

ELEGANT SOUTHERN IRELAND 2027

A Private Luxury Tour

Our “Elegant Ireland” tour combines luxurious properties in magnificent settings, customized sightseeing and the secret ingredient: the Irish people being themselves. Each property is selected for its amenities and ambiance.

DAY 1

SHANNON – LIMERICK
AREA

Upon arrival at Shannon Airport, make your way by taxi to your five-star hotel. **Overnight at a five-star property. Hammond will select from the following five-star properties: Dromoland Castle, Adare Manor or the Savoy Hotel Limerick.**

DAY 2

LIMERICK – DINGLE –
KILLARNEY

After breakfast we depart Limerick 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 storybook, with fishing boats in the harbor and tiny, brightly painted pubs that reflect a place where time has stood still. We continue to Slea Head. Along the way we see beehive-style huts (clocháin) associated with early Christian monks, overlooking the rugged Blasket Islands. There is no other landscape in western Europe with the density and variety of archaeological monuments found on the Dingle Peninsula. It is then on to Killarney. **Overnight at the Killarney Park Hotel, one of the finest luxury hotels Ireland has to offer. Perfectly located in the heart of Killarney town center, set in mature grounds and framed by the legendary surroundings of Killarney National Park, it is a five-star hotel like no other.**

DAY 3

RING OF KERRY

After breakfast we enjoy an optional tour of the beautiful Gap of Dunloe in Killarney National Park. We then start a full-day tour of the Ring of Kerry. There is an unspoiled nature to Ireland’s most beautiful region, and the Ring provides many unforgettable memories as it passes through picturesque villages such as Glenbeigh, Waterville and Sneem and returns via Ladies’ View and the famous Lakes of Killarney. **Overnight at the Killarney Park Hotel.**

DAY 4

KILLARNEY – BLARNEY –
CORK

After breakfast we depart Killarney and head towards Cork City. Our next stop is the picturesque town of Blarney, home of Blarney Castle and the Blarney Stone, which legend says bestows the “gift of eloquence” on all who kiss it (optional admission). There is time to shop at the historic woolen mills or stop in Christy’s Pub for a pint. We depart Blarney and travel to Cork City, where we enjoy a panoramic tour before reaching our destination, the five-star Hayfield Manor. A sanctuary in the city, Hayfield Manor is set among two acres of park-like grounds. **Overnight at Hayfield Manor.**

DAY 5

CORK – COBH – KINSALE –
CORK

After breakfast we travel to the Cobh Heritage Centre. Millions of Irish people emigrated from this port. Learn the Irish emigration story, trace your ancestors, hear about the ill-fated Titanic and the Lusitania, and immerse yourself in Irish naval and military history. We then travel on to Kinsale for lunch. The picturesque yachting harbor of Kinsale is one of the many colorful gems strung along the coast of County Cork. Narrow, winding streets lined with galleries and gift shops, lively bars and superb restaurants, and a handsome natural harbor filled with yachts and guarded by a huge 17th-century fortress make it an engrossing place to spend the day. **Overnight at Hayfield Manor.**

DAY 6

CORK – CASHEL – KILDARE –
DUBLIN

We depart Cork after breakfast and travel northeast. We stop for a photo opportunity in County Tipperary at the historic Rock of Cashel, a stone fortress rising some 200 feet above the town. Cashel was a seat of the Kings of Munster from around the 5th century, and it is said that St. Patrick used the shamrock here to explain the Holy Trinity to the kings of Munster; the surviving buildings date mainly from the 12th and 13th centuries. We continue through Kildare, home of the famous Irish National Stud, where horse breeding and racing is an art (optional admission). Our final stop today is Dublin. The rest of the day is your own to explore the shops and pubs along the famous pedestrian walkways. We bid farewell to our Driver Guide, who has become like a member of the family. **Overnight in Dublin. Hammond will select from the following five-star hotels: the Westbury, Shelbourne, Fitzwilliam, InterContinental or Westin.**

DAY 7

DUBLIN

Today you tour Dublin on your own. We suggest a Hop-On Hop-Off Dublin Bus Pass, which will show you St. Patrick's Cathedral, where the writer Jonathan Swift gave his sermons; the G.P.O. on O'Connell Street, scene of the 1916 Easter Rising, where the bullet holes remain to this day; famous Phoenix Park, where Pope John Paul II said Mass in 1979; and finally Trinity College, home of the Book of Kells, the illuminated manuscript created by monks around AD 800 and still beautifully preserved. Why not also visit the Jameson Distillery? **Overnight in Dublin. Hammond will select from the following five-star hotels: the Westbury, Shelbourne, Fitzwilliam, InterContinental or Westin.**

DAY 8

DUBLIN – DUBLIN AIRPORT

Morning departure from your Dublin hotel by taxi on your own to Dublin Airport. Please ask the concierge to arrange a taxi pickup at your desired time.

YOUR DISTINGUISHED PRIVATE TOUR INCLUDES

DRIVER GUIDE

- Sightseeing by deluxe vehicle with a professional Irish Driver Guide from Day 2 (Limerick) until arrival in Dublin on Day 6

ACCOMMODATIONS

- Deluxe room accommodations in luxury castles, country homes, hotels and manors for 7 nights, all five-star:
- **Limerick area – Adare Manor, Dromoland Castle or Savoy Hotel Limerick – 1 night, 5-star**
- **Killarney – The Killarney Park Hotel – 2 nights, 5-star**
- **Cork – Hayfield Manor – 2 nights, 5-star**
- **Dublin – Westbury, Shelbourne, Fitzwilliam, InterContinental or Westin – 2 nights, 5-star**

MEALS	• Full Irish breakfast daily
ALSO INCLUDED	• Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary • Hotel taxes • Deluxe portfolio of travel documents professionally prepared by Hammond Tours
NOT INCLUDED	• Tip to your Driver Guide • Inside admissions (none are included) • Any items of a personal nature • Dinners and suggested optional sightseeing not mentioned as included in the itinerary

This is a suggested itinerary and can be customized to your interests. Dates, hotels and pricing are provided on request.