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Dublin & The West of Ireland

Day 1

Arrival - Dublin Airport

Céad Míle Fáilte (a hundred thousand welcomes!).

Your Private Driver will meet you in the Arrivals Hall of Dublin Airport and transfer you to your hotel.

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

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.

Guinness Storehouse
St. James Gate, Dublin, DUBLIN, IE, Dublin 8
(01) 408 4800

Brooks Hotel
Please note check in time is after 3pm.

Situated on Drury Street only minutes from Grafton Street and St. Stephen's Green in the fashionable heart of Dublin City, Brooks Hotel is the perfect place to stay, whether for business or pleasure. This 4-star boutique hotel has everything you could possibly need on its doorstep.

Brooks Hotel
62 Drury St, Dublin
+35316704000

Day 2

Dublin City
Explore Dublin today at your own leisure.

EPIC: The Irish Emigration Museum
EPIC: the Irish Immigration Museum tells the moving and unforgettable stories of those who left the island of Ireland, and how they influenced and shaped the world. EPIC embraces the past and the future with 1,500 years of Irish history and culture housed in its atmospheric vaults. The world's only fully digital museum, experience this breathtaking story in state-of-the-art interactive galleries, complete with touch screens, motion sensor quizzes and a feast of powerful audio and video that bring Irish history to life. Watch characters from the past tell one-of-a-kind tales of adventure and perseverance, conflict and discovery, belief and community

EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum
The chq Building, Custom House Quay
+353 1 906 0861

Book of Kells

You may like to visit the Book of Kells.

Located in the heart of the historic Trinity College, this lavishly illustrated manuscript of the Gospels dates back to the 9th century. A marvel of Early Christian art is housed in the 65-metre Long Room in the Old Library — an incredible sight in itself. The room with its barrel-vaulted ceiling inspired the imagery of the Jedi Archive in Star Wars Episode II.

The Book Of Kells
College Street, Dublin, DUBLIN, IE, 2
(01) 896 1661

Dublin Literary Pub Crawl

This evening explore Dublin while enjoying a Pint!

Since 1988 the Dublin Literary Pub Crawl has been rambling the streets of the capital and bringing the literary history of Dublin to life. Professional actors tell you the story of the gin palace, the long hall and the spirit grocer, while quoting live from the works of Joyce, Behan, Wilde and many more. The tour is a form of street theatre, allowing the audience to stand right up beside the actors and experience the language live on the streets of the city where it was born. No props, no make-up. Just the actor within prompting distance of the spectator. The tour also includes a visit to Trinity College. The tour is led by actors who tell the story of the pub, the poet & the pint. Walking distance: approx 1km (half mile).

The Duke
9 Duke St, Dublin, Dublin City, IE, 2
+353 1 679 9553

Brooks Hotel
Return to your hotel.

Day 3

Check out of Brooks Hotel

Hertz - Dublin South Circular Road
This morning, you will pick up your rental car from Dublin's Downtown location and travel to Galway.

151-157, S Circular Rd, Saint Catherine's, Dublin, D08 RY7W

Hertz
151 S Circular Rd, Dublin, Dublin City, IE, 8
+353 1890 826 826

Seán's Bar
Seán's Bar, Ireland's Oldest Pub. This bar does not sell food, so you can enjoy a drink before you relax for the evening.

Sean's Bar
13 Main St, Athlone, WESTMEATH, IE
(090) 649 2358

Galway City, Co. Galway

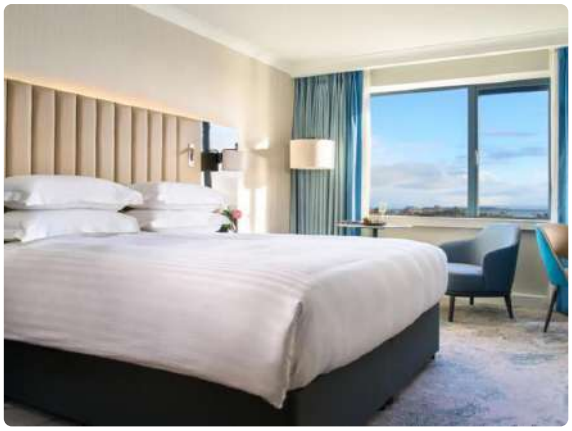
Galway city is the gateway to the west of Ireland with the beautiful Connemara Gaeltacht area on its doorstep. Galway is rich in Irish culture and offers visitors a warm welcome and a promise that one visit will never be enough! The historic city of the tribes dances to a beat uniquely it's own. Music,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

