



Private & Custom Tour of Ireland

September 29 to October 10, 2025

Depart/Return USA

12-Days and featuring Agricultural Highlights.



Sign-up Early
Limited to one coach only!

\$8,214.00 per person, Double

\$9659.00 Single Occupancy (limited and upon request)

Tour Highlights & Inclusions:

- ❖ Round Trip Transfer Service from Home to Airport
- ❖ Round Trip Airfare / Chicago to Dublin in Economy Class
- ❖ Round Trip Group Airport Transfers in Ireland
- ❖ Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation with Wi-Fi
- ❖ 10 Night Accommodations in Standard Rooms
 - 2 Nights in Dublin
 - 3 Nights in Killarney
 - 2 Nights in Galway
 - 1 Night in Meath at Cabra Castle
 - 1 Night in Belfast
 - 1 Night in Dublin
- ❖ 20 Meals: Breakfast Daily, 5 Lunches, 5 Dinners
- ❖ Sightseeing and Admissions as outlined in the Itinerary
- ❖ Luggage Handling for one piece of luggage & All taxes
- ❖ Optional Trip Insurance
- ❖ Gratuities for Driver and Guide
- ❖ Water on coach included
- ❖ Escorted by Carrie Navins



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DUBLIN * GUINNESS * RING OF KERRY * KILLARNEY FALCONRY * GALWAY * BELFAST *
GIANT CAUSEWAY * CLIFFS OF MOHER * BAILEYS IRISH CREAM * KILBEGGAN DISTILLERY *
* TRACEY'S FARMHOUSE * KISSANE SHEEP FARM * BURREN TOUR & TASTING * & MORE!

Day by Day Itinerary



DAY 1: Monday September 29, 2025 - DEPART FOR IRELAND

Depart O'Hare for flight to Dublin, Ireland

DAY 2: Tuesday September 30, 2025 - WELCOME TO DUBLIN

Arrive at Dublin Airport and Meet with your English-speaking guide and driver and transfer to Dublin city centre.

Enjoy a **panoramic tour of Dublin City**. Here you will discover the north and south side of the River Liffey. This area offers great striking monuments such as the GPO (General Post Office) on the city main thoroughfare, O'Connell Street, or the Custom House along the quays, as well as the Phoenix Park, the largest public park in Europe. The south side appears more sophisticated with its vast Georgian squares, such as Merrion Square, where Oscar Wilde's House can still be found (today owned by an American College), its colourful doors, along with Grafton Street and its quality shops. Not so far from St. Stephen's Green, in Kildare St., you will see the house of Bram Stoker, the author of Dracula. This part of the city is also dominated by the students of Trinity College, where the famous book of Kells is permanently exhibited in its library. The university is facing the medieval district where Dublin Castle and the two Anglican Cathedrals can be found.

Upon arrival enjoy a **visit to the Guinness Storehouse**. Guinness Storehouse Visit Few things say "Dublin" like Guinness, and you won't want to miss this incredible excursion to the world-famous Guinness Storehouse. After pick-up at your Dublin hotel, head to the Guinness facility at the historic St. James's Gate Brewery to learn all about the beer, from its ingredients to its brewing techniques. See traditional brewing equipment, hear about the ancient craft of barrel-making, and discover the 6-step ritual behind the perfect pour. Afterward, ascend to the 7th floor Gravity Bar to drink in the city views as you try a pint of the "black stuff".



Continue to your hotel and check in. (Lunch) Overnight in **Dublin**.

DAY 3: Wednesday October 1, 2025 - THE ORCHARD CENTRE HAYDENS FARM AND GLENDALOUGH



This morning enjoy your breakfast before enjoying a farm tour at Hayden's farm before enjoying some Baileys.

