

# Grand Ireland Adventure

## August 2025

Tonight, you will board your transatlantic flight to Ireland

### Day 1: Dublin to Belfast

This morning, we will land at Dublin Airport. Once we have gone through passport control and have collected our bags, we will board our private coach and head towards Belfast. Our first stop will be for our first Irish breakfast of the trip! Next, we will stop at the Navan Fort in Armagh. Here we will experience what life was like 2,000 years ago at this famous archeological site. After we will continue north to Belfast. Once we check into our hotel there will be time to relax before having dinner as a group.

### Overnight in Belfast



### Day 2: Belfast City

This morning after a hearty Irish breakfast we will have a city tour of Belfast. We will see the political murals of West Belfast, the vibrant city center, the newly developed Titanic Quarter, magnificent government building of Stormont and the student area of Queens University. After, we will take a visit to the Titanic Belfast, a state-of-the-art interactive museum that provides an unforgettable visitor experience. It tells the story of RMS Titanic, from her conception and launch into the River Lagan in 1911, to the tragic end of her maiden voyage a year later. It was here at Titanic Quarter (the former Queen's Island) in Belfast Harbor, where the ship was built. Enjoy the exhibits at your own pace. After, we will continue back to the hotel. The night is free for you.

### Overnight in Belfast

### Day 3: Belfast to Donegal

This morning, we will bid farewell to Belfast and journey towards Donegal. On our way we will drive along the Causeway Coast. Relax, and enjoy the stunning scenery as we make our way to *Northern Ireland's only UNESCO World Heritage Site, The Giants Causeway*. Dating back almost 60 million years to the volcanic age, the Giants Causeway consists of almost 40 thousand hexagonal shaped steppingstones leading into the Atlantic Ocean. Next, we will continue our journey across Ireland to Donegal. Once we arrive, we have some time to relax before having dinner as a group.

### Overnight in Donegal



### Day 4: Donegal to Galway

After a hearty Irish breakfast, we will board our private couch and journey south to Galway City. We will stop at the world-renowned Atlantic Sheepdog. The border collies will captivate you with their display of teamwork as they herd sheep along the Wild Atlantic. After the demonstration we will continue south with a stop in Sligo for lunch. Sligo is known for the abundance of prehistoric monuments in and around the town, after lunch you will have some time to explore before we continue to Galway City. Once we check into our hotel there will be time to relax, before having dinner at the hotel.



### **Overnight in Galway**



### **Day 5: Galway & Connemara**

This morning after breakfast at the hotel, we will embark on a tour of Connemara, an ever-changing landscape, majestic mountains, spectacular beaches, the Wild Atlantic, mist covered lakes, pre-historic bogs, and shady glens. We visit the quaint but lively villages where you have all the convenience of modern everyday alongside an opportunity to step back in time with a relaxed and friendly era. This region in Ireland is also where the native Irish Gaelic is still spoken as a first language. After, we will have a tour of Kylemore Abbey. The Abbey was originally built in 1868 by Mitchell Henry, in memory of his late wife Margaret. Its architecture is best described as neo-gothic and the house still displays all the characteristics of that period. Kylemore Abbey's most famous feature is its miniature cathedral, known locally as the Gothic church. You can also visit the Victorian Walled Garden. After our tour we will journey back to Galway. Once we arrive back at our hotel, you will have the night free. Meander through the bustling streets of Galway filled with fabulous pubs and restaurants.

### **Overnight in Galway**



### **Day 6: Galway to Killarney**

This morning, we bid Galway farewell and journey south via the Wild Atlantic to Killarney. During our journey we will stop at Ireland's most visited attraction the Cliffs of Moher. These amazing sea cliffs are named from the ancient Gaelic word 'Mhothair' (Moher) which means ruined fort. They rise to a jaw-dropping height of over 700ft at their highest point. The ferry sails right beneath this point just north of O'Brien's Tower. The furthest point of the cliffs from Doolin is **Hags Head** in Liscannor. Here you can find the 1<sup>st</sup> century fort, Moher

Tower, that it is named after. The people walking along the trail high above appear no larger than ants! Next, we will take the Shannon ferry route as we continue down the coast. Enjoy the scenic views, and make sure you look out for the dolphins seen frequently in the waters! After, we will continue to the city of Killarney. Once we are checked into our hotel there will be time to rest before a group dinner.

