

ireland us experience



Slieve League Cliffs, Donegal

10 DAY FAMILY ADVENTURE IN IRELAND

1st-11th August 2024

Flying out of USA on 31st July
Flying Home On 11th August

Day By Day Itinerary



Carrick-A-Rede Rope Bridge

ATTRACTIONS INCLUDED IN TOUR

- **DUBLIN (including city tour)**
 EPIC Museum
 Guinness Storehouse
 Teelings Whiskey
 Kilmainham Gaol
 Merry Ploughboy Irish Night
 Johnnie Foxes Hooley Night

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Belfast & Derry City Tours
 Giants Causeway
 Carrick-A-Rede Rope Bridge

■ DONEGAL

- Slieve League

■ GALWAY (including city tour)

- Connemara/Kylemore Abbey

■ CLARE

- Cliffs of Moher By Land & Sea
 Bunratty Castle Medieval Show

■ KERRY & CORK

- Ring of Kerry Tour/Killarney
 Kissanes Sheep Farm
 Blarney Castle/Blarney Stone

■ TIPPERARY

- Rock of Cashel

■ KILKENNY

- Kilkenny Castle
 Smithwicks Experience

■ WICKLOW

- Glendalough



Ireland US Experience are delighted to take you and all the extended family members on a magical 10 Day Family Adventure around Ireland, where you all get to sample some of the very best Ireland that has to offer.

Over 10 days you will visit many attractions as diverse as the Guinness Storehouse, named as the world's leading tourist attraction of 2023 at the World Travel Awards, and home of Ireland's most famous export, and some of the most spectacular scenery in the world, when you visit The Cliffs of Moher (which you will get see from the Ocean as well as on land), and the world renowned Ring of Kerry.

And all along the way, as you travel in almost a full circle around the country, you will find out what makes Ireland so special, whether it's the people, the places, the music or the humor. As part of the tour we will also be visiting Northern Ireland where you will be taken on a city tour of both Belfast and Derry, and visit the fascinating Giants Causeway.

You will find further details of the day-by-day itinerary in the following pages.

We look forward to welcoming you to Ireland!

JOHNNIE FOX'S PUB



GUINNESS STOREHOUSE



EPIC EMIGRATION MUSEUM



KILMAINHAM GAOL



TEELINGS WHISKEY



10 Day Adventure To Ireland

Wed July 31st - Depart The USA

Your adventure begins as you take to the air on your journey across the Atlantic.

Thurs August 1st - Day 1 - Dublin - Kilmainham Gaol - 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, the largest city-center park in Europe. We will then take you back in history, to Kilmainham Gaol, where you will get a sense of where the Irish psyche comes from when you walk in the steps of many of Ireland's most famous revolutionary heroes over the centuries who were imprisoned there or met their final end in the main courtyard. Then it's on to Dublin's most famous location, the Guinness Storehouse, officially the most visited attraction in the Republic of Ireland, and as we mentioned in our intro, was awarded the title of World's Leading Attraction at the 2023 World Travel Awards in Dubai, ahead of attractions such as Niagra Falls, The Great Wall of China and Machu Pichu in Peru. And you will find out why when you see the panoramic view of the city from the Gravity Bar as you learn how they create the perfect pint of 'the Black Stuff' that has become a symbol of Ireland. We will then check in to the hotel that will be your home for your first three nights in Ireland, [The Clayton Hotel Charlemont](#), along the banks of the Grand Canal, and just a 10-15 walk from St Stephens Green and Grafton Street (Ireland's "5th Avenue"). You will have the remainder of the evening free to rest up after your travels over to Ireland, or perhaps take a stroll along the canal or into St Stephens Green.

Fri August 2nd - Day 2 - Dublin - EPIC Museum - Teeling Whiskey - Johnnie Fox's Irish Dinner Show

We have another fun-packed day in Dublin, starting with the high-tech EPIC Emigration Museum (voted Europe's Leading Tourist Attraction in 2019, 2020 and 2021) where you can find out why such a small country has had such a major influence around the world. We will then cross the road to the Dublin Harbour Quays, and pay a visit to the 'Jeanie Johnston', a replica of a Famine Ship that was used to ferry early Irish immigrants to the USA. As a complete contrast, we will spend the afternoon visiting the home of one of Ireland's other famous beverages, Teeling Whiskey, where you will see how the magic amber liquid is made, and, of course, get to sample some of the finished result, or a cocktail (or soft drink if you prefer). You will then return to your hotel where you will have the chance to freshen up, before we head into the Dublin Mountains to visit what is reputed to be Ireland's Highest Pub above sea-level, Johnnie Fox's, which was originally established back in 1798, where we have arranged dinner for you, accompanied by a night of Irish music, dance and song. Finally we will return you to your hotel for a well earned rest!

Sat Aug 3rd - Day 3 -Dublin-Newgrange-Monasterboice-Trim Castle

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 Irelands 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 the mound. We will then pay a visit to Monasterboice, 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 Bales's Reign of Fire. You will return to your hotel, where you may then choose to visit Temple Bar (Ireland's equivalent of the Left Bank in Paris), a large area full of restaurants and night-life that begins close to Trinity College at the bottom of Grafton St. and extends all the way down to near Dublin Castle, and across to the River Liffey.

