

## **Trafalgar Tours: Amazing Ireland**

### **Day 1 - Welcome to the Emerald Isle**

Embrace the warm welcome of the 'Emerald Isle' – its ancient heritage, legends and lore are yours to explore as you travel the length and breadth of this island and its tale of two nations. The charismatic capital of Dublin is our first stop on this epic journey, which begins as you join your Travel Director and travel companions for a special Welcome Reception at a local pub.

Accommodations: Maldron Hotel Kevin Street Dublin

Meals: Dinner

### **Day 2 - Onwards to Beautiful Belfast Dive Into Culture**

Belfast beckons today and we journey to Northern Ireland for some time at leisure in this vibrant city. Join a Local Specialist to view the historic murals splashed across the walls of the nationalist and loyalist areas, and see the City Hall. Dive Into Culture at the Titanic Belfast Experience and gain a new perspective into the world's most famous ship and the tragedy that befell it. This evening, we dine in our hotel.

Accommodations: Radisson Blu Hotel Belfast

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

### **Day 3 - A Day at the Giant's Causeway Make Travel Matter**

Visit the Giant's Causeway for a memorable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, which will help to conserve this iconic landmark. Tread in the footsteps of Finn MacCool – his geometric Giant's Causeway is more the stuff of legends than the result of ancient volcanic activity which left its mark on the northern Irish coast. Admire the 40,000 interlocking basalt columns that fade into the sea. After a day of myths, legends and Hollywood blockbusters, consider tucking into an optional Fish and Chips dinner.

Accommodations: Radisson Blu Hotel Belfast

Meals: Breakfast

### **Day 4 - Journey to Londonderry and County Donegal**

Traversing Northern Ireland, we arrive at the old walled city of Londonderry on the Foyle River, where we join a Local Specialist who will take us to its most iconic sights. Delving into the former struggles of the region, we visit the People's Gallery in Bogside to view its poignant murals. We journey to County Donegal later, where we will spend the next two nights. This evening, enjoy a tasty dinner in our hotel.

Accommodations: Kee's

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

### **Day 5 - Admire Belleek's Famous Pottery Dive Into Culture**

Explore the town of Donegal located at the mouth of the River Eske and Donegal Bay. Consider visiting the ancient Donegal Castle, once the stronghold of the O'Donnell clan. This afternoon, we visit Belleek where we'll Dive Into Culture and learn about the locally made Irish pottery for which the region is famous.

Accommodations: Kee's

Meals: Breakfast

### **Day 6 - Pilgrimage to Knock and on to Galway**

Continuing to the pilgrimage town of Knock, we visit the beautiful Marian Shrine where the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, and John the Evangelist are said to have made an appearance to the townsfolk in 1879. We complete the day's journey in Galway.

Accommodations: Maldron Oranmore

Meals: Breakfast

### **Day 7 - Admire Stunning Connemara**

The untamed landscapes of Connemara, set against rugged mountains and tranquil loughs, provide a soul-stirring backdrop for your scenic drive to Kylemore Abbey. This Benedictine monastery, built on the grounds of Kylemore Castle, features a magnificent Victorian Walled Garden, which we will have an opportunity to explore before returning to Galway. This afternoon, spend your free time exploring Galway's vibrant Latin Quarter, striking stone Cathedral or the 18th-century Eyre Square. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Accommodations: Maldron Oranmore

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

### **Day 8 - Explore the Cliffs of Moher and Killarney**

Our sightseeing trip across the rugged beauty of Ireland continues as we see the spectacular UNESCO-listed Cliffs of Moher plunging into the wild Atlantic over 200 meters below. At the 'Atlantic Edge' exhibition, you'll get an enchanting bird's eye view of the nooks and crannies where colonies of Atlantic Puffin find sanctuary and go beneath the surface to explore the ancient rocks. The inspiring views continue as we journey along the scenic coastal route, through County Clare bound for Killarney. This evening is yours to spend as you wish, but perhaps we can tempt you with a bit of craic at a traditional Irish ceilidh to soak up the town's festive atmosphere.

Accommodations: International

Meals: Breakfast

### **Day 9 - A Day on the Ring of Kerry**

Circle the mystical Ring of Kerry – among Ireland's most enchanting landscapes along which we'll have an opportunity to view the island's stunning scenery. Travel through Moll's Gap and take a moment to view the marvelous natural scenery at Ladies View. This evening is at leisure.

Accommodations: International

Meals: Breakfast

### **Day 10 - See the Sights in Blarney, Cork and Waterford**

Your 'gift of the gab' secured after kissing the Blarney Stone this morning, we then venture to Cork where we spend some time exploring the cosmopolitan city that rivals Dublin in its energy and charisma. Spend some free time visiting the famous food market or perhaps relax at one of the city's tearooms, indulging in fresh scones and tea. Our final stop today is in medieval Waterford where we'll spend the next two nights.

Accommodations: Waterford Marina Hotel

Meals: Breakfast

### **Day 11 - Uncover the Treasures of Kilkenny Dive Into Culture**

A leisurely start to your morning could see you amble along Meagher's Quay, before you visit the House of Waterford, where you'll Dive Into Culture and witness the art of creating the exquisite crystal. Travel to the medieval city of Kilkenny, home to the world's fastest field game. The ancient Celtic sport of hurling is over 3,000 years old and Ireland's national sport. Meet an experienced player who will share his passion, as you test your skills during a lesson. We spend the rest of the afternoon on our own in Waterford.

Accommodations: Waterford Marina Hotel

Meals: Breakfast

### **Day 12 - Venture to Wexford and Return to Dublin Dive Into Culture Connect with Locals**

Traverse beautiful County Wexford to the John F. Kennedy Arboretum – a peaceful retreat in New Ross with over 4,500 species of plants across 252 hectares dedicated to the former American president. We leave the enchanting outdoors behind and take a step back in time to the 1800s as we visit the three-masted Dunbrody Famine Ship. We'll Dive Into Culture, gaining insight into the tragic plight of the Irish emigrants, who were compelled to leave their home during the potato famine and endured even harsher conditions than at home in the 'coffin ships' that took them to new lands. We join the Fulvio family and Connect With Locals over dinner at a Be My Guest experience featuring Irish fare with an Italian twist, served at their Ballyknocken Farmhouse near Dublin.  
Accommodations: Maldron Hotel Kevin Street Dublin  
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

### **Day 13 - Discover Diverse Dublin**

We wander through Dublin this morning, joining a Local Specialist for a superb sightseeing tour that will see us view Trinity College and the magnificent Georgian Squares. Spend the rest of the day exploring the city on your terms. Indulge in a pint of the 'Black Stuff' at one of its many quaint pubs, admire the colorful performances on Grafton Street, or delve into its centuries-old history. This evening, let the rousing sounds of a traditional Irish cabaret tempt you for an Optional Experience that will have you dancing your way through the Dublin streets.  
Accommodations: Maldron Hotel Kevin Street Dublin  
Meals: Breakfast

### **Day 14 - Farewell Ireland**

Our memorable journey through Ireland is at its end. All that's left to say is slán abhaile to newfound friends as you prepare to depart for home.  
Meals: Breakfast