



## WOMEN OF THE MIDWEST

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# CHARMING IRELAND

with Women of the Midwest!

April 21-30, 2022



Dear Women of the Midwest,

Ireland is symbolic of shamrocks, leprechauns, and legends, all in a Gaelic language of their own ... A country that has fired the imagination for centuries with its legendary visual drama!

Whitewashed lighthouses perched on a raging Atlantic, gnawing at thunderous cliffs; paintbox colorful villages and palettes of every possible shade of green imaginable; prehistoric Stone Age ruins to medieval monastic marvels; fairytale castles and stately country homes; quaint tea rooms to cozy pubs; and Celtic harps complimenting a dose of serenity. Ahhh ...the luck of the Irish!

Our journey guides us through the savage beauty of Connemara with its dramatic contrasts of sea, sky, boglands, and mountains, to the iconic reflection in its lake of Kylemore Abbey; we are spellbound by the Cliffs of Moher and wonder if 2,000 years ago it really was, as in ancient Gaelic, "the cliffs of a ruined fort"; we visit charming villages and Victorian mansions; we delve into a world of magic, mystery, and legends in the castles of yesteryear, and we collect unforgettable impressions in the city of literature and passion; Dublin. Just a pint of a capital, but with the islands finest Georgian architecture, old school bars and funky boutiques; Dublin is by far Ireland's friendliest heart!

Look closely, join me solo or two-by-two and take part in our "céili" (traditional Gaelic gathering with music and dance) and most of all: be charmed!

Sincerely yours,  
Ann K. Bruntz  
Women of the Midwest Ambassador



Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 402-435-8888. Space is limited.



### **April 21, 2022, Thursday**

Our charming adventure begins as we take an overnight flight to Dublin. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you start your Irish dream vacation.

### **April 22, 2022, Friday -**

#### *Dublin*

Welcome to Dublin! Upon arrival, we meet our private tour guide and take a short drive to the center to enjoy a panoramic tour of the city. For such a small city, Dublin's got a big past. The iconic city has survived Viking attacks, a devastating fire, and even the plague. It is also the founder of one of the oldest universities in Europe, Trinity College, and is home to Ireland's legendary brew, Guinness. We will swing by the Docklands, which are rich in maritime history, engineering triumphs, and landmark architecture. We will also visit St. Patrick's Cathedral. Built in honor of Ireland's patron saint, Saint Patrick's Cathedral stands adjacent to the famous well where tradition has it Saint Patrick baptized converts on his visit to Dublin. Check in to our centrally located hotel and the afternoon and evening are yours to explore more of Dublin, or simply sit in a cafe with a cup of Irish coffee and enjoy a couple of hours of people-watching! S

### **April 23, 2022, Saturday -**

#### *Dublin*

After a rich breakfast, we will visit Trinity College and admire the Book of Kells. Located in the heart of Dublin city, a walk through the cobbled stones of Trinity

College, Dublin will bring us back to the 18th century, when the magnificent Old Library building was constructed and which displays the Book of Kells, Ireland's greatest cultural treasure and the world's most famous medieval manuscript. The 9th-century book is a richly decorated copy of the four Gospels of the life of Jesus Christ. Later we will make a stop at a local cheese shop to taste the wonderful Irish cheeses. The afternoon and evening is at leisure for shopping and to enjoy more of the charming capital. B | T

### **April 24, 2022, Sunday -**

#### *Gardens, Wools & Abbeys*

We are getting ready to depart Dublin and discover the breathtaking Powerscourt Gardens - voted No. 3 Garden in the World by National Geographic! The Gardens stretch over 47 acres and offer a sublime blend of formal gardens, sweeping terraces, statues and ornamental lakes, secret hollows and rambling walks. Next, visit Avoca for a unique shopping experience of the best Ireland has to offer! Our next stop is at Jerpoint Park to enjoy a guided tour of the footprints of a deserted medieval town dating back to 1200AD. Tradition in these parts tells that the earthly remains of St. Nicholas were secretly removed from Bari by returning crusader knights, who brought them back to Newtown Jerpoint for safe keeping. The story gets even better when told by Joe, and Maeve will serve her homemade scones and tea in the barn! A visit to remember! We arrive in Cork for a good night's rest. B | T | L

