

Ireland, Wales & England

June 27, 2018 - July 5, 2018

Included:

Round-trip airfare, all transportation, sightseeing tours and site visits, all hotels with private bathroom, breakfast and dinner daily, full-time multi-lingual tour director. All-inclusive insurance available.

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Explore the Ring of Kerry!



Visit a Sheep Farm!



See Blarney Castle!

Day 1 Start tour

Fly to Ireland

Day 2 Hello Killarney

Meet your tour director, travel to Killarney & check into hotel

Day 3 Ring of Kerry

Ring of Kerry excursion: Get a true feeling for Ireland's emerald beauty on an excursion around the Iveragh Peninsula on the panoramic coastal route, Ring of Kerry. Along the 112 miles of breathtaking views, you'll spy 360 degrees of the vast Atlantic Ocean, the Lakes of Killarney, the Macgillycuddy's Reeks (Ireland's tallest mountains), and every shade of green known to the Emerald Isle.

Bog Village visit: The Bog Village is an excellently recreated village complete with thatched roofs and farm implements to give a sense of how people lived in 17th, 18th and 19th centuries right up to famines in 1846.

Day 4 Killarney--Dublin

Travel to Dublin via Blarney Castle: On your journey to Dublin, stop for a visit to Blarney Castle, the medieval stone structure built on solid limestone around 1466. (The slivers of windows served as a defense, enabling Lord Blarney and his men to shoot arrows at invaders while staying protected from within.) Climb the spiral staircases to the top of the castle to kiss the Blarney stone. Legend promises that if you lean backwards and kiss the stone upside-down, you'll be granted the "gift of the gab" (the privilege of babbling questionable commentary for seven years). Before you leave, wander the path to Rock Close to ponder the druidic circle of mystical stones. Enter Lord Blarney's dungeon if you dare...

Irish folklore evening

Day 5 Dublin landmarks

Dublin guided sightseeing tour: Join a professional licensed tour guide on an adventure to Dublin's finest attractions. Pass the residence of Ireland's president along your journey through Phoenix Park. Within Europe's grandest enclosed park, encounter 1,760 undeveloped acres scattered with cricket pitches, grazing cows, and red deer. Stop to eye a stone phoenix rising from flames atop the Corinthian-style Phoenix Column. Tour the roads along the River Liffey to 12th-century St. Patrick's Cathedral, the largest of its kind in all Ireland. Get a glimpse of the neighboring park where St. Patrick (who brought Christianity to Ireland in the 5th century) baptized converts. Continue on to Trinity College, the stone-clad sprawling campus where Oscar Wilde and Samuel Beckett studied. Stop by the Long Room in the Old Library for a zoom-view of the illuminated edition of four Gospels, the Book of Kells. The original manuscript was penned in Latin around AD 800 by four Irish Monks who used multicolored ink from plants and bugs. Take some time to study the brilliant latticework of curly Celtic symbols woven with animal figures that enlivens the script.

Dublin city walk: Get a friendly introduction to Ireland's capital city, compliments of your Tour Director. Discover an international urban scape of Georgian buildings, castles and cathedrals. Literary legends and budding musicians. All while one million people welcome you with smiling eyes. Stroll bustling O'Connell Street, once (at 150 ft wide) the widest street in Europe, and still the busiest thoroughfare in Dublin. Pass shop after shop of local and global wares and flats, and a lush street-meridian lined with tall trees and ebony statues of Irish leaders. Make your way to the end of the strip to Parnell Square, an antique scape of red brick townhouses and classic Irish theaters. As you wander the streets, take in the international glamour of Ireland's most cosmopolitan city.

Guinness Storehouse visit: Come and explore Ireland's number one visitor attraction, providing an unforgettable welcome and a magical journey deep into the heart of the world famous GUINNESS® brand and company. This historical building is central to Dublin's and Ireland's heritage, and has been continually updated to create a blend of fascinating industrial tradition with a contemporary edge. The seven floors bring to life the rich heritage of GUINNESS®, telling the story from its origins here at St. James's Gate in Dublin to its growth as a global brand, known all around the world.

Traditional public house dinner

Day 6 Dublin--North Wales

Ferry to Holyhead across Irish Sea

Travel to North Wales: No, that is not a typo. The smallest town in Wales is the longest named village in the world. Travel through this little-big town, with a nickname of Llanfair P.G., across the Britannia Bridge to the Snowdonia National Park. What Llanfair P.G. has in length, Mt. Snowdon offers in height, standing at a breathtaking 3,560 feet. The park also touts Stone and Bronze Age burial chambers, Norman castles, Roman forts and steam railways. View the unspoiled coastlands and sea cliff-perched lighthouses of Holyhead on the Isle of Anglesey.

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysilio-gogogoch: That's no typo... Visit the village with the longest name in Europe, commonly referred to as Llanfair PG or Llanfairpwll. Take a quick detour for a photo opportunity under the railway station sign to bring home proof of this 58 letter appellation!

Snowdonia National Park

Day 7 North Wales--London

Travel to London via Stratford

Lunch: Please note: Lunch is included in lieu of dinner on this day due to travel considerations.

Anne Hathaway's cottage & Shakespeare's birthplace visit: Visit William Shakespeare's childhood home, furnished in a style typical of the Elizabethan period. Then tour the thatched cottage where his wife, Anne Hathaway, lived before her marriage. The adjoining Shakespeare Tree Garden is planted with trees and flowers mentioned in Shakespeare's plays.

Day 8 London landmarks

London guided sightseeing tour: Join a licensed local guide for an in-depth look at London, from the royal haunt of Buckingham Palace (the official London residence of Queen Elizabeth II) to the slightly more democratic Speakers' Corner of Hyde Park, where anyone can pull up a soapbox and orate to his heart's content. You'll see the changing of the guard (season permitting), the clock tower of Big Ben with its 14-ton bell, and Westminster Abbey, where almost every English king and queen since William the Conqueror has been crowned. After a stop at the Houses of Parliament, continue on to the magnificent St. Paul's Cathedral, the masterpiece of London architect Christopher Wren.

Classic fish & chips dinner: Nothing's more British than fish and chips—there are eight fish and chip shops ("chippies") for every McDonald's in the country. Head to an authentic pub with your Tour Director for a taste of this national food, generally served with malt vinegar.

Day 9 End tour

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“The World is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page.”

-Saint Augustine

INCLUDED

Round-trip airfare, all transportation, sightseeing tours and site visits, all hotels with private bathroom, breakfast and dinner daily, full-time multi-lingual tour director.

INVESTMENT

Tour Fee: \$3,659.00*

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4. Review the optional excursions, rooming & travel plans on the CUSTOMIZATION page. Simply select any of the options you wish to have. Click Next.
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Monthly Automated Plan:

1. \$50 Deposit (and optional travel protection) paid upon registration
2. Billed automatically to your credit card or checking account
3. Balance divided into equal monthly payments until 35 days prior to departure

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2. 30 days after registration, 2nd payment of \$500 is due
3. 75% of your balance due 105 days prior to departure
4. Remainder balance due 65 days prior to departure