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Amazing Ireland



Your itinerary



Day 1 | Welcome to the Emerald Isle



Embrace the warm welcome of the 'Emerald Isle' – its ancient heritage, legends and lore are yours to explore as you travel the length and breadth of this island and its tale of two nations. The charismatic capital of Dublin is our first stop on this epic journey, which begins as you join your Travel Director and travel companions for a special Welcome Reception at EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum.

Meals: Welcome Reception Hotel: Maldron Kevin Street

Day 2 | Onwards to Beautiful Belfast



Belfast beckons today and we journey to Northern Ireland for some time at leisure in this vibrant city. Join a Local Specialist to view the historic murals splashed across the walls of the nationalist and loyalist areas, and see the City Hall. Dive Into Culture at the Titanic Belfast Experience and gain a new perspective into the world's most famous ship and the tragedy that befell it. This evening, we dine in our hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Maldron City

Day 3 | A Day at the Giant's Causeway



Visit the Giant's Causeway for a memorable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, which will help to conserve this iconic landmark. Tread in the footsteps of Finn MacCool – his geometric Giant's Causeway is more the stuff of legends than the result of ancient volcanic activity which left its mark on the northern Irish coast. Admire the 40,000 interlocking basalt columns that fade into the sea. After a day of myths, legends and Hollywood blockbusters, consider tucking into an optional Fish and Chips dinner.

Meals: Breakfast Hotel: Maldron City

Optional Experiences:

Belfast Walk with Fish and Chips - What better way to soak up the atmosphere of this lively city than to join a Local Specialist for a stroll through its hidden side streets? We'll have an included drink in a historic pub and continue to a local restaurant for a quintessentially traditional meal; fish and chips. Adult: 41.00 GBP

Day 4 | Journey to Derry/Londonderry and County Donegal



Traversing Northern Ireland, we arrive at the old walled city of Derry/Londonderry on the Foyle River, where we join a Local Specialist who will take us to its most iconic sights. Delving into the former struggles of the region, we visit the People's Gallery in Bogside to view its poignant murals. We journey to County Donegal later, where we will spend the next two nights. This evening, enjoy a tasty dinner in our hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Kee's

Optional Experiences:

The Story of Emigration - Take a drive across the border to visit the award-winning folk park in Omagh, where you'll stroll through three centuries of emigration. Explore old-style thatched cottages from Ireland. Exit an emigrant ship to the New World and visit the homes and paddocks of the settlers. There is also a themed indoor exhibition centre. Adult: 26.00 GBP

Day 5 | Admire Belleek's Famous Pottery



Explore the town of Donegal located at the mouth of the River Eske and Donegal Bay. Consider visiting the ancient Donegal Castle, once the stronghold of the O'Donnell clan. This afternoon, we visit Belleek where we'll Dive Into Culture and learn about the locally made Irish pottery for which the region is famous.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Kee's

Optional Experiences:

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Local Dinner and Drinks - Join us for a cosy and relaxing evening with a three-course dinner and drinks in a locallyloved restaurant.

Adult: 47.00 GBP

Evening at a Locally-Acclaimed Restaurant - Travel through the lovely Finn Valley to the award winning village of Glenties, where we'll dine at a village tavern with Irish fare and craft beer. While dining on locally-produced dishes, we'll also enjoy music and storytelling.

Adult: **55.00 EUR**

Day 6 | Pilgrimage to Knock and on to Galway



Continuing to the pilgrimage town of Knock, we visit the beautiful Marian Shrine where the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, and John the Evangelist are said to have made an appearance to the townsfolk in 1879. We complete the day's journey in Galway.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Maldron Oranmore

Optional Experiences:

Galway Castle Banquet - Join us on a drive to Galway Castle where you'll begin your evening of medieval entertainment. This will be accompanied by a delicious dinner where wine will flow, and you'll be treated to songs and the marvellous Irish art of story-telling. Please Note: this Optional Experience may operate on an alternative day, depending on availability.

Adult: 72.00 EUR

Day 7 | Admire Stunning Connemara



The untamed landscapes of Connemara, set against rugged mountains and tranguil loughs, provide a soulstirring backdrop for your scenic drive to Kylemore Abbey. This Benedictine monastery, built on the grounds of Kylemore Castle, features a magnificent Victorian Walled Garden, which we will have an opportunity to explore before returning to Galway. This afternoon, spend your free time exploring Galway's vibrant Latin Quarter, striking stone Cathedral or the 18th-century Eyre Square. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner Hotel: Maldron Oranmore

Day 8 | Explore the Cliffs of Moher and Killarney



Our sightseeing trip across the rugged beauty of Ireland continues as we see the spectacular UNESCO-listed Cliffs of Moher plunging into the wild Atlantic over 200 metres below. At the 'Atlantic Edge' exhibition, you'll get an enchanting bird's eye view of the nooks and crannies where colonies of Atlantic Puffin find sanctuary and go beneath the surface to explore the ancient rocks. The inspiring views continue as we journey along the scenic coastal route, through County Clare bound for Killarney. This evening is yours to spend as you wish, but perhaps we can tempt you with a bit of craic at a traditional Irish ceilidh to soak up the town's festive atmosphere.

