

IRELAND

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

PER PERSON PRICE:

\$3,747.00 Double Occupancy
\$4,277.00 Single Occupancy

**Tips
Included**



DAY 1 DEPART U. S. A.

DAY 2 ARRIVE IN DUBLIN, IRELAND D

We check into our Dublin hotel, then, have free time to relax and explore the Irish capital.

DAY 3 DUBLIN B

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

DAY 4 DUBLIN / KILKENNY B

We visit Ballyknocken House, a typical Irish family-run farm guesthouse, famed for its cooking school. After an entertaining Homebaking Demonstration, enjoy a cup of coffee and scones, fresh from the oven. Then we visit Kilkenny Castle, occupied by the Dukes of Ormonde for over 500 years and remodeled in 1830. We lodge one night in Kilkenny.

June 9 - 22, 2010
14 Days



The breathtaking Cliffs of Moher

DAY 5 KILKENNY / CORK B,D

We drive to Waterford where a local guide leads us on an entertaining walking tour through Ireland's oldest city. Then we continue to Blarney where we can kiss the magical stone and gain the "gift of eloquence." We lodge one night in Cork, Ireland's second-largest city. Optional excursion available to Cobh's Queenstown Story.

DAY 6 GARINISH ISLAND / KILLARNEY B

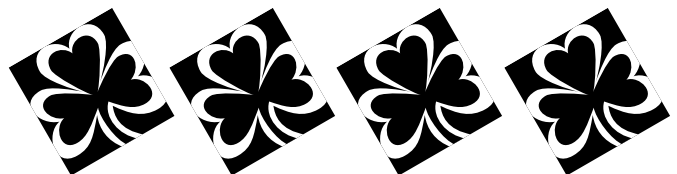
We board a private boat at Glengarriff for a short crossing to Garinish Island. Here the warm gulf-stream waters attract seals and nurture fragrant flowers. Back on the mainland, we cross the mountains into County Kerry, which has some of Ireland's most breathtaking scenery. At Kenmare, we join the fabled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



Digging Peat

DAY 7 DINGLE EXCURSION B,D

The 32-mile Sleat 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 for free time this afternoon.



Ireland



Fun at an Irish Pub

DAY 8 **KILLARNEY / LIMERICK** B

A morning at leisure in Killarney allows for relaxing or taking an optional excursion by horse-drawn jaunting car through the national park to the Lakes of Killarney. In the afternoon we drive via quaint Adare, renowned for its pretty thatched cottages, to Limerick, where we lodge one night.

DAY 9 **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 then enjoy home-baked scones in the 150-year-old thatched farmhouse. We see Galway and its famous Bay; then visit a 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.

DAY 10 **KYLEMORE ABBEY / BUNDORAN** B,D

At Kylemore Abbey we tour the restored castle, church, and gardens of the Benedictine nuns. We pause in Westport, Knock, and Drumcliff (where the poet W. B. Yeats is buried) en route to the resort of Bundoran, where we lodge two nights.



Lakeside Kylemore Abbey, Connemara

DAY 11 **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. After visiting quaint Donegal town, we see the Belleek Pottery Factory, known for its cream-colored Parian china.

DAY 12 **DERRY / GIANT'S CAUSEWAY** B,D

We cross into Northern Ireland to reach Derry where we walk the city walls (the most intact in Ireland) with a local guide. We pass the ruins of Dunluce Castle then visit 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 the Titanic was built. We lodge one night in Belfast.

DAY 13 **BELFAST / DUBLIN** B

We learn more about Belfast on an orientation tour and then drive back into the Republic of Ireland. We visit one of the world's most important archaeological sites at Knowth, location of a Bronze Age, 5,000 year-old passage-grave. We continue to Dublin where we lodge one night.

DAY 14 **RETURN TO U. S. A.** B

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

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PASSPORT REQUIRED

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip Airfare Albuquerque to Dublin (Not including airline baggage and in-flight charges)
- Transportation by Deluxe Motorcoach
- 12 Nights' Lodging in First-Class Hotels
- 12 Breakfasts, 7 Dinners
- Sightseeing as Described
- Admission to All Attractions Underlined
- Baggage Handling at Hotels (for one piece)
- Professional European Tour Director
- \$100,000.00 Flight Insurance
- 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: April 5, 2010

CANCELLATION FEES:

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| None |Through February 4, 2010 |
| \$250.00 |February 5 - April 5, 2010 |
| 20% of Total Price |April 6 - 29, 2010 |
| 50% of Total Price |April 30 - May 17, 2010 |
| 75% of Total Price |May 18 - June 7, 2010 |
| 100% of Total Price |After June 7, 2010 |

Cancellation Insurance is Recommended

Itinerary subject to change.