



BEST OF IRELAND

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SMALL GROUP
APR 29-MAY 14, 2027 | 16 DAYS | 23 MEALS
LED BY KIMBERLY HARTLEY

Soak in the dramatic coastal beauty of the Dingle Peninsula

Welcome to the Emerald Isle, a land of legends and charismatic people. On this journey, we'll discover that history is always just around the corner, from the lively energy of its great cities to the timeless rural heartlands. Here, we will stand atop the dramatic Cliffs of Moher, trace the coastline of the stunning Dingle Peninsula, and walk in the footsteps of giants at the Giant's Causeway. New for this tour, we will witness a sheepdog demonstration, step back in time at Muckross Farms, and raise a glass of Guinness. This is an in-depth tour designed to truly connect us with the easy-going spirit of the Irish.

SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE

LIMITED TO 25 TRAVELLERS



Tour Highlights

Iconic Landscapes & Scenic Routes: UNESCO Giant's Causeway, Cliffs of Moher, Antrim Coast, Dingle Peninsula, and the Ring of Kerry

City Tours & Historic Walks: City tours of Dublin (including St. Patrick's Cathedral) and Belfast, walking tour of Galway and Londonderry/Derry, and island walking excursion on Inis Oírr

Heritage Museums & Rural Experiences: Titanic Belfast, Crumlin Road Gaol, Ulster American Folk Park, National Museum of Country Life, Muckross Farms, self-guided visit to the Guinness Storehouse and a traditional sheepdog demonstration

Estates, Castles & Gardens: Blarney Castle, Kylemore Abbey, and Powerscourt Estate

Coastal Cruises & Crossings: Picturesque lake cruise on Lough Corrib, and an Atlantic ferry crossing to the Aran Islands with a sea-level perspective of the Cliffs of Moher

Artisan Traditions & Equestrian Culture: Master craft tour at Belleek Pottery, and a visit to the prestigious Irish National Stud

Stories, Music & Local Connections: Cozy storytelling evening in Killarney; medieval banquet at Bunratty Castle; community connection and light introduction to the ancient sport of hurling at Malzards Pub; and a high-spirited farewell dinner show at the Merry Ploughboy

Inclusive Features

- Return economy group airfare between Canada and Dublin
- First-class accommodation as indicated or similar
- 23 meals included as noted in the itinerary (B - 14 Irish breakfasts, D - 9 dinners)
- All gratuities, surcharges, taxes and fees for inclusions
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value with purchase of group airfare
- Services of our journey leader and local driver/guides
- All sightseeing and entrance fees as described
- Whisper audio guide system for superior audio clarity on guided tours

APR 29, Thursday

DEPART CANADA

Travellers gather in Toronto for our flight to Dublin.

APR 30, Friday

DUBLIN / BELFAST

Our Irish adventure begins with a warm greeting from our driver/guide in Dublin. We journey north to Belfast, a city shaped by its maritime heritage and modern revival. After settling into our hotel, we'll gather for a welcome dinner, a perfect chance to get to know our fellow travellers. **Europa Hotel** (2 nights) D

MAY 1, Saturday

BELFAST

A guided tour of Belfast will take us from the Grand Opera House to the Stormont Buildings, passing many of its poignant and world-famous murals. Then, we'll step inside the imposing walls of the Crumlin Road Gaol. During a self-guided visit, we will uncover 150 years of compelling history within this Victorian-era prison. No visit to Belfast is complete without a visit to the spectacular Titanic Belfast, where we'll explore ten immersive galleries and walk the decks of the SS Nomadic, the original tender ship. B

MAY 2, Sunday

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY / LONDONDERRY/DERRY

Our drive takes us through the Antrim coast, a spectacular coastal route renowned for its sweeping sea views, dramatic geological formations, and lush post-glacial valleys (the Glens of Antrim). Our destination is the Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here we will learn the myths and geology behind the 40,000 hexagonal basalt columns that tumble into the North Atlantic Ocean. After soaking in this natural wonder, we continue to the

