

# A Week in Ireland: Galway, Cork & Dublin

**8 DAYS: Sunday, August 18-Sunday, August 25, 2019**

**\$2,989 per person double occupancy; \$3,264 for single reservations**

**Includes round-trip airfare, fuel surcharge and all air taxes and fees. Fuel surcharge, air taxes and fees subject to change. Passport required. Per person deposit is \$450.**

Waste no time getting to the core of Irish culture. From the Irish people's sparkling wit and inviting pub culture to the isle's incredible emerald 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 rocky Burren to the Cliffs of Moher.



## Your tour package includes

- 6 nights in handpicked hotels, 6 breakfasts, 3 dinners with beer or wine
- 5 guided sightseeing tours, Expert Tour Director & local guides, Private deluxe motor coach

## Included highlights

- Galway Bay, Cliffs of Moher, the Burren, Blarney Castle, St. Patrick's Cathedral,
- Temple Bar district, Queenstown Story Museum,

## Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 1.5 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets with some hills and stairs

## Overnight Flight

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### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Shannon today.

### County Galway

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## Day 2: Arrival in County Galway

**Included meals: Dinner**

Welcome to Ireland! Transfer to County Galway to settle in to your hotel, then meet your fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

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## Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Galway

**Included meals: Breakfast**

With your Tour Director leading the way, discover the local energy and living traditions of Galway, Ireland's third-largest city. • Stroll past Lynch's Castle, the Druid Theatre 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 Enjoy a free day in Galway, or add an excursion.

**Optional Excursion Castle Banquet Dinner \$115/pp**

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 live entertainment, including songs and stories. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$125)

## County Cork

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### Day 4: County Cork via the Burren & Cliffs of Moher

**Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Make your way to County Cork, stopping en route to explore two of the country's most dramatic landscapes. • Travel through the limestone plateau called the Burren • Explore the Cliffs of Moher, which rise 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean • Embark on a walking orientation of Cork, also known as the "Rebel City" Later, sit down to an included dinner with your group.

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### Day 5: Cobh & Blarney Castle

**Included meals: Breakfast**

Get a feel for the many sides of Ireland, from charming villages to vibrant cities and iconic castles. • Discover the town of Cobh, once a launch site for ships bound for North America • Enter the Cobh Heritage Centre, where the exhibits tell the story of Irish emigration over the past 150 years • Visit Blarney Castle to kiss the legendary Blarney Stone Enjoy a free evening in County Cork or add an excursion.

**Optional Excursion An Evening in Kinsale \$85/pp**

Your evening begins with a visit to the star-shaped Charles Fort, specifically designed to withstand the devastating impact of cannon fire. Uncover the fort's long history with your Tour Director before making your way to the nearby harbor town of Kinsale. A little village with a big past, this quaint community was the site of the 1601 Battle of Kinsale, a major turning point in the Nine Years' War. Take time to explore this historic town's narrow winding streets, artsy shops, and lively bars on your own before rejoining the group for dinner in a traditional Irish restaurant. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$95)

## Dublin

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### Day 6: Sightseeing tour of Dublin

**Included meals: Breakfast**

Transfer to Dublin this morning to experience the history and vibrancy of the Emerald Isle's capital city with your guide leading the way. • Stop in Phoenix Park, site of the presidential residence, and pass by the 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

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### **Day 7: Free day in Dublin**

**Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Spend the day exploring on your own or add an excursion. *Please note: Glendalough departure time may vary* Later, join your group for a farewell dinner.

### **Optional Excursion Glendalough \$39/pp**

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. Journey through Wicklow's captivating landscapes to Glendalough, which became famous throughout Europe as a center of Christian learning before it was sacked by Viking raiders in the 10th century. Here, you'll see St. Kevin's Cross, marking the place where the saint lies buried. You'll also view the remains of the sixth-century cathedral and the remarkable Round Tower, thought to have been used by monks as a place of refuge. Your Tour Director will lead you on a tour of the site, and then you'll enjoy free time. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$49)

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### **Day 8: Departure Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)**

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

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