Check into Galmont Hotel

From the Wild Atlantic Way to the most beautiful beaches in Ireland and from Connemara to the vibrant life of Galway City, you will find all you need for the perfect vacation at the Galmont Hotel.

Enjoy spacious bedrooms, restaurants and bars, including the award-winning Marinas Restaurant, casual dining spot Coopers and the stunning outdoor terrace with views of Lough Atalia, Galway and beyond.

If you need to relax, the Spirit One Spa is the perfect place to wind down. The hotel also has a sauna, jacuzzi, outdoor hot tub and state-of-the-art gym facilities.



Galmont Hotel and Spa
Lough Atalia Rd, Galway, H91 CYN3, IE
+353 91 538 300

Day 4

Take the ferry to The Aran Islands

Today you will visit the Aran Islands. Board the ferry at the Galway Docks.

Galway
Galway, County Galway, IE, H91 E9PR

Inis Mór & The Aran Islands

The Aran Islands are located just off Galway and Doolin. A true Irish experience awaits, locals speak Irish as well as English in a setting of Celtic churches of historical significance including World Heritage site Dun Aonghasa. Take in the beautiful landscapes, visit historic sites, and learn all about the Islands' history. Accessible by ferry, the islands make a wonderful day trip or overnight.

Inis Mór - (meaning big island), is the biggest of the three Aran Islands. Lying in a North - Westerly direction across Galway Bay, Inis Mór is approximately 12km in length and 3km in width. Inis Mór is like an outdoor museum with over 50 different monuments of pre-Christian, Christian and Celtic heritage. There are also several major geological features on Inis Mór including the Poll na bPéist Wormhole, puffing holes and some of the most spectacular cliffs in Europe.

Enjoy your Mini Bus Tour. All tour guides are native to the island and are well informed on the island's history, flora and fauna. The mini-bus tours are approximately 2.5 - 3 hours in length, with a one hour stop at Dún Aonghasa (Dun Aengus).

Galmont Hotel

Return to your hotel to enjoy your last night in Galway.

Day 5

Check out of Galmont Hotel

Killarney
Today you will travel to Killarney stopping off at the Cliffs of Moher on the way.

The Burren
There is no front gate that says you have arrived at The Burren. Instead you move slowly from being surrounded by green fields, to being immersed in a sea of limestone paving, framed only by the ocean. The Burren is a region that encompasses 360km2 of gently inclined plateau with a further 200km2 of lowland to the east of the plateau. The limestone is deeply fissured and most of the rivers have gone underground creating an extensive cave system.

Four thousand years of farming has largely denuded the country of trees and vegetation but the Burren is noted for the "opposite" contrasts of 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 Burren may look rugged, but it is also a fragile place and is always under threat from increased human activity.

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 of the road between Aillwee and Leamaneh. Over the ages running water burrowing through the soft limestone of the Burren has created miles of dark caves and underground passages.

Doolin, Co. Clare
Doolin is a charming small seaside village on the northwest coast of County Clare. Set against the rugged Atlantic Ocean and surrounded by the spectacular bare limestone landscape of the Burren, Doolin is a place of breathtaking beauty. Traditionally a fishing village, Doolin is now renowned world-wide as the traditional music capital of Ireland. Home to thousands of international visitors each year, Doolin is many things to many people. For some it is a place to experience rousing music sessions nightly in the pub and for others it is a place of solitude and tranquility where one can refresh their spirits away from the everyday hustle and bustle of life.

