

Glorious Ireland

8 Nights / 9 Days

Group Travel



Day 1 ARRIVAL

Arrival transfer with coach and guide. Overnight in Dublin.

Day 2 DUBLIN

Explore the city of Dublin, renowned for its rows of graceful Georgian townhouses with their colourful doors, prominent public buildings and peaceful gardens. Admire government and historic buildings such as **Trinity College**, where the Book of Kells is housed, the Bank of Ireland, built in the 18th century to house the Parliament; and Leinster House, where the government convenes. Finish your day tour with a visit to the **Guinness Storehouse** to see how this famous black brew is created and sample a creamy pint in the rooftop bar overlooking Dublin.

Dinner and overnight in Dublin.

Day 3 DUBLIN AND WATERFORD

Travel south out of Dublin toward Wicklow Mountains and the pretty hillside village of Enniskerry. Visit to **Powerscourt Estate** with its gardens, deer herd and the highest waterfall in Ireland.

Continue the journey towards the historic city of Waterford home to the world famous **Crystal Factory** - Crystal has been made here for over two centuries!

Overnight and dinner at Waterford.

Day 4 COBH AND BLARNEY CASTLE

Today you will travel further West towards Killarney driving through Cobh: this pretty town, once called Queenstown, is on a hill above the harbour which was the Titanic's last port of call in April 1912.

At a just short distance outside Cork, you will visit **Blarney Castle** one of Ireland's oldest and most historic castles.

Overnight and dinner in Tralee (nr Killarney).

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Day 5 RING OF KERRY

The Ring of Kerry is one of Europe's most famous drives, it offers spectacular scenery and includes village of Killorglin, famous for the Puck Fair pagan festival. The tour will continue to **Muckross House & Gardens**, located in Killarney National Park. Today, many of the rooms in this magnificent mansion have been restored to their original Victorian splendour.

Overnight and dinner at your hotel Tralee (nr Killarney).

Day 6 KILLARNEY, BUNRATTY CASTLE, CLIFFS OF MOHERE AND GALWAY

Bunratty Castle is the most complete and authentic medieval fortress in Ireland. Built in 1425 it was restored in 1954 to its former medieval splendour. Today, the castle stands peacefully in delightful grounds. The houses and cottages of the folk park spread out at the foot of its massive walls, much in the way that the cottages and crofts of old would have clustered around its base.

After the visit we will travel towards the Cliffs of Moher which stretch for 8 km & rise up to 214 metres above the Atlantic Ocean. Overnight and dinner at your hotel in Galway

Day 7 GALWAY AND WESTPORT

Today we travel north out to Galway toward Clifden capital of Connemara. This beautiful rugged landscape opens up a wonderland of rivers, lakes and silent hills en route to the pretty villages of Leenaum and Cong arriving at Westport on Clew Bay with its 100 islands and scenic views of the North Atlantic. Visit palatial **Kylemore Abbey** before returning to your hotel. Overnight and dinner at your hotel in Galway.

Day 8 GALWAY, CLONMACNOISE AND WESTPORT

After a short sightseeing tour of Galway we will travel East via Clonmacnoise to Dublin. Visit the monastic settlement of Clonmacnoise to see highly decorated high crosses, round towers and ruins of many churches. In the afternoon arrival in Dublin and free time before dinner.

Day 9 DEPARTURE

Transfer to Dublin airport.

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