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## Joan's Irish Adventure

September 18 – 24, 2025

### Day-by-day Itinerary

Tour Day	Date	Hotel	Meal(s)
0	September 17	-	In-flight

#### Heading to the Emerald Isle

This evening, you will board your flight for an overnight transatlantic journey to Ireland. Your journey to Ireland awaits!

Tour Day	Date	Hotel	Meal(s)
1	September 18	Glendalough Hotel	Dinner at hotel

#### Land in Ireland

This morning, you will land at Dublin Airport. After collecting your bags and coming through passport control, you will be greeted by your friendly driver. Begin your journey at **St. Brigid's Monastic Site**, including the Heritage Center, Cathedral, Round Towers, Holy Wells, and the restored foundations of St. Brigid's Fire Temple. Today, it remains a pilgrimage site for spiritual women, Christians, and neo-pagans. The Cathedral Church of St. Brigid is a 19th-century restoration of the original Norman structure from 1230. A Christian church has stood here since the late 5th century, founded by St. Brigid under an oak tree, giving rise to the name 'Cill Dara'—Church of the Oak—now Kildare.



Continue to **Co. Wicklow**, stopping at **Ballinstoe Woods**. Hike through dreamy trails where Irish folklore tells of fairy gatherings and an ancient Portal Tree. Some believe the woods were once sacred grounds for Druidic rituals. Following this adventurous start to your tour, you will go to your hotel, relax after your long journey, and enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Tour Day	Date	Hotel	Meal(s)
2	September 19	Glendalough Hotel	Breakfast

#### Wicklow

Today features a visit to **Glendalough**, which has been a place of pilgrimage since the 6th century, when St. Kevin lived there as a hermit and ascetic, attracting followers and establishing a monastery there. After hiking in this historical and geographical landmark, you will visit **Avoca Woolen Mills** for some lunch and an opportunity to browse through local crafts and products.

The group will return to the hotel in the late afternoon to relax a bit before **Joan's Spirit Gathering**, then have dinner in a local establishment.

Tour Day	Date	Hotel	Meal(s)
3	September 20	The River Court Hotel	Breakfast Hotel Dinner

### Kilkenny

Following a delicious breakfast, the group will leave Wicklow and travel south to **Kilkenny City**, a medieval hub in Ireland's ancient east. Along the way, you will visit **Knockroe Passage Tomb**, which dates to between 3400–2900 BC and has many similarities with the far more famous examples like Newgrange. After this visit, you will arrive in Kilkenny to check into the hotel and enjoy lunch in a local establishment. The afternoon is free to explore the stunning architecture at St. Canice's Cathedral, the history of **Kilkenny Castle**, or some of the wonderful craft shops in the center of this busy town.

Tour Day	Date	Hotel	Meal(s)
4	September 21	The Lake Hotel	Breakfast Hotel Dinner

### Killarney

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and begin the drive to Killarney. En route, you will visit the famous **Rock of Cashel** for a tour of this iconic site. Originally the seat of the kings of Munster, according to legend, St. Patrick himself came here to convert King Aenghus to Christianity. Set on a dramatic outcrop of limestone in the Golden Vale, The Rock of Cashel possesses the most impressive cluster of medieval buildings in Ireland. Among the monuments to be found there is a round tower, a high cross, a Romanesque chapel, a Gothic cathedral, an abbey, the Hall of the Vicars Choral, and a fifteenth-century Tower House. After a quick lunch, you will continue the journey to Killarney and go straight to **Ross Castle**, before checking into the hotel and having a group dinner.



Tour Day	Date	Hotel	Meal(s)
5	September 22	The Lake Hotel	Breakfast

### Fall Equinox

This morning, immerse yourself in the natural beauty of Killarney. You will take an **Island Boat** tour to **Innisfallen Island**. Innisfallen Island is a beautiful island just 1.5km from Ross Castle in the heart of Killarney National Park.

This enchanting island was once home to a monastery dating back to 640 AD. The island was a place of solitude for the monks to reflect and pray. On the island, you will see the ruins of a 12th-century Augustinian Priory as well as a Romanesque Church, which are remarkable remains of the early Christian period. The history of Innisfallen Island dates to the same time as the monastery on Skellig Michael! This day will also feature a scenic drive around **Killarney National Park and Muckross Abbey**. After an eventful afternoon, the group will meet at the hotel for **Mary's Fall Equinox Transmission** before dinner at your leisure.



Tour Day	Date	Hotel	Meal(s)
6	September 23	The Lake Hotel	Breakfast Farewell Dinner



### Killarney

This morning, you will embark on the breathtaking tour of the **Ring of Kerry**. Rolling green hills and sparkling lakes. Sheep bleating and cows grazing in patchwork fields. Pristine golden strands give way to jaw-dropping cliffs. These are just some of the features of what is considered Ireland's natural treasure trove of the Southwest. There is an **optional excursion** today to visit Skellig Michael, one of the Republic of Ireland's two UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Those who opt not to visit Skellig Michael may participate in a tour of Valentia Island and stop at the Skellig Experience exhibits for a nominal cost. This evening, you will return to your hotel and freshen up ahead of a farewell dinner with the group.

**Additional Full Day Option:** Mary's Magdalene Level 1 Priestess Training, 9:00-5:00 pm.

Tour Day	Date	Hotel	Meal(s)
7	September 24		Breakfast In Flight

### Killarney to Shannon - Homeward Bound

This morning, you'll pack your bags and head to **Shannon Airport**, where you will board your flight home. Carry on your photos and memories from your fabulous trip. We look forward to booking your next adventure soon!

**Morning Option:** Mary's Magdalene Level 1 Priestess Training, 9-12 pm.

*Please reach out to Mary directly to express interest in the Level 1 and Level 2 Priestess Training. She can be reached via email at [mary@bluerosehealing.com](mailto:mary@bluerosehealing.com)*

### Map

