



TCL IRISH ADVENTURE

MAY 7-17, 2023

Join Twin Cities Live as we travel to the Emerald Isle of Ireland. This 9 night land adventure will explore the bustling city of Dublin, historic Belfast, and the charming village of Killarney.

Join us for some *Craic agus Ceol!* (Fun and Music)



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DAY 1 // SUNDAY, MAY 7

DEPART FROM HOME

Depart the US for your overnight flight to Dublin, Ireland.

DAY 2 // MONDAY, MAY 8

DUBLIN

Arrive early in the morning into Dublin. Upon arrival you will be met by our representatives and transferred to your hotel. Note that with the early arrival, your hotel room will probably not be ready. You can check any bags with the bellman at the hotel and head out to start exploring the city of Dublin. Your day is free until this evening when we have a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel. (D)

DAY 3 // TUESDAY, MAY 9

DUBLIN

After breakfast at the hotel, it is in Trinity Library where you start your visit today. Trinity College was founded by Elizabeth I in 1592 and Trinity is the sole college of Dublin University. The Old Library houses some 200,000 of the college's collection of more than 2 million volumes. The most priceless manuscript it has is the Book of Kells, a Latin text of the Four Gospels with illuminated pages, which dates from about AD 800.

Travel down Dame Street to visit St Patrick's Cathedral. Jonathon Swift, the author of Gulliver's Travels, was once the dean in this Cathedral and today Swift's tomb is in the south aisle. This cathedral is one of the finest examples of Gothic Architecture in Dublin. You will also get an opportunity to view the Georgian Squares of which Dublin is famous and get a guided panoramic tour of the city.

Next you will visit The Guinness Storehouse, a historical and cultural landmark in Dublin city.

Here you will learn how the famous brew is made, and discover the secrets of Guinness as well as sample it! A warehouse of the original brewery (founded in 1759), it has been transformed into a hi-tech visitor center covering 6 floors. Containing 3 bars, the visit culminates with a pint of the 'black stuff' in the Gravity Bar on the 6th floor of the center, (Dublin's highest pub) where you can also enjoy 360-degree views over the city. Try your hand at pint pulling along with enjoying a lunch at this spectacular venue.

After your tour, return to your hotel where the remainder of your day and evening is free. (B, L)

DAY 4 // WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

DUBLIN - BALLYKNOCKEN

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and then spend some time relaxing or shopping on Grafton Street, or make a visit to the iconic Bewley's Café for coffee and a spectacular pastry.

This afternoon you head out to the countryside to Ballyknocken House and Farm Cookery School, where you will have the opportunity to enjoy an authentic Irish experience. Ballyknocken is home to celebrity TV chef, Catherine Fulvio. Catherine is the 3rd generation of her family to live here. The farm boasts a charming Victorian farmhouse (Catherine's home and one of Ireland's first B&B's), the original hay barns that have been renovated to accommodate events, and of course, the internationally recognized Ballyknocken Cookery School, located in the former Milking Parlour. Ballyknocken offers a choice of unique activities such as Sheep Herding, Scone Making, Irish Dancing, and Irish Coffee Making. You will finish off your time at this unique location with a country barbeque in the property's barn.

Return to Dublin for your overnight. (B, D)



DAY 5 // THURSDAY, MAY 11

DUBLIN - KILLARNEY

After breakfast at your hotel, you will depart Dublin and travel to the southwest of the country to the village of Killarney. Enroute you will visit the Rock of Cashel and Blarney Castle. The Rock of Cashel, iconic in its historic significance, possesses the most impressive cluster of medieval buildings in Ireland. Among the monuments to be found there is a round tower, a high cross, a Romanesque chapel, a Gothic cathedral, an abbey, the Hall of the Vicars Choral and a fifteenth-century Tower House. After spending some time here, you will continue to the famous Blarney Castle. If you wish, you can climb the castle and kiss the famous Blarney Stone to obtain the gift of eloquence. Or you can spend some time perusing the wares at the Blarney Woollen Mills. Lunch is included today.

