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IRISH TOURS

Ireland

Into the Northwest

\$200 OFF
PER PERSON

**EARLY SIGN-UP
BONUS!**

**SIGN UP BEFORE
JANUARY 21ST!**

June 21-30, 2027

\$5,050

Dbl. occupancy / person

Land only: \$4,065

Dbl. occupancy / person

Single Supplement \$985

Tour Highlights

Iconic Destinations

- Galway – the City of Tribes
- Connemara
- Kylemore Abbey
- Charming Westport
- Achill Island
- Athlone
- Dublin City
- Guinness Storehouse
- Irish House Party

Tour Includes

- Round-trip flights from Chicago
- First class hotels
- 12 meals – Daily Irish breakfast & 4 dinners
- Luxury Coach & Driver/Guide
- All attractions & admissions



Westport



Kylemore Abbey



Achill Island



Guinness
Storehouse



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MONDAY, JUNE 21 – CHICAGO / EN ROUTE

Today we depart Chicago's O'Hare International Airport on our non-stop flight to Dublin, Ireland. (I)

TUESDAY, JUNE 22 – DUBLIN / GALWAY

As the sun rises on the Irish coast, we arrive in Dublin. We are met by our Irish driver/guide and friend, who will travel with us throughout our tour. We then begin our drive across Ireland. We make a stop at the Republic of Ireland's oldest distillery, Kilbeggan. They have been producing Irish whiskey, double-distilled the old way, to preserve more flavor while retaining the classic Irish smoothness since 1797. From Kilbeggan, we continue to Galway, the City of Tribes. This evening, dinner is included at our hotel. (I,D)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23 – GALWAY / WESTPORT

We say farewell to Galway this morning and explore the rugged yet serene Connemara region, a rocky land of broad-backed mountains and pearl-like lakes dotted with herds of sheep. We'll journey through some of the most breathtaking scenery as we visit the picturesque Kylemore Abbey, a neo-Gothic mansion now occupied by Benedictine nuns. We then make a stop at Aasleagh Falls. Anyone who wants to make the short hike to see the beautiful falls is in for a treat. We continue to the village of Westport, known as "The Best Place to Live in Ireland." We'll enjoy a pub tour of Westport this evening. Dinner is included at our hotel. (B,D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 24 – WESTPORT

This morning, we travel to Achill Island, home to some of the most stunning scenery along the Wild Atlantic Way. First inhabited 5,000 years ago, Achill Island is Ireland's largest island, offering beautiful views and spectacular beaches. We'll visit the Deserted Village at Slievemore, which consists of the remains of traditional stone cottages and provides a haunting reminder of times past on Achill Island. Achill's dramatic scenery is also featured in the movie *The Banshees of Inisherin*. On our return to Westport, we visit Murrisk to enjoy the gorgeous scenic views of Clew Bay, highlighting the bay's famous drowned drumlin islands, the Atlantic Ocean, and Croagh Patrick. (B)

FRIDAY, JUNE 25 – WESTPORT

We enjoy a wonderful day exploring the dramatic beauty of northwest Ireland. Our first stop is the breathtaking Benbulbin Viewpoint, where we'll see Ireland's most iconic tabletop mountain and capture unforgettable photographs. Next, we visit the charming seaside village of Strandhill, where there is time to stroll the Atlantic shoreline, browse the shops, or relax at one of the cafés while enjoying lunch on your own. Those wishing to indulge in a uniquely Irish experience may choose an optional visit to the famous Vaya Seaweed Baths.

