

October 6-16, 2024



\$3495

Per Person (sharing)

Land Only

JEWELS OF IRELAND

Greg Tamblyn & Hammond Tours Presents:

Daily Itinerary

Day 1, October 6 – Sunday: Dublin-Cork. Morning arrival at Dublin Airport where after clearing customs you are met by your Professional Irish driver/guide (one Group Transfer, arrive before 10:00AM). We depart Dublin and travel south along the coast to Wicklow. First, we stop at **Powerscourt Gardens**. The gardens at Powerscourt were laid out in two main periods. When the house was rebuilt in the decade after 1731, the surrounding grounds were also remodeled. The design reflected the desire to create a garden which was part of the wider landscape. To the north formal tree plantations framed the vista from the house, while a walled garden, fishpond, cascades, grottos, and terraces lay to the south. Walks wound through the wooded grounds and a fine tree lined avenue was created. Continue to Cork. We enjoy a panoramic tour of Cork City, home to several magnificent churches including St. Ann's and St. Finbar's Cathedral. Cork City is the second largest city in Ireland and takes its name from the Irish word Corcaigh meaning "marshy place." The ancestral home of America's automobile pioneer, Henry Ford is located here. **Welcome Dinner in the Tea Room and overnight at the Imperial Hotel in Cork.**

Day 2, October 7 – Monday: East Cork Tour. After breakfast we begin our tour of East Cork. Ballycotton is perched on the cliffs overlooking one of the many blue flag beaches in East Cork. This quaint little port is legendary for its sea angling and spectacular cliff walk. Cobh ascends from the sea and splendidly dominates Cork Harbour, the second largest natural harbour in the world. This colorful town has experienced invasion, emigration, transportation, and a wealth of maritime adventures. St Colman's Cathedral overlooks the brightly colored town and the inner islands of the harbour, Haulbowline and Spike, are a stunning sight to behold. It was the last port of call of the ill-fated Titanic. Midleton is the vibrant centre of East Cork and is in the heart of a rich agricultural hinterland. This bustling nucleus is renowned for its fine food culture and lively pubs. Legend has it that it was here in Ireland that whiskey was invented. Today it is home to the largest potstill in the Aficionados of a particularly fine Irish whiskey will recognize the name Midleton, and the main reason to linger in this bustling market town is to visit the **Old Midleton Whiskey Distillery. Overnight at the Imperial Hotel Cork**

Itinerary continued on next page.

Tour Includes:

Your Distinguished Ireland Tour Includes:

- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers, sightseeing and services of professional Irish Driver Guide
- Accommodations for 10 nights (as follows or similar in standard rooms)
 - Imperial Hotel, Cork (3 Nights) ****
 - Killarney International Hotel, Killarney (3 Nights) ****
 - Temple Gate Hotel Ennis (2 Nights) ****
 - Royal Blu Hotel, Dublin (2 Nights) ****
- Full Irish breakfast daily except the day of arrival
- 1 Hotel Dinner in Cork.
- Dinner and entertainment in Cork
- Dinner and entertainment in Killarney
- Doolin Music House with canapes and entertainment
- Irish House Party Dublin with dinner and entertainment
- Admissions to Powerscourt Garden, Midleton Distillery, Cliffs of Moher
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
- Portage of 1 suitcase per person
- All driver's expenses (except tip to the Driver/Guide)
- Hotel taxes

NOT INCLUDED:

- Driver Guide Tip
- Any items of a personal nature.
- Dinners and suggested optional sightseeing that is mentioned in itinerary.

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Day 3, October 8 – Tuesday: Cork - Kinsale – Cork. After breakfast we meet our driver guide and then it is onto Kinsale for some sightseeing. Kinsale in County Cork is one of the most picturesque, popular, and fashionable resorts of the south-west coast of Ireland. Famous for its beautiful yachting, sea angling, gourmet restaurants and golf. The quaint streets are lined with local shops filled with local artist painting and pottery. Some of the most award-winning restaurants in Ireland are in Kinsale. Why not have lunch today at fishy fish if you like, one of the best restaurants in Kinsale. Plenty of time to explore this artist haven. **Overnight at the Imperial Hotel Cork. Dinner and Music at a local venue this evening**

Day 4, October 9 – Wednesday: Cork-Clonakilty-Skibbereen-Bantry-Glengarriff-Killarney. After breakfast we depart Cork. We travel to Clonakilty where castles dot the shores of the bay, and The Catholic Church is fine example of gothic architecture. Our next stop is **The Drombeg Stone Circle**, or as it is locally known as the Druid's Altar. It is located on the edge of a rocky terrace overlooking the sea about a kilometer away, in Glandore County Cork. Skibbereen is rightly known as the capital of West Cork. It is the "hub" from which the many "sparkling jewels" of the area can be reached. Eight miles southwest the little fishing village of Baltimore is located. Bantry sits at the head of one of Ireland's most beautiful bays with a harbor that reaches right into the town center. We then head northwest to Glengarriff. Its sheltered position nurtures luxuriant Mediterranean flowers such as fuchsia and arbutus. It is via Kenmare to Killarney. **Dinner and overnight Killarney International Hotel.**