Continue on to Killarney and check into your hotel. This evening includes a welcome dinner at the hotel. (B, L, D)

DAY 6 // FRIDAY, MAY 12

KILLARNEY - GAP OF DUNLOE

Enjoy breakfast before you depart for your tour today. Travel to The Gap of Dunloe which is a narrow pass between Macgillycuddy's Reeks and the Purple Mountains near Killarney. It begins at Kate Kearney's Cottage and ends with a descent into The Black Valley, a distance of approximately 7 miles. As you travel through the Gap from Kate Kearney's, five small lakes are passed: CoosaunLough, Black Lake, Cushnavally Lake, Auger Lake, and Black Lough; in turn, these lakes are connected by the River Loe from which the gap gets its name. Between the first two lakes is an old arch bridge called the 'Wishing Bridge' so named because it is said that wishes made while upon it are destined to come true.

This tour is more of an adventure than tour with a combination of a bus to Kate Kearney's Cottage, then a journey of 7 miles by jaunting cart through the famous gap and a glaciated valley to Lord Brandon's Cottage. After an included lunch, a traditional style boat takes you through the three Lakes of Killarney to Ross Castle where a bus will return you to Killarney.

Your evening and dinner are on your own. (B, L)

DAY 7 // SATURDAY, MAY 13

KILLARNEY

Breakfast is included at the hotel this morning. Today is day of choices. You can relax and enjoy the charming village of Killarney on your own, or you can choose to participate in an optional tour taking you to Dingle and Blasket Island on an eco-tour boat excursion (tour is an additional cost).

OPTIONAL TOUR

Travel from Killarney to Dingle. Depart from Ventry Harbour on your excursion boat towards Great Blasket Island, past Dunbeg prehistoric fort, Sleah Head and Coumineoil Beach towards Blasket Sound. Moor for a short time off Blasket Island (no landing) with views of Blasket village and beautiful Trá Bán [White Strand] and resident population of grey seals at Carraig Fhada. Return via the "Wild Bank" in Dingle Bay with a chance to see dolphins, minke whales and basking shark (in season). Return back to Killarney in the early afternoon where you are free until dinner.

Cost is \$189 per person // Space is limited

This evening enjoy a dine-around dinner at a local restaurant in Killarney. (B, D)

DAY 8 // SUNDAY, MAY 14

KILLARNEY - DUBLIN

After breakfast, relax this morning before you start your return to Dublin. Arrive back in Dublin and check in to your hotel.

In the late afternoon you will experience a fun, interactive pub crawl with Ireland's best musicians. Accompany Ireland's finest musicians as you listen to and learn about Irish traditional music, song and dance. Visit Dublin's best traditional pubs and have a pint of Guinness or drink of your choice as you immerse yourself in Irish culture. A unique part of the musical pub crawl is that you can have a chance to learn the basics of an Irish instrument and an Irish tune or two. Everyone will also receive a brand new tin-whistle and shown the notes, how to hold the instrument and how to play a few well-known Irish tunes! This will surely be a fantastic, fun experience!

After your pub crawl, you will enjoy dinner in a local Dublin restaurant. (B, D)

DAY 9 // MONDAY, MAY 15

DUBLIN - BELFAST - DUBLIN

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before departing on a full day trip to Belfast, Northern Ireland. When you arrive in Belfast, you will take part in a panoramic city tour seeing the City Hall, Queen's University, the parliament building at Stormont, and visit the amazing new Titanic Signature Building. The newly-opened Titanic Belfast is a "must see" visit in any tour of Belfast and Northern Ireland. It is located in the heart of Belfast, right beside the historic site of this world-famous ship's construction. Housed in an iconic, 6-floor building, this state-of-the-art visitor experience tells the story of the Titanic, from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to her famous maiden voyage and tragic end. The adventure begins the moment you walk through the door and into the building's giant atrium surrounded by the four 'ship's hull' shaped wings which house the Titanic Experience. As you journey through the nine large galleries of this state-of-the-art interactive exhibition, you will uncover the true story of the Titanic.

After an included lunch, you will be taken on a tour of the Shankill and Falls Road, learning of how things were during the course of the Troubles. See the wall murals that are known all over the world. Every mural tells a story which they will explain in great detail. You will get a chance to walk around to take plenty of photos. Then you will visit the famous peace wall that separates both Protestant and Catholic communities where you will get a chance to sign your name on the wall.

Return to Dublin in the late afternoon. Your evening and dinner are on your own. (B, L)

DAY 10 // TUESDAY, MAY 16

DUBLIN

This morning, enjoy breakfast at the hotel to start your day. Today is day of choices. You can relax and enjoy the city of Dublin on your own, or you can choose to participate in one of two optional tours offered (tours are an additional cost).

