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Presents

Ireland Re-Discovered

September 18 - 28, 2019



DAY #1 Wednesday September 18, 2019 Depart USA for Ireland

Depart the U.S. tonight aboard your wide bodied jet bound for the Emerald Isle. Dinner will be served shortly after takeoff, then watch a movie, or just relax as you approach the dawn of an Irish morning. **(meal service onboard)**

DAY #2 Thursday September 19, 2019 Dublin, Ireland

We arrive in Dublin and make our way through customs before boarding a deluxe motorcoach for the transfer to hotel. Normal check-in time is 3 pm so take the time to explore the city's many attractions this afternoon. **(Dinner on own)**

DAY #3 Friday September 20, 2019 Belleek Pottery, Donegal

This morning we depart for **Donegal** via **Cavan** and **Enniskillen**. Our driver/guide will be pointing out many interesting facts about the Emerald Isle during our travels. A visit will be made to the **Belleek Pottery Visitors Center** home to one of the world's oldest working Potteries. This evening a 3 courses dinner is planned for us. **(BD) OVN in Donegal Town, Co. Donegal, Ireland**

DAY #4 Saturday September 21, 2019 Slieve Cliffs, Donegal Castle

This morning enjoy a drive out to Slieve League Cliffs. The mountain has one of the highest sea cliffs on the island of Ireland at 1972 feet. This afternoon enjoy a pint of beer at a local Irish pub before visiting Donegal Castle. It was the stronghold of the O'Donnell Clan in the 17th century and has been restored to most of the original architecture. **(Dinner on own) (B) OVN Donegal Town, Co. Donegal, Ireland**

DAY #5 Sunday September 22, 2019 Sligo, Yeats Grave, A Quiet Man, Galwa

This morning we depart for Galway, Ireland. Along the way we'll visit one of the larger coastal communities in western Ireland, Sligo. It is a historic, commercial and cultural town as Sligo was a significant inspiration on poet and Nobel laureate W. B. Yeats and his brother the artist, illustrator and comics pioneer Jack Butler Yeats. We will visit the Yeats grave before continuing on to the city of Cong. Here much of the filming of "A Quiet Man" starring John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara and Barry Fitzgerald took place. **(Dinner on own) (B) OVN Galway, Co. Galway, Ireland**

DAY #6 Monday September 23, 2019 Connemara, Kylemore Abbey, Dunguaire Castle, Galway

Today we explore the rugged yet serene Connemara made famous by the movie "A Quiet Man". Along the way see broad back mountains, pearl like lakes, quaint towns with local crafts. **We'll also enjoy an Irish tradition of a pint at a local pub in Connemara!** Next we drive along the shores of Lough Corrib and then westward through Maam Cross to Leenane and **Kylemore**. Here you will visit Kylemore Abbey, the only Irish home of the Benedictine Nuns. Built originally as a Castle it is one of the best examples of Irish neo-gothic architecture, the estate features include a Victorian Walled Garden, restored Abbey reception rooms, Gothic Church, tranquil walks, craft shop, pottery, and restaurant. This evening we visit to **Dunguaire Castle** for a 4 course Medieval Banquet, and wine! **(BD) OVN Galway, Co. Galway, Ireland**

DAY #7 Tuesday September 24, 2019 Burren, Cliffs of Moher, Killarney

We travel to Killarney via the Burren, a rugged landscape area formed from a thick succession of sedimentary rocks, largely limestone but also including sandstones, mudstones and siltstones. We then drive along the coastline of County Clare to view the Cliffs of Moher, one of the country's most magnificent rock formations that rise to heights of almost 700 feet above the churning **Cliffs of Moher** Visitor Center. Next we ferry from the port city of Killimer to Tarbert Harbor and the city of Killarney, our home for the next two nights. A local dinner is planned for us this evening. **(BD) OVN Killarney, Co. Kerry, Ireland**

DAY #8 Wednesday September 25, 2019 Ring of Kerry

Today after our hearty Irish breakfast we will explore the **Ring of Kerry** miles of marvelous scenery consisting of the highest peaks in Ireland on one side and a coastline scattered with golden beaches and rocky headlands on the other. Enjoy plenty of stops to view the scenery and take photos. Enjoy a pint of beer at the local pub. Continue your drive through Cahirciveen, on to Waterville and the colorful village of Sneem. Stop at **Moll's Gap** for a view of the Three Lakes of Killarney with the mountains and the town in the background. **(Dinner on own) (B) OVN Killarney, Co. Kerry, Ireland**

