



# THE IRISH SPIRIT

NOVEMBER 4-12, 2017

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9 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS INCLUDING HOTELS, MEALS, DAY TRIPS AND AIRFARE

FROM BILLINGS, MT

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9 Days

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(1) DUBLIN • (2) CORK • (1) TRALEE • (1) GALWAY • (2) DUBLIN



## TOUR FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Air transportation from Billings, MT
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 7 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 12 included meals consisting of 7 buffet breakfasts and 5 dinners
- **ALL INCLUSIVE SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - All-inclusive sightseeing, including guide and all entrance fees as per the day to day including visits to: City tour of Dublin, EPIC Ireland, The Kennedy Homestead, Waterford Crystal Factory Tour, Blarney Castle, Blarney Woolen Mills, Jameson Whiskey Distillery, the story and making of Irish whiskey, a Jaunting car in Killarney, Ring of Kerry tour, a Pint at John B Keane Pub, Adare Village, Bunratty Castle and Folk Park, Cliffs of Moher, Galway city tour, Clonmacnoise, Ceilí/Bodhrán Craic Event, Book of Kells, Trinity College, the Guinness factory, Temple Bar, Irish storytelling evening and much, much more
- **CULTURAL DISCOVERY SERIES** - Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy, social systems and interaction with locals
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR/GUIDE** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director/Guide for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Dublin
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

## OPTIONAL BELFAST EXTENSION TOUR FEATURES

- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 2 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 4 included meals consisting of 2 buffet breakfasts, 2 dinners
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Malahide Castle, Newgrange, Panoramic tour of Belfast, Giant's Causeway, Titanic Experience and much, much more
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR/GUIDE** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director/Guide for the entire length of the tour
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Irish Cultural Enrichment • Dublin • John F. Kennedy Homestead • Waterford Crystal Factory • Blarney Castle • Blarney Woolen Mills • Jameson Distillery • Cork • Jaunting Car Ride • Ring of Kerry • Pint at John B Keane Pub • Adare Village • Bunratty Castle • Cliffs of Moher • Galway City • Clonmacnoise • Ceilí/Bodhrán • Craic Night and Dinner • Book of Kells • Trinity College • Guinness Factory • Temple Bar • Evening of Irish Storytelling • Newgrange • Belfast • Giant's Causeway • Titanic Experience, and much, much more...



**Day 1 Depart USA** Depart the USA on an overnight flight to Ireland. Enjoy meals and refreshments served onboard.

**Day 2 Arrive Dublin, Ireland - City Tour** Upon arrival in Dublin, you will be met by your Central Holidays tour director/guide. The excitement begins with a sightseeing tour of Eire's capital city featuring such acclaimed sites as the world-famous shopping corridor of Grafton Street, statue-lined O'Connell Street, and St Patrick's Cathedral. Cultural Discovery Series - You will enjoy Dublin's immersive visitor experience entitled EPIC Ireland, showcasing the unique journey of the Irish nation, where stories of old are told via 20 interactive galleries. This fascinating experience illuminates the story of Ireland's communities overseas and shows how the Irish have influenced world culture. Tonight you will enjoy dinner at your hotel in Dublin. (D)

**Day 3 Dublin - The Kennedy Homestead - Waterford Crystal Factory Tour - Cork** After a hearty Irish breakfast, you will head out for The Kennedy Homestead, birthplace of President John F. Kennedy's great-grandfather Patrick Kennedy where the story featuring five generations of this famous Irish dynasty unfolds. Trace the history of those who stayed behind and those who left Dunganstown on an immigrant ship to the slums of Boston and from the English court of St. James to the Camelot days at the White House. Next you will visit the bustling port of Waterford and its world-renown House of Waterford factory where crystal has been hand-crafted for more than two centuries. This evening your cozy bed and breakfast welcomes you in Cork. (B)

**Day 4 Cork - Blarney Castle - Blarney Woolen Mills - Jameson Experience** Power up this morning with a delicious breakfast before heading out to explore Blarney Castle, one of Ireland's oldest and most historic castles. Built nearly six hundred years ago by one of Ireland's greatest chieftains, Cormac MacCarthy, Blarney Castle is best known for its famous "Stone of Eloquence" where the tradition says if you kiss the stone, you will acquire the "Gift of Gab." Next you will visit the nearby Blarney Woolen Mills originally built in 1823 as a water powered mill where tweeds and wools were produced. Today you can shop at the mills for all kinds of quality Irish made goods. Your adventure continues on to the Jameson Experience - Cultural Discovery Series, a journey revealing the history and making of Irish whiskey followed by the opportunity to enjoy a premium whiskey tasting. This distillery operated for 150 years, from 1825 until 1975 and now is one of the most striking and interesting attractions where you can admire

old kilns, mills, maltings, water wheel, still house, distiller's cottage, cooperage and warehouses. This evening you have time at leisure to delve into Cork's culinary options with many restaurants featuring fresh locally grown ingredients. (B)

**Day 5 Cork - Jaunting car - Killarney National Park - Ring of Kerry - Tralee** After breakfast this morning, take a step back in time and experience Ireland's most traditional mode of transport on a Jaunting Car Tour to discover the treasures of Killarney National Park & the famous Lakes of Killarney. Next, enjoy one of Europe's most famous drives as you visit highlight points along The Ring of Kerry including views of Killorglin, known for its Puck Fair pagan festival, and Caherciveen birthplace of Daniel O'Connell often referred to as "The Liberator" for his role in Catholic Emancipation. Then you will have the opportunity to experience an Irish custom "Talk with a Pint" (or Irish Coffee if you prefer) at the notorious John B. Keane Pub, a name synonymous with Listowel's rich literary heritage - Cultural Discovery Series. Tonight you will overnight in Tralee. (B,D)

