



# IRELAND



A small country with a big reputation, helped along by an ancient landscape and friendly people, whose lyrical nature is expressed in the warmth of their welcome.

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Dublin is the capital of the Republic of Ireland located on the East Coast at the mouth of the River Liffey. Its historic buildings include Dublin Castle, dating to the 13th century, and imposing St Patrick's Cathedral, founded in 1191. Wonderful to explore with its crooked cobblestone streets and quaint pubs on almost every corner. The locals are super friendly, you will feel right at home in colourful Dublin.

Galway is flush with festivals, crammed with coastlines, home not just to one of the most energetic cities in the land, but the soulful Aran Islands and the great rocky wilderness of Connemara, too.

The Ring of Kerry begins and ends in Killarney, a vibrant 'little' town with incredibly beautiful surrounding countryside which makes it a very special place indeed. Brim full of history, heritage, activities, and world class hospitality, Killarney is populated with enthusiastic and welcoming people.

Fusing medieval history with a cosmopolitan city life, Kilkenny buzzes with an unforgettable energy. From the walls of the marble city, to the network of towns and villages that are dotted around the verdant countryside, this ancient county at the centre of Ireland's Ancient East packs maximum wow-factor in to an easily navigable space

## Inclusions

9 Nights in a Double room for Single Use in 4 star quality Hotels

3 x Dinners, breakfast daily

Private arrival and departure Airport transfers

English speaking local Guides

Entrance to Trinity College & St Patrick's Cathedral

Transfers as shown

Hotel Bar is open almost daily between 5.30pm and 6.30pm with house wine, beer, soft drink included exclusively for Individual Travellers

Porterage

Water on vehicles

24 hour assistance during your trip

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### Legend

- Start Destination
- End Destination
- # Nights Accommodation

## DAY 1

Welcome to Dublin!

On arrival you will have a private transfer to your Hotel

This evening you will meet you new friends and our local representative to enjoy a 3 course welcome dinner in the hotel restaurant with beer, wine & soft drinks included

Clontarf Castle, Dublin (or similar) D

## DAY 2

Enjoy Breakfast in your Hotel

After breakfast, meet with your Local Guide for a morning city tour which includes a visit to Trinity College, home of the stunning 8th century Book of Kells illuminated manuscript; and to St. Patrick's, the national cathedral of the Church of Ireland. You'll pass O'Connell Street, Europe's largest street and pass Christchurch Cathedral, and the Bank of Ireland, which is formerly the Irish House of Parliament.

Lunch and the afternoon is free at your leisure

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Dinner is at your leisure

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## DAY 3

Enjoy Breakfast in your Hotel

This morning meet your driver/guide and leave Dublin for Galway in the West, the region some consider to be the "most Irish part of Ireland." En route we pass Tyrellpass Castle, then continue on to the 6th century Clonmacnoise, Ireland's most important early monastic site. Lunch is at your leisure. We resume our journey, reaching Galway City this afternoon to check-in and enjoy the afternoon at your leisure.

Hotel Bar is open between 5.30pm - 6.30pm with house wine, beer, soft drinks included exclusively for Individual Travellers

Dinner is at your leisure

Park House Hotel, Galway (or similar) B

## DAY 4

Enjoy Breakfast in your Hotel

After breakfast, a day of scenic highlights is in store as you travel through western County Galway in the legendary region known as Connemara, a rugged, silent landscape of mountains, glacial lakes, endless roads, and uninhabited bog lands. Our first stop is at beautiful Kylemore Abbey, built as a private home in 1861 and one of Ireland's most photographed castles. We continue on through this singular landscape, stopping for lunch at your leisure en route.

Tonight, we enjoy dinner with traditional Irish entertainment at Padraicins Seafood Bar & Restaurant overlooking Galway Bay. Drinks included are house wine, beers and soft drinks.

Park House Hotel, Galway (or similar) B, D

## DAY 5

Enjoy Breakfast in your Hotel

Today is a free at your leisure

Optional sightseeing tours are available upon request. Suggestion: Why don't you embark on an excursion to Inismor, the largest of the fabled Aran Islands, whose unique culture and history has been an inspiration to artists, writers, and film-makers. Sitting across Galway Bay in the midst of the Atlantic, the islands feature primitive stone forests, early Christian churches, and medieval castles - as well as shops, galleries, and restaurants. Enjoy lunch at your leisure in a local pub and some free time before returning to the mainland and your hotel late this afternoon

Hotel Bar is open between 5.30pm - 6.30pm with house wine, beer, soft drinks included exclusively for Individual Travellers

Park House Hotel, Galway (or similar) B

## DAY 6

Enjoy Breakfast in your Hotel

After breakfast, another day of breath-taking scenery is ahead of us as we leave Galway for Killarney, travelling south along the fabled coastline of County Clare. We pass through The Burren, the 116-square mile "rocky place" of craggy gray karst (limestone) formations that stretch endlessly in all directions. Then we visit the Cliffs of Moher, the majestic flat-topped "mountains" that rise vertically from the sea for five miles from north to south. After lunch at your leisure, you cross by ferry into County Kerry, reaching Killarney in beautiful Killarney National Park late this afternoon.

