



Shades of Ireland



Highlights: Dublin, Irish Evening, Choices on Tour, Kilkenny, Waterford, Blarney Castle, Killarney, Ring of Kerry, Farm Visit, Jaunting Car Ride, Limerick, Cliffs of Moher, Galway, Castle Stay

10 Days ● 13 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners

Day 1: Overnight Flight Anticipation mounts as you wind your way toward the Emerald Isle and its many wonders. Rich history, rolling hills and warm smiles lie ahead in Dublin, Waterford, Killarney and Limerick. With tomorrow comes quintessential Ireland.

Day 2: 020 Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins Get a taste of old Dublin. Tonight, you and your fellow travelers revel in a traditional Irish evening, including regional cuisine. (D)

Day 3: Dublin Today, **it's your choice!** Choose to ride with a local guide to see St. Patrick's Cathedral, O'Connell Street, the General Post Office, and the historic Phoenix Park **-OR-** choose a walking tour of the city's historic center, exploring St. Stephen's Green, Grafton Street, and the River Liffey. Either way, what follows is an afternoon to discover Dublin's charms on your own. (B)

Day 4: Dublin - Kilkenny - Waterford Step back in time and begin the day in the medieval splendor of 12th century Kilkenny on the River Nore. Then, in Waterford, embark on a leisurely paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest city. **It's your choice!** Tour the Waterford Crystal factory and learn how exquisite crystal has been made for centuries **-OR-** visit the Medieval Museum for a guided tour and glass of wine in the 15th-century Mayor's Wine Vault. (B, D)

Day 5: Friday, October 9, 2020 Waterford - Blarney Stone - Killarney Live the legend. The story goes that those who kiss the Blarney Stone gain the gift of eloquence. This morning, give it a shot at historic

Blarney Castle. Cross into County Kerry and continue on to charming Killarney. In Killarney's stunning national park, board a traditional boat* and sail through the breathtaking lakes in the company of an expert boatman. Tonight, **it's Diner's Choice...** choose your included dinner from a "menu" of Killarney's great restaurants. (B, D)

Day 6: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney Take in the rugged coastline as you loop your way around the picturesque Ring of Kerry, past pristine beaches, quaint villages and majestic landscapes. At the Gap of Dunloe, shop for local artisan-made crafts. See border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration at a family-run farm. The night is free for reminiscing about the day as you find your own authentic taste of Irish culture. (B)

Day 7: Killarney - Adare - Limerick Start your day with a traditional jaunting car ride* through Killarney National Park. Travel to Adare, Ireland's prettiest village, for some time at leisure. Continue to Limerick, where a panoramic city tour showcases King John's Castle and the Treaty Stone. Delve into the fascinating history of the "city of the violated treaty." (B)

Day 8: Limerick - Cliffs of Moher - Galway - Limerick Today brings you to the dramatic, 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher for cinematic views of the mighty Atlantic. Pass through the windswept, limestone landscape of the Burren, known for its stark beauty and Neolithic tombs. Continue on to Galway for a brief tour that

showcases “The City of Tribes” before relaxing over dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: Limerick - Tullamore/Kilbeggan - Kingscourt You don't have to be a connoisseur to appreciate the old - world heritage of Ireland's whiskey territory. Your journey brings you to Tullamore and Kilbeggan in the heart of Ireland, where a superb distillery brings whiskey craftsmanship to life and gives you a taste of the final product. Top your day off with an overnight stay on the regal grounds of Cabra Castle where you toast the end of a fabulous trip during your farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 10: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 Kingscourt - Tour Ends Your journey ends in Kingscourt. (B)

Experience It! Cabra Castle

Cabra Castle stands on 100 acres of gardens and parkland, with delightful views over the Cavan

countryside, famous for its beautiful lakes. Formerly known as Cormey Castle, the history of the castle dates back to the pre-Cromwellian times of the 16th century. The property was bought in the early 19th century by Colonel Joseph Pratt, who rebuilt it and renamed it Cabra Castle. Its long legacy lends a mature, cultured air to the castle which can be felt by strolling through the castle's magnificent hallways and stairwells. Experience this history when you enjoy an overnight stay on the castle grounds. The rooms are outfitted to the highest standards with every comfort and modern facilities. The bar and restaurant offer views of the countryside and Dun an Ri Forest Park.