### **April 25, 2022, Monday -**

#### *Cork to Galway*

After a hearty breakfast, we are off to one of Cork's most beloved spots. The English Market, an indoor food market in the city center, is considered one of the best-covered markets in the entire UK and Ireland. The origins of the English Market trace back to the times of King James I in 1610, some four hundred years previously and has been officially trading since 1788. A mix of traditional Cork fare and exciting new foods from afar, combined with long-standing family-run stalls, contribute to the unique appeal and atmosphere. It is time to leave Cork and head north towards Galway, with a stop for lunch on our way. Next in our itinerary is Ireland's iconic Bunratty Castle, named after the river Raithe which runs alongside this strategic battlement. The spot on which this castle stands has been occupied for over 1,000 years by the Vikings to the Normans, great Irish Earls and noble Lords and Ladies. Graciously restored in the 1960s and furnished by Lord Gort's magnificent collection of medieval furniture and furnishings, this is your chance to experience a window on Ireland's past and explore the acclaimed 15th-century Bunratty Castle. Arrival to Galway for a relaxing evening. B | L

### **April 26, 2022, Tuesday -**

#### *Cliffs of Moher*

We head out to the famous Cliffs of Moher, scenic cliffs stretching 700 feet over the rugged Atlantic coast. The cliffs are





Ireland's most visited natural attraction with a magical vista that will capture your heart - their beauty is incomparable! We make a stop for lunch at our favorite smokehouse to sample the silky, smoky texture of smoked Irish organic salmon. We will discover the mystery of salmon smoking and the secret of how smoked salmon is handcrafted. Enjoy mosaics that tell the story of the "Salmon of Knowledge", marvel at the nostalgic atmosphere and smell the oak smoke as soon as you come through the door. Enjoy an afternoon in Galway among the quaint shops and cafés. Join us for an optional dinner in one of Galway's finest eateries. B | L

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### **April 27, 2022, Wednesday - Connemara**

Today we will visit one of the most beautiful places in the region: Kylemore Abbey and its Victorian Walled Garden. Both a castle and a Benedictine abbey, the majestic Kylemore was a gift of love from a romantic Irishman to his beloved wife, woven with tales of tragedy and romance. Today Kylemore Abbey is owned and run by the Benedictine community who have been in residence here since 1920. Indulge in the unique craft shop, admire the Kylemore Abbey Pottery and taste the award-winning chocolates handmade by the Benedictine nuns. Ireland, for centuries, has been famous for its woolens and we will stop to get an insight into the importance of sheep and wool in Connemara's past. Learn the history of sheep farming, local woolen

industry and the process of how sheep's fleece is made into cloth. Next, we will discover the rich history of Ashford Castle, extending back to 1228 and once home to the famous Guinness family. We will enjoy lunch at the castle, followed by a private Hawk Walk. This will give you the incredible opportunity to fly your very own Harris Hawks under the guidance of your instructor. After you have been introduced to your hawks you'll set off into the magnificent woodlands to fly your hawks, as they follow you from tree to tree through the woods before swooping down to land on your gloved fist. You will learn about the Hawks' exceptional eyesight, their speed, and agility. This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Galway is at your leisure tonight. B | L

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### **April 28, 2022, Thursday - Return to Dublin**

We leave Galway and make our way back to Dublin with a couple of very exciting stops on the way. Clonmacnoise is our first stop, an ancient monastic site near Shannonbridge. A walk amongst the peaceful stone ruins of this famous area will conjure images of the saints and scholars of Ireland's renowned Golden Age of learning and the two complete High Crosses will simply take your breath away. We make a stop for lunch in a picturesque town along our route. Last stop is the fantastic Irish National Stud & Gardens. This state-owned commercial stud farm also incorporates the world-famous Japanese Gardens and wild Irish

