

ireland us experience



Giants Causeway

**14 DAY
CHAUFFEUR DRIVE
TOUR OF IRELAND
16th-29th May 2025**

Flying Out Of USA on 15th May
Flying Home On 30th May

Day By Day Itinerary



Kilkenny

ATTRACTIONS INCLUDED IN TOUR

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

NORTHERN IRELAND

Belfast & Derry City Tours
 Giants Causeway

- **DONEGAL**
 Slieve League
- **GALWAY (including city tour)**
 Connemara/Kylemore Abbey
- **CLARE**
 Cliffs of Moher By Land & Sea
 Bunnah Castle Medieval Show
- **KERRY & CORK**
 Ring of Kerry Tour/Killarney
 Kissanes Sheep Farm
 Dingle Peninsula/ Sleah Head
 Blarney Castle/Blarney Stone
- **WATERFORD**
 Waterford Crystal
- **TIPPERARY & KILKENNY**
 Rock of Cashel
 Kilkenny Castle
 Smithwicks Experience

- **WICKLOW**
 Glendalough



WELCOME TO IRELAND

Ireland US Experience are delighted to take you on a magical 14 Day Chauffeur Driven Tour around Ireland, where you will get to sample some of the very best that Ireland has to offer.

During your tour you will visit many attractions as diverse as the Guinness Storehouse, named as the world's leading tourist attraction at the World Travel Awards in 2023 (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, plus iconic locations like Blarney Castle, The Rock of Cashel and Glendalough. You will be staying in top class accommodation including Harveys Point in Donegal, Glenlo Abbey in Galway, Fota Island Resort in Cork and Lyrath Estate in Kilkenny.

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, including the award winning Titanic Belfast and a visit to the fascinating Giants Causeway.

You will find further details of the day-by-day itinerary over the following pages which include the many other adventures you will be experiencing as you are taken in luxury around our beautiful countryside.

We look forward to welcoming you to Ireland!

BOOK OF KELLS EXPERIENCE



EPIC EMIGRATION MUSEUM



KILMAINHAM GAOL



TEELINGS WHISKEY



Thur May 15th - Depart The USA

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

Fri May 16th - Day 1 - Dublin - Kilmainham Gaol - Guinness

Welcome to Ireland. Your driver, Pat, will meet 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 walled 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 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 two nights in Ireland, [The Mespil Hotel](#), along the banks of the Grand Canal, and just a 15 minute 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, or perhaps take a stroll along the canal or into St Stephens Green.

Sat May 17th - Day 2 - Dublin - EPIC Museum/Jeanie Johnston - Trinity College/Book of Kells -Teeling Whiskey

Today we will further explore Dublin, starting with the high-tech EPIC Emigration Museum (voted Europe's Leading Tourist Attraction in 2019, 2020 and 2021) where you can discover 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 emigrants to the USA, where you will discover what life was like for those early travellers to the New World on their voyage over. This will be followed by a visit to Trinity College where you will visit the Book of Kells Experience exploring the ancient illuminated manuscript of the Gospels that dates back to the 8th Century. 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 product, or a cocktail (or soft drink if you prefer) You will then return to your hotel where you will have the remainder of the evening free to rest up, or perhaps explore some of Dublin's city center, including the Temple Bar area, that is filled with restaurants, bars and music venues.

Sun May 18th - Day 3 - Belfast - Titanic 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 and pay a visit to Titanic Belfast, where you can find out everything there is to know about the world's most infamous ship. 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. This will bring us 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 to link Ireland and Scotland. Following this, we will travel across the top of Northern Ireland, to Derry, where again we will have a short tour of the city, infamous during "The Troubles" and visit the Peace Wall. We will then proceed back across the border into County Donegal to our hotel for the next two nights, the sumptuous [Harvey's Point Hotel](#) located on the shores of Lough Eske.

Mon May 19th - 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 Slieve League Cliffs, said to be the highest sea cliffs in Europe. On your return to Harveys Point, you will have the rest of the afternoon free to enjoy the facilities there or to walk around the spacious grounds and along the lakeside, before heading in for the dinner we have arranged for you this evening.

