



# THE EMERALD ISLE TOUR

JULY 24 - JULY 30 2023

At the Cleo Redd Fisher Museum, we understand the importance of travel—providing our community and audiences with the opportunity to connect with and understand new cultures, lands, and ways of life. Travel opens your heart, broadens your mind, and fills your life with stories to tell. We are proud to partner with the family-owned *My Ireland Tour* to present this to experience of Ireland. They specialize in custom, small-group tours like ours and are excited to introduce our group to their homeland. Their team has lined up a fantastic itinerary for us, highlighting the best of Ireland, arranged lodging, transportation, tour guides, and more.



## EMERALD ISLE ITINERARY



### JULY 24 - DAY 1

Welcome to Dublin! Our private driver will pick you up at the Dublin Airport, or at a pre-arranged location in the city for those travelers who arrive earlier in the week.

Once all introductions have been made we'll depart for Galway, across the center of Ireland, through the counties of Kildare, Meath, Offaly and Westmeath. Visit Clonmacnoise, a medieval monastery on the banks of the River Shannon, founded by St. Ciaran in the 6th century. Clonmacnoise lays at a crossroads of medieval Ireland linking all parts of the island. Sacked time and again by the Vikings, it nevertheless flourished for over 600 years. Continue onto Galway, known as the "City of the Tribes". Today, it is a vibrant bustling harbor town with medieval origins and with a long tradition of the Irish language, music, song, and dance. Tonight you will overnight at Park House Hotel. This grand Victorian-style hotel is located in the heart of Galway City, a two-minute walk from Eyre Square.

### INCLUDED

- Clonmacnoise
- Welcome dinner
- Park House Hotel



## **JULY 25 - DAY 2**

Tour the wilds of Connemara, a vast expanse of mountains, bogs, heathlands, and lakes dotted with small fishing villages west of Galway. Your journey today will take you via the villages of Oughterard, Maam Cross, and Recess before traveling up the spectacular Inagh Valley, with the 12 Bens of Connemara on your left and the Maumturks Mountains on your right as you travel to the village Leenane on the shores of Killary Harbour, Ireland's only fjord.

Visit Kylemore Abbey, an historic building nestled at the base of Duchruach Mountain, on the northern shore of Lough Pollacappul — and considered one of the most beautiful buildings in Ireland. Travel on via Letterfrack to Connemara National Park where you will have the opportunity for spectacular views of Connemara's hills, bays and inlets. Continue on to Clifden, the largest town in the region, nestled between the mountains and the Atlantic Ocean. Clifden was founded in 1812 by the High Sheriff of Galway to create a pocket of respectability within the lawlessness of Connemara. Return east to Galway.

### **INCLUDED**

- Breakfast
- Kylemore Abbey
- Park House Hotel



## **JULY 26 - DAY 3**

Travel one of the great coastal scenic routes of the world down the Atlantic west coast of Clare to the world-famous Killarney Town, on the edge of Killarney National Park. Traveling down the Atlantic seaboard, our journey will take you via Galway Bay, Dunguaire Castle at Kinvarra (this is a drive-by only and only noted for its scenic location overlooking Galway Bay) and Ballyvaughan. See the Burren, which is Gaelic for rocky land—an apt name for this vast limestone plateau. In the 1640s, Cromwell's surveyor described it as "a savage land, yielding neither water enough to drown a man, nor tree to hang him, nor soil enough to bury". Visit the Cliffs of Moher, braced against the ocean, on the coast of County Clare. Here you will stand on the dramatic 702ft (214m) high and 9 miles (14km) long cliffs, a Wild Atlantic Way signature discovery point, to gaze out on the vastness of the Atlantic Ocean. Continue down the Atlantic coast via the coastal towns and villages of Ennistymon and Lahinch before turning east to Limerick to visit the beautiful, thatched village of Adare, considered by many as Ireland's prettiest village and home to the 2027 Ryder Cup. Cross the Limerick/Kerry border and you are now in the "Kingdom of Kerry" and you will travel on to Killarney. Tonight you will overnight at

Dromhall Hotel. Located in the ideal location, between the Ring of Kerry and Killarney Town centre, this hotel has been a popular port of call for guests to the area since the 1960s.

### **INCLUDED**

- Breakfast
- Cliffs of Moher
- Dromhall Hotel



### **JULY 27 - DAY 4**

Tour the Ring of Kerry, a captivating journey of spectacular mountain and coastal scenery dotted with colorful small towns and villages. You will travel via Killorglin, Glenbeigh, Cahersiveen, Waterville, Coomakesta Pass with its magnificent views over Derrynane, home of Daniel O'Connell, known as "The Liberator", to Caherdaniel. Enjoy a traditional Irish lunch at the Blind Piper Pub, located in the village of Caherdaniel. Locals and visitors alike have been drinking here since 1865. Who is the Blind Piper, you may ask? The Blind Piper is Mici Cumba O'Sullivan, who was born nearby in 1835 and became one of Ireland's most famous pipers. Travel on via the hamlet of Castlecove, the colorful village of Sneem and on via Moll's Gap, Ladies View, Killarney National Park and along the Lakes of Killarney to Killarney Town.

