



ireland us experience



craic agus ceol

11 DAY
MUSIC TOUR
OF IRELAND
2nd-12th June 2023
With Rogue Theory
& Blessed



Cliffs of Moher

ATTRACTIONS INCLUDED IN TOUR

- **DUBLIN**
Dublin City Tour
Kilmainham Gaol
Guinness Storehouse
EPIC Museum & Jeanie Johnston
Teelings Whiskey
Merry Ploughboy Irish Night
- **NORTHERN IRELAND**
Titanic Belfast
Belfast & Derry City Tours
- **DONEGAL**
Slieve League/Killybegs
- **MAYO**
Gig In Westport
- **GALWAY & CLARE**
Gig In Galway City
Tour of Connemara
Cliffs of Moher By Land & Sea
- **KERRY**
Gig in Killarney
Ring of Kerry Tour
Kissanes Sheep Farm
- **TIPPERARARY**
Rock of Cashel
- **KILKENNY**
Smithwicks Experience



MAP OF THE LOCATIONS VISITED

Ireland US Experience, in association with Rogue Theory and Blessed, invite you on our *Craic Agus Ceol* (translates from Gaelic as “Great Fun Plus Music”) musical tour of Ireland, where not only will you experience a sample of the very best Ireland has to offer, but you will also attend three live concerts with both bands at various locations along the West of Ireland.

Over 11 days you will visit attractions as diverse as the Guinness Storehouse, home of Ireland’s most famous export, to the Cliffs of Moher and the Ring of Kerry, some of the most spectacular scenery in the world. We will also be visiting Northern Ireland where you will be taken on a city tour of both Belfast and Derry, and visit Titanic Belfast, which has been voted Europe’s top visitor attraction on multiple occasions.

And, of course, as special guests of the bands, you will have special access to all their performances in Westport, Galway and Killarney.

And

DEER IN THE PHOENIX PARK



EPIC MUSEUM



KILMAINHAM GAOL



TEELINGS WHISKEY



11 Day Music Tour of Ireland

Guinness Storehouse



Thurs June 1st - Depart The USA

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

Fri June 2nd - 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 center-city park in Europe, and home of Aras an Uachtarain, the Irish 'White House' which is the residence of the President of Ireland. 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 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 check-in at you to your hotel that will be your home for your first two nights in Ireland, the [Ashling Hotel](#), which rests along the banks of the River Liffey, next door to the Phoenix Park, not far from the center of Dublin, where you are invited for a welcome drink with your guides, Pat and Alan. They 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 enjoy the hotel, or perhaps take the Luas (Dublin's tram system), which stops directly outside the hotel, for a short ride into the city center to experience Dublin's vibrant night life.

Sat June 3rd - Day 2 - Dublin - EPIC Museum -Teelings Whiskey

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 replication 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, Teelings Whiskey, where you will see how the magic amber liquid is made, and, of course, get to sample some of the finished result. You will have a chance to take in some more of the highlights of Dublin on your way back to your hotel, where you can relax for the evening—or perhaps enjoy another pint of two!

Sun June 4th - Day 3 - Titanic Belfast - Derry - Donegal

We take our leave of Dublin and travel up to Belfast where we will have a short tour of the city and finish in Titanic Belfast, voted the World's Top Visitor Attraction in 2017. You will see how the most famous / infamous ship in history was conceived and built, then find out what it would have been like to travel on board, and discover what really happened that famous night in 1912 when the "unsinkable" Titanic sank on her maiden voyage. Following this, we will travel across Northern Ireland, to Derry city, 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, the gorgeous [Harveys Point Hotel](#).

Mon June 5th - 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 back into the Republic through the fishing village of Killybegs on our way to visit the 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 the spacious grounds and lakes that surround it, before freshening up for the dinner we have arranged for you in the hotel that night.

Tue June 6th - Day 5 - Westport - First Gig

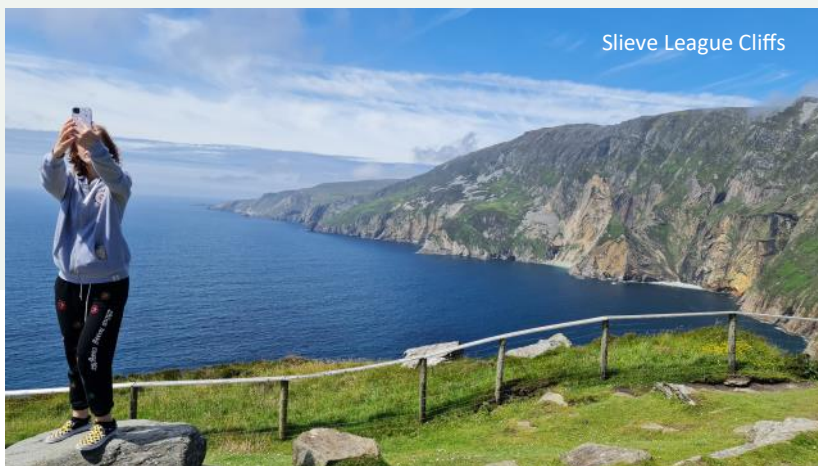
We will depart Donegal this morning, and travel leisurely down through the fabulous scenery of the Wild Atlantic Way through Sligo, on our way to Westport, a beautiful rustic town, on the edge of an inlet from the Atlantic, where we will check in to our hotel for the evening, [The Castlecourt Hotel](#), just a short walk from the town center. You will have a chance to freshen up, as we have arranged dinner for you in the hotel before we head out for our first gig of the tour with our two bands, Rogue Theory from the USA and Blessed from Ireland.

