

12-Day Irish Odyssey Tour

Travel the Coastline of the Emerald Isle
on our 12-DAY IRISH ODYSSEY Tour
June 14-26, 2018

\$2900.00 per person
Single Supplement- an additional \$670.00
Airfare from Myrtle Beach is additional - \$835.00 per person



Journey to Dublin, Cork, Killarney, Galway, Derry and Drogheda and soak up the ambience of Cabra Castle Hotel.

Sightseeing highlights include Neolithic tombs, the Dingle Peninsula, the majestic Cliffs of Moher and Giant's Causeway, plus many extra features.

12-Day/11-Night Package Includes:

- Superior First-Class Hotel Accommodations
- Daily sightseeing including in-depth commentary on the history, culture, folklore and heritage
- Full Breakfast each morning, 9 Dinners & 1 Lunches
- Admission Fees, Local taxes, & Porterage

A nonrefundable deposit of \$250.00 per person is due at the time of booking

Final payment is due March 16, 2018

Travel protection is additional at \$242.00 per person

2018 Irish Odyssey 12 Days / 11 Nights

Day 1: Dublin Tour & Kilmainham Gaol

Your Irish trip starts at 2:00 pm when you meet your Dublin City guide at your hotel. Set out on a tour of Dublin's highlights to view Trinity College, St. Patrick's Cathedral and the General Post Office. Visit Kilmainham Gaol where many of Ireland's leaders, including Robert Emmett, Eamon DeValera and Padraig Pearse, were imprisoned during the 19th and early 20th centuries. In the evening meet your tour director and travel companions over a welcome drink. **(2 Nights Dublin)**

Day 2: Russborough House & Taylor's Three Rock Pub

This morning drive through the delightful scenery of the Wicklow Mountains to Blessington for a guided tour of stately Russborough House, a Palladian mansion filled with interesting treasures of art and photography. The afternoon is free so that you may use your independent open-top bus voucher with a visit to Guinness Storehouse or General Post Office Museum. Head to Taylor's Three Rock Pub for dinner with traditional music, songs and step-dancing.

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 3: Farmhouse Visit & House of Waterford Crystal

Travel through Kildare to visit a traditional farmhouse to meet the owners and learn about country living while enjoying tea and freshly-baked scones. Drive south to Waterford to tour the House of Waterford Crystal. Watch experienced craftspeople create all the various stages of production, from glass blowing and cutting to the final polishing of pieces to make them sparkle. View magnificent trophies in the showrooms where you may also purchase stemware and other items. Continue along the south coast to Cork for an overnight stay. **(1 Night Cork)**

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 4: Blarney Castle & Killarney

Start your day with a local guide on a brief walking tour of the city and the English Market. A few miles outside Cork, visit Blarney Castle and climb to the battlements to kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence." Also visit the Blarney Woollen Mills where you can find quality Irish-made goods of all types. Drive through Counties Cork and Kerry to the colorful town of Kenmare. Stop at Moll's Gap for great views of part of the Ring of Kerry and watch trained dogs herding sheep. Check in to your hotel and relax before dinner. **(2 Nights Killarney)**

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 5: Jaunting Car Ride & Dingle Peninsula

Take a traditional horse-drawn jaunting car ride to Ross Castle to view Lough Leane, largest of Killarney's lakes. Explore the scenic Dingle Peninsula to experience views of heathery mountains, sandy beaches and rocky headlands. Visit the Blasket Centre in Dunquin to learn about the offshore Blasket Islands, inhabited until 1953 by hardy farming and fishing families. Return to the town of Dingle and enjoy a light lunch before returning to Killarney. The evening is free.

(Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 6: Cliffs of Moher & Galway

Sample tea and scones in a pub in Listowel, associated with the writer, J. B. Keane. Travel north and cross the wide River Shannon Estuary by ferry and drive along the coast of County Clare. Here view the famous Cliffs of Moher, an impressive wall of rock that rises 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. Walk to O'Brien's Tower to get

views of Connemara and the Aran Islands. Continue to Galway for a walking tour and check in to your hotel, which overlooks Galway Bay. **(2 Nights Galway)**

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 7: "The Quiet Man" & Connemara

Drive to Cong where "The Quiet Man" movie was made in 1952. A guided walk will show you places featured in the production. Travel through Connemara for sweeping views of misty mountains and shimmering lakes. Stop at Kylemore Abbey for a walk through the elegant mansion, set beside a tranquil lake. Enjoy a casual lunch before returning to Galway, where the rest of the day is free for independent sightseeing and dining.

(Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 8: Country Life Museum & Belleek China

Travel north to Castlebar to the Museum of Country Life which displays articles used in everyday life during the 19th and early 20th centuries. At that time, most people were self-sufficient and produced nearly everything they needed on their farms. Travel through County Sligo and around Donegal Bay. Visit the Belleek Pottery Factory where craftspeople shape and decorate clay into delicate pieces and stop in Donegal town. Continue your drive through the majestic Barnesmore Gap to Derry. **(2 Nights Derry)**

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 9: Derry Walk & Giant's Causeway

Join a local guide for a walking tour around the ancient city of Derry to see the Guildhall, St. Columb's Cathedral, the Diamond and the 16th century walls. Stop for photos at the ruins of Dunluce Castle and explore the Giant's Causeway, huge hexagonal basalt columns formed over 60 million years ago. The oversized rocks have given rise to many legends. See turf cutting at The Causeway Coast Discovery Centre and return to Derry for free time.

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 10: Titanic Belfast & Cabra Castle Stay

Drive to Belfast for a panoramic city tour followed by a visit to Titanic Belfast to learn about this famous liner through state-of-the-art displays. Travel to Kingscourt and your castle hotel, built in 1760. Arrive mid-afternoon so that you can enjoy this lovely property and maybe play the 9-hole golf course. After dinner in the Court Restaurant, enjoy a display of Irish step-dancing. **(1 Night Kingscourt)**

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 11: Megalithic Tombs & Historic Drogheda Walk

Visit the Boyne Valley Visitor Centre to learn about the 5,000-year-old burial tombs of Newgrange and Knowth. Tour one of them to see how primitive people managed to align huge boulders precisely. Continue to the historic town of Drogheda for a leisurely stroll with your tour director and sample locally-brewed beer in a traditional pub. In the evening enjoy a farewell dinner with live music at Wm Cairnes Gastropub, located in a former brewery. **(1 Night Drogheda)**

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 12: Tour Ends in Drogheda

Your tour ends after breakfast and you will be transferred to the Dublin Airport which is approximately 30 miles south of Drogheda. **(Breakfast)**

