



ireland us experience



**10 DAY
MYSTICAL TOUR
OF IRELAND**
**28th July-6th August
2023**

Flying Out Of USA on 27th July
Flying Home on 7th August



Glendalough

ATTRACTIONS INCLUDED IN TOUR

- **DUBLIN**
Dublin City Tour
Guinness Storehouse
EPIC Museum & Jeanie Johnston
Merry Ploughboy Irish Night
- **MEATH**
Newgrange
Trim Castle
Monasterboice
- **NORTHERN IRELAND**
Navan Fort
Ulster American Folk Park
- **DONEGAL**
Slieve League/Killybegs
- **GALWAY & CLARE**
Galway City Tour
Tour of Connemara
Cliffs of Moher
- **KERRY**
Dingle Peninsula/Slea Head
Ring of Kerry Tour
Kissanees Sheep Farm
- **CORK**
Blarney Castle/Blarney Stone
Cobh Heritage Centre
- **WICKLOW**
Glendalough



MAP OF THE LOCATIONS VISITED

Ireland is famous as a land of mysticism and great beauty, rich in history, folklore, music and magic. Ireland US Experience, invite you on our Mystical Tour of Ireland, where not only will you experience a sample of the most beautiful sights that Ireland has to offer, but you will also delve into its ancient past and see how people lived not just hundreds of years ago, but thousands of years ago and, of course, find out what it is like to live in modern Ireland.

Over 10 days you will visit attractions as diverse as the Newgrange Mound, which is a burial site that is older than the Pyramids, Trim Castle and the ancient monastic settlement of Glendalough, where scholars have studied since it was founded by St Kevin in the 6th Century, the Navan Fort in Northern Ireland where you can find out what life was like in pre-Christian Ireland and interact with live characters from that time, and the Ulster American Folk Park, where you can walk through replicas of the Irish homes of the early Irish settlers in America, and the find out what life was like when they crossed the Atlantic, and even get to kiss the Blarney Stone.

And you will also visit some of the most beautiful and haunting sights in Ireland, from the majestic Cliffs of Moher, to the magical Ring of Kerry, and we are not forgetting some of our modern treasures, such as the Guinness Storehouse which is the most visited attraction in Ireland, and EPIC Museum, which has been voted Europe's Leading Tourist Attraction in 2019, 2020 and 2021 and uses hi-tech exhibits to show the influence that the Irish have had around the entire world from olden times to now.

NEWGRANGE



EPIC MUSEUM



MONASTERBOICE



TRIM CASTLE



Thurs July 27th - Depart The USA

Your adventure begins as you take to the air on your journey to the Emerald Isle.

Fri July 28th - Day 1 - Dublin - EPIC Museum - Guinness

Welcome to Ireland! We will meet up with you in the Arrivals area of Dublin Airport and take you on a short tour of Dublin, Ireland's capital city, including the Phoenix Park, before arriving at our first visit of the tour, the EPIC Irish Emigration Museum, where you can learn about how the Irish have migrated around the world and the impact that such a small country has made to world history and culture while engaging with a range of high-tech interactive exhibits. As part of your visit you can cross the road to the Quays on the River Liffey, and climb on board the Jeanie Johnston, a replica of the type of ship that brought many Irish to the USA. Then we will move on to Dublin's most famous location, the Guinness Storehouse, officially the most visited attraction in the Republic of Ireland, and you will find out why when you see the panoramic view of the city from the Gravity Bar as you learn how to pull a proper pint of 'the Black Stuff'. Finally we will arrive at your hotel for your first 2 nights in Ireland, the stylish [Mespil Hotel](#) a 15 minute walk from Trinity College and Grafton Street (Ireland's premier shopping street), and a few minutes further to O'Connell Bridge and the City Centre, plus the many bars and restaurants of Dublin's Temple Bar entertainment area. After check-in to the hotel you are invited for a welcome drink with your guides, Pat and Alan who will talk you through your tour and give some extra suggestions of things to do during your stay. You will have the remainder of the evening free to chill out and enjoy the hotel or perhaps venture out to experience the Dublin night life.

