

# The Luck of the Irish

## A 10-Day Tour of Ireland that's Magically Delicious Tuesday, September 27 to Saturday, October 8, 2022



Ireland has it all...from the haunting beauty of the pure, unspoiled landscapes and the drama of the coastline, to the urban buzz of the country's dynamic cities mixed with the magic of thousands of years' worth of culture and history. Ireland is a country that never fails to surprise.

On this exclusive 10-day trip with us, Christina and Robert Pirello, you'll begin your adventure by spending three glorious days in Dublin (with our own private tour guide and driver), where we'll be staying at the Brooks Hotel.

We'll travel in style in our comfortable Mercedes Riada; and our personal driver/guide will advise and inform us on every facet of this glorious Irish vacation

**Depart USA, Tuesday, September 27, 2022**

**Arrive in Dublin Wednesday, September 28, 2022**

**Wednesday, September 29, 2022**

**Dublin**



You will travel through the bustling Dublin city to see historic buildings such as Trinity College, where the Book of Kells is housed; rows of Georgian houses and the new buildings around the Financial Centre beside the River Liffey. Hit the Guinness Storehouse for a pint of the black stuff and pull your own pint! We'll take a tour of Dublin Castle, which was the seat of power and

government for many centuries and today plays a leading role in European Union activities.

**Guinness Storehouse Tour**



Located in the heart of the St. James's Gate Brewery, the Guinness Storehouse® is Ireland's most popular tourist attraction. It's the home of the Black Stuff, the heart of Dublin and an unforgettable start to your Irish adventure. The journey begins at the bottom of the world's largest pint glass and continues up through seven floors filled with interactive experiences that fuse our long brewing heritage with Ireland's rich history. At the

top, you'll be rewarded with a pint of perfection in our world-famous rooftop Gravity Bar. Now that's our kind of higher education.

### **Trinity College Tour**

Trinity College, officially the College of the Holy and Undivided Trinity of Queen Elizabeth near Dublin, is the sole constituent college of the University of Dublin, a research university located in Dublin, Ireland. The college was founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I as the "mother" of a new university, modelled after the collegiate universities of Oxford and Cambridge, but unlike these other ancient universities, only one college was ever established; as such, the designations "Trinity College" and "University of Dublin" are usually synonymous for practical purposes. It is one of the seven ancient universities of Britain and Ireland, as well as Ireland's oldest surviving university. The Library of Trinity College is a legal deposit library for Ireland and the United Kingdom, containing over 6.2 million printed volumes and significant quantities of manuscripts, including the Book of Kells.

### **Thursday, September 29, 2022 Dublin**



We'll begin this day with a Dublin City Tour. Dublin, capital of the Republic of Ireland, is on Ireland's east coast at the mouth of the River Liffey. Its historic buildings include Dublin Castle, dating to the 13th century, and imposing St Patrick's Cathedral, founded in 1191. City parks include landscaped St Stephen's Green and huge Phoenix Park, containing Dublin Zoo. The

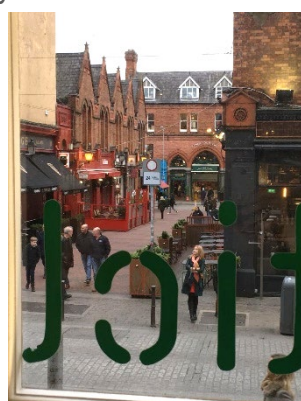
National Museum of Ireland explores Irish heritage and culture.

### **Malahide Castle Gardens Tour**

Malahide Castle, parts of which date to the 12th century, lies, with over 260 acres of remaining estate parkland, close to the village of Malahide, nine miles north of Dublin in Ireland.

### **Friday, September 30, 2022 A Free Day of Exploration in Dublin**

This is our free day to explore and wander around the streets of Dublin...we'll try, hard as it may be, to stay out of trouble.



**Saturday, October 1, 2022**

### **Depart for Killarney**



Killarney is a town on the shores of Lough Leane in southwest Ireland's County Kerry. It's a stop on the Ring of Kerry scenic drive, and the start and finishing point of the 200-km Kerry Way walking trail. The town's 19th-century buildings include St. Mary's Cathedral. Across the bridge from the cathedral is Killarney National Park. Victorian mansion Muckross House, Gardens & Traditional Farms sits in the park.

**Sunday, October 2, 2022**

### **Ladies View Tour**

Ladies View is a scenic panorama on the Ring of Kerry about 12 miles from Killarney along the N71 towards Kenmare, in the Killarney National Park in Ireland.

### **Ring of Kerry Tour**



The Ring of Kerry is the Kerry tourist trail and part of the mystical & unspoiled region of Ireland that has attracted visitors for hundreds of years and is part of the Wild Atlantic Way. Its spectacular beauty is beyond question and it is a natural center for outdoor pursuits that include golf, water-sports, cycling, walking, running, and riding.

