

Trafalgar Tours: Best of Ireland

Day 1 - Welcome to Ireland

Write your own lively tale of legends and iconic landscapes during this epic encounter with Ireland's treasures. We begin our journey in the whimsical capital of Dublin, joining a Local Specialist to see the sights. A special Welcome Dinner this evening sees you visiting EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum.

Accommodations: Clayton Ballsbridge, Sandymount Hotel

Meals: Dinner

Day 2 - Through the Scenic County Wicklow and Waterford to Kilkenny Dive Into Culture

Journey through the scenic countryside of County Wicklow, 'The Garden of Ireland', and on to New Ross – the ancestral home town of John F. Kennedy. Dive Into Culture and gain insights into the plight of the starving Irish emigrants who boarded the Dunbrody Famine Ship to flee the potato famine. We continue to Waterford. This afternoon, we celebrate the centuries-old craft of flint glass creations, as we Dive Into Culture at the House of Waterford Crystal and witness talented master craftsmen at work. Arrive in Kilkenny where we will stay for the night.

Accommodations: Hotel Kilkenny

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 3 - Journey to Blarney and on to Killarney

Today, we travel through County Cork and pursue the 'gift of the gab' at Blarney Castle, where you'll have a chance to kiss the famous stone. Arrive in Killarney for a two-night stay.

Accommodations: Killarney Towers

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4 - A Day on the Ring of Kerry

Ireland's soul-stirring Ring of Kerry takes center stage today as we embark on a scenic drive past its mountains, lakes and lush green countryside – unquestionably one of the most scenic routes in Ireland. We'll see Daniel O'Connell's Cahirciveen, the fishing village of Waterville, Moll's Gap and the Black Valley, whose remoteness saw it become the last area in Ireland to receive electricity.

Accommodations: Killarney Towers

Meals: Breakfast

Day 5 - Onwards to Lively Limerick

We continue through the windswept countryside, arriving in Adare, one of the prettiest villages in Ireland. On arrival in Limerick, we will enjoy views of St. Mary's Cathedral, the Treaty Stone and the 13th-century King John's Castle during an orientation tour. Delve into an Ireland of old, as you discover the day-to-day life of the Irish during the 18th and 19th centuries on your included visit to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park this afternoon.

Accommodations: Greenhills, The Inn at Dromoland

Meals: Breakfast

Day 6 - Admire the Cliffs of Moher and Onwards to Galway

The sheer Cliffs of Moher plunge dramatically into the Atlantic Ocean, providing endless ocean views and wonderful photographic opportunities during your experience at this UNESCO-listed highlight along the Wild Atlantic Way. You'll be enchanted by its irresistible landscapes, but more so the interactive visitor center which will bring the whole experience to life from the perspective of the resident wildlife that find sanctuary here. Later, we arrive in Galway with some time at leisure to see its beautiful stone Cathedral or stroll through Eyre Square.

Accommodations: Connacht

Meals: Breakfast

Day 7 - A Day Exploring Stunning Connemara

Connemara's 'savage beauty' is yours to explore today as we tread in the footsteps of Oscar Wilde who described its 'wild and mountainous splendor' as magnificent. Stop at Brigit's Garden, a Celtic heritage garden, on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Admire the views on the scenic drive to Kylemore Abbey, now a Benedictine monastery, where we will embark on an included visit to the country's most romantic castle and walk through its exquisite Victorian Walled Garden

Accommodations: Connacht

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 8 - A Pilgrimage to Knock and on to Sligo Connect with Locals

Our journey takes us to Westport House where we'll Connect With Locals and indulge in a memorable Be My Guest experience with tales of the Pirate Queen, and enjoy Banoffee and Baileys flavors in the Drawing Room of this stately 18th-century home. Heading north, we stop in the pilgrimage town of Knock to view the Marian Shrine where villagers witnessed an apparition of Our Lady in 1879. We arrive in Sligo this evening, our home for the night.

Accommodations: Clayton

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 9 - Return to Lively Dublin

Our journey continues south to Dublin. Here we'll enjoy some free time to take a walk down Grafton Street or stroll along the Liffey. This evening, we close the chapter on an epic journey through Ireland, joining our fellow travelers for a memorable Farewell Dinner.

Accommodations: Clayton Dublin Airport, Radisson Blu Hotel Dublin Airport

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 10 - Farewell Ireland

After a hearty Irish breakfast, we bid our Travel Director and fellow travelers a fond farewell as our Irish holiday comes to an end.

Meals: Breakfast