Sat July 29th - Day 2 - Dublin - Newgrange-Trim Castle-Monasterboice

Today we venture outside Dublin to the Boyne Valley in County Meath, where you will be taken on a guided tour by a local guide of some of Ireland's oldest sites, including the megalithic passage tomb of Newgrange that pre-dates the Pyramids in Egypt, and where at dawn on the morning of the Spring and Winter Solstice, a beam of light penetrates all the way through to the central chamber inside. We will then pay a visit to Monasterboice Monastery, famous for its ruins and High Crosses. Then it is on to Trim Castle, a 13th century fortress used as the backdrop in several movies such as Mel Gibson's Braveheart and Christian Bale's Reign of Fire. We will then return to your hotel in Dublin for the evening where you can relax, or explore the city at your own pace, or maybe enjoy a pint or two!

Sun July 30th - Day 3 - Navan Fort - Ulster American Folk Park

We take our leave of Dublin and travel up to the Ecclesiastical City of Armagh in Northern Ireland, home to not one, but two St Patrick's Cathedrals, where we will visit the Navan Centre and Fort, a recreation of a Celtic settlement from the Middle Ages, where you will experience history coming alive. We will then travel across the province to the Ulster-American Folk Park where you will see facsimiles of old Irish homesteads and travel through a recreation of a famine ship, to arrive on the other side and see what life was like for those early emigrants when they arrived in the USA. We then proceed back across the border into County Donegal in the Republic to our hotel for the next two nights, the gorgeous 4-Star [Harveys Point Hotel](#).

Mon July 31st - Day 4 - Slieve League Cliffs-Killybegs-Donegal

Donegal was named as the Coolest Place on the Planet by National Geographic Traveller in 2017, and today you will find out why. After breakfast we will pass through the fishing village of Killybegs on our way to visit the spectacular Slieve League Cliffs, the highest sea cliffs in Europe. We will then travel back to Harveys Point where you will have the remainder of the afternoon free to enjoy the leisure facilities or to walk around its spacious grounds and lakes, before freshening up for the dinner we have arranged for you in the hotel that night.

Tue Aug 1st - Day 5 - Galway City

We will depart Donegal this morning and travel leisurely down through the gorgeous scenery of Counties Sligo, Mayo and Galway and on to Galway City where we will have a short tour of the city, visiting famous sights like the Spanish Arch, and the old medieval streets before checking into our hotel in Galway, the 4 Star [Galway Bay Hotel](#), which, as the name suggests, is along the seafront in Salthill looking out on Galway Bay. You will have the evening free to take in the sea air in a walk along the seafront and perhaps watch the sun go down in Galway Bay, or take a short taxi ride into Galway for its shopping, pubs and restaurants or enjoy its lively musical night life.

Wed August 2nd- Day 6 - Connemara - Kylemore Abbey

Today we will travel into the wilds of Connemara, an area of stark beauty, visiting Cong, the location for the famous John Wayne Irish movie, The Quiet Man and the majestic Victorian Walled Gardens of Kylemore Abbey, home to the Benedictine Nuns for over 100 years (and famous for its handmade treats!) We will then head back to Galway where you will have the evening free to catch up on everything you missed the night before!

Thurs August 3rd - Day 7 - Cliffs of Moher-Adare-Dingle-Killarney

This morning we take our leave of Galway and head down the coast of County Clare to one of Ireland's most iconic sights, the majestic Cliffs of Moher, which we will see from the land side. We then move down to the 'Kingdom' of Kerry, stopping in the picturesque town of Adare, famous for its thatched houses, and head on to the Dingle Peninsula, where we will visit the picturesque fishing town of Dingle, before heading on to Sleat Head with its fantastic sea views. Finally we head for Killarney and our hotel for the next 2 nights, [The Brehon Hotel](#) where you will have the evening free to enjoy the towns night vibrant musical night life.



Cliffs of Moher

ULSTER-AMERICAN FOLK PARK



NAVAN FORT



SLIEVE LEAGUE



KYLEMORE ABBEY



FOTA ISLAND RESORT HOTEL



BLARNEY CASTLE



ROCK OF CASHEL



MERRY PLOUGHBOY DANCERS



Fri August 4th - Day 8 - Ring of Kerry - Kissanes Sheep Farm

Today is something special, as we head off on a journey around one of Ireland's most scenic drives, the Ring of Kerry, following the route through Waterville and Molls Gap, where you will experience a skill that has existed for with a display of sheep dogs in action on Kissane's Sheep Farm and see a sheep being sheared live, then on to fantastic vista of Ladies View, before returning to our hotel where you have the evening free to further explore the musical delights in Killarney.

