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Irish Pub Tour

Day 1

**Arrival - Dublin Airport**

Céad Míle Fáilte (a hundred thousand welcomes!).

Flight details to be advised.

Your Private Driver will meet your group in the Arrivals Hall of Dublin Airport and transfer you to Galway, stopping enroute to do some touring.

**Kilbeggan Whiskey Distillery**

First, visit the Kilbeggan Distillery. As the oldest licensed distillery of its kind in Ireland, the Kilbeggan Distilling Company has seen its share of trials and triumphs. Founded in 1757, the distillery spent the next 200 years making a whiskey beloved the world over. Take a tour, including select whiskey tastings.

**Seán's Bar**

Next, stop to visit Seán's Bar, Ireland's Oldest Pub. This bar does not sell food, so you can enjoy a drink before you continue your journey.





Galway City, Co. Galway

Galway city is the gateway to the west of Ireland with the beautiful Connemara Gaeltacht area on its doorstep. Galway is rich in Irish culture and offers visitors a warm welcome and a promise that one visit will never be enough! The historic city of the tribes dances to a beat uniquely it's own. Music, festivals, horse racing, pubs, restaurants, shops, theatres and most of all Galway people, combine to create this atmospheric mediaeval city of culture.



Check into The Ardilaun Hotel (or similar, 2 nights)

Formerly a country mansion, the 4-star Ardilaun Hotel boasts 123 luxury bedrooms with superb conference centre and leisure club facilities, is independently owned and operated by the Ryan family, celebrating 57 years in business this year.

Nestled in Galway's suburbs, in a secluded setting in leafy Taylor's Hill just 1 km from Galway City and Galway Bay, Salthill, guests may stroll around the hotels lush spacious gardens with patio, or enjoy open fires and spacious lounges whilst indoors. Enjoy the facilities of the award winning Camilaun Restaurant with AA rosette, Blazers Bar and The Ardilaun Bistro or relax in the spacious Garden Lounges for Afternoon Teas.

The Ardilaun Hotel is ideally located on the doorstep of Galway City, Capital of Culture 2020, a vibrant, bustling and colourful city of festivals but also close to the gateway to Connemara and the Aran Islands.



Day 2



Connemara, Co Galway

Today, you will tour the Connemara region. After enjoying breakfast at the hotel, board the coach to begin your day of sightseeing.

Connemara, which was made famous by a number of well-known movies – such as the John Wayne movie – “The Quiet Man”, and more recently “The Field”. Connemara is a wild and beautiful region of mountains, lakes, tumbling streams undulating bog, unspoilt beaches and panoramic views. It is a Gaelic speaking region. The centre of Connemara is composed of mountain peaks, the Twelve Bens or Pins, which culminate in Benbaun



Killary Fjord Boat Tours

Prepare to be amazed at the awe-inspiring beauty of the rugged North Connemara landscape onboard the Connemara Lady, with our 90-minute sightseeing tour. Complete with an informative commentary outlining the natural and social history of the Fjord as well as the ancient mythology surrounding these waters and uninterrupted views of the “savage beauty” of North Connemara’s spectacular scenery, our tour will take you to the mouth of the Fjord, the gateway to the majestic Atlantic coast beyond, and offer unrivalled views of otherwise impossible to reach sections of the Wild Atlantic Way coastline. Starting at Nancy’s Point (just 2km west of Leeane Village), the tour cruises westwards from approximately 45 minutes, turning back at Fox Rock (InishBarna) for a leisurely return.



Micil Distillery

In the afternoon, visit Micil Distillery.

Experience the sights, sounds, smells & tastes of a working poitin and gin distillery at Galway’s first distillery in over 100 years. Learn about the craft and history of poitin and gin on one of the guided tours and tastings.

After, return to Galway, where you can spend the evening in the city at your leisure.





Travel to Cork

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and board the coach to head to Cork, touring through Co. Clare enroute.



The Burren

Travel through the Burren, a sea of limestone paving, framed only by the ocean.

The Burren is noted for its flower population with Mediterranean and Alpine species flourishing side by side. More than 700 different flowering plants and ferns have been recorded in the Burren.

