



## Embracing the Emerald Isle Tour

September 9 - 24, 2019

This Exclusive Departure to Ireland includes:

**Transfers to/from Pearson International  
Round Trip Economy Class Airfare Toronto - Dublin  
Modern Touring Coach , Hotel Porterage,  
First Class Hotel Accommodation for 14 Nights,  
14 Full Irish Breakfasts,  
10 Table d'hote Dinners,  
Special Medieval Dinner at Bunratty Castle  
Farewell Dinner at The Merry Ploughboy Pub  
All Tour Gratuities**

### Pricing

**Double Occupancy: \$5,695.00**  
**Single Supplement: \$ 900.00**

**Includes Taxes & Gratuities**

### Terms and Conditions

A deposit of \$750.00 per person is due at time of booking plus any insurance requirements. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure (July 10, 2019). All payments are non refundable.  
We carry a full line of travel insurance coverage.

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# Ireland

Embracing the Emerald Isle and all it's Beauty



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### A First Class 16 Day Tour of the Emerald Isle

Join us on this exclusive tour to the Emerald Isle. Variety is the hallmark of this itinerary which ensures it will appeal to many different interests. We'll visit all those familiar places that we've heard about in songs and legends; Cork, Blarney, Kerry, Killarney, Derry, Dingle, the Giant's Causeway, Dublin and Belfast. You will see magnificent scenic landscapes, attractions of historic significance, as well as experience cultural delights. Free time has been created in several locations to enable you to pursue individual interests, mingle with locals and savour the unique Irish foods. If Ireland is on your bucket list, we invite you to join this fulfilling tour!

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# Proposed Itinerary



**Mon. September 9 – Day 1**      **Home Town to Dublin**      **Inflight Meals**  
We embark upon our exciting journey to Ireland today with included transfers to Pearson International Airport where we will board our flight to Dublin. Pick up times and locations to be advised closer to our departure date.

**Tue. September 10 - Day 2**      **We've Arrived in Dublin**      **B, D**  
We meet a local professional Irish city guide and private motor coach for a morning panoramic tour of Dublin prior to checking into our hotel for two nights. Tonight we enjoy an early dinner with no formal evening activities after such a long couple of days of travel.

**Wed. September 11 – Day 3**      **In Dublin's Fair City - National Stud**      **B**  
After our first Irish breakfast we meet our local city guide with admission included to Trinity College to see The Book of Kells. This afternoon we visit the Irish National Stud and Japanese Gardens. Lunch is available here. The remainder of the afternoon and evening are at leisure. You may choose to visit St. Patrick's Cathedral or the Guinness Storehouse for a tour and tasting. You will be given a selection of things to see and do at your own pace.

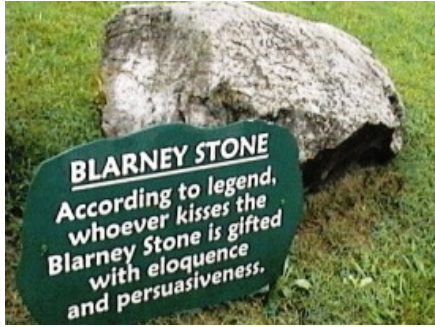
**Thu. September 12 – Day 4**      **Dublin – Wicklow Mountains - Wexford**      **B, D**  
We bid farewell to Dublin this morning as we visit Powerscourt Estate with free time to explore the extensive gardens. We continue into the Wicklow Mountains and visit the early monastic site of Glendalough and then leisure time in Avoca where you can explore the local weavers. After lunch we travel the coastal road for a scenic drive to our hotel in Wexford. Dinner tonight at the hotel in Wexford.

**Fri. September 13 – Day 5**      **Wexford - Waterford - Cork**      **B, D**  
This morning we head for New Ross where we will follow in the footsteps of a group of Famine emigrants as we board the Dunbrody. A ticket is issued as if it were 1849, and this ticket allocates your space and food rations for the voyage ahead. Afterwards we move on to Waterford where we visit the House of Waterford Crystal where we tour the crystal factory and then onto Midleton for a tour and tasting at Jamieson's Distillery. After lunch we travel to Cobh and the Queenstown Story and then onto Cork to check into our hotel for one night. Dinner this evening in the hotel.

**Sat. September 14 – Day 6**      **Cork - Blarney Castle - Killarney**      **B, D**  
This morning we visit Blarney Castle with the opportunity to kiss the 'stone of eloquence' and free time to visit the village and the Blarney Woollen Mills. We then return to Cork and visit St Fin Barre's Cathedral and some free time. We're then off to Killarney for three nights. Upon arrival we visit Muckross House. Dinner at the hotel this evening.