### **INCLUDED**

- Breakfast
- Ring of Kerry
- Lunch at Blind Piper Pub
- Dromhall Hotel



## **JULY 28 - DAY 5**

Travel via Cork, known as the Rebel County, west to the “county bounds” under the wild Derrynasaggart Mountains, sometimes referred to as the Cork/Kerry Mountains and made famous in the ballad - “Whiskey in the Jar”. Visit Jameson Distillery at Midleton, and experience a fully guided Jameson Experience Tour including the world's largest pot still, with a capacity of over 30,000 gallons. Continue your journey north to Dublin, crossing the River Blackwater and enjoy breath-taking views of the Golden Vale, the name given to some of Ireland's finest rolling pastureland, and the Galtee Mountains on the Tipperary/Limerick border. Visit the Rock of Cashel, rising dramatically from the grassy plains of county Tipperary. This was the seat of kings and medieval bishops for 900 years and flourished until the early 17th century. Brian Ború was crowned King of Munster here in 977, before becoming High King of Ireland in 1002. Continue on via "The Curragh" a flat open plain of common land, the home of the Irish Defense Forces and world-renowned for Irish horse racing, breeding, and training.

### **INCLUDED**

- Breakfast
- Jameson Distillery
- The Rock of Cashel
- The Alex Hotel



## **JULY 29 - DAY 6**

Join a local Dublin City Walking Guide for a half-day city tour as they walk you through Ireland's capital; Dublin City. Visit Trinity College, founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I on the site of an Augustinian monastery. Visit Trinity College and see the Book of Kells, the medieval illuminated manuscript containing the four gospels in Latin and featuring dyes imported from as far as the Middle East. Visit Guinness Storehouse with an address at the world-famous St. James's Gate. Here you will tour the world-renowned brewery and enjoy a perfect complimentary pint of Guinness in the Gravity Bar — located at the top of a glass tower that commands spectacular views of Dublin City.

Enjoy the afternoon exploring on your own.

## INCLUDED

- Breakfast
- Dublin City Walking Guide
- Trinity College
- The Guinness Storehouse
- The Alex Hotel



## JULY 30 - DAY 7

Our tour officially ends, with either a ride to the airport for your departure or the ability to continue on to new destinations on your own. Most international flights depart in the afternoon, so enjoy the morning either exploring the city or preparing for your return flight.

## INCLUDED

- Breakfast
- Transportation to Dublin Airport

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## PRICING & DEADLINES

### Early Bird Discount - Registration Closes March 1, 2023

\$2,495 per person, based on shared rooms. Additional \$1,000 supplement for single rooms.

### Standard Pricing - Registration Closes March 12, 2023

\$2,745 per person, based on shared rooms. Additional \$1,000 supplement for single rooms.

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## WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE

- All the **accommodation, meals and drinks**, specified in your itinerary, are included in your tour price.
- Entrance to all of the **attractions**, specified in your itinerary, are included in your tour price.
- All luxury air-conditioned **transport**, specified in your itinerary, is included in your tour price.
- An experienced, qualified and knowledgeable **Driver-Guide**, plus all his expenses, as specified in your itinerary, is included in your tour price.

*Please note, your Driver-Guide's working hours are regulated for your safety so your driver-guide is not on-call and your Driver-Guide is only included for the specified itinerary above.*

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- **Airfare or travel costs** getting to/from Ireland is not included in your tour price.
- **Travel Insurance** is not included in your tour price.
- **A gratuity to your Driver-Guide** is not included in your tour price. If at the end of your tour, you are extremely happy with your driver-guide we recommend a tip of 50-100 euro.
- Any **meals and drinks**, that are not specifically mentioned, are not included.
- Extra items at your accommodation, such as **Laundry, Spa Treatments, Room Service, Telephone Charges** and **Porterage of your luggage** are not included in your tour price.

*Please note, your Driver-Guide will load and unload your luggage from the touring vehicle, but guests are responsible for bringing their luggage to and from your hotel room.*

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## Terms and Conditions

1. A \$100 non-refundable security deposit is required at time of registration. Full payment is due by March 1, 2023 for Early Bird discount or by March 12, 2022 for standard pricing. Final payments should be made by check, payable to CRF Museum, or by credit card (3% processing fee applies).
2. Minimum of 11 guests required to fulfill trip. Maximum of 14 guests permitted. Spots will be booked in order of online registration. If minimum is not met, all security deposits will be refunded.
3. Guests must arrive in Dublin the morning of Day 1. Failure to do so may result in guests being responsible for their own transportation to Galway, where group will overnight.
4. All guests are responsible for ensuring passport status and meeting all travel requirements. CRF Museum and our travel partners cannot be held liable if your trip is impacted by health or covid-19 conditions.
5. Cancellation is only refundable (minus security deposit) until the advertised registration deadline. In the event of nationwide covid-19 lockdowns, natural disasters, war, etc. the CRF Museum reserves the right to cancel the entirety of the trip after this deadline. In agreement with our travel partners, we will be able to refund 100% to all guests if canceled 60 days prior to arrival. In the unlikely event of complete cancellation, guests will be responsible for the cancellation and refund of their airfare or additional costs.
6. We encourage guests to purchase travel insurance or use a credit card with automatic coverage when purchasing airfare. CRF Museum and travel partners cannot be held liable for any loss of funds due to termination or changes to your trip.
7. Ensure your passport is valid!