Tue May 20th - Day 5 - Donegal - Drumcliffe - Galway City

We leave Donegal behind this morning and travel leisurely down through the fabulous coastal scenery of the Wild Atlantic Way through County Sligo, where we pay a visit to the grave of famous Irish poet and writer, W.B. Yeats, in Drumcliffe. We will then pass through Mayo on our way to Galway city where we will have a short tour of the city and a visit to Salthill, Galways seaside resort just outside the city center. We will then head to your accommodation for the next two nights, [Glenlo Abbey Hotel & Estate](#), a 5-Star hotel located, again as the name suggests, in a converted abbey, along the peaceful shores of Lough Corrib, but just over 2 miles from the city center, should you wish to explore the famous Galway music nightlife.

Wed May 21st - Day 6 - Kylemore Abbey-Cong-Pullman Restaurant

This morning we will head up through the wilds of Connemara countryside 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. We will also stop at Cong, location for John Wayne's classic Irish movie, The Quiet Man. We will then return to Glenlo Abbey where we have a special treat arranged for you. You will dine tonight in The Pullman Restaurant, located in the grounds of the Abbey. It is unique in that it is located in two original train carriages from the famed Orient Express dating back to the early 1900's and totally renovated to match the décor of the time, so you can dine like Agatha Christie's famous detective Hercule Poirot without the risk of being murdered!



THE PULLMAN RESTAURANT, GLENLO ABBEY

TITANIC BELFAST



DERRY



KYLEMORE ABBEY



SLIEVE LEAGUE CLIFFS



LADIES VIEW - RING OF KERRY



BUNRATTY CASTLE BANQUET



BLARNEY CASTLE CORK



CLIFFS OF MOHER BY SEA



CLIFFS OF MOHER

Thur May 22nd - 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 through the rugged landscape of The Burren 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.

Fri May 23rd Day 8 - Adare - Dingle - Sleah Head - Killarney

Today we head further South, passing through the picturesque town of Adare, where the 2027 Ryder Cup will take place, to the 'Kingdom' of Kerry, where we will drive out via Tralee onto the Dingle Peninsula and stop for a visit in the town of Dingle, before heading further on to admire the scenic beauty of Sleah Head. We will then make our way to Kerry's most famous town, Killarney, where we will be spending the next two nights in [The Killarney Plaza Hotel](#) located near the town center. From the hotel you will have to evening free with easy access to all the pubs and Irish music venues for which Killarney is justly famous.

Sat May 24th - Day 9 - Ring of Kerry - Kissanes Sheep Farm

Today 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's Sheep Farm and perhaps even a sheep shearing, then on to Ladies View, named because Queen Elizabeth 1st stopped with her retinue to admire the spectacular vistas over the Lakes of Killarney. We will then return to Killarney where we will visit the grounds of Muckross House in Killarney National Park, with views of the famous Lakes of Killarney. You will then have the evening free to once more enjoy the delights of Killarney town.

Sun May 25th - Day 10 - Blarney Castle & Stone - Fota Island

This morning we will take our leave of Kerry and head East towards our destination for this evening, the fabulous [Fota Island Resort](#), a 5-Star hotel located on its own private island, between Cork City and the town of Cobh in County Cork. But along the way we will make a stop in Blarney and visit Blarney Castle, whose most famous feature is the Blarney Stone. Kissing the Stone is reputed to give you the gift of eloquence. The Stone is located high up in the castle's battlements, so if you are scared of heights, or don't fancy the idea of kissing a rock, there are extensive gardens to explore (including a Poison Garden!) and a short walk away are the Blarney Woolen Mills, reputed to be the largest Irish store in the world and featuring a wide range of Irish knitwear, clothes and craft works.

Mon May 26th - Day 11 - Cobh - Cobh Heritage Centre - Spike Island

Today we will venture to historic Cobh, the last port that Titanic visited before heading out into the Atlantic and the last place seen by many Irish emigrants sailing out to seek new lives. The fascinating maritime history of the town can be explored in the Cobh Heritage Centre, plus we will also pay a visit to the town's spectacular cathedral. You will then take a short 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, plus we have arranged dinner in the hotel for you this evening.