Cliffs of Moher

The world famous, 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.

Cliffs of Moher Experience

Liscannor, County Clare, IE, V95 KN9T

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.

Killarney, Co. Kerry

Known for its hospitality, Killarney is one of the warmest and most welcoming towns in the country. Feel instantly at home as you wander down the streets, grab a tasty meal and relax in a comfortable pub.

The town is part of Killarney National Park and the Ring of Kerry and is a fantastic place to base yourself as you explore the sublime beauty of the area. On its doorstep you will find some of Irelands most scenic attractions Gap of Dunloe, Molls Gap, Lakes of Killarney, Muckross Park, Torc Waterfall, Ross Castle and many more.

Check into Great Southern Hotel

From its distinctive architecture to its exceptional service and authentic hospitality, Great Southern Killarney has been a favorite retreat for over 165 years. Originally opened in 1854, Great Southern has an impressive history & still retains the spectacular original architecture of the Victorian era while developing a deluxe guest experience. With 6 acres of beautiful private gardens in the center of bustling Killarney town, ideal for a delightful stroll.

Check in to a Deluxe Room, the average size of a Deluxe Bedroom including bathroom is 300 sq ft or 28m2. Deluxe bedrooms offer a mix of town or mountain views.

As well as beautifully appointed accommodations residents enjoy the welcoming bar Brownes, the gourmet restaurant The Garden Room, The Killarney Wine Room and a traditional Afternoon Tea service served daily in The Grand Foyer and exclusive access to the beautifully restful Reading Room Residents Lounge. Complimentary access to the Health Club at Great Southern, all within Killarney town which you can explore in the evenings.

Great Southern Hotel Killarney
Town Centre, Killarney, Co Kerry, IE

Day 6

Killarney Golf & Fishing Club

An early start to enjoy a round of golf in Killarney.

Killarney Golf & Fishing Club is one of Ireland's most prestigious and historic golf clubs. Located in Killarney National Park, surrounded by the lakes of Lough Leane, Killarney Golf & Fishing Club is a Six-Time Host Venue to the Irish Open and home to two 18-hole championship courses. Without a doubt, a world-class destination, a warm welcome awaits when you visit Killarney Golf & Fishing Club.

Killarney Golf & Fishing Club
County Kerry, IE

Falconry Kerry

PRICE
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In the afternoon you may like to take part in the Sport of Kings and enjoy the incredible experience of interacting with these majestic birds.

Killarney Falconry provides group and private hawk walks, you will set off around the beauty of Killarney's lakelands to fly a hawk/or team of hawks and experience the unforgettable moment when a hawk swoops down from a tree to land on your gloved fist. Each hawk walk is an experience with a falconer and hawk, or team of hawks.

Killarney Falconry
County Kerry, IE, V93 X68D

Great Southern Hotel

Return to your hotel to enjoy your last night in Killarney.

Day 7

Check out of Great Southern Hotel

Kinsale

Depart Killarney today to travel to Kinsale visiting Blarney on the way.

Blarney Woollen Mills

Originally established in 1823, Blarney Woollen Mills has become a staple of Cork retail. A family run Irish business since it's beginnings nearly 200 years ago, offering free parking, delicious dining options and a fantastic selection of Irish brands to shop.

Blarney Woollen Mills is synonymous with excellence; expect an exemplary level of care, outstanding personal service and a truly unique selection of the best of Irish design. The Irish makers and designers include; Fisherman Out Of Ireland, Waterford Crystal, Avoca, Branigan Weavers, Ireland's Eye Knitwear, Belleek and Galway Crystal.

You can also visit the Meadows & Byrne homestore, on the second floor, where you'll find the best of Irish interior design.

Blarney Woollen Mills Hotel
Blarney Village, Blarney, CORK, IE
(021) 438 5011

Kinsale, Co. Cork

Located at the start of the Wild Atlantic Way, Kinsale town is famous for its colorful streetscapes and rich history, fueled by great people, food, boutiques & events. Kinsale is a vibrant coastal town enjoy walk around the town, visiting craft shopping, relax with a coffee and overlook Kinsale bay.

