

THE IRISH TRADITION 2027

A Private Chauffeur-Driven Tour of Ireland

*Enjoy the majestic countryside, historic architecture, and the unique sights and sounds of Ireland.
This 7-day classic Ireland tour leads you through the Ireland you've dreamed of visiting.*

DAY 1 SHANNON – GALWAY

Morning arrival at Shannon Airport, where after clearing customs you are met by your professional Irish Driver Guide. Leaving the airport, we drive through Ennis and Gort to Galway, where we check into our hotel for a short rest. This afternoon we tour rugged Connemara, Ireland's treasure of wild, natural beauty, where Irish (Gaelic) is still spoken daily. We travel via Clifden to Kylemore Abbey, the home of the Benedictine nuns, before returning to Galway. After dinner, why not enjoy a pint and great Irish music at An Púcán, a short walk from Eyre Square. **Overnight at the Galmont Hotel (upgrade to Ashford Castle available; ask for rates).**

DAY 2 GALWAY – CLIFFS OF MOHER – KILLARNEY

After breakfast we head south through the rugged Burren and stop at the Cliffs of Moher, which rise 700 feet and stretch along the Atlantic coastline for five miles. Enjoy the view, and perhaps a coffee, before continuing along the coast towards Killimer to take the Tarbert Ferry across the Shannon Estuary. We then continue south through Listowel and on to Killarney. Enjoy a late lunch before checking into your hotel. You may decide to eat at your hotel this evening; another suggestion is Gaby's, in the middle of town, which has great seafood. There are plenty of local pubs in which to hear great music this evening. **Overnight at the Killarney International Hotel.**

DAY 3 THE DINGLE PENINSULA

After breakfast, experience the true beauty of Ireland on a full-day tour of the breathtaking Dingle Peninsula. Traveling via Tralee and the Slieve Mish Mountains, we stop in the sleepy fishing village of Dingle before heading out to Slea Head and its dramatic views of the Blasket Islands, with their beehive-style huts (clocháin) associated with early Christian monks. Many travelers tell us that the awe-inspiring beauty of this area has left them with a truly spiritual feeling. For lunch in Dingle, your Driver Guide will suggest a spot on the main street. We depart Dingle and return via Tralee, where every August the famous Rose of Tralee Festival is held. Tonight, enjoy one of the many local restaurants Killarney has to offer. **Overnight at the Killarney International Hotel.**

DAY 4

KILLARNEY – MACROOM –
BLARNEY – KINSALE

After a leisurely breakfast we depart Killarney and travel over the Derrynasaggart Mountains to Macroom. Macroom Castle was the boyhood home of William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania, during the years he lived in County Cork. It stands on the western edge of the town, and its windows look out towards a rugged land at the foot of the mountains. We continue via Blarney, with its castle and famous stone, to picturesque Kinsale. Kinsale is where, in the European conflict between Catholic Spain and Protestant England, Spain sent a force to support the Irish leader Hugh O'Neill. The rendezvous was set for Ulster, but the Spanish under Aguilá landed at Kinsale in October 1601 and soon took possession of the local strongpoints. Kinsale is now known as the Gourmet Capital of Ireland and is especially noted for its seafood. Be sure to enjoy this fine food at The Blue Haven, and stroll the narrow streets filled with local artisans' wares. **Overnight at the Trident Hotel, Kinsale.**

DAY 5

KINSALE – KILKENNY –
COUNTY LAOIS – DUBLIN

Our morning departure from Kinsale takes us to the medieval town of Kilkenny. There is time to visit Kilkenny Castle (optional), which has been completely restored with original artifacts. We continue through County Laois, stopping as you like to see the county of your Irish heritage; you may also skip Kilkenny to spend more time in Laois. We continue to Dublin, where on arrival we bid farewell to our Irish Driver Guide, who by now has surely become part of the family. **Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel, Dublin.**

DAY 6

DUBLIN

Our last full day in Ireland offers a wealth of activities. We suggest a half-day sightseeing tour of this 1,000-year-old city, which you can book through Dublin Bus on O'Connell Street. You will be sure to see 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. Be sure to visit the Brazen Head, Dublin's oldest pub, for a last pint. **Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel, Dublin.**

DAY 7

DUBLIN – USA

Make your way to Dublin Airport, allowing time for last-minute duty-free shopping before boarding your flight.

YOUR DISTINGUISHED PRIVATE TOUR INCLUDES

DRIVER GUIDE

- Professional Irish Driver Guide with deluxe vehicle from your arrival at Shannon Airport on Day 1 until arrival in Dublin on Day 5

ACCOMMODATIONS

- 6 nights as follows, or similar:
- **Galway – Galmont Hotel** – 1 night, 4-star galmonthotel.com
- **Killarney – The Killarney International Hotel** – 2 nights, 4-star killarneyinternationalhotel.com
- **Kinsale – Trident Hotel** – 1 night, 3-star tridenthotel.com
- **Dublin – Camden Court Hotel** – 2 nights, 4-star camdencourthotel.com

MEALS

- Full Irish breakfast daily

ALSO INCLUDED

- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
 - All Driver's expenses (except tip to the driver)
 - Hotel taxes
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NOT INCLUDED

- Tip to your Driver Guide
 - Any items of a personal nature
 - Dinners and suggested optional sightseeing mentioned in the itinerary
 - Admissions not listed above. These are paid directly to each venue so that, because a private tour is meant to be flexible, you never pay for a site you later decide not to visit
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This is a suggested itinerary and can be customized to your interests. Dates, hotels and pricing are provided on request.