



Best of Ireland

July 23- 1st August, 2022





Itinerary

DAY 1 WELCOME TO IRELAND

Sunday July 24, 2022

ACCOMODATION

Trinity City Hotel

Upon arrival in Dublin airport, proceed through the arrivals area where you will be met by your **Professional Irish Driver Guide**, who will be with you throughout your trip.

Take in all the sights, sounds and deep history of Dublin with a **panoramic sightseeing tour**. Visit **St. Patrick's Cathedral**, the National Cathedral of the Church of Ireland founded in 1191.

Check-in to your city center hotel, The Trinity City Hotel, where you will stay for the next two nights.

You are free tonight to spend at your leisure.

DAY 2 DUBLIN/ WICKLOW

Monday July 25, 2022

ACCOMODATION

Trinity City Hotel

MEALS

Breakfast

Breakfast is included this morning. After your morning meal, you will swap the city lights for the Irish countryside.

Visit **Glendalough Monastic Site**, which lies in 'the valley of the two lakes' and attracts tourists world-wide with its spectacular scenery, rich history, archaeology, and abundant wildlife. Also, on this site you will find a round tower, Celtic high cross, St. Mary's Church and St. Kevin's Church. Returning to your hotel, you will have the rest of the evening to spend at your own leisure.

DAY 3 TIPPERARY/ KINSALE

Tuesday July 26, 2022

ACCOMODATION

Trident Hotel

MEALS

Breakfast, Dinner

Breakfast is included this morning. After your morning meal, we will depart Dublin and embark on a journey south to reach our next destination, Kinsale, in Co. Cork.

We won't pass Co. Tipperary without stopping at the **Rock of Cashel**, a spectacular group of medieval buildings set high above the green pastures of the Golden Vale. The Rock of Cashel, also known as St. Patrick's Rock, is crowned by the 13th century Gothic Cathedral, beside which nestles the unique Romanesque Cormac's Chapel.

Check-in to your hotel, The Trident Hotel, where you will spend the next two nights.

Tonight, we will enjoy **dinner** together at the hotel.

DAY 4 COBH

Wednesday July 27, 2022

ACCOMODATION

Trident Hotel

MEALS

Breakfast

Breakfast is included this morning. After your morning meal, we will set out to explore the historic port town of Cobh. It is from this town that over 2.5 million Irish people emigrated. Many would have attended mass at the beautiful Cathedral overlooking the port prior to their departure. Cobh was also the last port from which the Titanic left on April 11th, 1912.

Enjoy a **guided walking tour** of this beautiful and quirky town. Your tour combines the fascinating Titanic Trail with a visit to the amazing Queenstown Story **Heritage Centre** in Cobh.

Afterwards, we will visit the **Titanic Experience** to Learn about the history of the Titanic and what the conditions were like for the 123 passengers on board.

The rest of the evening you have to spend at your own leisure in Kinsale. Let your curiosity lead you through the narrow, winding streets lined with galleries and gift shops, lively bars, and superb restaurants.

DAY 5

Thursday July 28, 2022

ACCOMODATION

Killarney Towers Hotel

MEALS

Breakfast, Dinner

BLARNEY / KILLARNEY

Breakfast is included this morning. After your morning meal, we will continue on to Co. Kerry for more adventure.

On route we will stop at the Village of Blarney and visit one of Ireland's oldest and greatest treasures, the **Blarney Castle and Gardens**. Here you can see with your own eyes, the legendary Blarney Stone, and shop at the Woolen Mills, an Irish heritage shop with famously large selection of Irish products including sweaters and woolens, crystal and china, gifts and souvenirs.

Check-in to your hotel, Killarney Towers Hotel where you will spend the next three nights.

You will have the afternoon to spend at your own leisure. Consider playing a round of golf, recommendations for local golf courses can be provided upon request.

Tonight, we will reconvene and enjoy **dinner** together at the hotel.

DAY 6

Friday July 29, 2022

ACCOMODATION

Killarney Towers Hotel

MEALS

Breakfast

KERRY

Breakfast is included this morning. After your morning meal, you will have one of two options (1) spending your day exploring the Ring of Kerry or (2) spending your day at your own leisure perhaps involving a round or two of Golf upon which can be recommended.

The **Ring of Kerry** is a tourist trail and part of the mystical & unspoilt region of Ireland that has attracted visitors for hundreds of years and is part of the Wild Atlantic Way. We will see countryside surrounded by mountains, lakes, woods and rugged coastline as we meander around the 110-mile route.

Returning to the hotel, you will have the rest of the evening to spend at your own leisure.

DAY 7 DINGLE

Saturday July 30, 2022

ACCOMODATION

Killarney Towers Hotel

MEALS

Breakfast

Breakfast is included this morning. After your morning meal, prepare for a scenic day of beautiful beaches and mountains featured by the Dingle peninsula.

The **Dingle Peninsula** is one of Ireland's most rugged Peninsulas with breathtaking views and mysterious huts called 'clochans' that line the road built by 7th century monks. It suffered the Vikings, welcomed Hollywood and has its own famous Dolphin called "Fungie"

We will stop in the small fishing **town of Dingle**. With its eclectic little fashion and jewelry shops on Green Street and the intimate cozy pubs such as Ashes and Foxy Johns, there is something for everyone to enjoy. A very special place, with a great atmosphere where you can hear Irish Gaelic being used fluently.

Returning to the hotel, you will have the rest of the evening to spend at your own leisure.

DAY 8 CLARE

Sunday July 31, 2022

ACCOMODATION

Inn at Dromoland

MEALS

Breakfast, Dinner

Breakfast is included this morning. After your morning meal, we will bid farewell to Co. Kerry and move on to our final stop on our Celtic adventure, Co. Clare.

We will cross the **River Shannon via ferry**, to arrive in County Clare.

Visit the majestic **Cliffs of Moher**, that stand over 700 feet high with views that expand to the Aran Islands and even as far south as the Dingle Peninsula. The Cliffs are home to the Puffin Bird and many other bird species, which you will see a lot about in the interpretation center.

Check-in to your hotel, the Inn at Dromoland where you will stay for the night.

This evening we will **dine** at the enchanting **Knappogue Castle** in Co. Clare. Turn back the clock to Irish medieval times with a lavish **banquet** followed by **entertainment** by the Lords and Ladies of the castle.

DAY 9

Monday Aug 1, 2022

HOMEWARD BOUND

Breakfast is included this morning

MEALS

Breakfast

Bid farewell to the '*Emerald Isle*' before heading to **Shannon airport** where you will board your flight home and carry on your photos and memories of this wonderful Celtic adventure.