**Day 6 Tralee - Adare Village - Bunratty Castle & Folk Park - Cliffs of Moher - Galway** Enjoy breakfast then set off for Adare, touted often as Ireland's prettiest town and known for its string of preserved thatched cottages built by the 19th-century English landlord, the Earl of Dunraven. Today the cottages are home to charming arts and crafts shops. Next, proceed to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. The Castle is the most complete and authentic medieval fortress in Ireland. Built in 1425 it was restored in 1954 to its former medieval splendor and now showcases 15th and 16th century furnishings, tapestries, and works of art. Journey along north to the Cliffs of Moher where you can take in the captivating views from this spectacular wall of limestone that reaches to almost 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. Tonight you will overnight in Galway. (B,D)

**Day 7 Galway city - Clonmacnoise - Dublin - Dinner with Ceilí/Bodhrán Craic Experience** After breakfast this morning, enjoy time at leisure to stroll around the picturesque town of Galway and its laid-back boho vibe before heading back to Dublin. On the way you will stop at Clonmacnoise, an early Christian site founded by Saint Ciaran in the 6th century along the banks of the River Shannon. The site includes the ruins of a cathedral, eight churches (10th-13th century), two round towers, three high crosses and a large collection of early Christian grave slabs. Cultural Discovery Series - Tonight you will live the spirit of the Irish through its music and dance in the spectacular "Experience Ceilí" or "Bodhrán Craic Event." This lively event highlights the history of Irish Music and Dance, then you become the star of the show as you learn traditional Irish dances and beat some tunes on one of the original Irish instruments called a Bodhrán (pronounced bowran) drum. You will even get the chance to pull your own pint of Guinness after the barman shows you the art of pouring this Irish brew. The evening will include dinner at the world famous "The Church Bar & Restaurant," exquisitely converted from the Dublin landmark St. May's Church in 1997 featuring a beautifully restored Renuart Harris built organ. (B,D)

**Day 8 Dublin - Trinity College & Book of Kells - Guinness Tour - Irish Night** Enjoy your included breakfast this morning then continue experiencing the spirit of the Irish through its heritage, beer-making, and storytelling activities. First you will visit Trinity College to see the Book of Kells, Ireland's most famed medieval manuscript. The 9th century book is a richly decorated copy of the four Gospels of the life of Jesus Christ. Cultural Discovery Series - Venture along to GUINNESS STOREHOUSE® for tour and opportunity to taste an exquisitely hand-crafted and iconic beer. The seven story building brings to life the story of GUINNESS® from its origin in Dublin to its growth as a global brand well-known across the globe. This afternoon you will have time to explore the cultural heart of Dublin City with free time in the Temple Bar area teeming with pubs, galleries, restaurants and music to enjoy. Cultural Discovery Series - A night out at Dublin's oldest pub, The Brazen Head Pub, awaits this evening as a warm, welcoming setting for you to relax into an enriching night of storytelling and folklore, traditional Irish food, and spirited Irish music. (B,D)



**Day 9 Dublin to USA or extend your stay with an optional Belfast extension** After breakfast your departure for the airport for your return flight home with long lasting memories of the Emerald Isle of Ireland. (B)

#### OPTIONAL BELFAST EXTENSION

**Day 9 Dublin - Malahide Castle - Newgrange - Belfast - Panoramic Tour** Opt to stay on and discover Northern Ireland! This morning you will visit Malahide Castle, one of the oldest castles in Ireland and home to the Talbot family for over 800 years. Meander your way around the interactive exhibit situated in a cavern where the history of the Talbot Family is retold, including anecdotes about their resident ghosts, before embarking on a guided tour throughout the reception rooms of this magnificent landmark. You will then head to Newgrange, the jewel in the crown of Ireland's Ancient East. Constructed over 5,000 years ago during the Neolithic period by a farming community that prospered on the rich lands of the Boyne Valley, this ancient temple dates back to a time before Stonehenge in England and the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt. A panoramic tour of Belfast is next on the agenda today where you will explore the fascinating social history of Northern Ireland's capital and take-in sights such as the Grand Opera House, the Albert Memorial Clock, the Queen's University, the Botanic Gardens and Belfast City Hall. (B,D)

**Day 10 Belfast - Giant's Causeway - Titanic Experience** After breakfast this morning you will head out for the Giant's Causeway, flanked by the Northern Atlantic Ocean and a landscape of dramatic cliffs. Climb the Shepherd's Steps and hike along the cliff-top trail to get a sweeping view of the breathtaking coast. This afternoon, you will visit the Titanic Experience, an interactive exhibit extending throughout nine galleries that recounts the story of the Titanic in the most insightful of ways. Enjoy the special effects, rides, full-scale reconstructions and other innovative features to uncover the true legend of Titanic in the city where it all began. (B,D)

**Day 11 Belfast to USA** After breakfast your departure transfer awaits to take you to the airport for your flight home. (B)

(B) – Breakfast, (D) – Dinner

#### TOUR PRICE

Tour price is **\$3,399** per person, double occupancy. For single occupancy, add \$499.

Fuel surcharges of \$636 per person are included in the price. Taxes and other fees are currently \$150 per person and are additional. Fuel surcharges and taxes are valid at the time of printing but are subject to change.

The price of \$3,399 is an early bird special if the program is reserved with a deposit by April 29, 2017. The price increases by \$100 per person (\$3,499) after this date.

Please note: Though rare, it may be necessary to substitute hotels and adjust itineraries at guide's discretion due to local conditions.

#### OPTIONAL BELFAST EXTENSION:

Belfast Extension: \$599 Double Occupancy or \$798 Single

