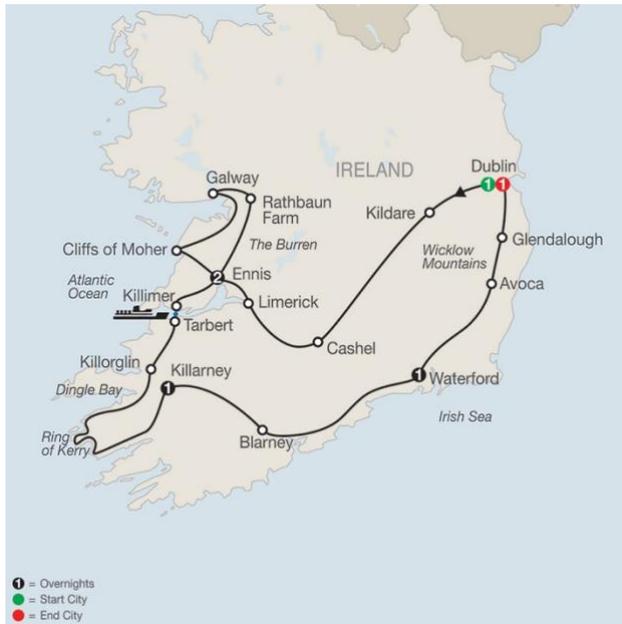


Ireland

DUBLIN TO DUBLIN

May – October, 2018

Departing Every Sunday



This Ireland tour—traveling from its east coast to its west coast—features Ireland's most popular cities, small towns, and scenic highlights. *Other Ireland tours are available, including Northern Ireland and Scotland. Prices may vary with added days.*

Highlights

- DUBLIN** Orientation drive; welcome dinner
- KILDARE** Guided tour of the Irish National Stud
- ROCK OF CASHEL** Take photographs of this famous landmark
- LIMERICK** Orientation drive
- CLIFFS OF MOHER** Savor the spectacular views
- GALWAY** Orientation
- RATHBAUN FARM** See the farmer at work, bake your own scones, and enjoy coffee in the farmhouse
- KILLIMER–TARBERT** Cross the Shannon estuary by ferry
- RING OF KERRY** Scenic peninsula drive
- KILLARNEY** Visit the popular resort town
- BLARNEY** Visit the famous village
- WATERFORD** Guided tour of the House of Waterford Crystal, enjoy an Irish Coffee demonstration
- AVOCA** Guided tour of the handweaving mill
- GLENDALOUGH** Guided tour of St. Kevin's center of Irish Christianity

What's included

- Round-trip airfare from Burlington, Vermont
- Full time Tour manager & local guide
- 4.5 Star hotel
- 11 meals (7 breakfasts, 4 dinners)

What's not included

- Champlain Tours escort
- 11 meals (7 lunches, 4 dinners)
- Optional traveler's insurance

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Fly to Dublin, Ireland unescorted from Burlington, Vermont. Meet Ireland Tour Manager at Dublin airport
- Day 2** - Tour of Dublin
- Day 3** – Dublin, Kildare, Cashel, Limerick, Ennis
- Day 4** – Ennis, West Coast Excursion
- Day 5** – Ennis, Ring of Kerry, Killarney
- Day 6**– Killarney, Blarney, Waterford
- Day 7** – Waterford, Avoca, Gendalough, Dublin
- Day 8** – Dublin. Fly home

Cost per person:

\$2999 Double / \$3499 Single

*20% Deposit due at reservation.

*Balance (8) weeks prior to departure.

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Itinerary

- **DAY 1** DEPART BURLINGTON, VT. ARRIVE IN DUBLIN, IRELAND

- Céad míle fáilte—a hundred-thousand welcomes! Check into your hotel. At 3 pm, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions for an afternoon orientation drive through statue-lined **O’Connell Street**, elegant **Georgian squares**, and past **St. Patrick’s Cathedral** and **Oscar Wilde’s Trinity College**. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner at your hotel.

 Dinner

- **DAY 2** DUBLIN—KILDARE—CASHEL—LIMERICK—ENNIS

- Horse-racing country awaits this morning. Drive across the Curragh to visit the **IRISH NATIONAL STUD** at Kildare, whose fine thoroughbreds command respect on the racecourses of the world. Lots more to see: the Rock of Cashel, where St. Patrick preached; Tipperary, made famous in a wartime marching song; and Limerick, where an orientation drive **acquaints you with St. Mary’s Cathedral, King John’s Castle, and the stone where the Treaty of Limerick was signed in 1691**. Tonight’s suggestion for a very special night out: attend an optional medieval banquet at an historic castle.

 Breakfast

- **DAY 3** ENNIS. WEST COAST EXCURSION

- **Your day excursion along Ireland’s spectacular Atlantic coastline begins with a drive to the 668-foot CLIFFS OF MOHER**, where you savor the breathtaking panorama of the Clare coast. A scenic route across the limestone plateau of The Burren takes you to Galway, a popular seaside destination and a buzzing cosmopolitan center with colorful shops and a busy café and bar culture. This afternoon, a special treat at RATHBAUN FARM: try your hand at
- **SCONE BAKING**, and learn from the farmer about sheep shearing and herding. Afterwards, enjoy coffee and your scones, fresh from the oven.

 Breakfast



- **DAY 4 ENNIS—RING OF KERRY—KILLARNEY**

- After a short drive via Clonderlaw Bay to Killimer, cross the Shannon estuary by FERRY. Continue on to Killorglin on Dingle Bay to join the spectacular RING OF KERRY for a 100-mile **panoramic drive around the island's southwestern tip**. Take your photos of the Lakes of Killarney from Ladies View, then spend the night in the popular resort of Killarney. Before dinner at your hotel, why not take a horse-drawn jaunting car ride along the national park to Ross Castle?

 Breakfast  Dinner

- **DAY 5 KILLARNEY—BLARNEY—WATERFORD**

- Across the Kerry Mountains and through County Cork to Blarney, renowned for its magical Kissing Stone. Time for lunch, to walk up to the castle, and to shop for traditional Irish handicrafts. In the afternoon, proceed via Cork to Waterford, a stronghold founded by the Danish Vikings, and look forward to a guided tour of the HOUSE OF WATERFORD CRYSTAL. After dinner this evening, enjoy an
- IRISH COFFEE DEMONSTRATION.

 Breakfast  Dinner

- **DAY 6 WATERFORD—AVOCA—GLEN DALOUGH—DUBLIN**

- An exciting agenda today: Enniscorthy, site of the final battle of the Great **Rebellion of 1798**; Ireland's oldest **HANDWEAVING MILL** at Avoca, where you watch the **WEAVERS** at work; the Wicklow Mountains; and **GLEN DALOUGH**, the early Christian monastic site founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century. See the engaging audiovisual Ireland of the Monasteries, then let your Local Guide show you the remains of this ecclesiastical settlement. Back in Dublin tonight, a fitting farewell to Ireland would be an optional cabaret evening with dinner, followed by dance, song, and laughter.

 Breakfast

- **DAY 7 DUBLIN**

- Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

 Breakfast