Sat August 5th - Day 9 - Blarney Castle – Cobh Heritage Centre

This morning we head eastward across Ireland to the the 'Rebel County', Cork. Our first stop will be in Blarney Castle where you will have the opportunity to kiss the Blarney Stone, that legend says will give you the gift of eloquence. The stone is on the ramparts of the castle, so if you are nervous of heights, or don't fancy kissing a lump of rock, there is always the extensive grounds of the castle to explore, or its famous woolens store. Then it's over to the seaside port of Cobh, and visit its renowned Heritage Centre before arriving at your fabulous 5-Star hotel for the evening, [The Fota Island Resort](#), where we have arranged dinner for you.

Sun August 6th - Day 10- Glendalough – Merry Ploughboy Show

For our final official day of the tour, we will head back to Dublin, passing through Cashel in Tipperary where you will glimpse the awesome Rock of Cashel, as we travel up into the wilds of the Wicklow mountains to the ancient monastic settlement of Glendalough, in a magical setting between two lakes (featured in our cover photo). We then return to the [Mespil Hotel](#) to freshen up for our final night, a spectacular display of Irish dancing and music in the Merry Ploughboy pub in the shadow of the Dublin mountains accompanied by a fabulous three course meal.

Mon August 7th - The Sad Bit—The Return To The USA

All good things must come to an end, and we now come to the saddest bit of the vacation, the return home. As all US Immigration processes actually take place in Dublin Airport, we need to ensure that you are at the airport in good time to be processed and make your flight. As you will have been pre-processed in Dublin, you will not need to go through immigration when you arrive in the USA and it will be just like arriving on a domestic US flight.

We hope that you will bring back with you many happy memories of your time with us in Ireland.

COSTS OF TOUR

Cost of Tour Per Person Sharing In A
Twin or Double Room
(including flights to Ireland)

Euro € 5,050 *
(20% Deposit : Euro €1010)
(Tour Cost Excluding Flights: €3,750)

Cost of Tour Per Person in
Single Room Accommodation
(including flights to Ireland) **

Euro € 6,195 *
(20% Deposit : Euro €1,239)
(Tour Cost Excluding Flights: €4,895)

* Due to the effect of the Covid epidemic on the airline industry and the recent fluctuations in fuel prices, it is possible that airlines may decide to increase flight costs at short notice, or possibly introduce fuel surcharges. As these adjustments would be outside our control, it would be necessary for us to pass any such additional costs on to you. We try to confirm flights as quickly as possible after a booking is made to minimize the possibility of this situation arising. Alternatively, and particularly if you have accumulated air miles or have preferred status with a specific airline, you might prefer to make your own flight arrangements, in which case the 'Tour Cost Excluding Flights' costings above would apply. If you choose this option then we will notify you when we have confirmed our initial flights so that you can co-ordinate your arrival time in Ireland to avoid missing out on any part of the tour. Prices current for all bookings made after Feb 1st 2023.

Because we are an Irish company, all payment amounts are quoted in Euro. The amount payable in US Dollars may be higher or lower depending on the Euro/Dollar exchange rate at the time payments are made.

** Because the supplement costs on single rooms in Ireland can be almost the same as the twin room costs, if you know another single coming on the trip and don't mind sharing a twin room together, then substantial savings can be made by both of you.

*** We also offer a Payment Plan option that allows you to spread the cost of the remaining balance due, after payment of the deposit, over six equal monthly payments (Note: we simply divide the balance due by the number of payments, and there are no additional interest or other charges).

A 20% non-refundable deposit is payable at the time of booking to reserve your place on the tour. The balance will be due four months prior to the travel date, and will be non-refundable once paid.

TRIM CASTLE



THE DINGLE PENINSULA



SLEA HEAD, CO KERRY



THE GPO DUBLIN



TERMS & CONDITIONS

At Ireland US Experience we like to keep things simple, so we don't have reams of tightly packed legal talk that you probably won't ever read or actually understand. What we want to do, when you travel with us, is to ensure that we give you the best possible vacation that we possibly can, and to make sure that you have such an enjoyable and safe time while you are in our care that you will remember and talk about it for years to come. However, there are a few things that we need to highlight to you, so that you are aware of them prior to travelling with us :

We are an Irish company, based in Ireland, so any bills or invoices we send you will be denominated in Euro. The actual amount in dollars may be higher or lower depending on the actual exchange rate on the dates the payments are made. We currently invoice through Paypal as we find that our visitors are more comfortable making their payments through a payment system that they are familiar with. Please note that you do not need to have a Paypal account to use this facility, and can instead use your debit or credit card as normal via their secure portal. Paypal will automatically handle the Euro/Dollar conversion for you at whatever rate applies on the day that you make the payment.