**Sun. September 15 – Day 7**      **Cork - Ring of Kerry - Jaunting Cars**      **B**  
This morning we depart for a day on the Ring of Kerry including and a unique stop at Brendan's Sheep Farm. We make a stop at the Bog Village of Glenbeigh, which will give us a fascinating insight into how people lived and worked in Ireland in the 18th Century. We return to Killarney and enjoy a jaunting car ride.

**Mon. September 16– Day 8**      **Dingle Peninsula**      **B, L, D**  
We begin the day with a morning excursion around the beautiful Dingle Peninsula. At the Blasket Islands Centre we'll learn about conditions that caused the eventual evacuation in 1953. In quaint Dingle we get a feel for Irish village life including an authentic fish & chips lunch today. Enroute we will see Beehive Huts, a hall-mark of the area, and visit the Gallarus Oratory, a place of worship for farmers since about 700 AD. Returning to the hotel in Killarney we will experience Killarney National Park. Dinner at the hotel this evening.



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**Tue. September 17 – Day 9**      **Killarney – Foynes - Adare - Limerick**      **B, D**  
Before we begin our trek north, we will visit the Kerry County Museum followed by the unusual Foynes Flying Boat Museum where we also enjoy an authentic Irish coffee. As we make our way to Limerick we visit Adare, known as one of the prettiest towns in all of Ireland. We check into our hotel and prepare for a wonderful evening where we enjoy a Medieval banquet at Bunratty Castle. Overnight in Limerick.

**Wed. September 18 – Day 10**      **Limerick - Cliffs of Moher - Galway**      **B, D**  
This morning we travel to the Cliffs of Moher one of the most photographed scenes in the world. While there we visit the Visitor Experience Centre. Travelling through the Burren region we make stops at various coastal towns along the way. This afternoon we continue to Galway where we enjoy a walking tour with some leisure time at the end. We check into our Galway hotel. Dinner at the hotel this evening.

**Thu. September 19 – Day 11**      **Galway - Irish Fjords - Westport**      **B, D**  
Today we experience the wilds of Connemara National Park, beginning with a stop at the Connemara Marble Visitor Centre. Then we are off to the stunningly beautiful Kylemore Abbey. As a treat this afternoon, we'll enjoy an afternoon cruise into Ireland's only fjord. Dinner and overnight in Westport.

**Fri. September 20 – Day 12**      **Westport - Castlebar - Sligo**      **B, D**  
Today begins with a visit to Westport House and Gardens, one of Ireland's best loved attractions. Next is Ballintubber Abbey where we learn of the early Christian era and the pilgrimages that began here. We then travel to Castlebar for lunch and some free time at the Museum of Country Life before continuing to Tobernalt Holy Well - a place of reflection and nurturing serenity. It predates the advent of Christianity to Ireland in the fifth century. Overnight and dinner in Sligo.

**Sat. September 21 – Day 13**      **Sligo - Drumcliff - Londonderry**      **B, D**  
This morning we will pay our respects to W. B. Yeats, whose grave we will visit at Drumcliff. Leaving Drumcliff our drive hugs the coastline of Donegal Bay and leads us to Beleek where we enjoy a tour of this most distinguished pottery manufacturer to see a demonstration and the exhibition. Before making our way north we'll pop in to Donegal for lunch. We arrive at Derry (Londonderry) for a guided tour of the city walls. Overnight and dinner in Londonderry.

**Sun. September 22 – Day 14**      **Londonderry - Giant's Causeway - Belfast**      **B, D**  
This morning we travel along the coast and come to the internationally famous Giant's Causeway where you can marvel at this natural phenomenon. From here we follow the Antrim Coast road with its spectacular scenery and the famed Glens of Antrim on our way to Belfast. Overnight and dinner in Belfast.

**Mon. September 23 – Day 15**      **Belfast - Titanic - Dublin**      **B, D**  
We begin today accompanied by a Belfast city guide for a morning city tour including Titanic Belfast, opened in 2012. Leaving Belfast we make a stop in the town of Hillsborough to visit the only Royal residence in Northern Ireland. We then travel to Dublin to check into our hotel and enjoy our Farewell Dinner at the Merry Ploughboy Pub - it will be a fun night as our tour draws to a close.

**Tue. September 24 – Day 16**      **Dublin - Homeward Bound**      **B, Inflight Meals**  
Our tour ends after a final hearty Irish breakfast in our hotel and transfer to Dublin airport for our return flight home. Upon arrival at Pearson International Airport we will be met by our coach which will return us to our original points of embarkation where we bid farewell to our fellow travellers with pleasant memories of the Emerald Isle.

