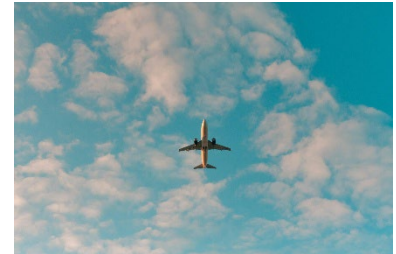


Contos Family Trip to Ireland

September 29 – October 6, 2025

Day 0: September 28 – Depart from USA

Tonight, you will board your transatlantic flight to Ireland.



Day 1: September 29– Welcome to Ireland: Dublin to Cork

Welcome to Ireland! After arriving at the Airport, you'll be met and transferred by private coach to Cork, your home base, for the next few days. Along the way, you'll stop in the medieval city of Kilkenny for a relaxed walking tour through its charming, cobbled streets—full of history, character, and vibrant local life. After stretching your legs and enjoying the sights, it's back on the road toward Cork. Once you arrive, you'll check into the hotel and enjoy a welcoming dinner together—a lovely way to settle in and ease into the Irish pace.



Overnight: Imperial Hotel, Cork – Hotel Dinner

Day 2: September 30 – Kinsale, Whiskey, and Cork City

After breakfast, enjoy a leisurely morning exploring the colorful harbor town of Kinsale, known for its winding streets, lively shops, and coastal charm. In the afternoon, you'll head to Midleton for a visit to the Jameson Distillery, where you'll dive into the story of Ireland's most iconic whiskey—with a tasting to top it off. Afterwards, make your way back into Cork City to take in its vibrant energy at your own pace. The evening is yours to enjoy—perhaps find a cozy spot for dinner, stroll along the River Lee, or simply relax and take in the local atmosphere.



Overnight: Imperial Hotel, Cork – Dinner on Own

Day 3: October 1– Cork to Killarney

After breakfast, you'll head out from Cork and make your way to Killarney. Along the route, you'll take a meaningful stop to visit a place connected to your family's ancestry—an opportunity to see a part of your roots firsthand. Afterward, continue on to Killarney, where you'll have time to explore the town's welcoming streets, lively pubs, and beautiful surroundings. Later in the day, check into your hotel and enjoy a relaxing dinner together to wrap up a day filled with both personal history and new discoveries.



Overnight: The Lake Hotel – Hotel Dinner with group

Day 4: October 2 – Exploring Killarney by Land and Lake

After breakfast, embark on a delightful combination tour that showcases the best of Killarney's natural beauty. Begin with a traditional jaunting car ride through Killarney National Park, guided by a local jarvey who will share insights into the area's rich history and folklore. This scenic journey leads you to the shores of Lough Léin, where you'll board a comfortable, glass-covered boat for a cruise across the lake. As you glide along the water, enjoy live commentary highlighting landmarks such as Innisfallen Island and Ross Castle, as well as the surrounding mountains and wildlife. The rest of the evening is yours to explore Killarney at your leisure—perhaps dine at a local restaurant or enjoy some live traditional music.



Overnight: The Lake Hotel –Dinner on Own

Day 5: October 3 – Killarney to Galway via the Wild Atlantic Way



This morning, you'll set off from Killarney and begin the scenic journey north toward Galway, with some unforgettable stops along the way. First up: the iconic Cliffs of Moher, where you can take in sweeping views of the Atlantic Ocean from one of Ireland's most dramatic natural landmarks. Next, you'll visit Caherconnell in the heart of the Burren for a sheepdog demonstration—an impressive and entertaining glimpse into traditional Irish farming. From there, it's on to Galway. Once you arrive, you'll check into your hotel and enjoy a well-earned dinner to end the day.

Overnight: The Galmont – Hotel Dinner with group

Day 6: October 4 – A Day in Galway

Spend the day enjoying Galway at your own pace. You might choose to explore the city's vibrant streets, check out local shops and galleries, or take a walk along the Salthill Promenade. For any golf enthusiasts in the group, Galway Bay Golf Resort offers a scenic course overlooking the Atlantic—a great way to spend a few leisurely hours if you feel like hitting the links. However you spend the day, Galway's charm and energy are never far away.



Overnight: The Galmont – Dinner on Own

Day 7: October 5 – Galway to Kilkea Castle

After breakfast, you'll say goodbye to Galway and make your way east to the stunning Kilkea Castle, one of Ireland's oldest inhabited castles. Once you've checked in to your lodges on the castle grounds, take time to enjoy the peaceful surroundings and unwind. For those interested, the on-site golf course offers a scenic setting for an optional afternoon round. That evening, you'll sit down to a special farewell dinner at Kilkea's fine dining room located within the castle itself. Overlooking the rose garden and the 18th hole, it's a refined and memorable setting to enjoy beautifully crafted Irish cuisine.



Overnight: Kilkea Castle – Dinner Hotel with group

Day 8: October 6 – Back to USA

This morning, we will be transferred from the hotel to the airport and depart on our transatlantic flight back to the USA.

