

# *Iconic* **Ireland** *Lough Eske Castle*



*Rick MacSwain*  
Your Host



*Group Exclusive - 18<sup>th</sup> Century Traditional Castle Dinner*

**10 Nights / 12 Days (19 Meals)**  
**May 17<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**\$5283 per person (based on double) Single: \$6548**

**Flights Not Included**

Includes: 19 meals, coach tours, airport transfers, 10 nights accommodations, 4 Nights luxury castle stays & 18<sup>th</sup> Century Traditional Castle Dinner

**\*\* Ask about our London Pre-Tour Extension**

**Ireland Tour Highlights - “Pre-Departure Irish Pub Night in Edmonton”**

From history-filled Dublin to the rolling green hills and dramatic coast, experience Ireland’s charms on a journey through the Emerald Isle. Choose how you explore the city of Dublin. Kiss the Blarney Stone at historic Blarney Castle. See Killarney from an Irish jaunting car. Pick from a selection of the best restaurants with our Diner’s Choice program. Experience the world-famous beauty of the Ring of Kerry. See border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration. Stand in awe at the top of the stunning 700-foot Cliffs of Moher. Live like royalty during overnight stays on the grounds of a castle. Experience the famous Guinness Storehouse and learn how to pour a perfect pint. A vibrant blend of captivating culture and stunning nature, this is the Ireland you’ve always imagined.

***Special Invitation!***

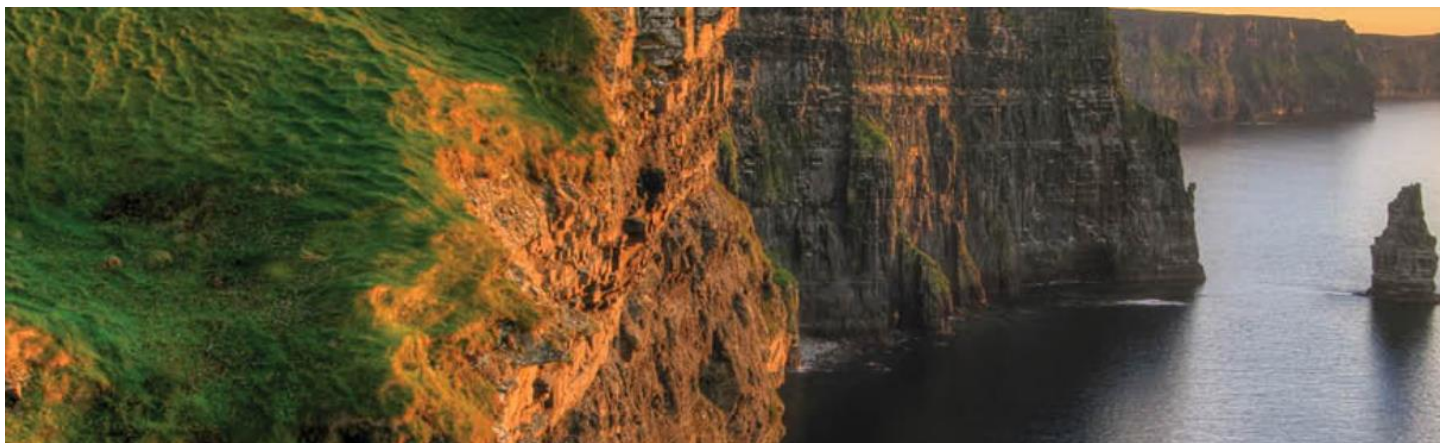
**18<sup>th</sup> Century Traditional Castle Feast & Cocktail Reception**

When: May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Cocktails 6 pm – Dinner 7:30 pm

Where: Lough Eske Castle Donegal (2 Nights at this castle included)

**This is the event of the year that you simply can’t miss...**

Seriously, when was the last time you were invited to an 18<sup>th</sup> Century traditional dinner, in a castle?



## Tour Itinerary

### Day 1: May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - Overnight Flight from Canada

#### Day 2: May 18<sup>th</sup>

##### Arrive Dublin - Tour Begins

Welcome to Dublin!

Your tour opens in Dublin, Ireland's historic capital city. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for dinner at a local farm-to-table restaurant.

**Included meal: Dinner**

**Overnight:** Hotel RIU Plaza The Gresham Dublin

#### Day 3: Dublin Tour – Guinness Storehouse

##### Enjoy breakfast at leisure.

Today, it's your choice! Choose to ride with a local guide to see St. Patrick's Cathedral, O'Connell Street, the National Gallery, and the historic Phoenix Park - OR- choose a walking tour of the city's historic centre, exploring St. Stephen's Green, Grafton Street, and the General Post Office. Either way, what follows is an afternoon to discover Dublin's charms on your own. Later, enjoy a culinary and cultural adventure that begins at the Guinness Storehouse, Ireland's top international visitor attraction. Explore the brewing process behind this beloved beverage and learn how to pour the perfect pint. At its spectacular Gravity Bar, enjoy a sweeping 360° view of Dublin as you savor a complimentary pint. Then, indulge in a quintessential Irish dinner at a contemporary restaurant that explores "New Irish Cuisine," serving up cutting-edge dishes using the freshest, local ingredients.

