

2 Nights Limerick, 3 Nights Killarney, 2 Nights Dublin, 3 Nights Belfast & 3 Nights London

Day 1 LIMERICK, IRELAND. Céad míle fáilte—a hundred-thousand welcomes! Arrive in Limerick (nearest airport is Shannon). Your Local Host will help you maximize your time. This afternoon, your Local Guide will take you on a WALKING TOUR past the Treaty Stone, Bishop's Palace, King John's Castle, and St. Mary's Cathedral to experience the wealth of history and folklore that this lively Irish city has to offer.

Day 2 LIMERICK. Today is yours to enjoy at your own pace. Your Local Host might have suggestions for you, like a visit to the Frank McCourt Museum, a vivid reconstruction of the author's childhood home, as depicted in his Pulitzer Prize winning *Angela's Ashes*, or you could take a relaxing stroll through the People's Park.

Day 3 LIMERICK–KILLARNEY. This morning, travel to Killarney by chauffeured car/minibus.

Day 4 KILLARNEY. Start your exploration of Killarney with a fun-filled JAUNTING-CAR RIDE through the town and the national park to Ross Castle. Enjoy the splendid vistas of Ireland's highest mountain range, MacGillycuddy's Reeks, and stop for photographs of the glorious Lakes of Killarney.

Day 5 KILLARNEY. Enjoy this colorful resort on your own today, or take up one of your Local Host's suggestions. A stroll through Killarney National Park and a cup of tea in the Deenagh Lodge Tearoom, which dates back to 1834, or a visit to St. Mary's Cathedral, used as shelter during the Great Famine and home to an impressive collection of stained-glass windows.

Day 6 KILLARNEY–DUBLIN. Travel to Dublin by TRAIN (with change at Mallow).

Day 7 DUBLIN. Morning guided sightseeing takes you past St. Patrick's Cathedral, the largest church in Ireland, along elegant Georgian squares, and statue-lined O'Connell Street. Look out for the effigy of Oscar Wilde, reclining on a huge granite stone and seemingly without a care in the world; or Molly Malone, commemorating the young woman featured in the local ballad *Cockles and Mussels*. Finally, visit the Old Library at TRINITY COLLEGE, and see the famous 1,200-year-old Book of Kells. It is testimony to Dublin's literary tradition, dating back over a thousand years, when monks would transcribe the Bible into beautiful manuscripts. In the evening, you might like to take a guided tour of the Guinness Storehouse and sample some of the "Black Stuff." **NOTE:** *Dublin sightseeing might take place on Day 6.*

Day 8 DUBLIN–BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND. Journey to Belfast by TRAIN (first class).

Day 9 BELFAST. Your HOP-ON/HOP-OFF SIGHTSEEING TOUR will take you past all the city's attractions, including City Hall, the Albert Memorial Clock Tower, Queens University, the murals on Falls Road and Shankill Road, and the Parliament Buildings at Stormont. Also included is a ticket to the fascinating TITANIC EXPERIENCE, where you learn all about the building of the largest passenger steam ship, its maiden voyage, and the tragic night of April 14, 1912. **NOTE:** *The Hop-On/Hop-Off ticket in Belfast is valid for 48 hours.*

Day 10 BELFAST. Belfast is all yours to discover and your Local Host will help you with ideas. Why not follow the famous story of Irish emigration at the Ulster American Folk Park, where history comes to life?

Day 11 BELFAST–LONDON, ENGLAND. Travel to London by AIR on selected flights.

Day 12 LONDON. Morning guided sightseeing includes all of London's famous landmarks. Drive past the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben; Westminster Abbey, where Prince William and Catherine, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, were married; Whitehall's mounted horseguards; the Prime Minister's Downing Street; Piccadilly Circus; and Buckingham Palace. Take photographs of the Shard, the tallest building in Western Europe. Visit ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL. Sir Christopher Wren's masterpiece with its world-famous dome is an iconic feature of London's skyline, and the awe-inspiring interior holds fascinating stories about its history.

Day 13 LONDON. Enjoy a leisurely day on your own; your Local Host will be pleased to help you make plans. You might want to try authentic English Afternoon Tea at one of the exclusive hotels, consisting of finely cut sandwiches, warm scones with jam and clotted cream, delicate pastries, and freshly brewed tea.

Day 14 LONDON. Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.