



Itinerary

Countryside of the Emerald Isle

Sep 27, 2020 - Oct 6, 2020

Day 1: Overnight Flight



This is your chance to experience a seldom-explored side of Ireland. From the vaults of Christ Church Cathedral to the rolling hills of Dingle, we'll bring you back to your Irish roots (even if you don't have any).

Day 2: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins



Fáilte and welcome to Dublin, Ireland's cosmopolitan capital. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a private tour and welcome reception in the crypt of Christ Church Cathedral.* Within the medieval walls of the city's oldest structure, surrounded by nearly 1,000 years of Irish myths and legends, toast the start of an incredible adventure.

Hotel

Hampton Hotel
Dublin

Weather

High 61°
Low 50°
Rain 2"

Day 3: Dublin



A local expert escorts you through Dublin's magnificent sights. Exalt in the culture and color of Ireland's world-famous shopping thoroughfare, Grafton Street. Get lost inside the gardens of St. Stephen's Green, and marvel at the electric green expanse of the largest enclosed city park in all of Europe, Phoenix Park. This evening, enjoy some good craic - Gaelic for fun - as we put a modern twist on Irish cuisine during a cooking class at one of Dublin's premier culinary institutions.

Hotel

Hampton Hotel
Dublin

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 61°
Low 50°
Rain 2"

Day 4: Dublin - Irish National Stud - Midleton - Kinsale



Take to Ireland's country roads. Tour the Irish National Stud, an area of incredible natural beauty that's home to regal thoroughbreds and opulent gardens. Head south to the Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson Irish Whiskey. Give it a go with a tasting of the distillery's production. Continue on to the quaint coastal village of Kinsale, where you will meet a local expert for a leisurely walking tour. This evening, it's Diner's Choice in Ireland's gourmet capital! Choose the perfect spot from a "menu" of Kinsale's great restaurants.

Hotel

Culinary

Weather

Day 5: Kinsale - Choice on Tour



Today, it's your choice! Visit the seaside town of Cobh, the last stop of the RMS Titanic; circuit this historic port alongside a local expert - this is the place where 2.5 million Irish people left their native land for new frontiers -OR- spend a leisurely day in Kinsale and enjoy its many galleries, shops and cafes.

Hotel

Actons Hotel
Kinsale

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 55°
Low 44°
Rain 4"

Day 6: Kinsale - Garnish Island - Killarney



Embark on the drive of a lifetime on Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way. You'll fall in love with the quaint towns and charming villages that inhabit this iconic coastal route. Board a ferry and sail to a place that must be seen to be believed, Garnish Island. Sheltered in the Glengarrif harbor of Bantry Bay, this hidden island is home to one of Ireland's most beautiful gardens. Continue over the Cork and Kerry mountains to Killarney via the breathtaking Cahah Pass.

Hotel

Killarney Plaza Hotel
Killarney

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 56°
Low 47°
Rain 3"

Day 7: Killarney - Dingle - Choice on Tour - Killarney



Not far from the spirited pubs of Killarney await the enchanting hills and weather-worn bluffs of Dingle. Travel through a maze of green to Ireland's most westerly point, Sleah Head, where the locals will remind you that, "the next parish over is Boston." Then, it's your choice! Explore Dingle's country lanes on foot -OR- enjoy time at leisure in Dingle Town, a place where pubs double as hardware stores and the Guinness is always freshly tapped. Upon your return to Killarney, stop by a tea house for some scrumptious homemade treats at a café that employs individuals with intellectual disabilities.*

Hotel

Killarney Plaza Hotel
Killarney

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 56°
Low 47°
Rain 3"

Day 8: Killarney - Cliffs of Moher - Aran Islands (Inisheer)



Leave the rugged southern coast behind and embark on an adventure, the likes of which you've never seen. Board a ferry bound for Inisheer, the smallest of the three Aran Islands.** Take in unrivalled views while sailing beneath the iconic Cliffs of Moher. Upon arriving in Inisheer's ethereal landscape, take a private tour through the labyrinth of stone walls blanketing the island. Learn about the island's 250 inhabitants, their livelihoods and devotion to traditional culture and customs. As the last ferry leaves for mainland Ireland, settle into your island abode*** amid desolate yet striking beauty for an experience that's totally unparalleled.

Hotel

Tigh Ruairi
Aran Islands

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 61°
Low 40°
Rain 3"

Day 9: Aran Islands (Inisheer) - Ennis



Enjoy a morning to sleep in, or wake early for a sunrise hike**** to O'Brien Castle. Greet the sun as it rises over the Irish mainland and illuminates Inisheer's picturesque stone walls. Later, dive into local culture during a knitting workshop and learn traditional methods and stitches used to make the famous Aran sweaters. Don't worry if you're not a knitter, you'll be a pro before you know it! Next, experience the traditional craft of making the St. Brigid's Cross. Throughout Ireland you will see these crosses affixed to homes to ward off evil and danger. This evening, after ferrying back to the mainland, toast the end of an incredible adventure!

Hotel

Old Ground Hotel
Ennis

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 61°
Low 40°
Rain 3"

Day 10: Ennis - Tour Ends



Your journey comes to a close today, leaving you with the spirit of Ireland in your heart forever.