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Ballads and Bards of Legendary Ireland

September 21-30, 2025

Ireland is a land of legends...a land of music...a land of stories and storytellers.



Join WSHU Public Radio for an enchanting journey through the heart of Ireland, where history, culture, and breathtaking landscapes converge in the form of story and song. We'll begin in the storied streets of Dublin—the setting of ballads like “Molly Malone” and great novels like Ulysses. Travel to Kilkenny to uncover medieval treasures like the iconic castle and the legendary Rock of Cashel. Continue to the vibrant town of Killarney, where natural wonders abound in Killarney National Park and the scenic Dingle Peninsula, rich with ancient sites and coastal beauty.

Conclude the adventure in Galway, the cultural heart of the west, with visits to the awe-inspiring Cliffs of Moher and the unique Burren landscape. Along the way, enjoy delicious meals, lively music, and Ireland's famed hospitality. From charming towns to rugged countryside, this expertly guided tour offers a perfect mix of exploration, relaxation, and unforgettable memories.



At every stop, we'll steep ourselves in Ireland's musical and literary traditions -- the ancient legends of heroes like Cú Chulainn and Finn mac Cumhaill, the mystery and magic of fairy folklore and customs. We'll hear the best of Irish poetry and Irish music in the places that inspired them, and connect to a long thread of the island's legendary bards and ballads.

I hope you will join us, Emily Boyer and Davis Dunavin, your hosts for WSHU's magical journey to Ireland!

See you in Dublin!

Emily Boyer and Davis Dunavin
Your WSHU hosts



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TRIP AT A GLANCE

- 2 Nights in Dublin – Explore Ireland’s capital with a guided tour of its historic landmarks, including Trinity College and the Book of Kells, and enjoy free time to wander its lively streets.
- 2 Nights in Kilkenny – Discover this medieval town’s rich history with visits to Kilkenny Castle and the Rock of Cashel.
- 3 Nights in Killarney – Immerse yourself in Ireland’s natural beauty with visits to the Dingle Peninsula, Killarney National Park, and the historic Muckross House.
- 2 Nights in Galway – Experience Ireland’s cultural heart with visits to the Cliffs of Moher, the Burren’s unique landscape, and Galway’s vibrant streets.

IT’S INCLUDED

- Hosted by WSHU’s Emily Boyer and Davis Dunavin
- Accompanied by expert Earthbound Expeditions guides
- Nine nights in 4-star accommodations with breakfasts
- Guided tours to iconic landmarks like the Rock of Cashel, Cliffs of Moher, and Bunratty Castle
- Explore Dublin, Kilkenny, Killarney, and Galway
- Scenic drives and excursions, including the Dingle Peninsula
- Arrival and departure transfers on tour dates
- Memorable surprises along the way!

MEALS

- Daily Breakfast
- One Multi Course Lunch or Dinner per day

TRIP FACTS

- 10 Days / 9 Nights (not including air travel)
- Double Occupancy \$5,275 per person
- Single Supplement \$1,375



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Dublin Days 1-2 **Sept. 21 – 23**

Experience the vibrant charm of Dublin over two unforgettable nights. Stay in a centrally located hotel and enjoy a guided walking tour of this 1000-year-old city, soaking in its rich history and culture. Highlights include exploring the elegant Georgian squares, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and the lively O'Connell Street. Visit Trinity College to see the renowned Book of Kells, and savor a hearty pub lunch. Enjoy free time to wander Dublin's bustling streets, discover cozy cafes, or delve into its literary heritage. Evenings feature a warm "Welcome to Ireland!" dinner and live music for an authentic Irish experience.



Kilkenny & Rock of Cashel Days 3-4 **Sept. 23 – 25**

Explore the historic charm of Kilkenny, one of Ireland's most beautiful towns along the River Nore. Discover its medieval heart on a guided walking tour, featuring cobbled streets, colorful shops, and the iconic 12th-century Kilkenny Castle, a former Butler family stronghold. In the evening, enjoy a delicious dinner and soak in the town's welcoming atmosphere.



