

Senior Getaways to Ireland

March 21-29, 2017

Only \$1997 per person, double occupancy

(A limited number of single rooms are available for supplement of \$350.)

Day 1: Tuesday 21nd March 2017

We will depart DFW Airport via United Airlines at 2:45pm, connecting in Newark to our overnight flight to Dublin, Ireland!

Day 2: Wednesday 22nd March 2017

On arrival at Dublin Airport meet with our experienced, licensed Irish guide. We will journey across the country to the vibrant "City of Tribes", Galway, stopping en-route at one of Ireland's famous whiskey distilleries, Tullamore D.E.W. Here guides will lead you through the time old processes involved in creating Irish whiskey, from the grinding of the grain to the casking of the final product. Learn about the lives and working conditions of the generations of local people who worked here. No tour would be complete without a complimentary sample of their golden nectar. Continue our journey and, after a panoramic tour of Galway, check into our hotel. Rest and refresh before dinner at our hotel. Overnight at Victoria Hotel, Galway.



Day 3: Thursday 23rd March 2017

This morning after breakfast travel to the Marian Shrine at Knock where, in August 1879, fifteen people from the village witnessed an Apparition of Our Lady, Saint Joseph, Saint John the Evangelist, a Lamb and cross on an altar at the gable wall of the Parish Church. Here you will visit the museum and have time for personal meditation before visiting Ballintubber Abbey which has held services uninterrupted for over 800 years.

Next we will continue to the tiny village of Cong, location for many scenes in the classic movie, The Quiet Man featuring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara and the opportunity to see the grounds of the nearby 12th century Ashford Castle. Return to Galway where you will be free to explore and enjoy dinner on your own and perhaps sample some of the nightlife in this bustling city. Overnight at Victoria Hotel, Galway.

Day 4: Friday 24th March 2017

After breakfast, we check out of our hotel and travel through the limestone landscape of the Burren to The Cliffs of Moher. The cliffs rise to a maximum height 702 feet along the Clare/Atlantic coastline, granting magnificent views from the visitor centre.

Next, it's on to one of the most complete castles in Ireland, Bunratty Castle. Built in 1425 it was restored in 1954 to its former medieval splendour and now contains mainly 15th and 16th

century furnishings, tapestries, and works of art which capture the mood of those times. Within the grounds of Bunratty Castle is Bunratty Folk Park where 19th century life is vividly recreated. Lunch (not included) can be had at Durty Nelly's, one of Ireland's oldest and most famous pubs. Located across the road from the Bunratty Castle you will find the Blarney Woolen Mills store which offers fine Irish made quality goods. This evening after checking into our nearby hotel, enjoy a medieval banquet at the Bunratty Castle. Overnight tonight at the Inn at Dromoland Hotel, Dromoland Estate



Day 5: Saturday 25th March 2017

After a leisurely breakfast we travel to one of the prettiest towns in Ireland, Adare. Here you can walk along its main street which is lined with thatched roofed cottages or visit the old priory and monastery. Relax and enjoy the scenery as we drive to the popular town of Killarney. On arrival and after settling into our hotel you will enjoy a jaunting car (horse & carriage) ride through Killarney National Park. Dinner will be at our hotel at Eviston House Hotel, Killarney

Day 6: Sunday 26th March 2017

Following breakfast depart the hotel and travel the Dingle Peninsula. The town of Dingle is a small fishing port where you will find plenty of pubs, cafes and restaurants to explore and have lunch on your own. Then we motor to the west of the town where the scenery is particularly rugged with views out to the formerly inhabited Blasket Islands. Visit the Blasket Center which celebrates the story of the Blasket Islanders, the unique literary achievements of the island writers and their native language, culture and tradition. Return to Killarney where the remainder of the day will be at leisure for you to explore and personally experience Irish hospitality. Overnight at Eviston House Hotel, Killarney



Day 7: Monday 27th March 2017

Following an Irish breakfast, we will check out of our hotel and start our journey to Ireland's capital city, Dublin. On the way we will stop at Blarney Castle where the famous Stone of Eloquence is located. It is said that those who kiss it will be granted the "Gift of the Gab"! Continue then to one of the best preserved Irish castles, Cahir, before a photo stop at the iconic Rock of Cashel. Relax as you travel to Dublin, arriving in time for dinner. Overnight tonight is at the Academy Plaza Hotel, Dublin.