Journey Leader

With more than 40 years in the travel industry, **Kimberly Hartley** brings a wealth of experience and a passion for helping others explore the world. Her career has included working with Air Canada, representing international destinations, escorting tours, and organizing events and conferences. Inspired by a high school trip to Greece, Kimberly has since travelled extensively throughout Europe, Asia, the Americas, Mexico, and the Caribbean. She looks forward to sharing her knowledge, enthusiasm, and love of travel as she guides you on an unforgettable journey.



historic city of Londonderry/Derry to check in, freshen up, and enjoy dinner together. **Ebrington Hotel** (2 nights) BD

MAY 3, Monday OMAGH / LONDONDERRY/DERRY

Our morning begins at the Ulster American Folk Park in Omagh, an immersive open-air museum that vividly illustrates the moving stories of 18th- and 19th-century Irish emigration. Returning to Londonderry/Derry, enjoy a guided walking tour of the historic walled city, which is beautifully framed by its famous 17th-century fortifications, recognized as the only fully intact city walls in Northern Ireland. B

MAY 4, Tuesday TURLOUGH PARK / WESTPORT

We visit Belleek Pottery for a private, behind-the-scenes look at how skilled artisans have crafted its famous fine china since 1857. At the National Museum of Country Life, we discover the fascinating story of rural Irish life from 1850 to 1950. This comprehensive museum invites us to explore engaging exhibitions highlighting traditional trades, local crafts, and domestic life, all framed by the beautiful grounds of the estate. **Castlecourt Hotel** (2 nights) BD

MAY 5, Wednesday KYLEMORE ABBEY / WESTPORT

A spectacular drive awaits today on our way to Kylemore Abbey, one of Ireland's most romantic landmarks, nestled on the edge of a tranquil lake. Here, we will have time to explore the Abbey's elegant interior, the beautiful neo-Gothic Church, and the timeless six-acre Victorian Walled Garden. B

MAY 6, Thursday GALWAY / MEDIEVAL BANQUET

A delightful morning cruise awaits on Lough Corrib, the Republic of Ireland's largest lake. We'll take in stunning views of the Connemara mountains and the magnificent Ashford Castle. Back on land, the day continues to the vibrant city of Galway. After free time for lunch, our guide will lead us on a walking tour through the city's winding streets, introducing us to its colourful history and bustling arts scene. This evening is highlighted by a medieval banquet at the iconic Bunratty Castle, where we'll enjoy dinner and wine while being entertained by traditional Irish music, song, and dance in the castle's Great Hall.

Bunratty Castle Hotel (2 nights) BD

MAY 7, Friday ARAN ISLANDS / CLIFFS OF MOHER

Travel along the Wild Atlantic Way to the village of Doolin, where you'll board a ferry to Inis Oirr, the smallest of the Aran Islands. After a guided walk exploring its unique stone-walled fields and beaches, the return cruise offers a truly special perspective of the Cliffs of Moher. From the water, we will grasp the colossal scale of these world-famous cliffs, which soar up to 214 metres (702 feet) from the Atlantic. Back on land, we will experience their majesty again from the top, walking the paved pathways of the Visitor Centre for panoramic views that make this one of Ireland's most cherished landmarks. BD

MAY 8, Saturday DINGLE PENINSULA / KILLARNEY

We prepare for a day of breathtaking landscapes as we explore the Dingle Peninsula, a region renowned for some of Ireland's most dramatic coastal scenery. Our journey traces the rugged shoreline where towering cliffs and emerald hills meet the Atlantic Ocean. Along the way, we will enjoy a sheepdog demonstration, witnessing these highly intelligent animals work in harmony with their handler. Later, we continue to the vibrant town of Killarney. After dinner, gather in a cozy, traditional pub for a captivating evening of Irish storytelling.

