

IRELAND 2010

Dates: October 9 through 19, 2010

Trip departs from Great Falls unless arrangements have been made previously to join from another city. All will meet at JFK if group divided and depart for Shannon, Ireland. As with all the trips you can go off and do your own thing just remembering that you are responsible for being at transportation at time of departure.

Price includes: 9 nights accommodation, Full Irish Breakfast each morning, Dinner in your hotel in Killarney on your first evening there, Return airport transfers, 9 days guided touring with experienced and fully qualified driver/guide, Driver's overnight and meal expenses, Fuel and insurance, All local sales taxes, Admittance into the major attractions as included with bus tour (not free leisure time) Boat and Horse and Trap ride through Killarney and its lakes and Guided Tour in Cobh at Queenstown Story.

Price PP: Land \$ 1,285.00 - Air \$ 1,060.00 - Club Fee \$5.00 – Total \$2,350.00 ***See *Note below*.

Deposit: \$500.00 PP due at booking (payment schedule to follow).

Single Supplement: \$322.00 PP (if requested).

Day 1 - Welcome to Ireland

Arrival at Shannon Airport and meet your driver/guide. Transfer to Bunratty and visit of Bunratty Castle & Folk Park.

Departure to Ennis and overnight at the 4 star Woodstock hotel Rest of the day at leisure in this lively town of Clare.

Option: Of an excellent evening of entertainment at the Bunratty Castle Medieval Banquet either this evening or the following evening. The rate per person for this additional event will be Euro 59 per person.

Day 2 - West of Ireland

Full Irish breakfast.

Departure to the magnificent Cliffs of Moher as well as the Poul nabroune Dolmen Tomb and stunning Burren region. Continue on to Galway City around Galway Bay for time at leisure. Overnight Ennis.

Day 3 - Dingle Peninsula

Full Irish breakfast.

Departure to Killimer for ferry across Shannon. Visit to Foynes Flying-boat Museum, former first Airport of Ireland for transatlantic routes and home of the very first Irish Coffee.

Departure to Dingle and a short tour around one of the unspoiled region of Ireland. Continue to Killarney. Overnight Eviston House, a 3 star hotel. Dinner this evening in your hotel as it will have been one of your longer days journeys.

Day 4 - Ring of Kerry

Full Irish breakfast. Full day excursion in the Iveragh Peninsula, the so-called Ring of Kerry. Our trip will bring us along cliffs, beaches, mountains and lake views among the most stunning of the island. Overnight Killarney Eviston House.

Day 5 - Killarney National Park

Full Irish breakfast. This morning we will join a Jaunting Car Tour in Killarney Estate. Once in Ross

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Castle continue by open boat on a cruise on the Three Killarney Lakes. Afternoon at leisure, overnight Killarney at Eviston House.

Option of having a traditional Irish Nights entertainment this evening or on your final evening in the Dublin Mountains. Euro 60 per person including Entertainment and Meal.

Day 6 - West County Cork: Full Irish breakfast. Departure to Kenmare, Glengarriff e Bantry. .Continuation to Kinsale, Ireland's Gourmet Capital or Cork. Check-in and time at leisure, overnight Kinsale at the 3 star Actions Hotel.

Day 7 - County Cork

Full Irish breakfast. Visit Blarney Castle home of the Stone of Eloquence. Continue to Cork and sightseeing. In the afternoon visit Cobh, formerly Queenstown, the Titanic's last harbour before its tragic end. Visit the Heritage Centre and we will have a walking tour with a local historian who will tell us more about the Titanic: it seems that 20 people boarded here, 1 first class, 2 second class and 17 third class. The Heritage Centre also hosts one of the most advanced genealogical research centre of the country, for those interested. Back to Kinsale/Cork for overnight at the 3 star Actions Hotel.

Day 8 - Dublin

Full Irish breakfast. Departure to Cahir Castle and the Rock of Cashel in Tipperary and then continue to Dublin. Check-in in Dublin hotel, afternoon at leisure, overnight 4 star Burlington Hotel.

Day 9 – Dublin

Full Irish breakfast. In the morning Dublin sightseeing tour including admission to Trinity College & Book of Kells. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight Hotel Burlington

Option: POSSIBLE FAREWELL 3-COURSE DINNER IN Either the Abbey Tavern or Johnnie Foxes in the Dublin Mountains. Rate would be Euro 60 per person.

Day 10 – Goodbye

Full Irish breakfast. Transfer to Dublin Airport for your flight home or those that extending departs for next destination.

Accommodation:

9 nights in a combination of excellent 3 & 4-star hotels. Your hotels will be as follows (subject to availability – presently available).

Woodstock Hotel Ennis County Calre, Eviston House Hotel, Killarney, Actons Hotel, Kinsale, The Burlington Hotel, Dublin

Transport:

For this size group we will use a Type with reclining seats and air-con. You driver will be a fully qualified guide therefore negating the need for a separate guide. More importantly our driver's are friendly and helpful and by the time you leave he or she will have become your new best friend!

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Under European regulations the driver would be at your disposal for up to 9 hours of driving each day but with a one hour break.

FAQ's:

1. Can I **extend** my trip and travel to other places? Yes, as long as it is schedule prior to ticketing keeping in-mind the additional costs for your additional transportation and lodging. As the trip ends up in Dublin all additional plans must depart from here. **I need to know as soon as possible if you are thinking about extending so we can make plans and get you costs.**
2. Can people join the trip from other cities in USA? Yes but prices may vary based on transportation costs and that they are not traveling with the group until they meet at JFK. This in some cases the price could be lower.
3. Can I get travel insurance? Yes it will be offered at a very reasonable rate based on trip cost.
4. Will I need a Passport? Yes.

Note: *All prices shown are based on double occupancy. As the market continues to fluctuate prices are not considered firm until trip is fully booked/paid for in order to lock-in rates. The one major consideration is that Ireland is on the Euro and until locked-in rates could change for land portion. The airfare can also change at the whim of the carriers with the most recent changes in security used as their excuse along with fuel prices. The contract allows them to change their surcharges up to the point of ticketing. Prices provided have no margin to absorb these changes..*

Cancellation without trip insurance: If a replacement is obtained full refund prior to ticketing, after ticketing name change fees will be assessed. No replacement, loss of deposit, within 8 weeks of travel loss of funds paid to-date. Late payment fees will be assessed to those not making payments equal to those assessed by travel broker. Contact Marvin Jordan, meanmarv@gfmt.net for more details.