



# ireland us experience

Tour Reference: 2021-10

DATES: From 18-June-2021 to 27-June-2021

(Departing from the United States on the 17<sup>th</sup> June, Leaving Ireland on 28<sup>thv</sup> June)

## 10 DAY REUNION TOUR OF IRELAND WITH IRELAND US EXPERIENCE ITINERARY

### DUBLIN

Glasnevin Cemetery  
EPIC Irish Emigration Museum  
Johnnie Fox's Irish Night

3 NIGHTS DUBLIN  
Clayton Charlemont Hotel

### MEATH

Newgrange / Hill of Tara  
Trim Castle / Monasterboice High Cross

1 NIGHTS DERRY  
City Hotel, Derry

### NORTHERN IRELAND

Hillsborough Castle, Belfast  
Navan Centre & Fort, Armagh  
The Ulster American Folk Park

1 NIGHT GALWAY  
Glenlo Abbey Hotel

### GALWAY / ATHLONE

Sean's Bar, Athlone  
Aran Islands – Inish Mor (By Ferry)

2 NIGHT TRALEE  
Ballyseede Castle

### KERRY

Dingle Peninsula / Skellig Michael Boat Trip  
Funghi The Dolphin Harbour Tour

2 NIGHTS CORK  
Fota Island Resort

### CORK

Titanic Experience Cobh / Kinsale / Spike Island

1 NIGHT TIPPERARY  
Horse And Jockey Hotel

### WATERFORD / TIPPERARY

Waterford Crystal  
Rock of Cashel Tour

**TOUR INCLUDES:**  
Travel By Luxury Bus  
10 Nights In Above Hotels Or Similar (including Full Irish Breakfast Daily Except Arrival Day)  
Dinner Included On 3 Nights  
Entrance Fees To All Attractions Listed  
Welcome Get Together Drink  
Personal Welcome Pack

## Ten Day Reunion Tour Of Ireland With Ireland US Experience



This is a special group tour we have put together at the request of a number of guests who have travelled with us before and who wish to see some of the sights and experiences that we were not able to fit in on their previous trips to Ireland.

So, on this trip we won't be re-visiting the likes of the Book of Kells, or the Guinness Storehouse, or visiting the Cliffs of Moher or the wilds of Donegal or Connemara (we have other tours that visit all these places), but even if you are a first time visitor there will still be lots of magic to experience

On this tour we will instead concentrate on the other aspects of Ireland that we feel are well worth seeing that will add to your treasury of memories of our beautiful island.

### **Thurs JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> 2021 – DEPARTURE FROM THE USA**

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

**Fri JUNE 18<sup>th</sup> 2021 - DUBLIN**

Welcome back to Ireland. On arrival, we will visit 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. We will then take a tour of Glasnevin Cemetery and Museum, reputed to be where 1.5 million Dubliners are buried, among them some of Ireland’s most famous characters and patriots, including Daniel O’Connell and Michael Collins. It will give you a great insight into what makes the Irish “Irish”. It features a Heritage Centre and Ireland’s tallest round tower, which is one of only two round towers where you can actually climb to top. Following this, we arrive at your hotel for the next two days, the newly opened Clayton Charlemont Hotel, located along the banks of the Grand Canal, near the centre of Dublin, where, after check in, 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.



Glasnevin Cemetery

The Grand Canal, Dublin

EPIC Irish Emigration Museum

**Sat JUNE 19<sup>th</sup> 2021 – MEATH - -Newgrange, Hill of Tara & Monasterboice High Cross**

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 (featured on our cover photo), that pre-dates the Pyramids in Egypt, the Hill of Tara, former seat of the High Kings of Ireland and Monasterboice Monastery, famous for its ruins and High Crosses. Then it is on to Trim Castle, used as the backdrop in several movies like Mel Gibson’s Braveheart and Christian Bales’s Reign of Fire. We will then return to your hotel for the evening where you can relax, or explore the city at your own pace, or maybe enjoy a pint or two!



Ulste American Folk Park

Navan Fort

**Sun JUNE 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 – NORTHERN IRELAND – Navan Centre and Fort in Armagh, and the Ulster American Folk Park in Omagh To DERRY**

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 feel history coming alive. We will then travel on 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. Then we will travel further north to the Walled City of Derry (also known as Londonderry to some of its inhabitants), where we will check into our hotel for the evening, the City Hotel, located on the banks of the River Foyle and a two minute walk from the historic centre of city where you take a stroll around the Walls of Derry, visit the historic Guildhall or enjoy the nightlife (or all three if you feel up to it!)