St. Fiachra's Garden as well as the Irish Horse Museum and Living Legends. It is also home to some of Ireland's most famous racehorses. We arrive in Dublin for a relaxed evening. B | L

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### **April 29, 2022, Friday - Dublin**

Today is our last full day in Ireland and we will spend it at leisure. You will have time to explore Dublin at your own pace, go shopping, enjoy more museums or, why not, challenge your kayak skills at the Liffey River! We meet in the evening to enjoy an Irish dinner and show at our handpicked and favorite 16th-century tavern, one of the oldest in Ireland, located in the charming and quaint fishing village of Howth. The exceptional food served in a truly unique and atmospheric setting along with the musicians and dancers in a lively performance of music, song and the very best of Irish dancing, will finish our Irish journey in the best possible way. B | D

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### **April 30, 2022, Saturday - Traveling home**

All too soon, your vacation has ended. Transfer to Dublin airport in plenty of time to check in for our flight and to clear security. You may do some last minute shopping at the duty-free stores before boarding and flying west across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States. B

*Itinerary subject to change.*

*B = Breakfast S = Snack*



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**Package Price:**

Per person in shared double room: \$3,395  
 Per person in single room: \$4,395  
 (limited number of single rooms)

*Remember our "Pair & Share" service for solo travelers. Ask us to assist in finding your roommate!*

Triple rooms on request.

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up for the tour. Deposit can be paid by cash, check or credit card. Balance is due on January 18, 2022, and is non-refundable. Balance can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment(s) (any payment applied to the tour after the deposit) will access a 3.5% processing fee.

The price of this tour is based on a minimum of 15 travelers. We refer to our general Terms and Conditions found at [executivetravel.com/eti-home/vacation/escorted-tours](http://executivetravel.com/eti-home/vacation/escorted-tours).

**Travel Insurance:**

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**Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2 3 4**

Involves a considerable amount of activity such as substantial walking, some steps, longer periods of standing (museums, churches, parks, and gardens) and some steep areas within the towns and sites visited. This tour is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties.

**Group Air:**

We offer group airfare. Pricing and specific itinerary will be available by Mid-June 2021. All registered travelers will be notified. Estimate \$1,200 for your roundtrip ticket, economy class, including taxes and fees.

**Visa/Passport requirements (per 9/29/2020):**

U.S. citizens must have a valid passport to enter Ireland and can enter visa-free for tourism stays of up to 90 days. It is the traveler's responsibility to make sure all documentation needed to enter Ireland is as per current regulations. We recommend you check [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) at least 90 days prior to your departure.

*The price quoted within this brochure is based on a USD/EURO exchange rate of 1.20. We reserve the right to adjust the price at final payment if the exchange rate increases.*

**Included**

- 8 nights accommodation (local 4-star hotels)
- 8 x full Irish breakfast
- Snack box at arrival to Dublin airport on September 9, 2020
- 5 x lunch
- 1 x farewell dinner and show
- Local cheese tasting
- All transportation as per tour program with private deluxe motor coach
- Porterage at hotels
- Professional tour guide during all days in Ireland
- Entrance fee to all mentioned sites
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador from day 1 through day 10
- All local taxes as per Dec. 22, 2019

**Accommodations:**

*Final accommodations will be confirmed 90 days prior to departure.*

**Not Included:**

- Airfare, estimate \$1,200 per person including taxes and fees
- Additional baggage fees (first checked bag FREE, 50 lbs)
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities to the local tour manager and driver (estimate \$5 per person per day)
- Personal expenses
- Meals other than mentioned in the tour program
- Beverages at meals
- Entrances to monuments and/or museums other than mentioned
- Professional fee, \$75 per person, due at the time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions



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