### **Torc Waterfall Tour**

Torc Waterfall is well worth visiting and like all waterfalls it is best seen after heavy rains (no problem in Kerry!). Torc waterfall is a 5 minute walk off the N71 Killarney Kenmare road through scenic woodland. The waterfall is some 70 to 80 feet high and the Owengarriff River which feeds it rises in The Devil's Punchbowl on nearby Mangerton Mountain. Torc waterfall is one of Killarney's most well-known tourist attractions and a traditional stopping point for bus and coach tours.

**Monday, October 3, 2022**

### **Depart for County Claire**

The Burren is a region of County Clare in the southwest of Ireland. It's a karst landscape of bedrock incorporating a vast cracked pavement of glacial-era limestone, with cliffs and caves, fossils, rock formations and archaeological sites. On the Atlantic coast, the precipitous Cliffs of Moher are home to thousands of seabirds, including puffins. Nearby Doolin village is a renowned center for traditional Irish music.

Clare is located on the west of Ireland and it is here that you will see the Cliffs of Moher, a spectacular wall of sandstone that reaches to almost 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. Head onto the marketing town of Ennis and then hit Bunratty, visit the Bunratty castle and folk park and maybe stop at Durty Nelly's to grab some great traditional Irish food (we'll be certain to have vegan options).



## **Blarney Castle**



Blarney Castle is a medieval stronghold in Blarney, near Cork, Ireland, and the River Martin. Though earlier fortifications were built on the same spot, the current keep was built by the MacCarthy of Muskerry dynasty, a cadet branch of the Kings of Desmond, and dates from 1446.

**Tuesday, October 4, 2022**

### **Connemara Tour**

Connemara is a district in western Ireland, facing the Atlantic. Its coastline has tiny coves, bays and fishing villages like Roundstone. Connemara National Park is a vast expanse of mountains, bogs, heathland and lakes. The park is also home to a herd of Connemara ponies.

### **Kylemore Abbey Tour**

Kylemore Abbey is a Benedictine monastery founded in 1920 on the grounds of Kylemore Castle, in Connemara, County Galway, Ireland. The abbey was founded for Benedictine Nuns who fled Belgium in World War I.

**Wednesday, October 5, 2022**

### **Tour of Adare Village**



Adare is a small town in County Limerick, Ireland, located south-west of the city of Limerick. Renowned as one of Ireland's prettiest towns, Adare is designated as a heritage town by the Irish government.

### **Tour of King John's Castle**

King John's Castle is a 13th-century castle located on King's Island in Limerick, Ireland, next to the River Shannon. Although the site dates back to 922 when the Vikings lived on the Island, the castle itself was built on the orders of King John in 1200. One of the best preserved Norman castles in Europe, the walls, towers and fortifications remain today and are visitor attractions. The remains of a Viking settlement were uncovered during archaeological excavations at the site in 1900.

### **Cathedral Tour**

The Cathedral is one of the oldest buildings in Limerick and stands at the heart of the medieval city. Originally the Royal Palace for the Kings of Thomond it was gifted to the Church in 1168. St Mary's is an extraordinarily complex building representing developments from the mid-twelfth century to the later twentieth century...a treasure of Irish religious art.

## **Thursday, October 6, 2022**

### **Travel and visit Meath**

On this, our next to the last full day, we'll travel to and visit Meath and stay at The Johnstown Estate.

## **Friday, October 7, 2022**

### **Bective Abbey Tour**

The abbey at Bective was founded in 1147, though much of the remaining ruins date from the 15th century. The abbey sits overlooking the River Boyne, just 15 minutes from Navan in County Meath.

Bective Abbey was Ireland's second Cistercian abbey, established after the success of nearby Mellifont. It was one of the country's most important monastic settlements, as its abbot sat in the Parliament of the Pale. Additionally, Hugh De Lacy was buried there before being moved to Dublin.

The abbey closed after its suppression under Henry VIII and was made into a manor house handed over to civil servants in reward for their loyal work. Due to its castle-like qualities, the site was also chosen as a location for the 1995 film 'Braveheart'.

Travel to the mysterious County of Meath known as the Royal County which derives its name from the Second Century AD as a territory for the High Kings of Ireland. The abundance of historic monuments within this area testifies to the ancient importance of this region and some of the most important historic sites and monuments in Ireland dot the landscape here, for example the UNESCO World Heritage Site at Brú na Bóinne. (Newgrange) The famous River Boyne flows gently through County Meath and along Co. Louth before flowing into the Irish Sea at Drogheda. You will be able to get picture perfect images of the Boyne in Navan. The Valleys of Meath's fertile soil has ensured that it has been inhabited continuously from the end of the Ice Age. Meath is located about 40 minutes from Dublin airport.

## **Saturday, October 8, 2022**

### **Return Home to USA**

Travel to the Dublin airport for your return home in style in our comfortable Mercedes Riada.