Venture to County Tipperary for a visit to the iconic Rock of Cashel, a site steeped in history and legend. Once the seat of the kings of Munster, the hilltop fortress features Cormac's Chapel with its rare Romanesque frescoes and breathtaking views of the Irish countryside. With its perfect blend of history, culture, and scenic beauty, Kilkenny offers an unforgettable experience.



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Killarney Days 5-7 Sept. 25 - 28

Discover the breathtaking beauty of Killarney, a region renowned for its stunning landscapes, rich history, and vibrant culture. Journey to this enchanting destination via the riverside town of Waterford, famous for its world-class crystal, and explore the 17th-century Charles' Fort near Cork. Once in Killarney, settle into this idyllic setting known as "Heaven's Reflex," where mountains, woodlands, and lakes combine to create Ireland's most picturesque valley.

Explore the Dingle Peninsula, home to ancient sites, charming villages, and spectacular views. Highlights include the Gallarus Oratory, Beehive Huts, and the Blasket Center, celebrating Irish heritage. Visit Killarney National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, with its majestic mountains, serene lakes, and the historic Muckross House and Gardens. Killarney is a perfect blend of natural beauty and cultural richness, offering an unforgettable Irish experience.

Galway Days 8 - 9 Sept. 28 - 29

Travel from Killarney to Galway, stopping at the 13th-century Bunratty Castle in County Limerick and perhaps enjoying a pint at historic Durty Nelly's pub. Journey through the lush countryside to Thoor Ballylee, the 14th-century Norman tower where W.B. Yeats wrote some of his greatest works. Arrive in Galway, check into your centrally located hotel, and enjoy drinks and dinner with friends. Explore the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher, with an optional boat cruise offering stunning views from the Atlantic, and the unique limestone landscape of the Burren, filled with ancient tombs and stone formations. Visit the charming village of Doolin and the high crosses of Kilnefora before returning to Galway. Depart from Shannon Airport with cherished memories of Ireland.



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Galway Day 10 Sept. 30: Your Journey Concludes

Your journey concludes after breakfast. If you would like to extend your stay, we will bid you adieu. If you are transferring to Shannon Airport, we will depart in the morning from our final hotel.



About Earthbound Expeditions



Travel. Learn. Connect.

Founded in 1997 by Matthew and Danna, Earthbound Expeditions creates tailor-made, culturally immersive journeys that foster deep connections with people and places. With over 25 years of experience, Matthew has led hundreds of custom adventures for museums, wineries, cooking schools, and NPR affiliates across six continents. A seasoned expedition leader, he has guided trips on the Trans-Siberian Express, Orient Express, and with National Geographic - Lindblad Expeditions. When not traveling, he calls Bainbridge Island, Washington home with his family.

Giving Back

We support nonprofits worldwide, from public radio stations to conservation and education initiatives in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. On our Cuba trips, guests bring school and medical supplies for local communities.



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Know Before You Go

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS

A \$1000 per person deposit is needed to confirm your space on this journey. You can make a credit card deposit online or by phone. Deposits are refundable, minus a \$250 per person cancellation fee, for 60 days from the processing date or until 90 days prior to departure, whichever comes first. Deposits made 90 days prior to a trip departing are not refundable. Final payment is also non-refundable, which is why we strongly urge guests to purchase travel insurance.

NOT INCLUDED

Airfare to and from Ireland, baggage fees, travel insurance, room or mini-bar service, items of a personal nature and any items not mentioned in this itinerary.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

It is the responsibility of each guest to be aware of their physical abilities or limitations and to be in sufficient good health to undertake the trip. Click [here](#) to read

"Is an Earthbound trip right for you?" or call the Earthbound office for more details.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Earthbound Expeditions strongly encourages the purchase of travel insurance coverage. We include information on trip insurance in your deposit information.

EVENTS AND HOSTED JOURNEYS

If a planned event is cancelled for any reason, another event will be included in its place. This is not cause for refund. Events are subject to change. Also, if a host or special guest is unable to attend as planned, Earthbound Expeditions will do its utmost to find another host who has similar interests, talents, and expertise. The inability of a host to participate in a tour is not grounds for a full or partial refund.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

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