

EXPLORE BEAUTIFUL IRELAND

with Ripon Chamber of Commerce



10 DAY TOUR

**APPLETON – DUBLIN – RING OF KERRY –
KILLARNEY – BURREN REGION (CLIFFS OF
MOHER) – LIMERICK – GALWAY –
CONNEMARA REGION – DUBLIN – APPLETON**

**DEPARTURE:
October 6, 2024**

Embark on a truly unforgettable journey as you see the Cliffs of Moher, explore the Burren Region, and drive through the Ring of Kerry with a trip to Ireland!

TOUR PRICE:

Price per person on double occupancy:

\$ 3399

Single Person Supplement:

\$ 499



TOUR SUMMARY:

Discover the beauty of the Emerald Isle with this spectacular 10-day tour of Ireland! You will head on a journey you will never forget, filled with rich history and fascinating sites that will leave you in awe. Your journey will begin in Dublin, the capital city of Ireland known for its lively atmosphere, cultural heritage, and friendly locals. From there you will explore the Ring of Kerry, famous for its sandy white beaches, rich species of wildlife, and breathtaking mountains. Visit Killarney, the perfect place for outdoor activities as the region is filled with mountains and lakes, and see the Cliffs of Moher, perhaps the most famous site in Ireland known for its natural beauty, and travel to Limerick, one of the oldest cities in Ireland. Make your way through the narrow streets of Galway, where you will see gorgeous cathedrals and busy pubs before you explore the Connemara Region, a land of lakes, rivers, bogs, and mountains where Gaelic remains the spoken language. Your tour of Ireland will come to an end with a scenic trip back to Dublin and you will head home filled with fascinating memories that will last you a lifetime!



INCLUDES:

- International roundtrip flights from APPLETON
- 8 nights' accommodation on a double occupancy basis at the listed or similar superior hotels
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Daily Irish breakfasts
- 2 dinners at the hotels
- Transportation in a modern AC motorcoach
- Expert English-speaking driver and guide
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Entrance fees as per the itinerary including:
 - Blarney Castle
 - Cliffs of Moher
 - Galway Cathedral
 - Kylemore Abbey
 - EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum
 - Roundstone Music & Crafts
- Ferry ride across the Shannon River
- Sheepdog Demonstration
- Lough Corrib Cruise including Scones and an Irish Coffee
- ½ Day guided city tour in Dublin
- Porterage x 1 piece of luggage per person in/out of hotels
- Air taxes, fuel surcharges & local applicable taxes

TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1: APPLETON – DUBLIN

Please arrive in time at APPLETON International Airport to check-in and board your international to Dublin, the capital city of Ireland. Enjoy meals and extra services inflight.
Overnight Onboard Flight

DAY 2: DUBLIN ARRIVAL (-/-/D)

Welcome to Dublin! Upon arrival at the Dublin International Airport, you will be transferred to check in to your hotel.
Dinner and overnight in Dublin

DAY 3: DUBLIN – BELFAST - DUBLIN (B/-/-)

Day at leisure in Dublin or take Full-day Optional trip to the Titanic Visitor Experience and Giant's Causeway in Belfast, Northern Ireland.
Duration of the tour with transportation: around 12 hours

Optional: Titanic Visitor Experience & Giant's Causeway in Belfast, Northern Ireland. \$190 p/p (min 10 people)

Immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage and natural splendor of Northern Ireland on a full-day excursion to the Titanic Belfast Visitor Experience and the Giant's Causeway from Dublin. With a local guide, enrich your knowledge of the tragic story of Titanic at the engaging Titanic Visitor Experience, and then travel to the UNESCO-listed wonder of the Giant's Causeway. Marvel at the rugged rock formations and dramatic cliffs of the region and then summon your courage to cross the

TOUR LODGING INFO:

8 Nights hotel accommodation on double occupancy basis
+ 1 Night onboard the flight

CITIES	NIGHTS	SUPERIOR HOTELS
Dublin	2 Night	Rui Plaza Gresham Hotel / Academy Plaza Hotel
Kerry	2 Nights	Randles Court / Dromhall Hotel
Limerick	1 Night	George Hotel / Treacy's West County
Galway	2 Nights	Clayton Hotel
Dublin	1 Night	Rui Plaza Gresham Hotel / Academy Plaza Hotel

Hotels may be replaced with similar deluxe property for operational reasons.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Travel to Dublin, Ireland's medieval capital, known for its historic sites
- Visit the Blarney Castle and kiss the Stone of Eloquence for good luck
- Bask in the natural beauty of Ireland as you explore the Ring of Kerry
- Explore the lunar-like region of Burren and discover the Cliffs of Moher
- Taste local cuisine in Galway and head on a cruise on the Lough Corrib

Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge, a historic structure suspended high over the crashing waves of the Atlantic. Note: Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge is currently closed to the public. This stop is replaced by a visit to Dunluce Castle, the real-life House of Greyjoy from the "Game of Thrones", until further notice.

Overnight in Dublin

DAY 4: DUBLIN – BLARNEY CASTLE – KERRY (B/-/-)

Get ready to meet your English-speaking driver and tour guide today. You will begin your day by departing the Irish capital and heading towards County Kerry. There will be an en-route stop in Blarney, home to the famous Blarney Castle. Dating back to 1446, the castle is a fascinating tower house built on solid limestone, which is surrounded by natural wonders. At the top of the tower, you will see the legendary Stone of Eloquence; kiss it and you will never again be lost for words. Spend some leisure time shopping at the Woollen Mills. At the time, the presence of the Woollen Mills shielded Blarney from the worst effects of the famine thanks to its wide employment of local workers. In 1976, a mill worker named Chris Kelleher bought the old mill property. Within a short time, Chris and his family transformed the mill into what is arguably the largest quality craft shop in Ireland. Continue through the south-west of Ireland towards Killarney in County Kerry.

Overnight in Kerry

DAY 5: RING OF KERRY (B/-/-)

After breakfast, you will start your day with a tour of the Iveragh Peninsula, where you can explore the Ring of Kerry. Take in the breathtaking scenery of the mountains, peat, bogs, lakes, and the Atlantic Ocean. Departing from Killarney, you will pass through Killorglin, famous for its Puck Fair. Travel to Glenbeigh (where the road offers panoramic views of the Dingle Peninsula and Dingle Bay), the sea town of Waterville, and Sneem Village, famous for its brightly colored houses. Stop at a local farm for a sheepdog demonstration along the Ring of Kerry. You will receive an overview of the different breeds of sheep, followed by an introduction to the farmer's most important tool – his border collies. Next, you will see a superb demonstration of sheepherding as the farmer demonstrates how, by working together with his dogs, he can guide a flock of sheep from the mountain top to the sheep pen close to the farmyard.

Overnight in Killarney

Jaunting Car Ride in Killarney National Park

Experience transportation of a different kind! A pony and trap (also known as a Jaunting Car) will help you explore areas of Killarney National Park that you may not get the chance to visit otherwise. Relax onboard a jaunting car as your Jarvey [driver] guides you through the magnificent scenery of this breathtaking national park.

DAY 6: KILLARNEY – CLIFFS OF MOHER – LIMERICK (B/-/-)

Today you will travel north towards Tarbert for a short boat ride across the mouth of the Shannon River. You will land on Clare's Shore in Killimier. From there you will travel along the coast to the Cliffs of Moher, the most majestic cliffs Ireland has to offer. These cliffs rise from the Atlantic Ocean and extend for over 7 kilometers. On a clear day, you can admire the Aran Islands and bask in the beauty of the Connemara Mountains. Head on a scenic tour of The Burren, a strange and unique region home to high plateaus of porous limestone in Northern Clare. The limestone is bare with no trees growing here or any land covering the stone. However, the Burren is not as deserted as we believe: the cracks allow different types of flowers to grow there all year round. The rocks hide many caves like Ailwee. From there you will continue your journey to Limerick, one of the oldest cities in Ireland.

