Ireland | The Emerald Isle





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	City	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	Private transfer to Dublin. Visit Epic Ireland and learn about Ireland's influential diaspora (you probably expect to hear about John F. Kennedy and Bono, but you probably didn't expect to hear about 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	The 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. Shopping and dinner in Cork.
5	The West	Private transfer to Lahinch for some time strolling along the Cliffs of Moher. Lunch, then transfer to Limerick to explore the newly restored King John's Castle. Day ends with an traditional music and food at Bunratty Castle.
6	The 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.
7	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 Hogworts). Lunch in Saint Stephen's Green followed by an afternoon of shopping on Grafton Street,. The day ends with a professionally guided walk around the inner city Dublin sampling a variety of Irish dishes at restaurants along the way.
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