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Present a Tour of Ireland

Right Across the Middle

The Perfect Blend of Culture & Craic

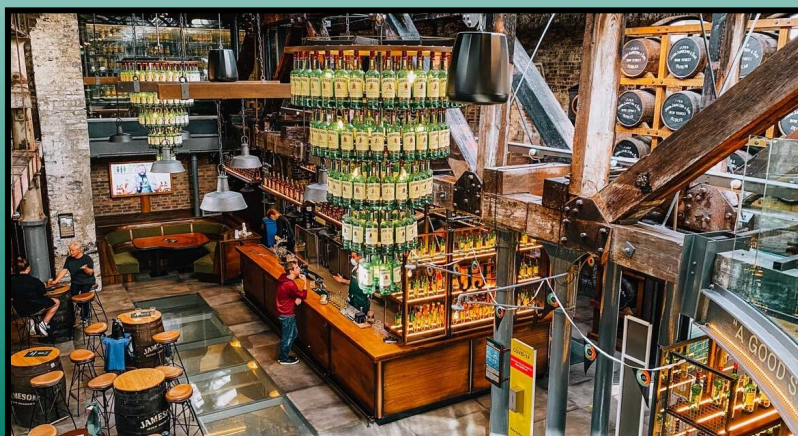
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Day by Day Itinerary

Mon., May 13 – CHICAGO / EN ROUTE

Today we depart Chicago's O'Hare International Airport on our overnight flight to begin our Right Across the Middle tour of Ireland! **(I)**

Tues., May 14 – DUBLIN

We arrive in Dublin this morning where we are met by our Driver Guide, who will accompany us as we explore Ireland. We'll start with a panoramic tour of this famous city on the River Liffey, introducing us to important buildings and landmarks throughout the capital of Ireland. Then we'll stop in the heart of Dublin at The Guinness Storehouse for a tour and an opportunity for a pint of the black stuff. On our tour we'll see exhibits on how this world-famous stout was first created and why it is so popular today, and finish our visit in the rooftop bar, Gravity, overlooking the city center where you can sample a draft Guinness and enjoy the view. The remainder of the day is free to explore this wonderfully cosmopolitan city that offers trendy bars, elegant restaurants, and stylish shops. Be sure to stroll pedestrian Grafton Street where you'll find energetic street musicians and theater artists, plenty of shopping and Bewley's Café, a city landmark. **(I)**

Wed., May 15 – DUBLIN

This morning we'll make our way to the original Dublin Jameson Distillery. Founded by John Jameson in 1780, today the former factory stands as a monument to Irish Whiskey. We'll take part in the World's leading distillery tour, and a whiskey tasting session, topped off with a Jameson at the centerpiece bar, straight from the proverbial source. The afternoon is once again free for independent exploring, easy to do from our well-located hotel or with the convenient Hop-on/Hop-off bus that can take to you the iconic sites of Dublin. Tonight, we'll head to Taylor's Three Rock for an evening of sparkling Irish song, music, laughter and dance at Dublin's World-Famous Irish Night & Cabaret. **(B,D)**



Thurs., May 16 – DUBLIN / KILKENNY

This morning we depart Dublin and head into County Wicklow to Powerscourt House and Gardens, a magnificent estate boasting 47 acres of gardens, where

we'll have time for lunch, enjoy a walk in the gardens, and visit the Powerscourt shops. Then we'll drive through the wonderful scenery of the Wicklow Mountains on our way to Glendalough. "The glen of the two lakes" is a truly spellbinding place; an ancient monastic settlement and two clear water lakes beneath the sheer cliffs of a deep valley. The monastic settlement has been a center for pilgrims and visitors since its foundation by St. Kevin in the 6th century. Our final journey of the day will take us into Kilkenny, one of Ireland's loveliest medieval cities. **(B,D)**



Fri., May 17 – KILKENNY

An introduction to Kilkenny today will take us past the Dominican Black Abbey and St. Canice's hilltop cathedral before reaching Parliament Street, home to the Rothe House, a unique Irish merchant's townhouse. We'll then travel along High Street dominated by the 18th century Tholsel, with its distinctive clock tower and arcade, before stopping to visit magnificently restored Kilkenny Castle. Kilkenny Castle has been standing for over eight hundred years, dominating Kilkenny City and the South East of Ireland. Originally built in the 13th century by William Marshall, 4th Earl of Pembroke, as a symbol of Norman control, Kilkenny Castle came to symbolize the fortunes of the powerful Butlers of Ormonde for over six hundred years. After the castle, we'll enjoy the Smithwicks Experience at Smithwicks Brewery, an eighteenth century brewery for which Kilkenny is renowned. **(B)**