**Mon JUNE 21<sup>st</sup> 2021 –Enniskillen Castle - Sean's Bar and on to GALWAY**



**The Pullman Restaurant In The Grounds Of Glenlo Abbey**

On leaving Derry this morning, we will travel south to Country Fermanagh, where we will visit Enniskillen Castle and from there we travel back into the Republic and head south towards Galway. Along the way we will stop at Seans Bar in Athlone, which first opened its doors in 900 AD making it not only Ireland's oldest pub, but according to the Guinness Book of Records in 2004 it is also Europe's oldest pub! We will overnight in Glenlo Abbey Hotel on the outskirts of Galway city, whose main claim to fame is that its main Pulman Restaurant is comprised of two original carriages from the famed Orient Express, so you can dine like Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot without the risk of a murder! If you are interested in dining there let us know as it is usually very heavily booked (currently Euro 65 per person for four courses). In addition they do excellent food in the main bar, and there is always the night-life of Galway city just a short cab ride away.

## **Tue JUNE 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021 – GALWAY To TRALEE Via Aran Island and Adare-**

Today we take our leave of Galway and head down to Doolin in County Clare, where we will take the ferry out to the spectacular Aran Islands, where you will get to experience what life was like for the islanders in the past. On our return to the mainland we will travel down via Adare in Limerick to the town of Tralee in the “Kingdom” of County Kerry, where our home for the next two nights will be historic Ballyseede Castle.



Dun Aonghasa Bronze Age Fort On Inis Mor In The Aran Islands



## **Wed JUNE 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021 – TRALEE- Dingle Peninsula**

After breakfast we will head out of Tralee and drive along the Dingle Peninsula to visit the fishing town of Dingle, stopping off at the South Pole Inn in Annascaul, home of the Antarctic explorer Tom Crean, who travelled with Scott and Shackleton on both their explorations of the South Pole. We will spend the afternoon in Dingle, exploring this quintessential Irish fishing town. While it is considered a small town it still manages to fit in around forty pubs plus a whole range of restaurants, many specialising in locally landed fresh sea-food. It's most famous resident is Fungi the dolphin, who can sometimes be seen off shore, so we will take a boat tour out into the harbour and hope to see him. On our way back to Tralee we will stop at Inch Beach, used in the movie Ryan's Daughter. We will again spend the night in Ballyseede Castle, where you will have the evening at leisure.



## **Thurs JUNE 24<sup>th</sup> 2021 – Skellig Michael Boat Trip and on to CORK**

Today we have a very special trip arranged. We are travelling down to the little fishing village of Portmagee on the Ring of Kerry, where we will embark on a boat trip out around the historic island of Skellig Michael, famous in history for its monastic beehive stone huts, but in more recent times even more famous as the setting for Luke Skywalker's island retreat in both Star Wars VII The Force Awakens, and VIII The Last Jedi. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and wild life sanctuary where only a tiny number of visitors are allowed to physically land on the island each day, but while success cannot be guaranteed, we have put our name down for a large part of that day's quota. Should we be unlucky, there is still the prospect of a two-hour boat



trip around the Skellig Islands, whose distinct pyramid shapes emerge majestically from the Atlantic Ocean. After our Atlantic adventure, we move on across the Kerry border to the 'Rebel County' of Cork. We will check-in to our hotel for the evening, the Fota Island Resort, where we have the evening free to enjoy its extensive facilities or just have a quiet evening in.

**Fri JUNE 25<sup>th</sup> 2021 – CORK Cobh, Titanic Experience, Spike Island**

Today we will go to historic Cobh, where you will get to visit the Titanic Experience and Cobh Heritage Centre, located at the last port that the ill-fated ship set sail from on its first and last tragic journey. You will take a short harbour boat tour to Ireland’s ‘Alcatraz’, Spike Island in Cobh harbour, which was not only a formidable fortress, but at one time was the world’s largest prison. It was voted Europe’s Leading Tourist Attraction in 2017. You will then have the evening free to enjoy the facilities of the Fota Island Resort, including perhaps a round of golf at its world class golf course.



