

FOCUS ON IRELAND

Embrace the Emerald Isle, including looking out over the Cliffs of Moher and strolling past the grandiose Georgian architecture of Cork.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 10 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: B906

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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

DAY 1 | IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY

At Dublin airport, transfers leave for your hotel at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00. Meet your Travel Director at 14:00 before an orientation of Dublin with a Local Expert. Pass St. Patrick's Cathedral and Christchurch Cathedral. See the 9th century Book of Kells and walk the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College. Enjoy a warm and friendly Welcome Dinner with drinks and the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other over the course of the evening. (D)

Clayton Hotel Burlington Road, Dublin.

DAY 2 | TO GALWAY, CITY OF THE TRIBES

Leave Dublin and set off through the delightful landscapes of the Emerald Isle. Cross Ireland's longest river, the river Shannon, to reach historic Galway, the City of the Tribes, at the mouth of the Corrib River. Easily one of Ireland's most fun and lively cities, the streets are lined with buskers, the region is known for its famous oysters and the pubs are full of Irish charm. Join your Travel Director to see the infamous Lynch Memorial and the Church of St. Nicholas, where Christopher Columbus reputedly prayed before setting off for his discovery of America. Also see the aged Spanish Arch and Eyre Square, dedicated to the late US President, John F. Kennedy. (B)

Harbour Hotel Galway.

DAY 3 | THE CLIFFS OF MOHER, ADARE AND KILLARNEY

Take the scenic route through the mysterious rocky limestone landscape of the Burren, with its underground caverns, streams and rare flora. Stop at the Exhibition Centre, situated next to the 700-foot Cliffs of Moher with breathtaking views of the Clare Coast. Continue past the city of Limerick, stop in quaint Adare and take a relaxed village walk to see its thatched-roof cottages. In the evening, stay in the centre of the action in lively Killarney. Gateway to the famous Ring of Kerry, Killarney has been welcoming travellers, who appreciate the spectacular scenery of woodlands and lakes, for over 250 years. (B) (D)

Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa, Killarney.

DAY 4 | RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE

Explore 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 National Park. Take a leisurely excursion around the magnificent Ring of Kerry with stunning views of mountains and sea. Pass through the small towns of Killorglin, where the famous Puck Fair takes place, and Cahersiveen, birthplace of the great patriot, Daniel O'Connell. Follow the narrow road as it winds along the cliffs to the fishing town of Waterville. Continue through delightful villages like Sneem and cross the peat bogs of the Black Mountains to Moll's Gap to admire Queen Victoria's Ladies View. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a Farm-to-Table

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

dinner. Enjoy some Irish home cooking at the family-run kitchen of chef John Sheehan. Join John and his wife, Freda, for drinks and a personal insight into classic Irish recipes that are loved throughout the world and help preserve this intangible cultural heritage. Then, settle down for a night of great food and drink in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. (B) (D)



I love sharing insights into Ireland's traditional Gaelic language. Phrases, such as: 'Míle buíochas,' which means 'a thousand thanks', and 'Go n-éirí linn,' which means, let's go!

— KATIE, TRAVEL DIRECTOR

DAY 5 | COBH AND BLARNEY CASTLE ON THE WAY TO CORK

Drive to the historic port town of Cobh, which was the last port of call for the Titanic. Walk through the Queenstown Story exhibition at the Heritage

Centre, which recounts the era of Irish emigration and the life of this once great passenger port. Continue to visit the 15th century Blarney Castle, home of the famous Stone of Eloquence - once kissed, never forgotten! Or enjoy a sensory walk in the extensive and varied estate gardens. Then Continue on to Cork along the spacious Grand Parade and South Mall and see the City Hall and fine Georgian houses en route to your hotel. In the evening, raise your glass and revel in rich flavours at a lively Celebration Dinner. (B) (D) Maldron Hotel South Mall Cork City.

DAY 6 | KILKENNY AND DUBLIN

Drive through prime farmland to 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. Then, return to Dublin and your hotel, located in the heart of Dublin's leafy south side just minutes from the city centre. The rest of the evening is at your leisure to further explore if you wish. (B)

Clayton Hotel Burlington Road, Dublin.

DAY 7 | DEPART DUBLIN

Your memorable trip comes to an end. Departure transfers arrive at Dublin airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 10:30. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Dublin | Celebration Dinner in Cork.

Insightful Experiences

Dublin: Visit Trinity College, before marvelling at the ancient Book of Kells, created by monks and dating from A.D. 800.

Killarney: Join a gentle hike with a Local Expert along the lake shore and past the grounds of Ross Castle, admiring the incredible scenery of the Killarney National Park.

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DAY 4 | Meet John and Freda, passionate restaurant owners, and learn how their farm-to-table concept operates. Enjoy a delicious meal made from fresh ingredients all sourced within a five-mile radius.

Scenic Drives

Irish scenery is some of the most beautiful in the world. Relax and admire the views as you travel through the Burren, Derrynasaggart Mountains and along the Ring of Kerry.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Cliffs of Moher | Blarney Castle | Queenstown Story Cobh | See Dublin | Galway | Adare's thatched cottages | Killarney | Cork.

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