Meals: Breakfast Hotel: International

Optional Experiences:

Irish Ceilidh Evening - The Irish Ceilidh epitomises how music and dance were enjoyed in rural Ireland, especially on festive occasions. The craic - welcoming, jolly, fun and informal - is accompanied with plenty of food and drink. There's no more enjoyable way to understand Irish culture.

Adult: **67.00 EUR**

Day 9 | A Day on the Ring of Kerry



Circle the mystical Ring of Kerry – among Ireland's most enchanting landscapes along which we'll have an opportunity to view the island's stunning scenery. Travel through Moll's Gap and take a moment to view the marvellous natural scenery at Ladies View. This evening is at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast Hotel: International

Optional Experiences:

Experience a Jaunting Cart Ride - Enjoy a traditional pony and trap ride through the beautiful Bourn-Vincent National Park. During your journey, your Local Specialist will share fascinating anecdotes about the area and Ireland. Adult: 23.00 EUR

Day 10 | See the Sights in Blarney, Cork and Waterford



Your 'gift of the gab' secured after kissing the Blarney Stone this morning, we then venture to Cork where we spend some time exploring the cosmopolitan city that rivals Dublin in its energy and charisma. Spend some free time visiting the famous food market or perhaps relax at one of the city's tearooms, indulging in fresh scones and tea. Our final stop today is in medieval Waterford where we'll spend the next two nights.

Meals: Breakfast Hotel: Marina

Optional Experiences:

An Evening of Irish Entertainment with a Pub Supper - Tonight, we'll travel by coach to a local pub for an evening of Irish entertainment with local musicians/singers, including a good hearty Pub supper. Adult: 48.00 EUR

Day 11 | Uncover the Treasures of Kilkenny



A leisurely start to your morning could see you amble along Meagher's Quay, before you visit the House of Waterford, where you'll Dive Into Culture and witness the art of creating the exquisite crystal. Travel to the medieval city of Kilkenny, home to the world's fastest field game. The ancient Celtic sport of hurling is over 3,000 years old and Ireland's national sport. Meet an experienced player who will share his passion, as you test your skills during a lesson. We spend the rest of the afternoon on our own in Waterford.

Meals: Breakfast Hotel: Marina

Optional Experiences:

Explore Waterford's History - Join us in Waterford, where the history dates back as far as the Vikings. Your Local Specialist will bring the historic area to life through stories and anecdotes; one guest even described the trip as the "best history lesson ever".

Adult: 19.00 EUR

Day 12 | Venture to Wexford and Return to Dublin



Traverse beautiful County Wexford to the John F. Kennedy Arboretum – a peaceful retreat in New Ross with over 4,500 species of plants across 252 hectares dedicated to the former American president. We leave the enchanting outdoors behind and take a step back in time to the 1800s as we visit the three-masted Dunbrody Famine Ship. We'll Dive Into Culture, gaining insight into the tragic plight of the Irish emigrants, who were compelled to leave their home during the potato famine and endured even harsher conditions than at home in the 'coffin ships' that took them to new lands. We join the Fulvio family and Connect With Locals over dinner at a Be My Guest experience featuring Irish fare with an Italian twist, served at their Ballyknocken Farmhouse near Dublin.

Meals: Breakfast, Be My Guest Hotel: Maldron Kevin Street

Day 13 | Discover Diverse Dublin



We wander through Dublin this morning, joining a Local Specialist for a superb sightseeing tour that will see us view Trinity College and the magnificent Georgian Squares. Spend the rest of the day exploring the city on your terms. Indulge in a pint of the 'Black Stuff' at one of its many quaint pubs, admire the colourful performances on Grafton Street, or delve into its centuries-old history. This evening, let the rousing sounds of a traditional Irish cabaret tempt you for an Optional Experience that will have you dancing your way through the Dublin streets.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Maldron Kevin Street

Optional Experiences:

Experience the Ancient Monastic Site of Glendalough - Enjoy a visit to one of the most important monastic sites in Europe, which dates back to the 6th century. Your Local Specialist will tell tales and show you around this sacred area, famous for its tranquil beauty amidst the rolling countryside of County Wicklow, the garden of Ireland. Adult: **27.00 EUR**

Dublin Dinner and Irish Show - Enjoy an evening of fine food and fun as Ireland's history unfolds with comedy, song and dance. You'll be tapping your toes and joining in the show, all in the spirit of Irish humour. And you'll even be served an Irish coffee to round off your dinner. Adult: **72.00 EUR**

Day 14 | Farewell Ireland



Our memorable journey through Ireland is at its end. All that's left to say is slán abhaile to newfound friends as you prepare to depart for home. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers.

Meals: Breakfast