

Ireland

March 14, 2012 – March 22, 2012

8 Days • 8 Meals: 6 Breakfasts • 2 Dinners

Day 1: Overnight Flight

The Emerald Isle, a land renowned for its “forty shades of green,” is filled with rolling hills, warm people, stately castles and rollicking fun. Visit Killarney and Dublin as this tour introduces Ireland's natural beauty, rich history and hospitable culture. You will even have the opportunity to see how local business men and women operate.

Day 2: Arrive Dublin, Ireland - Killarney, County Kerry

Arrive on the Emerald Isle as you fly into the “Fair City” of Dublin. You proceed immediately to Killarney, located in the heart of County Kerry. This beautiful region, surrounded by majestic mountains, lakes and woodlands, is known for its rich history and the hospitality of its people. Upon arrival you have free time to relax and enjoy the city. Tonight, meet your fellow travelers at a welcome dinner. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Killarney

Today you will be treated to a guided tour of Muckross House and Gardens, visited by Queen Victoria. Your visit offers a glimpse into the elegant lifestyle of the Victorian gentry. Explore some of the perfectly restored rooms of this magnificent mansion. The remainder of your day is at leisure to explore Killarney. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Killarney

Enjoy a full day at leisure to relax in your hotel, stroll around town or perhaps take an optional excursion to the Ring of Kerry, some of the most spectacular scenery in Western Europe. This optional excursion includes a stop at the Gap of Dunloe to shop for traditional Irish goods handcrafted by local artisans. Experience spectacular ocean scenery as you pass through picturesque villages. Continue on through rugged mountain passes into “Ladies View” where you will see breathtaking views of the Lakes of Killarney. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 5: Killarney - Dublin

Depart Killarney for the vibrant city of Dublin. En route, stop in Blarney where, during free time, you can choose to visit the castle, explore the surrounding area or have lunch on your own at one of the local restaurants. If you'd like, stroll up and kiss the Blarney Stone and receive the gift of eloquent speech! Arrive in Dublin, the “Fair City,” for a relaxing three night stay. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 6: Dublin

Your day begins with a locally guided sightseeing tour of Dublin. Visit St. Patrick's Cathedral, built in honor of Ireland's patron saint. Built adjacent to the famous well where St. Patrick was said to baptize converts, a church was built on this site in 1191 and the present Cathedral, a place of great architectural and historic significance, was completed in 1220. Next, continue to O'Connell Street, Grafton Street, Phoenix Park and to see the city's magnificent rows of stately Georgian town homes. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax or explore the cultural offerings of delightful Dublin on your own. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 7: Dublin

Enjoy another full day at leisure for independent exploration or perhaps some last minute shopping. **Tonight, say goodbye to your fellow travelers at a fun-filled Irish evening complete with traditional entertainment.** *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 8: Dublin - Tour Ends

Your tour ends in Dublin. *Today breakfast will be included*