If time permits, we'll also stop at the picturesque Glencar Waterfall, celebrated by W. B. Yeats for its tranquil beauty. On our return to Westport, we visit The White Hag Brewery, one of Ireland's most acclaimed craft breweries, where we learn about its innovative brewing traditions and sample some of its distinctive creations before returning to our hotel. (B)

SATURDAY, JUNE 26 – WESTPORT

Today's journey showcases some of County Mayo's most spectacular scenery as we travel along the dramatic shores of majestic Killary Fjord. We visit the picturesque village of Leenane, nestled at the head of the fjord, with time to explore on your own. Next, we visit the Killary Sheep Farm, where we experience authentic rural Irish life while enjoying an entertaining working sheepdog demonstration. We also learn about traditional sheep farming and the daily life of an Irish farm family. If time permits, our return journey takes us through the hauntingly beautiful Doolough Valley, one of Ireland's most unspoiled landscapes, before returning to Westport. (B)

SUNDAY, JUNE 27 – WESTPORT / ATHLONE

Today we enjoy an idyllic drive through the heart of Ireland, traveling across rolling green countryside to the elegant Tullyally Castle Gardens, one of Ireland's finest historic estates. Stroll through the beautifully landscaped gardens, where winding pathways, ornamental lakes, woodlands, and colorful floral displays create a peaceful setting steeped in history.

Our journey continues to the charming riverside town of Athlone, situated on the banks of the majestic River Shannon, the longest river in Ireland and the U.K. After time to explore the town, we gather this evening for a delightful group dinner. (B,D)

MONDAY, JUNE 28 – ATHLONE / DUBLIN

This morning, we depart Athlone and begin with a visit to the remarkable Clonmacnoise Monastic Site, one of Ireland's most important early Christian settlements. Founded by St. Ciarán in the 6th century, this historic site features ancient cathedral ruins, beautifully carved high crosses, round towers, and centuries of fascinating Irish history.

This afternoon, we set our sights on the capital city of Dublin. This evening, we celebrate with a traditional Irish House Party, featuring a delicious dinner accompanied by lively Irish music, singing, storytelling, and warm hospitality for an unforgettable evening. (B,D)



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TUESDAY, JUNE 29 – DUBLIN

This morning, enjoy a leisurely walking tour in the heart of Dublin.

We begin at historic Trinity College, Ireland's oldest university, before strolling along the lively pedestrian area of Grafton Street, renowned for its boutiques, cafés, and street performers. We continue through the peaceful gardens of St. Stephen's Green, Dublin's beautiful Victorian park and a favorite gathering place for locals and visitors alike. We will also visit the world-famous Guinness Storehouse, where you'll discover the fascinating story behind Ireland's most iconic stout. Our visit culminates with a complimentary pint of Guinness as you enjoy panoramic views of Dublin from the spectacular Gravity Bar.

The remainder of the day and evening are yours to enjoy Dublin at your own pace. Perhaps you'll choose to explore Dublin's vibrant streets, visit museums, shop for Irish sweaters, or relax in one of the city's welcoming pubs, such as the historic Temple Bar. (B)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30 – DUBLIN

All too soon, our vacation to Ireland comes to an end. Today, we transfer to Dublin Airport with plenty of time to check in for our flight. You may have time for some last-minute shopping in the duty-free shops before boarding our flight home to Chicago. (B)

VACATION PRICE INCLUDES:

- ◆ Round-trip economy-class airfare between Chicago and Dublin.
- ◆ Meals and light beverages served in-flight according to airline schedules.
- ◆ Transportation by deluxe private motor coach with a professional Irish driver/guide.
- ◆ Accommodations in first-class hotels.
- ◆ Daily Irish breakfast and four included dinners, as outlined in the itinerary.
- ◆ Sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary, including local guides and entrance fees where applicable.
- ◆ Luggage handling and portage charges for one suitcase per person at the hotel.
- ◆ Taxes for included land services, airport departure taxes, customs service charges, and applicable fuel surcharges, subject to change.

VACATION PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Items of a personal nature, including passport fees and destination entry requirements; laundry and dry cleaning; telephone calls; optional tours and excursions; gratuities for your driver/guide and local guides; airport baggage handling; personal baggage insurance; meals other than those listed above; and beverages served outside of breakfast.



I = In-flight meals



B = Breakfast



D = Dinner

