



Stay in Luxury Bed & Breakfast Cottages at the heart of Ireland with our Program Director showing your group a different part of Ireland every day. You'll see busy city streets, rolling green hills, spectacular glacial valleys with lakes and waterfalls, awe-inspiring cliffs, Norman castles, Viking churches, and ancient illustrated Christian texts. You'll experience amazing food, music, dance, and singing, and you'll meet the friendliest people on earth.

Day	Region	Highlights
1	Airborne	Meet your Program Director at the airport for an overnight flight to Ireland!
2	Lakelands	Private transfer from Dublin to farmhouse accommodations in the center of Ireland where we'll unpack and head to the dining room to experience the renowned Full Irish Breakfast. After breakfast we depart for Athlone and take boat ride along the Shannon to Clonmacnoise (a monastery settled in 546). Guided Tour of Clonmacnoise. Private transfer back to Athlone for dinner overlooking the Shannon across from a beautifully lit Athlone Castle.
3	Dublin City	Private transfer to Dublin. Visit Epic Ireland and learn about Ireland's influential diaspora (you expect to hear about John F. Kennedy and Bono, but not Charles de Gaulle and Che Guevara!). Lunch. Guided tour of Christchurch Cathedral (founded in 1028 by a Viking King) and Kilmainham Gaol. Dinner in Dublin.
4	South	Private transfer to Cork. Along the way we'll stop and explore the Rock of Cashel and take in the Titanic Experience in Cobh. Visit Blarney Castle where we'll be "Blessed with the Gift of the Gab" when we kiss the Blarney Stone.
5	West	Private transfer to Galway City. Lunch and shopping. Transfer to Lahinch. Enjoy the views from the trails along the Cliffs of Moher. Transfer to Limerick to explore the newly restored King John's Castle. Coffee, then off to Portmagee.
6	Islands	Choose one: (A) Skellig Micheal - Boat ride out to Skellig Michael to explore the remains of the Christian Monastery (selected by J.J. Abrams as the first Jedi Temple in Star Wars: The Force Awakens); (B) Valentia Island - Road trip includes the Skellig Experience Visitor Center, Bray Head Tower, Cromwell Point Lighthouse, Geokaun Mountain, Fogher Cliffs, and the Subtropical Gardens at Glanleadon. Evening of traditional music and food at Bunratty Castle.
7	North	Day trip up north to see the fascinating basalt columns of the Giant's Causeway, cross the rope bridge at Carrick-a-Rede and take in the incredible views from the coastal walk, then wander around the ruins of medieval Dunluce Castle high up on the coastal cliffs. Dinner overlooking the harbor in Portrush.
8	Dublin	Private transfer to Dublin. Visit to the Book of Kells and the Trinity College Library (Harry Potter fans will recognize it immediately as the dining hall at Hogwarts). Shopping on Grafton Street and picnic lunch on Saint Stephen's Green. Day ends with a professionally guided walk around the inner city Dublin where we dig sampling a variety of Irish dishes while being entertained by long, short, and tall tales.
9	Airborne	Enjoy a farewell Full Irish Breakfast before boarding our private transport to the airport. Slainté!

