

# CLASSIC

## IRELAND

*Highlights of the Emerald Isle*

April 2-10, 2022

# \$3,799.00

Per person, based on double occupancy.  
\$450.00 non-refundable deposit (Per person)  
due with reservation

- \$329.00 single supplement
- Cancellation/Interruption insurance available
- **No refunds after final payment, January 4, 2022.**

*Featuring*  
**DINGLE  
PENINSULA**

### *Tour package includes:*

- Roundtrip airfare
- 7 nights in handpicked hotels (2 nights in Dublin, County Cork & Galway, 1 night in County Kerry)
- 7 breakfasts and 4 dinners with beer or wine
- Airport transfers
- All guide and driver tips
- Guided sightseeing tours
- Private deluxe motorcoach
- 1 Ferry transfer

### *Highlights:*

- St. Patrick's Cathedral
- Trinity College
- Temple Bar District
- Rock of Cashel
- Cobh Heritage Centre
- Blarney Castle
- Dingle Peninsula
- Cliffs of Moher
- Galway

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# Tentative Itinerary

*\*Tour schedule subject to change without notice.*

## April 24 - International Travel Day

### April 25 - Dublin (D)

Welcome to Ireland! Once you arrive, you'll have a portion of the day at leisure before gathering with your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

### April 26 - Touring Dublin (B)

Experience the history and vibrancy of the Emerald Isle's capital city with your guide leading the way.

- Stop in Phoenix Park, site of Presidential residence and pass by the world-famous Guinness brewery.
- Step inside the soaring St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ireland's largest church.
- Pass St. Stephen's Green and admire the Georgian architecture of Merrion Square as you go.
- See Trinity College and walk past Grafton Street to the Molly Malone statue, ending in the Temple Bar District.

### April 27 - County Cork (B,D)

Travel to Cork, stopping for several guided visits along the way. This evening, sit down to an included dinner with your group.

- Visit the National Stud farm in Kildare, where world-class race horses are bred and trained.
- Explore the Japanese Gardens of the Irish National Stud Farm.
- Take a tour of the iconic Rock of Cashel, commanding stone buildings that date back to the 12th and 13th centuries.

### April 28 - Cobh, Cork and Blarney Castle (B)

Get a feel for the many sides of Ireland, from charming villages to vibrant cities and iconic castles.

*\*Enjoy a free evening in County Cork or optional excursion:*

*An evening in Kinsale*

- Discover the town of Cobh, once a launch site for ships bound for North America.
- Visit the Cobh Heritage centre, whose exhibits tell the story of Irish emigration over the 150 years.
- Pass through Cork, also known as "The Rebel City" and enjoy a brief walking tour around the city center.
- Stop at Blarney Castle to kiss the legendary Blarney Stone.

Waste no time getting to the core of Irish culture! From the Irish people's sparkling wit and inviting pub culture to the isles' incredible landscapes, this small country packs quite a punch. Get to know this beautiful island on a tour of its leading cities and natural wonders, from the Dingle peninsula to the Cliffs of Moher.

### April 29 - Dingle Peninsula (B,D)

Make your way along the dramatically rugged terrain of the Dingle Peninsula.

*\*Sit down for an included dinner this evening.*

- Take a scenic drive along the Sleah Head Drive, enjoying impressive coastal views as you go.
- Enter the Gallarus Oratory, an early Christian Church overlooking the harbor at Ard na Caithe.
- Enjoy photo stops at Coumeenole Beach, Sleah Head and a Dunbeg Fort.

### April 30 - Galway via Cliffs of Moher (B)

Take a ferry to County Clare and walk along the mesmerizing coastline of the majestic Cliffs of Moher. Then, continue on to Galway for a sightseeing tour of the city led by your Tour Director. Spend the evening in Galway or add an excursion. *\*Castle Banquet Dinner.* Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

- Stroll past Lynch's Castle, Galway Cathedral, the Druid Theater Company and the broad expanse of Eyre Square.
- View the city's medieval walls and Spanish Arch.
- Peruse authentic Claddagh rings in a local shop.



**TOUR PACE: On this guided tour, you will walk for at least 1.5 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved road and cobblestone streets with some hills and stairs.**



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## May 1 - Free Day in Galway (B,D)

Enjoy a free day in Galway or add an excursion (Aran Islands). Celebrate your trip at a farewell dinner this evening.

## May 2 - Departure Day (B)

Transfer to Shannon airport for your flight home.



*Did you know?*

In 1492, two Irish families, the Butlers of Ormonde and the Fitzgerald's of Kildare, were involved in a bitter feud. This disagreement centered around the position of Lord Deputy.

Both families wanted one of their own to hold the position. In 1492, this tension broke into outright warfare and a small skirmish occurred between the two families just outside the city walls.

The butlers, realizing that the fighting was getting out of control, took refuge in the Chapter House of Saint Patrick's Cathedral. The Fitzgerald's followed them into the Cathedral and asked them to come out and make peace. The Butlers, afraid that if they did so they would be slaughtered, refused.

As a gesture of good faith, the head of the Kildare family, Gerald Fitzgerald, ordered that a hole be cut in the door. He then thrust his arm through the door and offered his hand in peace to those on the other side. Upon seeing that Fitzgerald was willing to risk his arm by potting it through the door, the Butlers reasoned that he was serious in his intention. They shook hands through the door, but Butlers emerged from the Chapter House and the two families made peace.

Today, this door is known as the "Door of Reconciliation" and is on display in the Cathedral.



# Optional Excursions

## • Dublin - Glendalough: \$49.00

(Afternoon, 5 hours)

County Wicklow has some of the wildest and most spectacular mountain scenery in Ireland, as well as many of the country's most important historic sites.

## • County Cork - Evening in Kinsale: \$95.00

(Dinner, 5 hours)

Visit Charles Fort, built to withstand cannon fire and then on to the harbor town of Kinsale. The site of 1601 Battle of Kinsale, this is a little village with a big past! Dinner in traditional Irish environment.

## • Galway - Castle Banquet: \$125.00

(Dinner, 4 hours)

Enjoy a feast fit for a king inside walls of a nearby castle. Sip from a goblet of mead and learn the castle's history before proceeding to the banquet hall, where you'll enjoy a sumptuous, four course dinner and an evening of entertainment.

## • Galway - Aran Islands: \$119.00

(Morning/Lunch, 9 hours)

Board a ferry across Galway Bay for a guided tour of Inis Mor, one of the three remote Aran Islands. These islands represent the outpost of Irish culture that has remained essentially unchanged over the past few centuries. The locals still speak Gaelic and rely on fishing and farming to make a living. Visit Dun Aonghasa, a prehistoric fort and enjoy lunch on the island.