Day 8: Tuesday 28th March 2017

We have a completely free day for you today to tour Ireland's capital city on your own. Our hotel is centrally located and exploring on your own is easy. Within a 15 minute walk you can visit Parliament Square, Trinity College, and the famous Book of Kells, a beautifully illuminated four Gospels transcribed by 9th century monks. Also nearby is the National Museum where you catch a glimpse of how people in the past lived with fascinating displays showing what people wore from the 1760's right up until the 1960's. It's only a short cab ride to The Guinness Storehouse which tells the 250 year story of one of Ireland's greatest exports.

If you prefer to tour with a guide, we will make an optional guided city tour available for a small charge.

This evening we will gather at the hotel to close out our Irish Getaway with an enchanting evening of Irish Folklore, Fairies and Storytelling while enjoying a candlelit traditional Irish dinner above Dublin's oldest pub, The Brazen Head, an Irish Night including dinner followed by a show of traditional Irish music, song and dance. Overnight at Academy Plaza Hotel, Dublin.

Day 9: Wednesday 29th March 2017

Transfer to Dublin Airport for our return United Airlines flight, departing at 9:00am, connecting in Newark, with arrival at DFW at 6:20pm.

Included in the cost of our tour

- Round trip airfare from DFW via United Airlines
- Sightseeing as per itinerary in a luxury coach with an experienced Irish driver and licensed guide
- Accommodation in rooms with facilities for 7 nights
- Full Irish breakfast daily
- 4 hotel table d'hote dinners
- Medieval banquet
- Farewell dinner at The Brazen Head Pub
- Jaunting car ride through Killarney National Park
- Entrance fees to the following attractions and sites: Tullamore D.E.W. Heritage Centre, Clonmacnoise, Knock Shrine and Museum, Ballintubber Abbey, Ashford Castle Grounds Cliffs of Moher, Bunratty Castle and Folk Park, Blasket Centre, Blarney Castle, Cahir Castle, Trinity College Library and Book of Kells Exhibition, National Museum of Ireland
- Porterage of one piece of luggage per person at each hotel.
- Hotel service charges and tax

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The Details

Only \$1997 per person, double occupancy*

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For a reservation form, email us at reserve@myseniortravel.com or call 817-366-3246.

DEPOSIT - \$200 per person will hold your reservation. The deposit is refundable until January 21. Your deposit may be made by check or credit card.

FINAL PAYMENT - Due by JANUARY 21, 2017. Final payment may be made by check or credit card. *NOTE:* Final payment made by credit card is subject to a \$48 credit card processing fee.

FLIGHTS - If you wish to make your own flight arrangements, the land-only price is \$1150. It is important to note that our tour coach will depart Dublin Airport at 10:30am.

You have the flexibility to extend your trip and return independently. Contact us for a quote.

Business class upgrades are approximately \$3200. Contact us for an exact quote.

GRATUITIES - Gratuities are not included to the coach driver and tour guide. These are at the participant's discretion. A guideline for gratuities is a total of \$25.00 per person for the guide and \$17.00 per person for the driver. (In Euros, €21 and €14, respectively.)

PASSPORT REQUIRED – You must have a valid passport with at least 6 months remaining before expiration and the time of travel. Please advise at time of reservation if you are traveling on other than a US Passport.

TRAVEL INSURANCE - It is strongly recommended that you **purchase travel insurance** for your tour. Travel insurance will reimburse you for cancellation due to accident or illness and certain other circumstances. It will also cover costs associated with trip interruption or illness or injury during the trip.

MOBILITY CHALLENGED PASSENGERS – This tour requires moderately strenuous walking over uneven surfaces at various points. For that reason, travelers requiring a walker or who may be otherwise mobility challenged are strongly discouraged. Contact us with any questions.

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Force Majeure - The Tour Organizer (Senior Getaways) shall not be held responsible for any delay or failure in performance of any part of this Agreement to the extent that such delay or failure is caused by inter alia: fire; flood; lightning; explosion; war; strike; embargo; labor dispute; government requirement; civil or military requirement; act of God or nature; inability to secure goods or services; act or omission of carriers or suppliers; acts or failures to act of any governmental or competent authority; or any other causes beyond its reasonable control.

*The price of this tour is based on the current Euro exchange rate of US \$1.10 per €1 Euro. If the rate increases by 10% or more, a surcharge may be applied.