**Included meal: Breakfast & Dinner**

**Overnight:** Hotel RIU Plaza The Gresham Dublin



#### Day 4: Depart Dublin for Waterford

##### Enjoy breakfast at leisure.

Step back in time and begin the day in the medieval splendour of 12th century Kilkenny on the River Nore. Then, in Waterford, embark on a leisurely paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest city. It's your choice! Tour the Waterford Crystal factory and learn how exquisite crystal has been made for centuries -OR- visit the Medieval Museum for a guided tour and glass of wine in the 15th-century Mayor's Wine Vault.

**Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner**

**Overnight:** Killarney Avenue, Killarney



### **Day 5: Depart Killarney for the Dingle Peninsula**

#### **Enjoy breakfast at leisure.**

Live the legend. The story goes that those who kiss the Blarney Stone gain the gift of eloquence. This morning, give it a shot at historic Blarney Castle. Cross into County Kerry and continue on to charming Killarney. Enjoy a traditional jaunting car ride\* through Killarney National Park before boarding a boat\* and sailing through the breathtaking lakes in the company of an expert boatman. Tonight, it's Diner's Choice... choose your included dinner from a "menu" of Killarney's great restaurants.

**Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner**

**Overnight: Killarney Avenue, Killarney**



### **Day 6: Killarney – Ring of Kerry - Killarney**

#### **Enjoy Breakfast at leisure.**

Take in the rugged coastline as you loop your way around the picturesque Ring of Kerry, past pristine beaches, quaint villages and majestic landscapes. At the Gap of Dunloe, shop for local artisan-made crafts. The night is free for reminiscing about the day as you find your own authentic taste of Irish culture.

**Included meals: Breakfast**

**Overnight: Killarney Avenue, Killarney**

### **Day 7: Killarney – Cliff of Moher - Limerick**

#### **Enjoy Breakfast at leisure.**

Today brings you to the dramatic, 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher for cinematic views of the mighty Atlantic. Continue to Limerick, where a panoramic city tour showcases King John's Castle and the Treaty Stone. Delve into the fascinating history of the "city of the violated treaty." This evening you may join an optional tour to a Medieval Banquet dinner, which is hosted in a castle.

**Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner**

**Overnight: Absolute Hotel**



### **Day 8: Limerick – Galway - Limerick**

Pass through the windswept, limestone landscape of the Burren, known for its stark beauty and Neolithic tombs. See border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration. Continue on to Galway for a brief tour that showcases "The City of Tribes." Return to Limerick to relax over dinner.

**Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner**

**Overnight: Absolute Hotel**

## Day 9: Limerick – Kilbeggan - Kingscourt



You don't have to be a connoisseur to appreciate the old-world heritage of Ireland's whiskey territory. Your journey brings you to Kilbeggan in the heart of Ireland, where a superb distillery brings whiskey craftsmanship to life and gives you a taste of the final product. Top your day off with an overnight stay on the regal grounds of Cabra Castle, where you toast the end of a fabulous day.

**Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner**

**Overnight: Luxury - Cabra Castle**

## Day 10: Lough Eske Castle Donegal

Transfer to Lough Eske Castle your home for the next 2 nights.



**Lough Eske Castle** has a long history which is wrapped in the story of Co. Donegal and Ireland. It is a story of being carved piece by piece from local stone carried by Clydesdale horses along specially constructed roadways. It is a tale of being won, lost, ruined and restored. Powerful 14th century clans of Donegal the O'Donnells had their seat here, wealthy landowners ruled from here and Edwardian glamour was played out. In 1861 the new Lough Eske Castle, as we know it today, was built on the site of the old Brooke Mansion. Always a place for entertaining international guests since 1861, Lough Eske Castle remains full of warm Donegal hospitality today as it did over 150 years ago.

**Enjoy Breakfast – Today, enjoy the estate.** Later prepare your costume for our main Gala Event!

**You are Cordially Invited!**

**18<sup>th</sup> Century Traditional Dinner**

**6 pm:** Cocktail Reception

**7:30 pm:** Dinner with music, drinks, & entertainment



**Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner**

**(Pre-dinner cocktail reception)**

**Overnight: Lough Eske Castle**

**Day 11: Lough Eske Castle Donegal**

**Enjoy Breakfast at leisure.**

Today enjoy another day at leisure exploring this beautiful castle. Then this evening join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at the castle.

**Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner**

**Overnight: Lough Eske Castle Donegal**

**Day 12: Departure for Dublin International Airport**

Enjoy breakfast and sadly today we check out and depart for our shuttle to the Dublin International Airport for your flight back to Canada.

**Included meals: Breakfast.**

**Deposit: \$500 per person (non-refundable)**

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