Tue May 27th Day 12 - Mahon Falls - Waterford Crystal - Rock of Cashel - Kilkenny

Today we head even further East, where we will visit Mahon Falls and the apparent physics defying experience of the Magic Road before arriving in Waterford, where we will visit the home of world-famous Waterford Crystal and see the artistry that goes into making its many unique pieces (including the crystal ball that drops in Times Square at midnight each New Year). We will also have a quick look around the medieval quarter before embarking on the next phase of our journey which is to the iconic Rock of Cashel in Tipperary, once throne to the High Kings of Munster back in the 5th century, and walk within its hallowed halls and experience the fabulous views across Tipperary from its walls. Our final stop this evening is the 'Marble City' of Kilkenny where we will check into our hotel for the next two nights, [The Lyrath Estate](#), a 5-Star hotel set in 150 acres of parkland just outside Kilkenny.

Wed May 28th - Day 13 - Kilkenny Castle - Smithwicks Experience

Today we will take the short trip into Kilkenny city to visit the Smithwicks Experience, dedicated to yet another of Ireland's favorite beers, before dropping in for a guided tour of Kilkenny Castle where many of the rooms have been restored to their former glory. Kilkenny is a great place to walk around, and while it is a city, it has the feel of a small town, so you will have some free time to wander through its Medieval streets and explore its delights.

Thurs May 29th - Day 14 - Wicklow Mountains - Glendalough - Merry Ploughboy Irish Night - Dublin

For our final official day of the tour, we will leave Kilkenny and travel through the wilds of the Wicklow Mountains. Along the way, we will stop at Glendalough (in the original Irish language it is 'Gleann Dá Loch' meaning the 'Valley Between Two Lakes'), a site so serene that you can see why it became the location for an ancient monastic site in the 6th century, where you can still visit the round tower and old monastic buildings that the monks lived in. We will also stop off for a quick visit to Johnnie Foxe's Pub, established in 1798 and reputed to be the Highest Pub In Ireland. We will return to [The Mespil Hotel](#), where you will have a chance to freshen up before finishing up our tour in style when we visit The Merry Ploughboy Pub, located at the foot of the Dublin Mountains. Here you will experience a fantastic night of Irish music and dancing, accompanied by a fabulous three-course meal. We will then return you to your hotel for your final night in Ireland.

Fri May 30th - 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.

KILKENNY CASTLE



THE ROCK OF CASHEL



GLENDALOUGH



MERRY PLOUGHBOY DANCERS



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.

COST OF TOUR

Total Cost Of Tour For 2
(Does not include flights to Ireland)

Euro € 23,995
(20% Deposit Euro € 4,799)*

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 any payments are made.

* A 20% non-refundable deposit is payable at the time of booking to confirm your places on the tour, with the balance due four months prior to the travel date.

YOUR HOTELS DURING THE TRIP (All include breakfast) :

- 3 Nights Dublin : [The Mespil Hotel](#)
- 2 Nights Donegal : [Harvey's Point Hotel](#)
- 2 Nights Galway : [Glenlo Abbey Hotel & Estate](#)
- 1 Night Limerick : [Shannon Springs Hotel](#)
- 2 Nights Kerry : [The Killarney Plaza Hotel](#)
- 2 Nights Cork : [Fota Island Resort](#)
- 2 Nights Kilkenny : [The Lyrath Estate](#)

Cost of tour includes all transportation around Ireland with your own private chauffeur/guide, hotel accommodation and entrance fees to all the attractions listed in the brochure. Evening meals are included on five nights (on one night in Harveys Point and Fota Island, plus dinner in the Pullman Restaurant in Glenlo Abbey, Bunratty Banquet and Merry Ploughboy Show).

We understand that you are arranging your own flights so they are not included in the overall cost quoted above.

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LAKES OF KILLARNEY



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