

TOUR OF IRELAND

Saturday, September 10th ► Sunday, September 18th, 2022
Tentative Itinerary – Subject to Change

Spectacular towns in “destination” hotels.
Venture out, explore and enjoy all they have to offer!

SATURDAY: 10-SEP-22 DEPART THE UNITED STATES

Meet at Logan Airport Terminal C on SATURDAY 6 PM

We will have a club rep in front of the check-in area (club shirt/Jacket) and will assist you.

Check in with "The World Tour" (the club) BEFORE the airline. You will receive your trip SWAG (Stuff We All Get) with luggage tags, plug adapter, etc. and we will check-in as a group with the airline in Boston Logan Airport Terminal C in front of the Aer Lingus check-in area.

If you are not arriving on our group flights, meet up with Daniel at the arrival's baggage claim exit in Dublin Airport Terminal 2, SUNDAY at 9 AM.

SUNDAY: 11-SEP-22 IRELAND ARRIVAL

After customs and immigration Airport formalities, our tour director will welcome us to Ireland.

[Blarney Castle](#)

A well-known favorite for many decades. The Castle was built in 1446 as a defensive fortress. The castle which stands today is in fact the keep of a much larger fortress. Kiss the famous Blarney Stone, high up on the Castle battlements and tradition holds that you'll be endowed with the gift of eloquence - "the gift of the gab" as the locals call it.

After the Castle, you can also visit the [Blarney Woolen Mills Store](#) and café/restaurant.

[Killarney](#)

Killarney is considered one of Ireland's most charming, picturesque, and most welcoming town. Killarney remains one of the top tourist destinations for both Irish and international visitors. Killarney's tourism history goes back at least to the mid-18th century, it is considered the top Irish holiday destination by both Irish and international guests. Enjoy exploring the local town and all it has to offer!

[Killarney Plaza Hotel & Spa, Kerry](#) 2 nights

The Killarney Plaza Hotel reigns over the town of Killarney with grace and glamour. Our stay at the Plaza entails the ultimate in gracious luxury, attentive personal service, and the pleasures of an incomparable town center location, overlooking Killarney's wonderful National Park. Our hotel offers, superb restaurants, bars, and an exclusive and luxurious Spa and private Leisure Centre.

MONDAY: 12-SEP-22[The Ring of Kerry](#)

Another traditional "got to do" tour via Killorglin, Glenbeigh, Cahersiveen, Waterville, Coomakesta Pass with its magnificent views over Derrynane, home of Daniel O'Connell, known as "The Liberator" to Caherdaniel. Travel on via Sneem, Moll's Gap, Ladies View, Killarney National Park and along the Lakes of Killarney!

[Irish Sheepdog Demonstration](#)

Enjoy the in-depth knowledge, where the sheepdogs are the stars of the show and the flock includes a number of rare breeds. Always a favorite, you'll love it too!

[Muckross House Gardens](#)

Situated on the lakes in Killarney's National Park. Muckross House is a magnificent Victorian Mansion and one of Ireland's stately homes. Here you can find a rock garden on a natural outcrop of limestone which has winding steps and small paths so that anyone can enjoy the collection of dwarf conifers and shrubs. The Killarney strawberry tree is a native of this garden. Vistas of grass lead the eye on through mounds of mature rhododendrons, punctuated by the boles of Scots pine.

Dinner and overnight at Killarney Plaza Hotel & Spa

TUESDAY: 13-SEP-22[Ferry crossing: Tarbert -> Kilimer](#)

The Shannon Ferry will take us on this memorable journey across the estuary linking the iconic tourist destinations of the Banner County of Clare to the Kingdom of Kerry. This is a lovely experience where we relax and sail across the majestic Shannon Estuary. And if you're lucky, you might even catch a glimpse of the dolphins, which sometimes swim so near the ferry, as if just to entertain you.

[Cliffs of Moher](#)

One of Ireland's favorite visitor experiences, the Cliffs of Moher tower over the rugged west Clare coast. Walk the safe, paved pathways and view the incredible Cliffs that sit on Europe's most westerly tip and enjoy the spectacular vistas over the Atlantic Ocean and the Aran Islands. Their natural beauty has inspired artists, musicians, and poets for generations, as well as absorbing scientists and geologists, drawn by the unique landscape in which they sit.

[Travel through the Burren](#)

Famous for its Lunar-like Limestone landscape and its unique flora. About 20 species of Orchids grow wild here.

[Galway](#)

Enjoy exploring beautiful Galway, a harbor city on Ireland's west coast where the River Corrib meets the Atlantic Ocean. The city's hub is 18th-century Eyre Square, a popular meeting spot surrounded by shops and traditional pubs that often offer live Irish folk music. Nearby, stone-clad cafes, boutiques and art galleries line the winding lanes of the Latin Quarter, which retains portions of the medieval city walls.

[The Galmont Hotel & Spa, Galway](#) 2 nights

The Galmont Hotel & Spa in the center of Galway City has become one of the most sought-after hotels in the West of Ireland over the course of its 20-year history. Just a stroll away from the center of Galway in the perfect location with its award-winning Spa. Enjoy magnificent views of Galway Bay.

