- ★ Giants Causeway

#### YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 Travel to Dublin, Ireland.

DAY 2 Welcome to the Emerald Isle! Travel from Dublin Airport to Belfast, Northern Ireland. Visit Monasterboice High Crosses. Welcome Cocktail hour in the Observatory Bar located on the 23rd floor of the Grand Central Hotel. Arrive at the Europa Hotel, Belfast City Centre for a 2-night stay. Dinner.

**DAY 3** Breakfast. Guided tour of Belfast highlighting Queens University, Titanic birthplace, Cathedral and Queen's Quarter and more. Visit the Titanic Experience Belfast Museum to explore the Titanic story from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to her infamous maiden voyage, catastrophic demise, discovery of the wreck and present day live undersea exploration center. Return to the hotel for the evening.

**DAY 4** Breakfast. Visit Giants Causeway – the only World Heritage site in Northern Ireland — where over 40,000 basalt columns were formed some 60 million years ago. Enjoy a walking tour of the historical walled city of Derry. Travel to Donegal. Arrive at Lough Eske Castle for a 2-night stay in County Donegal. Dinner.

**DAY 5** Breakfast. Full day of leisure at the Lough Eske Castle to relax, enjoy the castle, perhaps use the spa or walk the tranquil lake path. Optional afternoon excursion to Donegal Town.

DAY 6 Breakfast. Explore Belleek Pottery, world famous since 1857. Visit the peaceful churchyard at Drumcliffe in County Sligo to read the epitaph on the grave of Irish poet, William Butler Yeats, who chose this as his final resting place with its stunning location at the foot of Benbulben Mountain. Arrive at the Park House Hotel in Galway for a 2-night stay. Dinner.

DAY 7 Breakfast. Tour the loop of Connemara and its breathtaking scenery of hills and bogs. Visit Kylemore Abbey & Victorian Walled Garden. Free evening in Galway.







**DAY 8** Breakfast. Marvel at the rugged beauty of the towering Cliffs of Moher and stunning vistas over the Atlantic Ocean and the Aran Islands. Scenic travel through the Burren National Park. Stroll the gardens of the Muckross House. Arrive at the Randles Hotel in Killarney for a 3-night stay. Dinner.

**DAY 9** Breakfast. Day tour of Dingle Peninsula including Sea Head Drive. Visit Gallarus Oratory – a chapel built over a 1000 years ago built entirely from dry stone masonry. Time to explore Dingle. Return to Killarney for evening.

DAY 10 Breakfast. Day tour of the Ring of Kerry including scenic towns of Cahersiveen & Waterville, Coomakesta Pass with magnificent views of Derrynane, Killarney National Park, and Lake of Killarney. Step back in time at 19th Century Kerry Bog Village Museum. Lunch at a local pub. Enjoy a jaunting cart ride.

DAY 11 Breakfast. Kiss the famous Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle (1446) with free time at Woolen Mills. Visit Rock of Cashel – the seat of Kings and mediaeval bishops for 900 years and flourished until the early 17th century. Arrive at the Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham in Dublin for a 3-night stay. Dinner.

DAY 12 Breakfast. City tour of Dublin. Highlights include O'Connell Street, Phoenix Park, Leinster House and more. Explore the Irish Emigration Museum to uncover the story of Irish emigrants and how they shaped the world. Tour of the Guinness Storehouse finishing at the Gravity Bar for a pint of Guinness while enjoying panoramic views over Dublin city. Return to the hotel for the evening.

DAY 13 Breakfast. Enjoy a free day to explore Dublin on your



own. Dinner at the Merry Ploughboy Pub followed by the best traditional music show in Dublin featuring Irish music, song and dancing.

DAY 14 Breakfast. Tour ends.



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TOUR PACKAGE \$6,498 Double Occupancy per Person \$7,598 Single Occupancy

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED IN TOUR PACKAGE:

- ★ 12 nights accommodations
- ★ 19 meals: 12 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 6 dinners
- ★ All attractions, tours & admissions, deluxe motorcoach transportation, all tips, taxes & luggage handling, premier local guides, services of your American Classic Tour Director.

#### TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Add travel insurance to your package at the time of reservation.

**DEPOSIT: \$1,500** per Person

FINAL PAYMENT DATE: Due 120 days prior to departure

ACTIVITY LEVEL: 1 2 3

PASSPORT BOOK REQUIRED

#### CLASSIC DOOR-TO-DOOR PACKAGE

#### FEATURING HOME PICK-UP SERVICE

Our Classic Door-to-Door package features home pick-up & return service, roundtrip airfare, and airport transfers, in addition to your tour package (listed above).

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#### INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR PACKAGE

- Hotel Accommodations
- ★ Fine Dining (see pg. 3 for exact meal count)
- ★ All Attractions, Entertainment & Admission Fees
- ★ Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- ★ Luggage Handling
- \* Services of an American Classic Tour Director
- \* Premier Local Guides
- ★ All Tips Included



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#### ★ TOUR PACKAGE (LISTED ON LEFT)

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