Again, because we are an Irish company, based in Ireland, all dealings with us will be deemed to come under the jurisdiction of Irish law and the Irish courts system, or where they might take precedence, the laws of the UK or the European Union.

Ireland US Experience Ltd undertake to supply the tour services agreed with our clients, which will usually have been customized to their particular requirements. Should any particular service or accommodation become unavailable at the time of the vacation, due to circumstances beyond our control, we agree to replace the missing item with a similar event or hotel of a similar standard. In return for these services, the client confirms that they will pay the amount agreed.

The Vacation Package will be priced based on an agreed number of passengers on agreed dates. If the number of passengers or dates changes, then this may result in an adjustment to the price per person. Please note, in particular, that single occupancy rooms will normally be more expensive per person than joint occupancy. In addition, hotel accommodation costs tend to increase, and availability can be limited, during the high season (August to August). Hotel prices also tend to be more expensive when bookings are made close to the arrival date, or on different days of the week. Prices quoted by us could therefore require amendment in situations where you request us to change your original travel or accommodation arrangements.

An initial non-refundable deposit of 20% of the total amount due per person will normally be payable on confirmation of the booking. The remaining balance will be payable four months prior to the commencement of the vacation. We will invoice you, at the appropriate times, for the Euro amounts based on the overall price agreed at the time the booking was made. Final payments, once paid, become non-refundable. We would recommend that when travelling long distances, such as to Ireland, that you take out travel insurance that is appropriate to your circumstances. A basic travel insurance policy is included as part of your package and details will be notified to you along with your flight confirmations. If you wish to have a more comprehensive cover, you should consult your insurance advisor.

All entrance costs to the visitor attractions listed in the itinerary that we agree with our clients are included in the price. When requesting us to arrange games of golf, please advise if you would like us to also arrange clubs or buggies and if there are specific courses or types of courses you would like to play.

As a tour operator, we look after you from the moment you arrive at the airport until the moment we return you to the airport at the end of your vacation. We do not usually arrange the flights themselves, but can recommend local US or Irish based travel agents who can supply these services at highly competitive rates. All prices quoted by us therefore exclude flight costs unless otherwise stated. Please be aware that international flight costs fluctuate, and can either increase or decrease substantially the closer you get to your departure date, depending on how full a particular flight might be. In general, flight costs will be higher and availability lower in peak season (June to August), so you will need to take this into account when budgeting the overall cost of the vacation.

If travellers have any special requirements (e.g. smoking rooms, handicap accessible rooms, bedding type, air conditioning, special dietary requirements) please advise at time of booking. Once hotels have confirmed, guests may incur penalties for any changes. Any special requests are subject to their availability at individual hotels and requests cannot be guaranteed.

In the unlikely event of a medical emergency or issue, our staff will arrange for local medical assistance and transfer to a local hospital, should that be required. While public healthcare is free in Ireland for emergency admittances, if you wished to have private healthcare facilities you will need to ensure that your US health policy covers you for costs incurred outside the USA.

It is the responsibility of all clients to ensure that they have valid passports before they travel. We recommend that you apply for your passport as early as possible if you do not currently have one, or if it will be out of date prior to your departure/return in order to avoid any last minute issues. Please ensure, when booking your flights, that you notify the travel agent of the exact names of all travellers as listed on their passports, as the airlines may not allow you to board the flight if there is a difference between the passport name and the name on the boarding pass.

Gratuities to drivers/guides are not included in our prices.

Any additional Terms and Conditions that might apply to specific vacation packages will be notified to you when agreeing the itinerary.

Please see our website, <http://www.irelandusexperience.com/about-us.html> for up-to-date details on our Privacy Policy and GDPR compliance details.

HOTELS USED ON THIS TOUR:

3 NIGHTS DUBLIN : The Mespil Hotel

2 NIGHTS DONEGAL : Harveys Point Hotel

2 NIGHTS GALWAY : Galway Bay Hotel

2 NIGHTS KILLARNEY : Brehon Hotel, Killarney

1 NIGHT CORK : Fota Island Resort

TOUR INCLUDES

Travel By Luxury Bus

10 Nights In Above Hotels Or Similar

(including Full Irish Breakfast Daily)

Dinner Included On 3 Nights

Entrance Fees To All Attractions Listed In Brochure

Welcome Bag & Welcome Get Together Drink



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