The coast road south of Black Head provides a fine view of the huge boulders, deposited at the end of the Ice Age which rest on the bare limestone pavement in fine weather the Aran Islands are visible offshore. Some of the many megalithic tombs in the Burren lie on the east side, over the ages running water burrowing through the soft limestone of the Burren has created miles of dark caves and underground passages.



Cliffs of Moher

Visually spectacular, the Cliffs of Moher sit astride the striking landscape of the Burren on one side and the Wild Atlantic Ocean on the other. Rising out of the Atlantic waters to a height of over 700ft at O'Brien's Tower and running along the coast of Clare for almost 14 kilometres, or 8 miles, the Cliffs of Moher were formed over 320 million years ago, and today form part of the Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark. The Cliffs of Moher is in a Special Protection Area for Birds and Wildlife. The magnificent Cliffs on the Wild Atlantic Way host major colonies of nesting sea birds and are one of the country's most important bird-breeding sites.



Shannon Ferry - Killimer to Tarbert

You will travel from Clare to Kerry via car ferry across the River Shannon, the longest river in Ireland, if you are lucky sometimes you can see dolphins swim along side the ferry.



Cork City

Cork City is one of Ireland's most friendly and welcoming cities. The shopping and commercial capital of the south, it still manages to retain the pleasant charm and friendliness of a country town. Like the rest of the Cork area, food and restaurants are an important feature of the city. Visitors can choose from its many restaurants and cafés or browse in the famous English Market where Irish food, and even some Cork delicacies, can be seen in all their glory.



Check into The Metropole Hotel (or similar, 2 nights)

Located in the heart of the Victorian Quarter in Cork's City Centre, The Metropole Hotel is Cork's most iconic hotel, world-renowned for over 125 years of hospitality and warm service. Famous for having welcomed stars of screen, stage, art and literature, they have a long history from sweetshop and 'dry' hotel to reclaimed glory. The beautifully renovated hotel is opulent and rich in character. Indulge in the finer things in life; impeccable service, sophisticated design, rich food and timeless elegance.



Day 4



Blarney Castle & Gardens

This morning, board the coach after breakfast to explore Co. Cork.

Blarney Castle was built nearly 600 years ago by the great chieftain Cormac MacCarthy, Lord of Muskerry, known as “The Strong”. While much of the structure is in ruins, there is no lack of things to see here. Blarney Castle grounds are filled with wooded hollows, 60 acres of sprawling parklands, strange rock formations and a glistening flowing river. At the heart of Blarney Castle lies one of its quirkiest attractions. Kissed by world statesmen, literary giants and films stars, the huge Blarney Stone is said to impart the gift of eloquence or “the gift of the gab”. Explore the Fern Garden, with its limestone cliff that overlooks more than 80 types of ferns; make a wish on the famous Wishing Steps, while listening to the natural music of the nearby waterfall cascading against the rugged terrain; or stroll around the exotic Himalayan Walk.



Midleton Distillery Experience

After some free time in Blarney, head to Midleton.

Discover the Heart and Soul of Irish whiskey at Midleton Distillery Experience. Home of seven iconic brands – Jameson, Redbreast, Powers, Midleton Very Rare, The Spot Whiskeys, Method and Madness and Knappogue Castle. The passion behind every drop lives here. Immerse yourself in a world of rich heritage, craftsmanship, and unforgettable stories.

Midleton Distillery Experience Tour takes you beyond process and taste and brings you to the very essence of Irish whiskey. Enjoy a fully hosted tour through the original Midleton Distillery, bringing the stories of our rich heritage to life. You'll learn about the hard working people and field-to-glass processes responsible for the whiskeys that make up the seven iconic brands. During this tour, a friendly ambassador will guide you around some of the key buildings, including the warehouses and the tour finishes with your chance to enjoy a guided comparative tasting of three famous whiskeys, including Jameson.

Taste, learn, shop, and take in the magic of Midleton.

Afterwards, return to Cork City, and spend the evening at your leisure.



Day 5



Return to Dublin

After checking out of your Cork hotel, board the coach to travel back towards Dublin.