Spike Island Prison Fortress



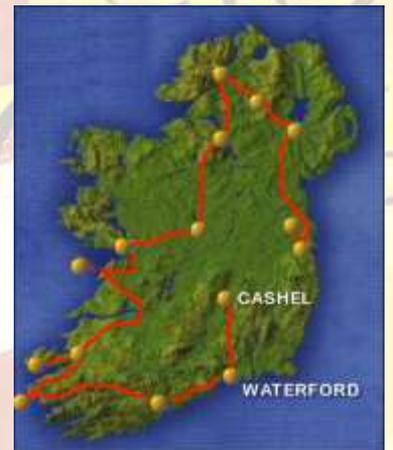
Skellig Islands



Beehive Huts On Skellig Michael

**Sat JUNE 26<sup>th</sup> 2021 – WATERFORD – Waterford Crystal and TIPPERARY - Rock of Cashel**

We head off after breakfast and move further east to the medieval city of Waterford, where you will experience Ireland’s southern coastline. On our arrival we will visit the Waterford Crystal factory and see how the world famous crystal glassware is made by hand. Then we move on to County Tipperary, and the historic Rock of Cashel, ancient seat of the High Kings of Munster, which many of you will have seen before from a distance. But this time you will have the chance to get up close and personal, and walk within its hallowed halls and experience the fabulous views across Tipperary from its walls. We then have a short drive to the quaintly name village of Horse and Jockey, where we will be staying in the Horse and Jockey Hotel. You will have the evening free to enjoy the hotel’s famous locally sourced Tipperary food, or enjoy the leisure facilities, not forgetting a pint! You will have come a long way, but your heart will lie there.....



The Rock of Cashel

## **Sun JUNE 27<sup>th</sup> 2021 – The Irish Cottage & The Dying Cow - Return To DUBLIN**



We are then back on the road, en route to Dublin, where our trip began, but with two stop-offs along the way. For the first we will pass over the Wicklow Mountains and pay a visit to a real Irish cottage and horticulture centre. Then we will visit The Dying Cow pub, a quaint old style Irish Pub ‘in the middle of nowhere’. We head from there back to Dublin, where we are again staying in the Clayton Charlemont Hotel. After a rest and freshen up you will be collected at 5.30pm and spend your last evening in Dublin in Johnnie Foxes pub, said to be “The Highest Pub In Ireland”, in the hills high above Dublin, which paradoxically in spite of that claim that it is the furthest above sea level, is most famous for its excellent seafood. Here you will experience a thoroughly entertaining evening of live music and Irish dancing, while enjoying a fabulous three course meal. A great way to finish your vacation!



Johnnie Foxes Pub In The Dublin Mountains

## **Mon JUNE 28<sup>th</sup> 2021 – THE SAD BIT**

This morning you will transfer from your hotel to the Airport, for the saddest part of any vacation - the journey home. Check-In requires you to be at the airport three hours prior to take-off, but we will make sure to get you there on time.



## COSTS OF TOUR

<b>Cost of Tour Per Person Sharing In A Twin or Double Room (including flights to Ireland)</b>	<b>Euro 3,975 *</b> (20% Deposit : Euro 795)
<b>Cost of Tour Per Person in Single Room Accommodation (including flights to Ireland) **</b>	<b>Euro 4,975 *</b> (20% Deposit : Euro 995)
<b>Cost of Tour Per Person in Triple Room Accommodation (including flights to Ireland)</b>	<b>Euro 4,010 *</b> (20% Deposit : Euro 802)

\* 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.

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. We will include a basic travel insurance policy as part of the package to cover you against any last minute emergencies that might prevent you travelling such as a non pre-existing illness, an immediate family bereavement, or illness while on the tour. You can, of course, take out a more comprehensive travel policy yourself to cover any other eventualities by contacting your own insurance advisor.

If you wish, we can arrange a Monthly Payment Plan to spread the remaining balance over a number of monthly payments. There are no fees or interest charges for this facility.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Pricing is based on the anticipated flight costs at the time of travel, which under normal circumstances can be fairly easily predicted in advance. However, with the disruptions caused by Covid 19, even the airlines themselves do not know what their pricing structures will be next year e.g. price reductions to get more people to fly, or price increase because of social distancing requirements or reduced flight numbers. In the, hopefully unlikely, event that there was a major increase in the flight costs we would need to pass those on to you by way of an additional flight supplement. However, should you think the amount excessive, we would offer you the option of a refund of your deposit, which under normal circumstances would be non-refundable. Alternatively, if you wish, you can make your own flight arrangements and we will only bill you for the cost of the tour in Ireland.

## 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.

