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IRELAND

The Luck of the Irish!

with Women of the Midwest!

August 13-22, 2024



Dear Women of the Midwest,

Ireland ... The land of Saints, fairy folk, leprechauns, and shamrocks. It is mystical, magical, and oh, so much more! Close your eyes and picture it ... the seemingly endless emerald countryside, the awe-inspiring Cliffs of Moher, the ancient Stone Age ruins, and the quaint, colorful villages with cobblestone streets. It is relaxing and exhilarating at the same time!

Envision medieval castles, ancient lighthouses, popular local pubs, flocks of roaming sheep, family homesteads, and bustling cities. A land that mixes the old with the new, the ordinary with the extraordinary.

Imagine the music, the sounds, the laughter. It is a land of everyday people happily sharing their lives, their humor, their wisdom, and their talents - a land of people with histories and dreams.

Ireland is all of the above. A magical and mystical country, relaxing yet exhilarating, a blend of old and new, ordinary and extraordinary. A land of history and dreams. A land of adventure. A land of beauty - a land that is just waiting for us to experience.

Join me on this journey of a lifetime to Ireland, with its rich history, fantastical folklore, and majestic beauty. Don't just dream of going "someday." As they famously proclaim in Ireland, "You'll never plow a field by just turning it over in your mind." The time is now! Join me on this amazing trip to Ireland.

I will leave you with this famous Irish Blessing: "Your feet will bring you to where your heart is. May the Irish hills caress you, may her lakes and rivers bless you, may the luck of the Irish enfold you, may the blessings of Saint Patrick behold you."

Carol Ann Condon,
Ambassador



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

Molly Malone, Dublin



August 13, 2024, Tuesday

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.

August 14, 2024, Wednesday 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, devastating fires, 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, 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! L

August 15, 2024, Thursday 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 cobblestoned lanes of

Powerscourt Gardens



Trinity College will bring us back to the 18th century when the magnificent Old Library building was constructed and 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 very special grocery store to taste the local Irish cheeses. The afternoon and evening are at leisure for shopping and to enjoy more of the charming capital. B | S

August 16, 2024, Friday Gardens, Wools & Abbeys

Getting ready to 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! We continue to Jerpoint Park to enjoy a guided tour of the footprints of a deserted medieval town dating back to 1200 AD. 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 safekeeping. The story gets even better when told by Joe while Maeve prepares and serves 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

Local Shopping



August 17, 2024, Saturday Cork to Galway

After a hearty breakfast, we are off to Cork's most beloved spot, The English Market. This 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 and long-standing family-run stalls contribute to the unique appeal and atmosphere. Then, it is time to leave Cork and head towards Galway, with a stop for lunch on our way. Next 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, 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. Arrive at Galway for a relaxing evening. B | L

August 18, 2024, Sunday Cliffs of Moher - Salmon - Sheep

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

Cork Seaside



Cliffs of Moher



Pick your Favorite!



Ireland's most visited natural attraction, with a magical vista that will capture your heart! We stop at our favorite smokehouse for lunch 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. Today we will also enjoy a special sheepdog demo before returning to Galway. Tonight's dinner is served in one of Galway's finest eateries. B | L | D

August 19, 2024, Monday

Connemara - Kylemore Abbey - Ashford Castle - Hawk Walk

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. 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 an exceptional and delightfully elegant lunch at the castle,

followed by a private Hawk Walk. This will give you the incredible opportunity to fly your very own Harris Hawk under the guidance of our instructors. After you have been introduced to your hawk, you will set off into the magnificent woodlands to fly your bird, as it follows 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

August 20, 2024, Tuesday

Clonmacnoise - Irish National Stud - Dublin

We leave Galway and make our way back to Dublin, with a couple of fascinating stops on the way. Clonmacnoise is our first stop. Never heard of this place? Well, it is an ancient monastic site near Shannonbridge. We will take a walk amongst this captivating area's peaceful stone ruins, conjuring images of the saints and scholars of Ireland's renowned Golden Age of Learning. The two complete High Crosses will take your breath away, guaranteed! We stop for lunch before our last stop at the Irish National Stud and Gardens. This state-owned commercial stud farm also incorporates the world-famous Japanese Gardens, the wild Irish St. Fiachra's Garden, as well as the Irish Horse Museum and Living Legends. This place is also home to some of Ireland's most famous racehorses. We arrive in Dublin in the late afternoon for a relaxed evening. B | L

August 21, 2024, Wednesday

Dublin

Today is our last full day in Ireland, and we will spend it as we please. 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. The exceptional food served in a truly unique and atmospheric setting, along with the musicians and dancers in a lively performance of music, songs, and the very best of Irish dancing will finish our journey in the best possible way. B | D