Day 5, October 10 – Thursday: Killarney-Dingle-Killarney After breakfast we depart Killarney for the Dingle Peninsula. The journey begins with some of the most magnificent scenery in all of Ireland. The little town of Dingle is straight out of a story book. The fishing boats in the harbor and tiny brightly painted pubs portray a time that has continued to stand still. The population of 1500 people and only 52 pubs are ready to welcome you this afternoon. Worth the wait is the native seafood chowder served up at lunchtime with freshly baked brown bread. We continue to Sleat Head. Along the way, we will see beehive-style huts, originally inhabited by 12th century monks, which overlook the rugged Blasket Islands. The awe-inspiring beauty of this area is unmatched. There is no other landscape in western Europe with the density and variety of archaeological monuments as found on the Dingle Peninsula. **Overnight at the Killarney International Hotel.**

Day 6, October 11 – Friday: Killarney on your own. Today enjoy a day on your own in Killarney. Everything is right outside of your city center hotel. Killarney is considered part of the Wild Atlantic Way due to its colorful 19th century buildings. You may want to enjoy the Irish tradition of a jaunting car ride (horse and carriage) through Killarney and visiting some of the lovely parks. **Overnight at the Killarney International Hotel. Dinner and Music at a local venue this evening**

Day 7, October 12 – Saturday: Killarney- Ennis. After breakfast we make our way to Ennis, on the way we stop at Killarney National Park for a visit. Explore the beautiful garden surrounding **Muckross House**. This 19th century Victorian mansion is set against the stunning beauty of the National Park. Admission to the mansion is included. We continue north with a stop at the **Grange Stone Circle**, which is a Place of Ritual Gatherings, Sacrifice and Worship from Prehistoric Times to the Modern Day. Then onto Ennis, situated at the heart of the county on a bend in the River Fergus, Ennis is the capital of County Clare. It's an historic town and is certainly one of Clare's most characterful and picturesque centres – with its narrow, winding streets, historical buildings, and busy market town atmosphere. At the same time, the town has many modern influences – making Ennis a town that is very much about 'then and now'. **Overnight at the Temple Gate Hotel.**

Day 8, October 13 – Sunday: Ennis- Doolin– Ennis. This afternoon we journey to the Cliffs of Moher. The cliffs are astonishingly impressive and staggeringly beautiful. The entirely vertical cliffs rise to a height of 700 feet, their edge falling away abruptly into a ceaselessly churning Atlantic. A progression of vast heads, the dark limestone marches in a rigid formation that's gob smacking, no matter how many times you look at it. As you leave the cliffs, you will travel through the little village of Liscannor and just across the bay, you will see the beautiful seaside village and golfers' mecca, Lahinch. Continue to Doolin, the music capital of Ireland. We enjoy a relaxed couple of hours of music and stories with canapes and a glass of wine or sparkling water at the **Doolin Music House. Overnight Templegate Hotel.**

Day 9, October 14 – Monday: Ennis -Dublin. Morning departure from Ennis has us traveling through the Irish Midlands and Athlone to Dublin City. Upon arrival in Dublin, we have a full panoramic tour of this fascinating port city. You will have the rest of the afternoon free to explore Dublin. **Overnight Radisson Blu Royal**

Day 10, October 15 – Tuesday: Dublin on Own. Today you are free to shop and explore this 1000+ year old city. **This evening we enjoy a farewell dinner at "The Irish House Party" Overnight Radisson Blu Royal**

Day 11, October 16 – Wednesday: Dublin-USA. After breakfast we are transferred to nearby Dublin Airport (one Transfer). On the off chance that you missed shopping opportunities; Dublin has a large Duty-Free Shop that you can visit once you are checked in for your flight. In the traditional Irish way, we wish you "Safe Home."



Reservation Application (For Mail In Only)

Greg Tamblyn's Private Tour – Jewels of Ireland

October 6-16, 2024 (Depart USA October 5) **Land Only \$3495.00**

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your October 6-16, 2024, Greg Tamblyn's Jewels of Ireland Tour

Enclosed is a deposit of \$ _____ (\$250 per person)

Deposit Due: JANUARY 15, 2024

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: May 31, 2024

Name: _____

Companion/Roommate Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone (home): _____ (cell): _____

E-mail: _____

Other passengers traveling with me: _____

Room Type - Twin (2 beds): _____ Double (1 Bed): _____ Single: _____

Single Supplement: \$1099 (Limited number available) Yes: _____

(You must pay single rate if not traveling with a companion. Please advise if you need a roommate.)

CC#: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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