



IRISH DISCOVERY

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Meals

Breakfast: 8 Lunch: 0 Dinner: 3

Transport

Touring by private, air-conditioned motorcoach.

Free Wi-Fi (where available)

Accommodation

Rooms with private bath or shower. Includes hotel taxes, tips and service charges

HighLights

Dublin

Giant's Causeway

Cliffs of Moher

Ring of Kerry

House of Waterford Crystal, Waterford

Handweaving Mill, Avoca



DAY 1: ARRIVE IN DUBLIN, IRELAND.

Check into your hotel. At 3 pm, meet your Tour Director and travelling companions for an afternoon orientation drive through statue-lined O'Connell Street and elegant Georgian squares to St. Patrick's Cathedral and Trinity College. End the day with an optional dinner evening at the Guinness Storehouse.

DAY 2: DUBLIN-DOWNPATRICK, NORTHERN IRELAND-BELFAST.

On your northbound route today, pass Drogheda, scene of the Battle of the Boyne in 1690, then through the fertile landscape of the Boyne Valley, known for its prehistoric passage graves. Cross the border into Northern Ireland, and drive past the Mountains of Mourne to Downpatrick, the burial place of Patrick, Ireland's Patron Saint, and on to the vibrant city of Belfast, where the Titanic was built. Later, why not join a Local Guide on a "living history" tour, including a visit to the fascinating Titanic Belfast Experience?

Today's Distance: 125 mi/ 202 km (B)

DAY 3: BELFAST-GIANT'S CAUSEWAY-DERRY-DONEGAL, IRELAND- SLIGO.

First stop this morning is awe-inspiring Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then, let the province's story unfold as you head for the city of Derry before returning to the Republic to visit Donegal, the ancient town founded by Danish Vikings and home of the O'Donnell Clan. Drive along Donegal Bay with its small fishing ports and hidden beaches before arriving in Sligo. Today's Distance: 197 mi/ 316 km (B,D)

DAY 4: SLIGO-GALWAY-CLIFFS OF MOHER-LIMERICK.

Travel farther south to Galway, a popular seaside destination and a buzzing cosmopolitan district with vibrant shops, and a busy cafe and bar culture. Cross the limestone plateau of The Burren to visit the spectacular 668-foot Cliffs of Moher. Tonight, you might like to join an optional medieval banquet.

Today's Distance: 181 mi/ 290 km (B)

DAY 5: LIMERICK-ADARE-DINGLE PENINSULA-KILLARNEY.

Start your day with a stroll through Adare, a village known for its prize-winning thatched cottages. Then, take in the breathtaking scenery of the Dingle Peninsula, where the 32-mile Slea Head drive affords magnificent vistas of the Atlantic Ocean. See the Blasket Islands and hear about the way of life and unique literary achievements of its inhabitants prior to their evacuation in 1953. The next two nights are spent in the popular resort of Killarney. Today's Distance: 156 mi/ 253 km (B)

DAY 6: KILLARNEY. RING OF KERRY EXCURSION.

At Killorglin, join the Ring of Kerry for a 100-mile coastal panoramic drive featuring sparkling seascapes, mountains dotted with brightly painted farmhouses, winding lanes bordered with subtropical vegetation, and spectacular views of the Lakes of Killarney from Ladies View. Back in Killarney, a special optional adventure: take a horse-drawn jaunting car along the national park lakeshore for pictures of Ross Castle.

Today's Distance: 100 mi/ 160 km (B,D)

DAY 7: KILLARNEY-BLARNEY-WATERFORD-TRAMORE.

More scenic beauty as you head over the Kerry Mountains into County Cork. Stop in Blarney, famous for its Stone of Eloquence, with time at your leisure to see the castle and shop for Irish crafts and handmade crystal. After lunch, drive past Cork, the country's second-largest city on the way to Waterford, where a guided tour of the House of Waterford Crystal is included. Spend the night at the nearby seaside resort of Tramore. Later, consider an optional pub tour. Today's Distance: 142 mi/ 229 km (B,D)

DAY 8: TRAMORE-KILKENNY-DUBLIN.

On the last leg of your journey on your way to Dublin, visit Kilkenny to wander the Medieval Mile and learn about its Norman heritage. An optional Irish cabaret evening, including dinner, dance, song, and laughter would be an exciting finale to your holiday. Today's Distance: 120 mi/ 193 km (B)

DAY 9: DUBLIN.

Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)