Brook Lodge Hotel (2 nights) BD



Earn the "gift of the gab" at the famous Blarney castle



The impressive Giant's Causeway



Visit Kylemore Abbey, one of the country's most romantic landmarks



Ireland's dramatic Cliffs of Moher

MAY 9, Sunday RING OF KERRY / MUCKROSS FARM

The iconic Ring of Kerry is one of Ireland's most celebrated scenic drives that circles the rugged Iveragh Peninsula. This dramatic journey introduces us to the quintessential charm of southwest Ireland, where majestic mountain passes give way to pristine shorelines. After absorbing the sheer scale of these Atlantic views, our exploration turns toward the historic estate of Muckross Farms. This evocative living museum beautifully replicates Irish country life from the 1930s. We can walk through traditional cottages, visit the blacksmith working at his forge, and learn a few phrases of the native Irish language from the welcoming hosts. B

MAY 10, Monday BLARNEY / KILKENNY

Our journey brings us to the legendary Blarney Castle, a formidable medieval stronghold famed for its fabled Stone of Eloquence. Here, you can kiss the legendary stone, a time-honoured tradition said to bestow the "gift of the gab" upon all who dare. After exploring the beautiful estate grounds, we travel to Kilkenny to visit Malzards. This welcoming local pub offers an authentic glimpse into the warm heart of Irish community life. Here, we enjoy a relaxed opportunity to connect with the residents, share stories, and gently learn about the ancient national sport of hurling through a light, fun introduction. BD

River Court Hotel (1 night) BD

MAY 11, Tuesday NATIONAL STUD / DUBLIN

We depart today for the town of Kildare to visit the prestigious Irish National Stud, a thoroughbred horse breeding facility that offers an exceptional look into the heart of Ireland's equestrian heritage. While exploring the estate, we will view some of Ireland's finest thoroughbred stallions, learn about the fascinating history of horse racing at the interactive museum, and take a peaceful stroll through the Japanese Gardens. The final leg of our journey brings us to Dublin, Ireland's vibrant capital. BD

Trinity City Hotel (3 nights) BD

MAY 12, Wednesday DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY

Get ready to embrace the unique character of Dublin with a panoramic tour showcasing the elegant Georgian squares, the famous Spire on O'Connell Street, and the River Liffey. The tour includes a visit to the historic St. Patrick's Cathedral, the final resting place of Jonathan Swift, author of Gulliver's Travels. Next, visit the Guinness Storehouse, home of the famous "black stuff." On a self-guided visit, you'll learn the story behind Ireland's brew before enjoying a perfectly poured pint in the Gravity Bar, which offers spectacular 360-degree views over Dublin. B

MAY 13, Thursday POWERSCOURT GARDENS / DUBLIN

A morning drive brings us to the magnificent Powerscourt Estate, where we'll admire some of the finest gardens in Europe. Discover the striking beauty of the formal Italian Garden, walk the winding paths of the Japanese Garden, and marvel at the incredible variety within the Walled Garden. After lunch, return to Dublin for a free afternoon. For our farewell evening, we gather one last time at the popular Merry Ploughboy Pub. It's the perfect setting to raise a glass with new friends, and enjoy a fantastic dinner accompanied by a high-spirited show of Irish music, song, and dance. BD

MAY 14, Friday DUBLIN / CANADA

All too soon, our journey must draw to a close as we say farewell to our Irish friends and fly home to Canada. B

CT Rating 3/5 - Moderately Challenging: This coach tour is designed as a leisurely, in-depth experience with two or three nights at most hotels. To cover the breadth of the Irish landscape, some travel days will be longer; however, they are punctuated by scenic or cultural stops to ensure a comfortable pace. Members should also be aware that the journey includes a number of longer walks, some over uneven terrain and with changes in elevation.

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Tour Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person

Land Only (Join Belfast hotel / Leave Dublin hotel).....	\$11,795
Toronto	\$12,975
Ottawa / Montreal	\$13,095
Halifax.....	\$13,195
St. John's / Winnipeg.....	\$13,245
Saskatoon / Regina	\$13,325
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver	\$13,245
Victoria.....	\$13,325
Single Supplement	\$2,395

Land only members join at the hotel in Belfast and leave at the hotel in Dublin. Tour price is based on sharing a twin-bedded room. Prices are based on a minimum of 15 members and on rates, taxes and fees effective May 2026 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. Group to be escorted with a minimum of 15 group members.

Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares and air carriers are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to final payment. Refer to inclusive features for more details.

Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual's age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window – please contact our staff to receive a quote. Your coverage starts on the effective date of your confirmation of coverage. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information and for terms and conditions.

Deposit is \$750 per person

Final payment is due January 21, 2027

To reserve your spot on this tour, book online through our website or submit an enrollment form with your deposit to:

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