Sat., May 18 – KILKENNY

This morning we travel through Ireland's Golden Vale to County Tipperary where we'll visit Dualla House, a local farmhouse, for tea and scones and to watch a



demonstration of the herding dogs at work with the sheep. Just up the road we'll visit the Rock of Cashel. A symbol of royal and priestly power for more than a millennium, the Rock enabled Cashel's inhabitants to scour the surrounding plains for invaders. Then we'll return to Kilkenny where the remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

Sun., May 19 – KILKENNY / GALWAY

This morning we depart Kilkenny and make our way to the Cliffs of Moher to enjoy spectacular views. Even when shrouded in mist or buffeted by gales, the Cliffs of Moher are a breath-taking sight as they rise to a height of 650 feet from out of the Atlantic. Afterward, we'll travel to the city of Galway, a harbor city on Ireland's west coast, sitting where the River Corrib meets the Atlantic Ocean. The City of the Tribes is full of amazing pubs, shops, restaurants and street musicians, and is a great place to do some shopping. (B,D)

Mon., May 20 – GALWAY

This morning a ferry will take us across to Inishmore, the largest of the three Aran Islands. We'll enjoy stunning coastal views and several large prehistoric stone forts, including the Iron Age promontory fort of Dun Aengus. Protected for centuries by their isolation, the islands today are a bastion of traditional Irish culture - it's like going back in time. Inishmore is also the setting for the hugely successful movie, "The Banshees of Inisherin," nominated for many Academy Awards in 2023. (B)

Tues., May 21 – GALWAY

The morning we're free in Galway to enjoy the music, charm and banter of the local characters as you shop and explore the city. This afternoon we'll travel south and visit the charming town of Ennis, one of Ireland's most picturesque towns, known for its painted storefronts and traditional music festivals. After time to explore on your own, we'll continue to Bunratty where we'll join the Earl of Thomond for a glorious banquet

at the majestic 15th century Bunratty Castle. And perhaps a pint at Durty Nelly's, the iconic pub just a stone's throw from the castle. (B,D)

Wed., May 22 – GALWAY/DUBLIN/CHICAGO

A leisurely morning will allow us a wee stop into Sean's Bar, the oldest pub in Ireland. Situated in the Heart of Ireland, Sean's Bar plays host to visitors from all around the world, and we'll join the uncountable number of visitors who have been stopping here for a drink, a chat and maybe a bit of music for more than a thousand years. Afterward we'll travel to Dublin Airport for our return journey to Chicago. (B,I)



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Meal Codes:

I = In-flight B = Breakfast D = Dinner

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The Vacation Price Includes:

- Economy class round-trip air transportation from Chicago
- Transportation by deluxe private motor coach with accompanying Driver Guide
- Accommodations in 4-star hotels
- All meals as shown in the Day by Day Itinerary.
- Sightseeing as shown in the Day by Day Itinerary including entrance fees where necessary
- Luggage handling and portage charges for one suitcase per person at hotels
- Taxes for included ground services and U.S. departure taxes, Customs service charges, airline security fees, and fuel surcharge

The Vacation Price Does Not Include: Items of a personal nature such as passport fees; laundry and cleaning; telephone calls; optional tours and excursions; tips to the Driver Guide and local guides, tips to hotel and breakfast room staff; luggage handling at airports; travel protection; meals other than those stated above, and drinks with meals other than breakfast.

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Payment is accepted by personal or bank checks. For credit card payments, please add a 4% service fee to all transactions. **YOU WILL BE INVOICED FOR THE BALANCE OF PAYMENT DUE ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024**

ARRANGEMENTS: The tour price is based on a minimum participation of 20 persons and includes planning, and operational charges and is quoted on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and airfares in effect as of July 1, 2023. In the event of a marked increase in foreign currency or in tariff rates, the cost is subject to revision.

TOUR PRICING: This is a package tour in which group airfares and land tour costs have been combined in the most advantageous way. Should you wish to deviate from the package tour by changing your departure and/or return dates of travel, this will eliminate the advantages of the package tour price. There will be a service charge of \$100 per person for altering the airline itinerary, plus any additional charges assessed by the airlines.

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