WEDNESDAY: 14-SEP-22[Tour Magnificent Connemara](#)

We tour the magnificent loop of Connemara via Oughterard & Maam Cross before travelling up the spectacular Inagh valley with the 12 Bens of Connemara on our left and the Maumturks on our right as you travel to Leenane. From the breathtaking scenery of the hills and bogs before we reach Leenane village, the scenery change as we return toward Galway to some beautiful coastal scenery. We return to Galway via the beautiful quaint town of Clifden.

[Cruise with lunch on Killary Fjord](#)

Enjoy our cruise as we have lunch (included), a great way to take in the dramatic sweep of this magnificent landscape. We pass between the Twelve Bens and the Maam Turk mountains to the South, in County Galway; and the Mweelrea mountains to the North in County Mayo, as well as the views out to the Atlantic at the mouth of the fjord!

[Kylemore Abbey & Victorian Walled Garden](#)

The story of Kylemore – both Castle and Abbey – is a truly remarkable one. The twists of fate which its occupants experienced, from moments of romance and happiness, to sadness and courage have all combined to create a fascinating history spanning over 150 years. Kylemore is home to a community of nuns of the Benedictine Order who came here in 1920 after their abbey in Ypres, Belgium was destroyed in World War I. Settling at Kylemore, the Benedictine Community began restoring the Abbey, Gothic Church and Victorian Walled Garden to their former glory.

Dinner and overnight at The Galmont Hotel & Spa

THURSDAY: 15-SEP-22

Tour to Kilkenny via Clonmacnoise.

[Clonmacnoise](#)

Founded by St. Ciarán in the mid-6th century on the eastern bank of the River Shannon. The site includes the ruin of a cathedral, 7 churches (10th to 13th century), 2 round towers, 3 high crosses and the largest collection of Early Christian grave slabs in Western Europe.

[Kilkenny Castle](#)

Kilkenny Castle has been an important site since Strongbow constructed the first building a wooden tower in the 12th century. William the Earl Marshall built the first stone castle on the site in 1260.

Evening guided walking tour of Kilkenny

Walk the small streets of this walled city with an experienced local guide. See in detail the history of Kilkenny.

[Kilkenny River Court Hotel](#) 1 night

Kilkenny River Court Hotel, on the banks of the River Nore, in the heart of the medieval city of Kilkenny, has magnificent views of the city's 12th-century Kilkenny Castle from its private courtyard conveniently situated back from the Kilkenny streets. The main shopping areas, theatres, entertainment, attractions, and Kilkenny's Medieval Mile are all close by.

FRIDAY: 16-SEP-22

Tour to Dún Laoghaire

[Glendalough](#)

Famed for its beautiful scenery and historic monuments, Glendalough has been a center for pilgrims and visitors from the time of the founding of its monastery by St. Kevin in the 6th Century. The present remains tell only a small part of the monastic story. The buildings which survived, probably date from between the 8th and 12th Centuries, the most notable being a superb Round-Tower, Cathedral, Stone churches and decorated crosses.

[Powerscourt](#)

Powerscourt Gardens, County Wicklow, No.3 in the World's Top Ten Gardens by National Geographic. They stretch over 47 acres and are a sublime blend of formal gardens, sweeping terraces, statues and ornamental lakes, secret hollows and rambling walks. They were designed from 1731 onwards and include The Walled Gardens, The Italian Garden, The Dolphin Pond, The Japanese Gardens, Pets Cemetery and Peppercot Tower, among other features and attractions.

[Royal Marine Hotel, Dublin](#) 2 nights

The Royal Marine Hotel was first built in 1863 on this magnificent site overlooking Dublin Bay, has hosted many Heads of State, Kings, Queens, and celebrities including Frank Sinatra, Laurel & Hardy and Charlie Chaplin, to name a few, and now our club! The Irish freedom fighter Michael Collins is believed to have hidden out in Room 210 and Marconi transmitted the first line wireless report in July 1899 from here. The magnificent and historic feel remains with high ceilings, ornate pillars, and traditional wide corridors.

SATURDAY: 17-SEP-22[Tour of Dublin](#)

Panoramic sightseeing tour of Dublin with our local guide, including [O'Connell Street](#), [Phoenix Park](#), and [Leinster House](#).

[Guinness Storehouse](#)

The Storehouse was originally built in 1904 to house the Guinness fermentation process. The core of the building is modelled on a giant pint glass. The tour takes you step by step through the brewing process, finishing at the Gravity Bar where you will receive a complimentary pint of Guinness whilst enjoying the panoramic views over Dublin city.

Time in the city to explore and enjoy before returning to our hotel

[Dinner & Irish Evening at the Merry Ploughboys Pub](#)

Widely regarded as the best traditional music show in Dublin. A highly entertaining performance of live traditional Irish Music, Song, and Irish Dancing!

SUNDAY: 18-SEP-22**RETURN TO UNITED STATES**

We will check-out and transfer to Dublin Airport in good time to check in for our group flight. We can do some last-minute shopping at the duty-free stores after check-in before boarding our aircraft to Boston!

GROUP FLIGHTS:

Sep. 10: EI 136 BOS 9:25 PM / DUB 8:35 AM

Sep. 18: EI 137 DUB 4:40 PM / BOS 6:50 PM