Overnight in Limerick

Optional: Medieval Banquet at the Bunratty Castle (or similar) \$95 per person

Bunratty Castle, built in the 15th century by the Earl of Thomond, stands on the banks of the Raite River in County Clare. The Earl was known for his generosity and lavish banquets. The entertainment today will be provided by the superb Bunratty Singers and compliments the lively mead reception, a four-course meal, and fine wine. Guests are invited to join the banquet for an unforgettable evening, by taking a step back in time to Medieval Ireland.

Note: evening transfer from the venue to the hotel is not included and has to be booked separately at extra cost. Final price for the transfer will be advised when final number of participants is known.





DAY 7: LIMERICK – GALWAY (B/-/D)

After a delicious breakfast, today you will travel to Galway, a beautiful city that has attracted many musicians and artists over the years. With its narrow streets, wooden shop fronts, and busy pubs, Galway is a true delight. Your visit will start with the modern cathedral, one of the largest and most impressive buildings built between 1958 and 1965 in Galway. From there you will head on a cruise along the Lough Corrib to enjoy some scrumptious scones and Irish coffee. This journey on the Corrib Princess will take passengers along the majestic River Corrib and onto the lake, offering breathtaking views of the historic monuments and scenery as you discover one of the most incredible waterways of Ireland. Spend the rest of your afternoon at leisure. Dinner and Overnight in Galway

DAY 8: GALWAY – CONNEMARA – GALWAY (B/-/-)

Today you will travel through the beautiful Connemara Region, a land of lakes, rivers, bogs, and mountains. You will visit the historic Kylemore Abbey built by Mitchell Henry in 1868 and see its most famous feature – the miniature Cathedral. It has been home to the Irish order of Benedictine nuns since 1920. Next, you will visit a bodhrán maker (a traditional Irish drum). Roundstone Music and Crafts are in a former Franciscan monastery in Roundstone, in the heart of Connemara. Here you will find the workshop of Malachy Kearns, better known as Malachy Bodhrán, famous for the manufacture of bodhráns — the oldest instruments of traditional Irish music. Malachy makes bodhráns for the world-famous Riverdance troupe and he is currently the only full-time bodhrán maker in Ireland. Overnight in Galway

DAY 9: GALWAY – DUBLIN (B/-/-)

Today you will depart Galway and travel to Dublin. Upon arrival in this major city, you will first explore the north which offers striking monuments such as the GPO (General Post Office) on O'Connell Street and Phoenix Park, the largest public park in Europe. The city's south appears

to be more sophisticated with its vast Georgian squares and is home to Trinity College, Dublin Castle, and two Anglican Cathedrals. Visit the Irish Emigration Museum: a state-of-the-art interactive experience located in the beautiful vaults of the 1820 Custom House Quarter building in Dublin's Docklands. This was the original departure point for so many of Ireland's emigrants. It will inspire and guide you to uncover the stories of Irish emigration around the world, from the early times to the modern day. Overnight in Dublin

Optional: Evening Entertainment at Taylor's Three Rock (or similar): \$95 per person

Visit this lively pub in Rathfarnham for a lively night full of music and dancing. A group will regale visitors with ballads (both happy and sad) and will (after a few pints) have visitors singing along with them. The music will be interrupted for a short while to enjoy the best of Irish Dancing, guaranteed to get some feet tapping!

Note: evening transfer from the venue to the hotel is not included and has to be booked separately at extra cost (alternatively you can walk to your hotel or take a taxi). Final price for the transfer will be advised when final number of participants is known.

DAY 10: DUBLIN DEPARTURE – APPLETON (B/-/-)

Today early morning transfer to the Dublin International Airport to check in for your flight back home.

DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Items of personal nature, tips, and gratuities
- Travel insurance
- Baggage fees may apply and vary by the carrier
- Optional Tours
- Local city taxes to be paid directly at hotels upon check out
- Visa fees if applicable
- Any other items not under inclusion