

Enchanted Ireland



2010...9 glorious days

Featuring this wonderful itinerary

Day 1: Home City ~ Fly to Ireland: Today we depart our home city and fly to New York for our connecting transatlantic flight to the Emerald Isle.

Day 2: Cliffs of Moher – The Burren – Galway: Upon early morning arrival at Shannon Airport, you will be met by your Driver/Guide and escorted to your awaiting motorcoach. This morning you will travel to **Lahinch** and continue to the majestic **Cliffs of Moher** which rise to a height of over 600ft above sea level. After taking time to view the cliffs, you will travel through the lunar type landscape of the **Burren** and along the southern side of **Galway Bay** to arrive in Galway city around midday. The remainder of the afternoon is free to rest. **This evening you will have dinner in your hotel. Overnight in Galway.**

Day 3: Connemara Tour: This morning you embark on a tour of **Connemara**. Connemara is made up of mountains, lakelands and boglands. Because of its wild and rugged beauty it has been the location for many films. “**The Quiet Man**” with **John Wayne** and **Maureen O Hara** and in more recent times “**The Field**” starring Richard Harris to name but two. Your tour today will include a visit to **Kylemore Abbey**, built in 1866 and since 1920 has been home to the Benedictine Nuns. **This evening you will have dinner in your hotel. Overnight in Galway.**

Day 4: Bunratty – Killarney – Muckross House: This morning you depart Galway and travel south to Bunratty for your first stop. Here you can visit the Bunratty Village Mills or enjoy a Guinness in one of Ireland's oldest pubs **Durty Nellies**. You continue through Limerick city and the picturesque town **Adare** to beauty's home **Killarney**. This afternoon you will travel to the **Killarney National Park** where you will visit **Muckross House and Gardens**. You will enjoy a guided tour of this Victorian Mansion built in 1843 is one of Ireland's leading stately homes. **This evening you will have dinner in your hotel. Overnight in Killarney.**

Day 5: Ring of Kerry: Today you embark on one of Ireland's most famous tours – **The Ring of Kerry**. Your first visit this morning will be to **Mackens of Ireland** for some optional shopping and a complimentary **Irish Coffee**. You continue to **The Kerry Bog Village** where you can visit little thatched cottages and see how people would have lived in Ireland many years ago. Your tour winds its way through the wild and rugged landscape of **The Iveragh Peninsula** which has some breathtaking views of the Atlantic coastline. You pass through the towns of **Killorglin, Glenbeigh, Cahirciveen, Waterville** and **Sneem** before returning to **Killarney**.

Day 6: Blarney – Waterford: This morning you depart Kinsale and travel to Blarney for your first stop. Here you will have an opportunity to visit **Blarney Castle** and kiss the famous **Blarney Stone** said to bestow the gift of eloquence on all those who dare. This will be followed by some free time to visit **The Blarney Woollen Mills** which carries a wide range of sweaters, tweeds, china. You continue to **Cobh**. **Cobh** was one of the main points of emigration during the great famine and was also the last port of call of the **Titanic**. **Annie Moore** the first ever emigrant to be processed in Ellis Island when it officially opened on 1st January 1892 left Ireland from the port of **Cobh** (formerly **Queenstown**). Here you will visit “**The Queenstown Story**” which portrays the hardship of emigration during the great famine. From here you continue the coast road to **Waterford City**. **This evening you will have dinner in your hotel. Overnight in Waterford City.**

Day 7: Avoca – Glendalough – Dublin: This morning you will travel to County Wicklow known as “**The Garden of Ireland**.” Your first stop will be the **Avoca hand weavers** (the oldest in Ireland) and in a guided tour experience this very old craft. There will be time for shopping and lunch in **Avoca** before travelling through the beautiful **Vale of Avoca** to **Glendalough** (Valley of Two Lakes). You will travel back in time to the 7th century with a guided tour of this remarkable early monastic settlement. From here it's on to **Dublin** Ireland's capital city on the banks of the river **Liffey**. **This evening you will have dinner in your hotel. Overnight in Dublin.**

Day 8: Dublin City: This morning you will be take a tour of Dublin city. You will see **The Georgian Squares** with their 18th Century houses, **St. Patrick's Cathedral**, **Phoenix Park** (the biggest town park in Europe), statue filled **O'Connell Street** and the fashionable **Grafton Street**. You will also visit **Trinity College** to view **The Book of Kells**. The remainder of the afternoon is free to explore Dublin on your own. You may wish to visit **The National Museum**, **The National Art Gallery** or browse through some of the city's many interesting shops or just enjoy a Guinness and a chat in a local pub. **This evening you will enjoy a farewell dinner in your hotel.**

Day 9: Depart Dublin: Today you sadly bid farewell to the Emerald Isle. Transfer to Dublin airport for your return flight.

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