TOUR OPTION ONE

EPIC Ireland - The Immigration Museum Tour

In the vaults of the CHQ Building, originally built as a wine and tobacco store in 1820, lies one of Dublin's premier attractions. EPIC Ireland tells the story of the Irish people and their history of emigration, why they left, where they went, and what became of the Irish diaspora all over the world. A celebration of the contribution of the Irish diaspora on a global level, EPIC features cutting edge interactive technology. Your journey comes to life with live video mapping and interactive video feeds along the way. The Irish have long been famous for their story telling -now let them harness state of the art technology to tell you stories in a new way. Cost is \$100 per person // Space is limited

TOUR OPTION TWO

The Fabulous Food Trail of Dublin

Food led, your experienced and knowledgeable guides bring you to out of the way places and will open your eyes to the very best Irish and international food. You will visit bread shops, food halls, street markets, cheesemongers, fishmongers, butchers, bakers and a lot more depending on the day. Best of all, you'll meet the people whose families have traded in the area for generations and still produce wonderful food. And you also meet those bringing new international tastes and food ideas to the Irish table. This gentle 2½ hour stroll has lots of stops with frequent, generous tastings along the way. Soak in the history and culture of the city and enjoy delicious foods in historic neighborhoods, off the beaten track, yet all within a stone's throw of the city center. Cost is \$150 per person // Space is limited

This evening holds a fitting farewell to Ireland. You will be in awe of this magical, surprise venue and evening, and this will be an event that you will remember for years to come. (B, D)

DAY 11 // WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

DUBLIN - HOME

After an early breakfast, depart from the hotel for the Dublin Airport for your return flight home. Arrive home the same day.



ACCOMMODATIONS

WESTIN DUBLIN HOTEL

Experience an idyllic city center sanctuary at the Westin Dublin. Enjoying a unique location, overlooking Trinity College and Dublin City with shopping, entertainment and many attractions on its doorstep. The hotel delivers a warm Irish welcome with an international level of service.

Discover an array of charming and comfortable places to dine, with three delightful eateries; Morelands Lounge and Grill, the Atrium Lounge, and the Mint Bar. Relax in our classically designed guest rooms and delight in the refreshing details of five star hospitality. The Banking Hall is an iconic ballroom adorned with Crystal chandeliers and featuring opulent marble pillars, tall mahogany doorways and magnificent detailing on the walls and ceiling.

Each exquisitely designed room suite is equipped with luxury amenities, including flat screen TV, iPhone/iPad docking station, alarm clock, complimentary high-speed internet access, Nespresso coffee machines, complimentary mineral water, individual climate control and bathrobe and slippers. Sink into your Westin heavenly bed with luxurious bed linen and delight in the Italian marble en-suite bathroom with rainfall shower.

KILLARNEY PARK HOTEL

The Killarney Park Hotel is situated on its own private grounds. This family owned, luxury, 5 star hotel in Killarney Kerry, is committed to ensuring that every moment will be memorable, relaxing and enjoyable.

The Killarney Park Hotel offers luxury accommodations in spacious rooms overlooking either the hotel gardens, the mountains beyond, or the historic town of Killarney with the church and cathedral steeples in the background. Room amenities include air conditioning, complimentary internet access, plasma television, marble bathrooms, plush robes, slippers and an in room safe.

With such luxury as standard there is no wonder why the Killarney Park is considered as one of the finest hotels Kerry has to offer. There are a number of options for dining on property, along with spa, and fitness suite.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- » Six nights total in the Westin Dublin in Run-of-house accommodations
- » Three nights total at the Killarney Park Hotel in Run-of-house accommodations
- » Airport transfers and all transportation throughout for nine days
- » Breakfast (B) daily, six dinners (D) and five lunches (L)
- » Tours and visits including the Book of Kells, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and the Guinness Storehouse
- » A country afternoon at Ballyknockan Farm including sheep herding, scone baking, Irish dancing and a barbeque
- » Visits to the Rock of Cashel, Blarney Castle and a chance to kiss the Blarney Stone
- » Tour to the Gap of Dunloe including a picnic lunch
- » An Irish Musical Pub Crawl
- » A full day tour to Belfast, Northern Ireland
- » A majestic farewell dinner that you won't forget!
- » And more

TOUR PRICING

\$5,995* per person, based on double occupancy

\$8,795* per person, based on single occupancy
(limited availability, by request only)

Space on this tour is limited and will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

Special group airfare is available for an additional cost.

*Prices based on cash or check payment. Other forms of payment are subject to a 3.5% processing fee.

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