Hotel Bar is open between 5.30pm - 6.30pm with house wine, beer, soft drinks included exclusively for Individual Travellers

Dinner is at your leisure

Innisfallen Hotel, Killarney (or similar) B

## DAY 7

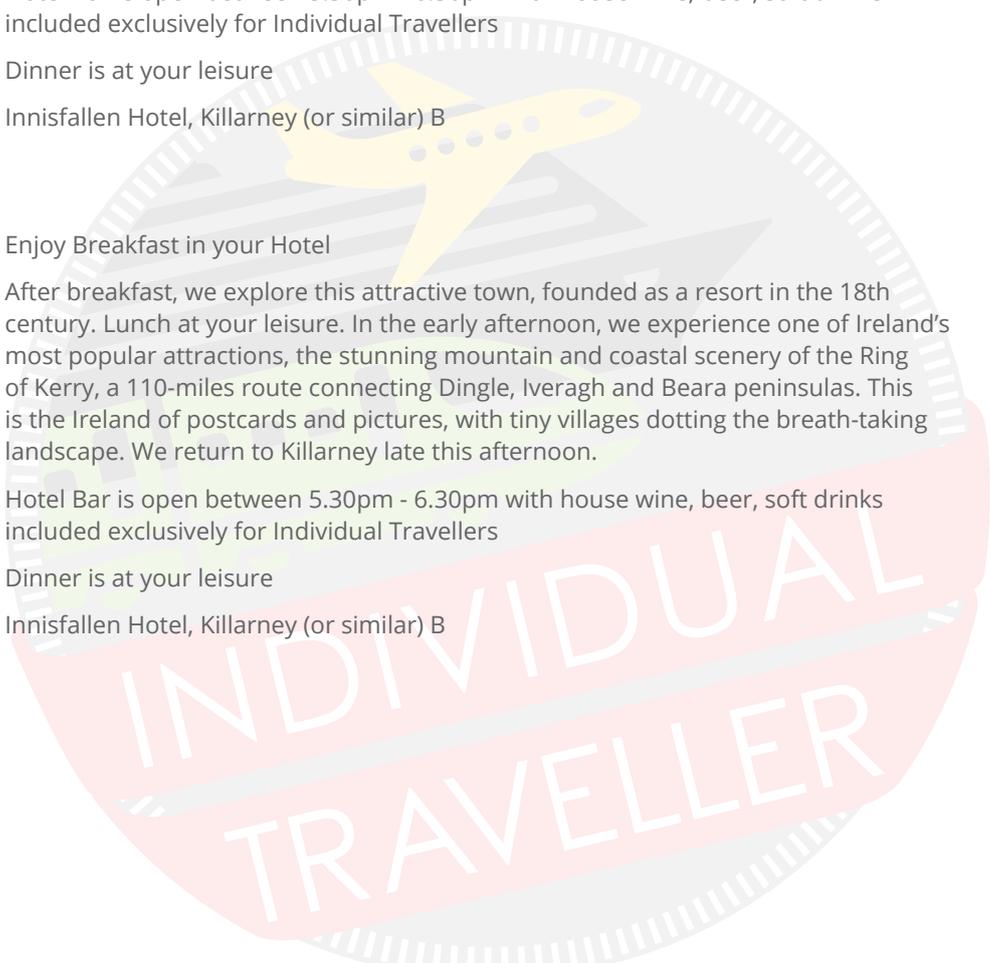
Enjoy Breakfast in your Hotel

After breakfast, we explore this attractive town, founded as a resort in the 18th century. Lunch at your leisure. In the early afternoon, we experience one of Ireland's most popular attractions, the stunning mountain and coastal scenery of the Ring of Kerry, a 110-miles route connecting Dingle, Iveragh and Beara peninsulas. This is the Ireland of postcards and pictures, with tiny villages dotting the breath-taking landscape. We return to Killarney late this afternoon.

Hotel Bar is open between 5.30pm - 6.30pm with house wine, beer, soft drinks included exclusively for Individual Travellers

Dinner is at your leisure

Innisfallen Hotel, Killarney (or similar) B



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## DAY 8

Enjoy Breakfast in your Hotel

After breakfast, we depart for Kilkenny passing by the small town of Blarney to sight the ruins of the 15th century castle, with its celebrated Blarney Stone believed to bestow the "gift of gab" on those who kiss it. After lunch at your leisure, we continue onto Kilkenny, reaching your hotel late in the afternoon. The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure.

Hotel Bar is open between 5.30pm - 6.30pm with house wine, beer, soft drinks included exclusively for Individual Travellers

Dinner is at your leisure

Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny (or similar) B

## DAY 9

Enjoy Breakfast in your Hotel

After breakfast, you will enjoy a morning walking tour exploring Kilkenny, a well preserved medieval city known as Ireland's cultural capital - and the country's smallest city. After lunch at your leisure, we leave for Dublin. We arrive in the afternoon and rest of the day is free.

This evening, we celebrate our adventures over a farewell dinner with 3-course meal with beer, wine and soft drinks at Fire restaurant (or similar) in Dublin

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## DAY 10

Enjoy Breakfast in your Hotel

You will have a private transfer to Dublin Airport

Farewell!

