

DISCOVER IRELAND

9 DAY TOUR

JUNE 7, 2020

**HOUSTON | DUBLIN | KILLARNEY
LIMERICK | GALWAY | DUBLIN | HOUSTON**

Featuring:

Dublin, Galway, Blarney Castle, Ring of Kerry, Burren (Cliffs of Moher) & Connemara

Per person on twin
sharing basis:

US\$ 3099

Single Person
Supplement:

US\$ 475



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TOUR LODGING INFO:

Accommodation will be provided on room with breakfast basis

CITY	NO. OF NIGHTS	HOTELS
Dublin	2 Nights	Ashling Hotel
Killarney	2 Nights	Innisfallen Hotel
Limerick	1 Night	Raddison Hotel
Galway	2 Nights	Clybaun Hotel

(If any of the above-mentioned hotels are not available, a similar alternative will be provided)

INCLUDES:

- International roundtrip airfare from Houston including taxes
- Accommodation at listed hotels or similar
- 7 full Irish Breakfasts and 2 Dinners
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Licensed English-speaking guides on city tours
- English speaking tour escort
- Sightseeing as mentioned in the itinerary in private air-conditioned transportation
- Entrance Fees - Ferry ride across the River Shannon
- Cruise on Lough Corrib
- All taxes and service charges

TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1: HOUSTON - DUBLIN

Today you will board your flight to Ireland's historic capital city, Dublin. Overnight onboard

DAY 2: DUBLIN (ARRIVE)

On arrival in Dublin today you will be met by at the airport by a company representative and transferred to your hotel in the city. The remainder of the day is yours to spend at leisure. Overnight in Dublin.

DAY 3: DUBLIN - BLARNEY CASTLE - KILLARNEY

This morning you will depart Ireland's capital and **visit the town of Blarney**, home to the famous **Blarney Castle**. Dating from 1446, the castle is a tower house built on solid limestone within wonderful grounds. At the top of the Tower you will find the legendary Stone of Eloquence; kiss it and you'll never again be lost for words. Enjoy some time for **shopping at Blarney Woollen Mills**, perhaps the largest quality craft shop in Ireland, before continuing on to **Killarney in Kerry** in the southwest of Ireland. Overnight in Killarney (B/D)

DAY 4: RING OF KERRY

Today you will enjoy a tour of the Iveragh Peninsula, which will give you the opportunity to explore the **Ring of Kerry**. Leaving Killarney, you will pass through Killorglin, famous for its Puck Fair, then to Glenbeigh (where the cliff road affords panoramic views of the Dingle Peninsula and Dingle Bay), the sea town of Waterville and Sneem Village, famous for its brightly coloured houses. The road continues through the mountains to Molls Gap and Ladies View with superb views of the famous Lakes of Killarney. **Visit Muckross House**, built in 1843, in the heart of Killarney National Park. Overnight, in Killarney (B)

DAY 5: KILLARNEY - BURREN REGION (CLIFFS OF MOHER) - LIMERICK

Today you will depart Kerry and travel northwards to Tarbert, where you



will take a short **boat ride across the mouth of the River Shannon** to land on Clare's shore at Killimer. From here you will travel along the coast to the **Cliffs of Moher**, the most majestic cliffs in Ireland. Enjoy a **tour of the Burren Region** ("Burren" means "large stones"); often described as lunar, the Burren is a high plateau of porous limestone situated in Northern Clare between Ballyvaughan and Kilfenora. The rocks hide many caves and "Turloughs", an interesting phenomenon which transforms lakes into fields during the summer. After this tour you will travel to Limerick. Overnight in Limerick

Optional: Medieval Banquet at Bunratty Castle (or similar) US\$ 70 Per person

Bunratty Castle, built in the 15th century by the Earl of Thomond, stands on the banks of the Raithe River in County Clare. The Earl was known for his generosity and his lavish banquets. The entertainment today is provided by the superb Bunratty Singers & is a compliment to the lively mead reception, a four-course meal & of course good wine. Guests are invited to enjoy an unforgettable evening & take a true step back in time to Medieval Ireland.

DAY 6: LIMERICK - GALWAY

This morning you will travel to **Galway**, where you can enjoy an **orientation tour of the city**. Galway is a delight with its narrow streets, wooden shop fronts and busy pubs. Your visit starts at **Galway's modern Cathedral**, one of the largest and most impressive buildings in Galway. Afterwards enjoy a **cruise on Lough Corrib** - this journey on the Corrib Princess takes passengers along the majestic River Corrib and on to the lake, providing visitors with wonderful views of historic monuments and scenery, which make this one of the most spectacular waterways in Ireland. Enjoy the rest of your **afternoon at leisure**. Overnight in Galway (B/D)

DAY 7: GALWAY - CONNEMARA REGION - GALWAY

Today you will travel through the beautiful **Connemara Region**, a land of lakes and rivers, bogs and mountains; a land of small villages where Gaelic is still the spoken language. Connemara is a vast peninsula bordered by the arid and rocky coastline of Galway Bay in the south. On its northern shore the land is harsher, with spectacular views of the ocean, the fjord of Killary Harbour, as well as the steep mountains overlooking numerous lakes and large bog areas; a haven for nature lovers. You will also visit historic **Kylemore Abbey** before returning to Galway. Overnight in Galway (B)

DAY 8: GALWAY - DUBLIN

Today you will depart Galway and visit **Clonmacnoise**. Situated in the wilds, on the banks of the Shannon, sixth century Clonmacnoise is now partly in ruins. Visit the **Visitor Centre** where the original Celtic crosses are exhibited, followed by a **tour of the site** to see the eleventh century cathedral and the wonderful reproductions of the High Crosses. After the tour you will continue on to **Dublin** for a tour of this Fair City. Visit **Trinity College**, the oldest University in Ireland, founded in 1592 by Elizabeth I. Visit the ancient library to see the ninth century **Book of Kells**, famous for its precious illuminations. Late this afternoon enjoy some **time at leisure** for souvenir shopping. Overnight in Dublin (B)

DAY 9: DUBLIN - HOUSTON (DEPART & ARRIVE BACK IN USA)

Today you will be transferred to Dublin International airport for your flight home (B)

END OF SERVICES