Dublin City, Co. Dublin



Dublin is one of Europe's most vibrant cities. Over a thousand years old, the turbulent history and rich traditions of the city have inspired writers, artists and musicians down the ages. Today, artists are still attracted by Dublin's youthful enthusiasms and easy-going lifestyle and the city has become a thriving center of culture and enjoyment. The new wave of cafes and restaurants are meeting places for all ages while traditional Dublin pubs are rightly world-famous for their informal atmosphere and lively conversation. The city oozes atmosphere, not least in the heady scents that cling to it – the rich aroma of the hops being roasted in the Guinness brewery and the salty tang of the sea. Nighttime entertainment is a rich mix of world-class theater, concerts from classical to rock, jazz clubs, traditional music sessions and old-style cabaret.

Above all, Dublin is a small city, where visitors can feel at home after even the shortest stay.



Guinness Storehouse

In the afternoon, visit the Guinness Storehouse.

The Guinness Storehouse is Dublin's most visited attraction and the home of one of Ireland's best-known brands. Learn about the history of "the black stuff", pull your own pint, and enjoy The Gravity Bar's stunning panoramic views. Visit the home of Ireland's oldest and most popular beer. This brewery experience tells the tale of Ireland's signature beer, with tastings and a rooftop bar overlooking Dublin.



Check into the Ashling Hotel (or similar, 2 nights)

The Ashling Hotel is a well established luxury 4 star Dublin City hotel overlooking the river Liffey on the Luas Line close to Phoenix Park, Smithfield, Heuston Station, Guinness Storehouse and Kilmainham.

The 226 warmly decorated rooms feature tea and coffee making equipment, free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, Air conditioning, USB plugs and complimentary bottled water.

Food and Beverage offerings include the Chesterfields Restaurant, Iveagh Bar and 24hr room service.

After checking in, enjoy an early dinner, included for the group tonight.



7:00 PM -

Irish Traditional Music Pub Crawl

After dinner, embark on a musical pub crawl. The tour is held in two privately booked bars with guaranteed seating.

Two musicians perform music and songs while telling the story behind Irish traditional music. It is very interactive with lots of fun sing along songs.

The Ha'penny is the first stop, and Flanagan's is the second stop.

- The Pub Crawl is best described as a moving concert; only visiting two pubs.
- Authentic, *immersive* and interactive evening of great music.
- This is a Listening tour with guaranteed seating.
- Learn the history of Irish music and its influence on contemporary music around the world
- Great music, songs and lots of audience participation.
- Experience the great Irish sing along.



Day 6

Irish Whiskey Museum

The Irish Whiskey Museum is based in the heart of Dublin City in a historic building on Grafton Street. Come learn the complete and unbiased history of Irish whiskey and its importance in Ireland's turbulent past. The Classic tour takes about an hour, or you can try the Whiskey Blending Experience and bring home a small bottle of your own blend (1.5 hours). Or come have a Whiskey tour and Brunch (1.5 hours). Visitors can attend various events on the weekends.

Listen, learn and laugh during guided tours of the Irish Whiskey Museum, where each of the four different rooms is themed to represent a different period in Irish history. Finish the tour by becoming a true whiskey connoisseur with an interactive tasting of three or four different Irish whiskeys. On the Classic tour you taste 3 whiskeys, but for a small fee, you can upgrade to the Premium tour and taste four whiskeys and take home a glass. Both last about an hour.



Teeling Whiskey Distillery

Located in the heart of the historic Liberties, against the backdrop of a city steeped in whiskey history, the Teeling Whiskey Distillery opened its doors in 2015 as the first new distillery in Dublin for over 125 years. They are perfectly located to visit while enjoying a weekend in Dublin or a day out exploring with friends and family. Tours and tastings are offered daily.



Traditional Pub Music

Have some free time in the city before an enchanting evening of Irish folklore, song, dance and music, while enjoying dinner at a traditional Irish Night in a local pub.



Day 7



Departure - Dublin Airport

Today, a private transfer driver will collect you from your hotel and bring you to Dublin Airport, where you will board your departure flight home.

Safe travels!