DAY #9 Thursday September 26, 2019 Bantry House, Cork

Our Ireland travels continue through the quaint coastal villages of Kenmare, Glengarriff, Skibbereen and Bantry and with photo stops along the way. In Bantry, we will visit the famous **Bantry House & Gardens** that has been in the same family since the mid-18th century. Later this afternoon we arrive in the southern Irish city of **Cork**. As a major sea port and commercial area, Cork is the third largest city in Ireland and has a colorful history of rebellions starting with the 9th century Viking invaders. **(Dinner on own) (B) OVN Cork, Co. Cork, Ireland**

DAY #10 Friday September 27, 2019 Blarney Castle & Woolen Mills

This morning we drive through the outskirts of Cork to the village of Blarney where you may climb the battlements of **Blarney Castle** and kiss the famed "Stone of Eloquence." Also visit the **Blarney Woolen Mills**, which has an excellent range of Irish products of all types. They will ship and insure goods such as Waterford Crystal for you. This afternoon we continue on to Dublin and our overnight accommodations. This evening we enjoy a traditional Irish dinner with folklore and live music at The Brazen Head Pub in Dublin, 3 courses, including tea or coffee. **(BD) OVN Dublin, Ireland**

DAY #11 Saturday September 28, 2019 Farewell Ireland, Welcome Home!

We transfer to the Dublin International Airport and clear customs for our direct flight to Chicago. Upon arrival in the Windy City we meet out motorcoach for the transfer home. **(B)**

Your Tour Includes:

Deluxe Motorcoach and professional English-speaking driver/guide, escort and meet & greet service in Ireland

Accommodations:

First class hotels - 9 nights (2 nights Dublin, 2 nights Donegal, 2 nights Galway, 2 nights Killarney, 1-night Cork, In Flight – 1 night)

Sightseeing to include:

Dublin, Donegal, Slieve League Cliffs, Donegal Castle, Killarney, Ring of Kerry, Cliffs of Moher, Galway, Connemara, Yeats Grave, Kylemore Abbey, Dunguaire Castle, Killimer Ferry, Iveragh & Dingle Peninsulas, Cork, Blarney Castle & Woolen Mills, Bantry House

Package Summary:

- All airport transfers and transportation of itinerary
- Round trip coach class air from Chicago/Dublin/Chicago and current airline fuel surcharges
- All Admissions as detailed in itinerary
- 13 meals (9 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners, plus 4 complimentary pub drinks)
- Taxes and service charges on above
- Government taxes and fees on airfare
- Gratuities included to Ireland driver/guide, bellman, included meals, and attractions

Not Included:

Airline imposed baggage fees, supplemental or optional tours, passport/visa and entry/exit fees, Gratuities to Tri-State Travel Motorcoach Driver and Tour Director

Travel Protection Plan is available and strongly recommended. Premium is non-refundable unless the entire tour is cancelled. Any surcharges and/or tax increases received from suppliers for this package (Airlines, Cruise Companies, Hotels, etc.) may result in an increase in the per person price of your tour package. For those individuals who have purchased the Travel Protection Plan, this may also result in an increase in your Travel Protection Plan premium.

Your Tour Cost: (All rates quoted are in US Dollars)

\$3999.00 per person – 2 to a room

\$4849.00 per person – single

Reservations:

\$750.00 per person deposit with reservation form and copy of your passport

Final date for sign up (subject to availability) is on or before May 30, 2019

Final payment is due on or before May 30, 2019

Cancellation Policies for Non-Medical Reasons:

*Cancellation received on or before May 30, 2019 will receive a full refund less a \$100 administrative fee

*Cancellations received after May 30, 2019 and prior to June 15, 2019 will be assessed 25% of the per person tour price

*Cancellations received after June 15, 2019 and prior to July 1, 2019 will be assessed 50% of the per person tour price

*Cancellations received after July 1, 2019 and prior to July 15, 2019 will be assessed 75% of the per person tour price

*Cancellations received after July 15, 2019 will forfeit the full price of the tour.

Note names and spelling thereof must match exactly as it appears on passports. Incorrect information will be subject to deviation fees and penalties.

Credit card payments will be assessed a 3% processing fee.

For more information or to make a reservations contact:

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