

IRELAND

the Grand Tour

June 4 - 17, 2012

14 Days

*Cliffs of Moher, Connemara,
Kylemore Abbey, Donegal,
Derry, Giant's Causeway,
Belfast, Dublin, Waterford,
Blarney, Cork, Killarney*

~~\$4,195.00~~ PER PERSON PRICE:
~~\$4,295.00~~ Double Occupancy
~~\$4,642.00~~ Single Occupancy*
*Check for availability

**Tips
Included**



The breathtaking Cliffs of Moher



DAY 4 KYLEMORE ABBEY / BUNDORAN B,D

At **Kylemore Abbey** we tour the restored castle, church, and gardens of the Benedictine nuns. We pause in Westport and Knock, then see where the poet W. B. Yeats is buried in Drumcliff on Sligo Bay. We lodge two nights in the resort town of Bundoran.

DAY 5 BUNDORAN / DONEGAL EXCURSION B,D

We follow the scenic Atlantic coast around Donegal Bay with its small fishing ports, hidden beaches, and vistas of mountains and valleys. In Donegal town, founded by Danish Vikings and home of the O'Donnell Clan, there is time to shop for local crafts. We then visit the **Belleek Pottery Factory**, known for its cream-colored Parian china.

DAY 6 DERRY / GIANT'S CAUSEWAY B,D

We cross into Northern Ireland to reach Derry, where we walk the city wall accompanied by a local guide. We pass the ruins of Dunluce Castle and visit the awe-inspiring **Giant's Causeway**, which is composed of symmetrical basalt columns marching into the sea. We follow the scenic Antrim coast to the historic city of Belfast where an orientation tour acquaints us with the city where the Titanic was built, where we visit the brand-new **Titanic Exhibition**, and where we lodge one night.



DAY 1 DEPART U.S.A.

DAY 2 ARRIVE IN LIMERICK, IRELAND D

We check into our Limerick hotel, then, have free time to relax and get adjusted to seeing vivid green.

DAY 3 GALWAY / CONNEMARA / CLIFDEN B,D

A day of spectacular scenery begins with the **Cliffs of Moher**, which rise dramatically 668 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. At **Rathbaun Farm** we watch sheep shearing and sheep dog skills near the 150-year-old thatched farmhouse. We see Galway and its famous Bay, then the Joyce family **Marble Workshop** en route to Connemara, the most untouched region of Ireland. Mounds of peat, thatched cottages, and stone-walled fields mark the heartland of Ireland, where the Gaelic language is common. We lodge one night in the small fishing village of Clifden.





Fun at an Irish Pub

DAY 7 BELFAST/DUBLIN B

We drive in the lee of the Mountains of Mourne back into the Republic of Ireland. In the Boyne Valley, scene of a bloody 17th-century battle, we visit the **Boyne Valley Visitor Centre** and **Knowth**, location of a Bronze Age, 5,000-year-old passage-grave. Then we reach Dublin, the Irish capital, where we lodge two nights.

DAY 8 DUBLIN B

An orientation drive in the "Fair City" includes statue-lined O'Connell Street, elegant Georgian squares, and St. Patrick's Cathedral. At Oscar Wilde's **Trinity College** we see the magnificent Old Library. The afternoon is free time for exploring and shopping.

DAY 9 DUBLIN/WATERFORD B,D

We visit **Ballyknocken House**, a typical Irish family-run guesthouse, best known for its cooking school. After an entertaining **Baking Demonstration**, enjoy a cup of coffee and scones, fresh from the oven. We see the pretty country town of Kilkenny, then, continue to Waterford for a guided tour of the newly opened **House of Waterford Crystal**. We lodge one night in Waterford.

DAY 10 WATERFORD/BLARNEY/CORK B

A local guide leads us on an entertaining walk through Waterford, Ireland's oldest city. Then we drive to Blarney to visit **Blarney Castle** where we can kiss the magical stone and gain the "gift of eloquence." We lodge one night in Cork, Ireland's second largest city.



Lakeside Kylemore Abbey, Connemara

PASSPORT REQUIRED

DAY 11 GARINISH ISLAND / KILLARNEY B

We board a private boat at Glengarriff for a short crossing to **Garinish Island**. Here the warm gulf-stream waters attract seals and nurture fragrant flowers. We follow winding paths through this lush tropical island garden. Back on the mainland, we cross the mountains into County Kerry, which has some of Ireland's most breathtaking scenery. At Kenmare, we join the fabled "**Ring of Kerry**" and stop for great photos of the Lakes of Killarney from Ladies View. We lodge two nights in the popular resort of Killarney.

DAY 12 DINGLE EXCURSION B,D

The 32-mile Slea Head Drive around the Dingle Peninsula offers magnificent vistas of the Atlantic Ocean, a glorious setting for *Ryan's Daughter* which was filmed here. At the **Basket Islands Centre** we learn about the culture and language of isolated Irish islanders. After time in Dingle, a quaint town with a pub for every 30 inhabitants, we return to Killarney.

DAY 13 KILLARNEY / LIMERICK B

A final morning at leisure allows for relaxing or taking an optional excursion by horse-drawn jaunting car. In the afternoon we drive via quaint Adare, renowned for its pretty thatched cottages, to Limerick, where we lodge one night. A banquet at Bunratty Castle.

DAY 14 RETURN TO U.S.A. B

Our two-week tour of magical Ireland ends as we fly home, arriving the same day.

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TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip Airfare Albuquerque to Limerick (Shannon Airport) (Not including airline baggage and in-flight charges)
- Transportation by Deluxe Motorcoach
- 12 Nights' Lodging at First-Class Hotels
- 12 Buffet Breakfasts, 7 Dinners
- Sightseeing as Described
- Admission to All Attractions **Underlined**
- Baggage Handling at Hotels (for one piece)
- Professional European Tour Director
- Your SUN TOURS Escort (with 20 or more travelers)
- All Taxes and Tips for Included Items

DEPOSIT: \$250.00 Per Person **NOW** Holds Your Place

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: March 19, 2012

CANCELLATION FEES:

- NoneThrough February 1, 2012
- \$250.00February 2 - March 19, 2012
- 20% of Total PriceMarch 20 - April 18, 2012
- 50% of Total PriceApril 19 - May 11, 2012
- 75% of Total PriceMay 12 - 25, 2012
- 100% of Total PriceAfter May 25, 2012

Cancellation Insurance is Recommended

Itinerary is Subject to Change