

# **10 DAY EMERALD ISLE**

## **DESTINATIONS**

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**DUBLIN**

## TOUR ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Destination	Dublin
Meals included	Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Cead mile failte-a hundred-thousand welcomes! Check into your hotel. At 3 pm, meet your Tour Director and travelling companions for an afternoon orientation drive through statue-lined O'Connell Street, elegant Georgian squares, and past St. Patrick's Cathedral and Oscar Wilde's Trinity College. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner at your hotel.

### DAY 2

Destination	Dublin 🚗 Kildare 🚗 Strokestown 🚗 Ballina
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Horse-racing country awaits this morning. Drive across the Curragh to the IRISH NATIONAL STUD at Kildare, whose thoroughbreds command respect on the racecourses of the world. Then, head north to Longford for a guided tour of STROKESTOWN HOUSE, the 1740s mansion with its fine gardens.

Experience an insight into the circumstances of the Great Irish Famine of the 1840s at the Famine Museum. Overnight in Ballina, famous for its hospitality and internationally renowned for its exceptional salmon fishing in the Moy River.

### DAY 3

Destination	Ballina 🚗 Kylemore 🚗 Galway
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Via Westport, head for the unspoiled region of Connemara, an area known for its hardy breed of ponies. Visit KYLEMORE ABBEY, a massive yet graceful castle acquired by Benedictine nuns as a precious heirloom for Ireland.

At Moycullen, visit the Joyce family at their MARBLE WORKSHOP before arriving in the port city of Galway. Tonight's recommendation: an optional evening at Dunguaire Castle, where the intimate banquet has an enlightening literary theme.

### DAY 4

Destination	Galway 🚗 Aran Islands 🚗 Galway
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

At Rossaveal, board a comfortable, modern FERRY for the 45-minute crossing to Kilronan on Inishmore, the largest of the Aran Islands and where Gaelic is the first language of the islanders. Your fascinating day continues with a presentation about life on Inishmore by an island historian. After a light LUNCH at Ti Joe Watty's pub, board a minibus to enjoy your driver/Local Guide's commentary on a tour of the island.

End with a visit to clifftop DUN AENGUS, one of the most spectacular and dramatic prehistoric stone forts in Europe. Back in Kilronan, board your ferry back to the mainland. There are plenty of dining options in Galway this evening.

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### DAY 5

Destination	Galway 🚗 Cliffs of Moher 🚗 Limerick
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Enjoy a real Irish farm experience at RATHBAUN FARM this morning. Try your hand at SCONE BAKING, and learn from the farmer about sheep shearing and herding. Afterwards, enjoy coffee and your scones, fresh from the oven.

Take the scenic route across the desolate limestone plateau known as The Burren, and stop for photos of prehistoric Poul nabrone Dolmen. At the CLIFFS OF MOHER, rising 668 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, savour the breathtaking panorama of the Clare coast. This evening, why not take part in a unique optional dinner excursion to Bunratty Folk Park?

### DAY 6

Destination	Limerick 🚗 Foynes 🚗 Dingle Peninsula 🚗 Tralee
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

This morning, make your way to Foynes for a guided tour of the FLYING BOAT MUSEUM. Board and explore the world's only full-size replica of a Boeing B314 "Clipper." In the flight simulator, re-enact the thrilling experience of crossing the Atlantic in a 1930s long-range flying boat. You will also be treated to an IRISH COFFEE DEMONSTRATION, complete with a sample of the classic drink.

Then, enjoy the wonderful views during the Sleah Head drive on Dingle Peninsula, stroll through quaint Dingle, and maybe catch a glimpse of Fungi, the resident dolphin. Dinner will be at a LOCAL PUB on the peninsula

### DAY 7

Destination	Tralee 🚗 Ring of Kerry 🚗 Tralee
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

At Killorglin, join the famous RING OF KERRY for a 100-mile panoramic drive around the island's southwestern tip. Plenty to focus your camera on here: sparkling seascapes, mountains dotted with brightly coloured farmhouses, winding lanes bordered with subtropical vegetation, and the breathtaking panorama of the Lakes of Killarney from Ladies View.

Stop in the popular resort town of Killarney and enjoy a special treat: a fun-filled horse-drawn JAUNTING-CAR RIDE through the national park with glorious vistas of the Lakes of Killarney and ancient Ross Castle.

### DAY 8

Destination	Tralee 🚗 Blarney 🚗 Waterford
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Across the Kerry Mountains, drive into County Cork for a visit to Blarney, renowned for its castle and magical Kissing Stone. Time for lunch, to walk up to the castle, and to shop for traditional Irish handicrafts. In the afternoon, proceed

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via Cork, Youghal, and Dungarvan to Waterford, a stronghold founded by the Danish Vikings in 853. Here, enjoy a visit to the HOUSE OF WATERFORD CRYSTAL

### DAY 9

Destination	Waterford 🚗 Avoca 🚗 Glendalough 🚗 Dublin
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today's agenda: Enniscorthy, site of the final battle of the Great Rebellion of 1798; Ireland's oldest HANDWEAVING MILL at Avoca; and GLENDALOUGH, the early Christian monastic site founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century. See the engaging audiovisual Ireland of the Monasteries, then your Local Guide will show you the remains of this ecclesiastical settlement.

Back in Dublin tonight, join your travelling companions for a fitting farewell to Ireland: an optional cabaret evening with dinner, followed by dance, song, and laughter

### DAY 10

Destination	Dublin
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning.

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### Inclusions

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Accommodation  
Meals as per the itinerary  
Sightseeing as per the itinerary  
Experienced Driver Guide  
Comprehensive commentary  
Travel in an air-conditioned coach

### Fine Print

#### OPTIONAL TOURS

Optional Tours can be purchsaed on tour and will be advised on arrival

#### EXCLUSIONS

Airfares  
Personal Expenses  
Travel Insurance  
Optional activities  
Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional''''''

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accommodation  
The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

#### Single Supplement

A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra AUD \$721 subject to availability.

#### Triple Share

Not available.

#### Children

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

#### Tour Documentation

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

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### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

#### Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a AUD \$250 deposit per person.

Pay a 2nd instalment of AUD \$624 per person within 28 days.

You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

#### Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password) Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests

Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab

Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)

Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking

Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!