### **Overnight in Killarney**

### **Day 7: Killarney – Ring of Kerry**

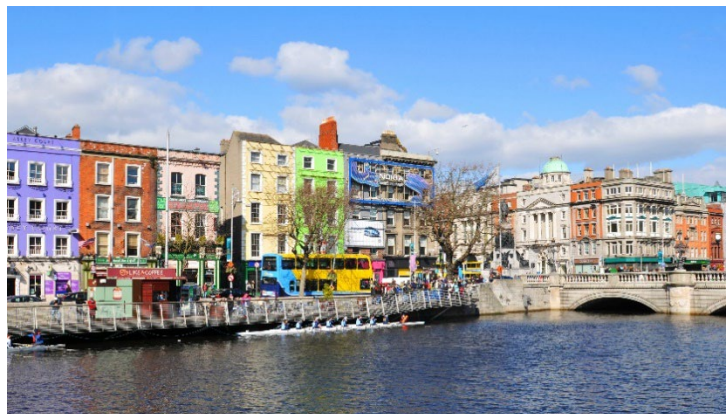
After a hearty Irish breakfast, we will board our private coach to the Ring of Kerry. The Ring of Kerry has attracted visitors for centuries. We will see countryside surrounded by mountains, lakes, woods, and rugged coastline as we meander around the 110-mile route. After our tour we will journey back to Killarney. Here you will have the rest of the afternoon and night free to explore. Killarney is not only the gourmet capital but is known for having a tremendous atmosphere at night. With most shops open till midnight, and Irish music floating from almost every pub!



### **Overnight in Killarney**

### **Day 8: Killarney to Dublin**

This morning after breakfast we will leave Killarney and embark on our journey towards Dublin, Ireland's capital. On our way we will make a stop at the Irish National Stud and Gardens in Kildare. The Stud Farm is the home of equine royalty, immaculately bred stallions who can be seen and admired alongside protective mares, frolicking foals and athletic yearlings. See retired equine stars like Vintage Crop, Moscow Flyer, Kicking King and Beef or Salmon on the stud's 'Living Legend's' team.



In the world-famous Japanese Gardens, you can follow the path called the 'Life of Man' which traces the passage of a soul from birth to death and beyond-at the same time providing a meeting place for the cultures of East and West. St Fiachra's Garden symbolizes the power of the Irish landscape while the Horse Museum includes the skeleton of the legendary Arkle. After our tour



we will continue onward to Dublin. Once we check into our hotel, we will have time to rest before having a group dinner.

### **Overnight in Dublin**

#### **Day 9: Dublin**

After a hearty Irish breakfast, we will take a panoramic city tour of Dublin. As we drive through the main thoroughfare, we see historic buildings like the **GPO** (General Post Office) on O'Connell Street, **St. Patrick's Cathedral** and **Trinity College**, housing the **Book of Kells**, we see the vast Georgian Squares, such as **Merrion Square** where Oscar Wilde's house can still be found (today owned by the American College). We also see **Phoenix Park**, the largest public park in Europe and home to **Aras an Uachtarain** (the Irish President's Residence) as well as the American Ambassador's Residence. After our panoramic tour we will take a



magical journey to the world-famous Guinness Storehouse. The seven-story building takes you from grain to glass in an immersive experience of the heart and soul of Ireland's most iconic beer. After we will journey back to our hotel. Once we arrive there will be some time to relax before having our farewell dinner!

### **Overnight in Dublin**

#### **Day 10: Back to the USA**

This morning, we will depart via the Dublin Airport on our transatlantic flight back to the USA