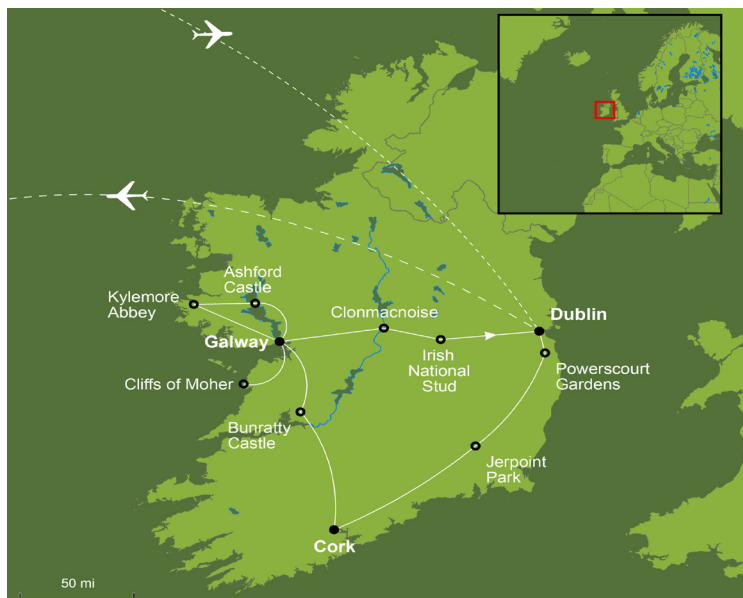
August 22, 2024, Thursday

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
L = Lunch T = Tasting D = Dinner



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Package Price:

Per person in shared double room: \$4,595
Per person in a single room: \$5,995*

Triple rooms are not available.

We offer "Pair & Share" service for our Solo travelers. Ask us to assist in finding your roommate!

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. The deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. The balance is due on April 15, 2024, is non-refundable, and can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment (any payments after the deposit) will access a 3.5% processing fee.

EARLY BIRD BONUS - ZERO CREDIT CARD FEES:

Pay for your tour in full upon registration and minimum six months prior to departure using your credit card!
SAVE 3.5%!

This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 22 travelers. Should the number fall below 15, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.

Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2 3+ 4

This tour involves a considerable amount of walking, stairs, longer periods of standing, outdoor activities, and steep areas within the places visited. This trip is **not** recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable, sturdy shoes/boots are recommended.

Travel Insurance:

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

Travelex Insurance Services, Inc CA Agency License #0D10209. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, NAIC #22276.

Group airfare:

Group airfare becomes available by the end of September 2023. All registered travelers will be notified.

Accommodations (final accommodations 90 days prior to dep.):

- Dublin, Hotel Hyatt Centrics at St. Patrick's or similar
- Cork, Hotel Montenotte or similar
- Galway, Park House Hotel or similar

Included

- 8 nights accommodation (local 4-star hotels)
- 8 x full Irish breakfast
- 6 x lunch
- 3 x dinner, including our special farewell dinner and show
- Local cheese tasting and scones
- All transportation as per tour program with private deluxe motor coach
- Portage at hotels (one bag per person)
- 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 July 26, 2023

Not Included:

- Airfare, estimate \$1,300-\$1,400 per person, economy class, including taxes and fees
- Additional baggage fees (first checked bag free, 50 lbs)
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities to the local tour manager and driver (estimate a total of \$12-15 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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7/26/2023

JOIN OUR GROUP AIRFARE!

We offer group airfare with United Airlines:

August 13, 2024	Omaha* - Chicago O'Hare	3:15 PM - 4:52 PM
August 13, 2024	Chicago O'Hare - Dublin	9:35 PM - 11:10 AM (August 14, 2024)
August 22, 2024	Dublin - Chicago O'Hare	11:35 AM - 2:00 PM
August 22, 2024	Chicago O'Hare - Omaha*	7:52 PM - 9:29 PM

\$1,250 per person including taxes and fees, economy class.

*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Please reach out to us to assist you (a small supplement may occur).

If you travel from a different airport, we aim to have you meet your fellow travelers at Chicago O'Hare around the same time as the arrival of our Omaha group. On August 22, we aim to have you depart around the same time from Dublin as the Omaha group.

Important notes about seat assignments and upgrades:

Group airfare comes with seat assignments 30 days prior to departure. Premium seating (upgrades) can be purchased and confirmed at this time only. Women of the Midwest/Executive Travel cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days before your departure. Thus, we cannot promise the availability of specific seating on the aircraft.

All taxes, fuel charges and security fees are subject to change.

Air schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the airline.

