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## Day 1 | Welcome to the Emerald Isle



Tread in the footsteps of James Joyce and Oscar Wilde, through the lyrical streets of Dublin – your launch pad to a memorable encounter with Ireland's iconic highlights. After a leisurely morning, meet a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour with views of Trinity College, St. Patrick's Cathedral and the stately Georgian Squares. Indulge in a little Irish craic this evening, joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner.

**Meals:** Dinner

**Hotel:** Clayton Ballsbridge/ Hampton by Hilton Dublin City Centre

## Day 2 | Onwards to Galway and Limerick



We journey to Galway, the 'City of Tribes', where we'll see its stone cathedral on the banks of the Corrib and spend some free time exploring its stone façades. Irish traditions and heritage are explored next, during a visit to Bunratty Castle and its Folk Park, a living history museum that reveals insights into life in Ireland during the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Continue to Limerick, for an orientation tour and view the 13<sup>th</sup>-century King John's Castle overlooking the Shannon.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Greenhills Hotel Conference and Leisure Centre

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Medieval Castle Banquet** - Enjoy a banquet and medieval entertainment in the great hall of the castle. The court jester will make an appearance, as will the castle's musicians and the ladies and gentlemen of the medieval court – giving you an evening you won't forget.

Adult: 88.00 EUR

**Irish Ceilidh Evening** - Come along and experience the craic at a special ceilidh evening. Enjoy a drink and some local specialities, watch some traditional Irish dancing, and sing along to some familiar Irish melodies.

Adult: 72.00 EUR

## Day 3 | Experience the Iconic Cliffs of Moher and on to Killarney



We leave Limerick and stop at the spectacular Cliffs of Moher on the famous 'Wild Atlantic Way'. You'll feel like you've gone back to an ancient time as you gaze across the water, all the way to the Aran Islands if the weather is good. Visit the interactive visitor centre where this incredible UNESCO-listed natural phenomenon comes to life in a way you would not get to see with your own eyes. Go beneath the surface to see how the sediment has stacked up over 300 million years to create this towering backdrop.

Inspired by the irresistible beauty of this special place, you'll continue to your hotel in Killarney with a scenic drive to the ferry departure point and journey across the Shannon Estuary. Our home for the next two nights is the colourful little town of Killarney.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** International Hotel/Hotel Killarney

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Experience a Jaunting Cart Ride*** - Enjoy a traditional pony and trap ride through the beautiful Bourn-Vincent National Park. During your journey, your Local Specialist will share fascinating anecdotes about the area and Ireland.  
Adult: 27.00 EUR

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

***Celtic Steps*** - Enjoy a spectacular evening of Irish music, song and dance performed by champion dancers and musicians and showcasing the music of Kerry and beyond.  
Adult: 41.00 EUR

***Irish Folk Theatre and Dinner*** - Join us as we embrace the folklore and spirit of old Ireland's life and times, when even the most everyday chore would be celebrated. Siamsa Tire players will cast a charm you'll remember forever. Beforehand, enjoy a hearty Irish meal in a local restaurant. This experience will be offered for those trips that stay at Tralee.  
Adult: 74.00 EUR

## Day 4 | A Scenic Day on the Ring of Kerry



Circle the spectacular Ring of Kerry – its emerald green hills, centuries-old stone villages and vivid blue seascapes provide a soul-stirring backdrop. We'll see Daniel O'Connell's Cahirciveen, Moll's Gap and the Black Valley, renowned for being the last place in Ireland to get electricity and telephone networks. In the village of Waterville, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience walking tour to explore the natural environment of the Irish coastline. Consider joining an Optional Experience to Muckross House and its beautiful gardens. With a backdrop of oak-clad mountains, enjoy taking in the towering azaleas and rhododendrons, alongside the shores of the lake. The 19th-century house contains some wonderful examples of furniture and paintings, including a portrait of King James VI, for whom Shakespeare wrote Macbeth.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** International Hotel/Hotel Killarney

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Visit Muckross House and its Gardens** - Come with us to Muckross House and its beautiful gardens. With a backdrop of oak-clad mountains, enjoy taking in the towering azaleas and rhododendrons, alongside the shores of the lake. The 19th-century house contains some wonderful examples of furniture and paintings, including a portrait of King James VI, for whom Shakespeare wrote Macbeth.

Adult: 24.00 EUR

## Day 5 | Explore Blarney and Journey to Waterford



Cross the rugged Kerry Mountains and travel to Blarney Castle to kiss the stone and acquire the 'gift of the gab'. Continue to Waterford, where we will have dinner at our hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Fitzwilton

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Irish Folk Fun** - Join a magical entertainment experience, where you'll get the chance to see Irish hospitality in the best folk tradition. Enjoy a drink while locals sing and play music for you.

Adult: 32.00 EUR



## Day 6 | Through County Wicklow's Countryside to Dublin



Dive Into Culture and witness the centuries-old tradition of crafting fine glass at the House of Waterford Crystal. Here we will watch the talented master craftsmen in their workshop creating exquisite pieces.

Our next stop is in the town of New Ross, where we'll see the monument to John F. Kennedy who travelled to his ancestral family hometown in 1963. We'll visit the three-masted famine ship Dunbrody and Dive Into Culture yet again, gaining insights into the tragic plight of the Irish emigrants who fled the potato famine during the 1800s.

Continuing through County Wexford and the lush countryside of County Wicklow, we journey to Dublin stopping en route at Glenealy Farmhouse. We'll Connect With Locals over a Be My Guest Farewell Dinner and meet the Fulvio family.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Radisson Blu Hotel Dublin Airport

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Explore Waterford's History** - Join us in Waterford, where the history dates back as far as the Vikings. Your Local Specialist will bring the historic area to life through stories and anecdotes; one guest even described the trip as the "best history lesson ever".

Adult: 22.00 EUR

## Day 7 | Farewell Ireland



For now, it's time to say a fond slán abhaile to your fellow travellers as you close the curtain on an unforgettable journey through the 'Emerald Isle'.

**Meals:** Breakfast