Kinsale
Kinsale, County Cork, IE

Check into Trident Hotel Kinsale

Trident Hotel Kinsale is an ideal base to explore the sunny south-west of Ireland. Just 30 minutes from Cork City, 20 minutes from Cork International Airport and at the very start of the Wild Atlantic Way, Kinsale offers you a world of choice you can enjoy at your own pace. So, whether you're looking to enjoy a holiday or a mini-break, a week of rest or a weekend of action-packed activities.

Perched on the edge of Kinsale Harbour and positioned at the gateway to the famous Wild Atlantic Way, this is 4-star luxury surrounded by the beauty of a unique location.

Trident Hotel
World's End, Pier Rd
+353 21 477 9300

Day 8

Check out of Trident Hotel Kinsale

Ringfinnan Garden of Remembrance

Before departing Kinsale you may like to visit the Garden of Remembrance.

This garden is located in the townland of Ringfinnan, Kinsale, County Cork in the south of Ireland and is dedicated to the memory of the 343 firefighters who lost their live in the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York.

This garden of Remembrance was established by Kathleen Murphy in November 2001. Kathleen grew up in Ringfinnan, Kinsale, County Cork which is located in the south of Ireland. Following her training as a nurse in England she moved to New York where she worked as a staff nurse for 40 years in Lennox Hill Hospital.

Kathleen always admired the brave and courageous work of firefighters. Following the 9/11 attacks she decided to establish the garden of remembrance in memory to the 343 firefighters who lost their lives on September 11th 2001.

Kathleen passed away in March 2011 in New York following a battle with cancer and is buried less than 2 miles from the garden.

Ringfinnan Garden of Remembrance
Ringfinnan, Kinsale, Co Cork, IE
+353 86 864 7028

Kildare
Depart Kinsale and travel to Kildare.

Rock Of Cashel
Set on a dramatic outcrop of limestone in the Golden Vale, the Rock of Cashel, iconic in its historic significance, possesses the most impressive cluster of medieval buildings in Ireland. Among the monuments to be found there is a round tower, a high cross, a Romanesque chapel, a Gothic cathedral, an abbey, the Hall of the Vicars Choral and a fifteenth-century Tower House. The Rock of Cashel is one of Ireland's most spectacular and – deservedly – most visited tourist attractions.

Rock Of Cashel
Carraig Phádraig, Cashel, IE

Check into Carton House Hotel
Please note check in time is from 4pm.

With strong cultural and ancestral links, Carton House, A Fairmont Managed hotel have a great connection with the United States. They are a trans- Atlantic resort with the best of service and global branding but always embracing the Irish welcome and hospitality that we are so famous for.

With Dublin city only 25 minutes drive away, you can have the best of both worlds in Ireland, experiencing a piece of history here at Carton House, A Fairmont Managed Hotel while also having access to the hustle and bustle of Dublin's fair city.

Carton House
Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co Kildare, IE
+353 1 505 2000

Day 9

Golf at Carton House Hotel
A challenging inland links golf course experience

Inspired by the greatest links courses of the world, The Montgomerie Links, an inland links experience, pays tribute to the traditions of the game and sets a challenge like no other.

Designed by Colin Montgomerie with numerous cavernous bunkers to test even the seasoned golfer, journey across impeccable greens and vast fairways as you play on the soil many an Irish Open champion has.
The Montgomerie is a par 72 inland links golf course that measures 7,301 yards from the blue championship tees making it one of the more best golf courses in Ireland.

Carton House Hotel
Relax for the evening at your hotel.

Day 10

Check out of Carton House Hotel

Departure - Dublin Airport
Today, you will travel to Dublin Airport, where you will return your car rental and board your departure flight home.

Safe travels!

Dublin Airport (DUB)
Swords, County Dublin, IE