Sun Aug 4th - Day 4 - Belfast - Giants Causeway - Derry - Donegal

We take our leave of Dublin and travel up to Belfast in Northern Ireland, where we will have a short tour of the city. We will then head up the beautiful Causeway Coast, where, on a clear day, you may get to glimpse Scotland, which at its narrowest point is just 12 miles away. We will then pay a visit to the geological marvel that is the Giants Causeway, made up of thousands of five-sided basalt columns of various sizes, that in legend was reputed to be a road created by a giant between Ireland and Scotland. A short distance away we will stop to give you the opportunity to cross Carrick-A-Rede Rope Bridge, that links a small island to the mainland. Following this, we will travel across the top of Northern Ireland, to Derry, where again we will have a short tour of the city, and visit the Peace Wall, then proceed back across the border into County Donegal to our hotel for the next two nights, [Lough Eske Castle](#), which, as the name suggests, is located in an old castle that has been totally renovated into Donegal's only 5-Star hotel.

Mon Aug 5th - Day 5 - 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 Slieve League Cliffs, the highest sea cliffs in Europe. On your return to Lough Eske, you will have the rest of the afternoon free to enjoy the leisure facilities there or to walk around the spacious grounds and lakes that surround it, and where we have arranged dinner for you.

Tue Aug 6th - Day 6 -Donegal-Connemara-Kylemore Abbey-Galway

We will take our leave of Donegal this morning and travel leisurely down through the fabulous coastal scenery of the Wild Atlantic Way through Counties Sligo and Mayo and through the wilds of Connemara where we will stop off to visit the picturesque Kylemore Abbey, home of the Benedictine Nuns for over 100 years and famous for its Victorian Walled Gardens and chocolate treats, and Cong, location for John Wayne's classic Irish movie, The Quiet Man. We will then move down to Galway City where we will have a short city tour viewing famous sights like the Spanish Arch, the boardwalk along the seafront in Salthill where you can take in the fresh Atlantic air, and the old medieval streets, before checking into our hotel in Galway, the [Park House Hotel](#) located just off Eyre Square, right in the center of Galway. You will have the evening free to enjoy the hotel, and perhaps take a walk around Eyre Square, or better still take a short walk down the road into the entertainment part of Galway where you will have a whole range of different places available to explore, many of which will feature the best of Irish musical entertainment.



NEWGRANGE

GIANTS CAUSEWAY



TRIM CASTLE



KYLEMORE ABBEY



SLIEVE LEAGUE CLIFFS



LADIES VIEW -RING OF KERRY



GLENDALOUGH



BLARNEY CASTLE CORK



CLIFFS OF MOHER BY SEA



CLIFFS OF MOHER

Wed Aug 7th - Day 7 - Cliffs of Moher - Bunratty Castle Banquet

This morning we take our leave of Galway and head down the coast of County Clare to one of Ireland's most iconic geographical features, The Cliffs of Moher, which we will see from both the land side, but also from the seaward side, when we take a boat trip out into the Atlantic Ocean. We will then travel down to the famous 15th century castle in Bunratty, where we have arranged an evening of traditional Irish music and great food for you at the Bunratty Castle Medieval Banquet, that takes place inside the castle itself. Your hotel this evening is the [Shannon Springs Hotel](#) located just a short distance away between Bunratty and Limerick City.

Thurs Aug 8th Day 8 - Ring of Kerry - Kissanes Sheep Farm

Today we head further South, passing through the picturesque town of Adare, to the 'Kingdom' of Kerry, where we will journey around one of Ireland's most scenic drives, the Ring of Kerry, visiting the seaside town of Waterville, whose most famous summer resident was Charlie Chaplin, through Molls Gap, where you will have a display of sheep dogs in action on Kissanes Sheep Farm and perhaps even a sheep shearing, then on to Ladies View, before arriving at our hotel for this evening, the [Parknasilla Resort Hotel](#), located near Sneem, on the coast along the Ring.

Fri Aug 9th - Day 9 - Blarney Castle - Rock of Cashel - Kilkenny - Smithwicks Experience

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 are also the extensive grounds of the castle to explore, or its famous woolens store. Then we head up to County Tipperary to visit the iconic Rock of Cashel, once throne to the High Kings of Munster back in the 5th century. Finally we will arrive in the town of Kilkenny, where we will visit the Smithwicks Experience, dedicated to yet another of Ireland's favorite beverages, before stopping at our hotel for this evening, the [River Court Hotel](#), located in the heart of Kilkenny, directly across the river from Kilkenny Castle, from which you can explore the city.

Sat Aug 10th - Day 10 - Kilkenny Castle - Glendalough - Merry Ploughboy Show - Dublin

For our final official day of the tour, we should have time to visit Kilkenny Castle before moving back towards Dublin, but stopping off along the way at the beautiful valley of Glendalough, famous for its round tower and ancient monastic buildings. Following our return to the Clayton Hotel Charlemont, you will have a chance to freshen up before you are taken to a spectacular show in the Merry Ploughboy pub in the shadow of the Dublin mountains where you will be treated to the best of Irish music and dancing accompanied by a fabulous three course meal.

Sun Aug 11th - 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.

MERRY PLOUGHBOY IRISH NIGHT



BUNRATTY CASTLE MEDIEVAL BANQUET



YOUR HOTELS DURING THE TRIP (All include breakfast) :

4 Nights Dublin : Clayton Hotel Charlemont

2 Nights Donegal : Lough Eske Castle Hotel

1 Night Galway : Park House Hotel

1 Night Shannon : Shannon Springs Hotel

1 Night Kerry : Parknasilla Resort Hotel

1 Night Kilkenny : River Court Hotel

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