Wed June 7th - Day 6 - Wild Atlantic Way - Galway City

We will depart Mayo this morning, and travel leisurely down through the fabulous coastal scenery of the Wild Atlantic Way through Clifden and on to Galway City visiting famous sights like the Spanish Arch, the boardwalk along the seafront in Salthill and the old medieval streets before checking into our hotel in Galway, the opulent five-star [Glenlo Abbey Hotel](#) where we have arranged an evening meal for you, after which you will then have the evening free to enjoy the amenities in the hotel or take a short taxi ride into Galway to enjoy its lively night life., .

Thurs June 8th - Day 7 - Connemara - Kylemore Abbey - Second Gig

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 grounds of Kylemore Abbey, that was once a convent. We will then head back to Galway to prepare for our second gig in The Quays Bar with Rogue Theory and Blessed, and your second night in Glenlo Abbey.



TITANIC BELFAST



DERRY



HARVEYS POINT



KYLEMORE ABBEY



LADIES VIEW -RING OF KERRY



CLIFFS OF MOHER—FROM THE SEA



GLENDALOUGH



MERRY PLOUGHBOY DANCERS



Rock of Cashel



Fri June 9th Day 8 - Cliffs of Moher - Adare - Killarney Co Kerry

This morning we take our leave of Galway and head down to the coast of County Clare to visit one of Ireland's most iconic geographical features, The Cliffs of Moher, which we will visit from both the land side, but also from the seaward side, when we take a boat trip out into the Atlantic Ocean. We then head down into the Kingdom of Kerry where we will travel to our destination for the next two nights, the world famous town of Killarney, famous for its Lakes and sparkling social life, where we will be staying in the four star [Killarney Towers Hotel](#) right in the center of town.

Sat June 10th - Day 9 - Ring of Kerry - Kissanes Sheep Farm- Third Gig

Today we head off on a 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, on through Molls Gap, where you will have a display of sheep dogs in action on Kissane's Sheep Farm and witness a sheep shearing, then on to Ladies View, before returning to the Towers Hotel to freshen up, before we head off for the final of our 3 gigs with Rogue Theory and Blessed.

Sun June 11th - Day 10 - Rock of Cashel – Smithwicks Kilkenny

This morning we head eastward across Ireland towards the Marble City of Kilkenny, stopping off along the way to visit the iconic Rock of Cashel in County Tipperary. Kilkenny is technically a city, but it has the feel of a small town, with an exciting night life, all within walking distance of your hotel, the plush five star [Lyrath Estate](#), a short distance from the town center. Before checking in, we will visit the Smithwicks Experience, dedicated to another of Ireland's most famous beverages, Smithwicks Ale, where again you will have the chance to sample the goods. You have then have the evening free to enjoy the delights of Kilkenny.

Mon June 12th - Day 11 - Glendalough – Merry Ploughboy Show

For our final official day of the tour, we travel up into the wilds of the Wicklow mountains to the ancient monastic settlement of Glendalough, in a magical setting between two lakes. We will then check in to your hotel, the [Clayton Hotel Charlemont](#) to freshen up for our final night, 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.

Tue June 13th - 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)	€ 5,490 * (20% Deposit : €1,100) (Tour Cost Excluding Flights: € 4,135)
Cost of Tour Per Person in Single Room Accommodation (including flights to Ireland) **	€6,275 * (20% Deposit : €1,255) (Tour Cost Excluding Flights: € 4,920)
Cost of Tour Per Person Sharing In A Triple Room Accommodation (including flights to Ireland)	€5,350 * (20% Deposit : €1,070) (Tour Cost Excluding Flights: €3,995)

* 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, 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 applying at the time payments are made.

** Because the supplemental costs on single rooms in Ireland can be almost the same as the twin/double 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.

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

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 up to six equal monthly payments. If you would like to avail of this option just let us know when you are making the initial booking. (Note: we simply divide the remaining balance due by the number of payments/months remaining, and there are no additional interest or other charges).

KILKENNY CASTLE



GUINNESS



GLENLO ABBEY HOTEL GALWAY



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 (June 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 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:

- 2 NIGHTS DUBLIN : Ashling Hotel**
- 1 NIGHT DUBLIN : Clayton Hotel Charlemont**
- 2 NIGHTS DONEGAL : Harveys Point Hotel**
- 1 NIGHT MAYO : Castlecourt Hotel Westport**
- 2 NIGHTS GALWAY : Glenlo Abbey Hotel, Galway**
- 2 NIGHTS KILLARNEY : Killarney Tower Hotel**
- 1 NIGHT KILKENNY : Lyrath Estate, Kilkenny**

TOUR INCLUDES

- Travel By Luxury Bus**
- 11 Nights In Above Hotels Or Similar
(including Full Irish Breakfast Daily)**
- Dinner Included On 4 Nights**
- Entrance Fees To All Attractions Listed In Brochure**
- Admission Fees To Gigs With Rogue Theory & Blessed**
- Welcome Bag & Welcome Get Together Drink**



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