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*Presenting an exclusive coach special group departure to Ireland*

# IRISH SPIRIT

**9 DAYS | 8 NIGHTS | 13 MEALS**

Price is per person, based on double occupancy

*Air departure tax, fuel & surcharges if applicable, are subject to change until entire group is confirmed and ticketed.*

*— Optional Travel Protection Insurance is available and payment is due at time of deposit. —*

*NOTE: Depart North America for Dublin overnight the day before the tour start date.*

## Tour Includes:

### HOTELS

- Ashling Hotel, Dublin (1)
- Clayton Whites Hotel, Wexford (1)
- Killarney Towers Hotel, Killarney (2)
- Clayton Hotel Galway (2)
- Grand Canal Hotel, Dublin (2)

### MEALS

8 hot breakfasts **(B)**, 1 lunch **(L)**, and 4 dinners **(D)**

- Sightseeing by luxury coach with a professional tour director
- All on-tour transportation including shuttles and ferries
- Welcome get-together drink with your group
- Free Wi-Fi on coaches so you can stay connected along the way
- Deluxe documents wallet and backpack to keep you organized
- All local taxes, hotel service charges & handling of one suitcase per person

### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum
- Glendalough
- Johnstown Castle
- Jameson Distillery, Midleton
- Ring of Kerry Highlights
- Cliffs of Moher
- Kylemore Abbey
- Sheepdog Demonstration
- Clonmacnoise
- Irish Night in Dublin



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## 9-Day Itinerary

*Discover the romance of Connemara, castles, and monastic ruins as you take in some of Ireland's most stunning countryside and culture.*

### Day 1: Dublin City Tour & EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum

Your tour departs your hotel at 2:00 PM for a panoramic tour of Dublin with a local guide, seeing its grand Georgian buildings and squares, the River Liffey, and historic O'Connell Street. Visit EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, an award-winning, high-tech museum that chronicles the journeys made by Irish emigrants around the globe, and details the stories of the new lives made by the Irish abroad. Back at your hotel, enjoy a welcome drink with your group, and then you'll be free to discover the city and dine at your leisure.

### Day 2: Glendalough & Johnstown Castle

Set off for Glendalough, a valley in the beautiful Wicklow Mountains. Tour the picturesque ruins of the ancient monastery there; it thrived for centuries after being established by St Kevin in the sixth century. See several stone churches, large carved Celtic crosses, and an iconic round tower. Then, head to Wexford and visit Johnstown Castle, a romantic Gothic Revival castle in an idyllic setting. Tour the luxurious castle and its splendid gardens, both designed by one of the leading architects of the 19th century. Later, enjoy dinner with your group at your hotel. **(B, D)**

### Day 3: House of Waterford Crystal and Jameson Distillery

Today, you'll visit the House of Waterford Crystal, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner. Watch superb artisans create sparkling masterpieces on a factory tour. Next, visit Jameson Distillery in Midleton for a fascinating exploration of the whiskey-making process and to learn all about the beloved spirit. Finish your evening in Killarney, where you'll dine at your hotel. **(B, D)**

### Day 4: Jaunting Car Ride, Ring of Kerry Highlights & Kenmare

Take a jaunting car ride through the Killarney National Park to Ross Castle for views of Lough Leane and the Macgillycuddy's Reeks. Head out to see the highlights of the Ring of Kerry, Ireland's famed scenic drive. Visit CIE Tours' preferred shopping partner, Moriarty's, in the beautiful Gap of Dunloe before lunch in the charming town of Kenmare; then return to Killarney to enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure. **(B, L)**

### Day 5: Cliffs of Moher & Galway

Travel north to the Cliffs of Moher, crossing the Shannon Estuary by ferry on your way. Visit the cliffs, taking in the glorious views from 700 feet above the churning Atlantic below. Arrive in the vibrant city of Galway, where you'll have dinner with your group this evening. **(B, D)**

### Day 6: Connemara, Kylemore Abbey & Sheepdog Demonstration

Take a scenic drive through the breathtakingly beautiful region of Connemara, with its mountains, lakes, and boglands. Visit Kylemore Abbey, a glorious Victorian castle built on the lakeside as a romantic gift. Next, immerse yourself in farm life as you visit a traditional farm and watch highly trained sheepdogs display their skills. Return to Galway for a free evening. **(B)**

### Day 7: Clonmacnoise & Irish Night

Drive to Shannon Bridge, where you'll board the Lir Cat Catamaran to travel up the River Shannon to arrive at Clonmacnoise, the spectacular ruins of a monastery founded in the sixth century. See the splendid ruins of the cathedral, nine churches, two round towers, and three high crosses as you approach the way the Vikings would have over a thousand years ago. Tour the area and imagine it all as it once was, as a flourishing center of learning that attracted students from all over Europe. Head to Dublin, where you will delight in a lively evening of traditional Irish music, song, and dance with dinner at the Abbey Tavern. **(B, D)**

### Day 8: Independent Touring in Dublin

Today you are free to explore Dublin independently, using your Hop-On, Hop-Off bus vouchers. You'll also have a voucher allowing you to visit one of Dublin's most popular attractions: the Guinness Storehouse, Teeling Distillery or the GPO Museum. **(B)**

### Day 9: Tour Ends in Dublin

Tour ends after breakfast. **(B)**

*(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner*