Orchard Centre (Haydens Farm) Located in the beautiful Wicklow countryside The Orchard centre offers guided farm visits to Hayden's Family Farm owners Joe and Michael Hayden bring 150 years of their family's passion for farming tradition to life on their personally guided farm visits around their 135 hectare award winning farm. Hayden's Family Farm is home to their 210 cow dairy herd, which produces 1.3 million litres of milk for **Baileys Irish Cream**. In 2002 this farm was chosen as the international 'Vineyard' for the world's number one cream liqueur and now plays host to the many visitors who wish to visit the natural home of Baileys.

Best practice in modern farming techniques has brought this family run farm to both national and international prominence. During their visit guests are provided with detailed information on cattle breeding and husbandry, grassland management, production costs, food traceability and much, much more. Environmental integrity is perfectly preserved and maintained.

Enjoy a short introduction to the History and Heritage of the Baileys brand and learn about the strong connection that Baileys has to the Hayden Farm. Joe will then demonstrate how the rich cream is blended with secret ingredients.

In the evening enjoy a **traditional dinner and entertainment**. The show takes place in the ideal location, a pub owned and run by musicians who have been performing to audiences in Dublin since 1989. The Merry Ploughboys live in concert is widely regarded as the best traditional music show in Dublin and also as a must see for any visitors to Dublin city. The show is a highly entertaining performance of live traditional Irish music, song and Irish dancing. From start to finish, this is a show based on fantastic interaction between the performers and the audience. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner) Overnight in **Dublin**.



DAY 4: Thursday October 2, 2025 - DUBLIN - ROCK OF CASHEL - KILLARNEY



Depart Dublin this morning for a leisurely day as you travel to the **Rock of Cashel**.

Possibly the most photographed site in Ireland, the **Rock of Cashel** towers over the town of Cashel from its perch on a 200-foot-high outcrop of limestone. Once the seat of the Kings of Munster. St. Patrick visited the rock in 450 AD, while Brian Boru was crowned the first high King of Ireland here in the tenth century. Granted to the church in the twelfth century, by the O'Brien clan, today the impressive stone walls enclose a round tower, a cathedral, a twelfth century Romanesque chapel and high crosses. The Vicars Choral has been recently restored and its basement houses a small museum of artefacts found on the site. One of the leading visitor attractions in Ireland, in 2011 it was visited by Queen Elizabeth II on her historic first visit to the Republic of Ireland. (Breakfast, Dinner) Overnight in Killarney.

DAY 5: Friday October 3, 2025 - MOLLY GALLIVAN COTTAGE AND FALCONRY DAY

This morning depart Cork and travel towards Killarney. Stop off for a sheep shearing demonstration and Irish Coffee in **Molly Gullivan's cottage**.

Against the magnificent backdrop of unforgettable panoramic views and on the site of this historic farm, this is your opportunity to embrace the journey of Irish wool from sheep to sweater. Learn the history of sheep farming in Ireland and its importance to sustaining local communities. Meet Ireland's Queen of the Shears, Breda Lynch, who is 14th time Irish Sheep-Shearing Champion. Marvel as sheep are shorn and the wool is carded before being spun into wool for knitting. View the finished product in a display of beautiful hand-knitted sweaters. Enjoy a guided tour of Molly's Cottage & Farm with hands-on demonstrations and tastings. Including, Bread Making, Butter Making, Turf Cutting and Poitin (whiskey) making. This is followed with a 3-course traditional Irish meal. During the meal guests will enjoy traditional Irish music, dancing, storytelling, Irish Coffee making demonstration and a taste and explanation on traditional Irish Mead Wine.



Afterwards visit **Killarney Falconry** for a Hawk walk.



A once-in-a-lifetime experience to interact first-hand with one of nature's top predators and view their aerial acrobatics and manoeuvrability in free flight against the backdrop of the MacGillycuddy Reeks which includes the highest mountain in Ireland namely Corran Tuathail (Carrauntoohil) situated in beauties home and heavens reflect Killarney. The birds are trained using traditional falconry techniques by our professional falconers who will draw on their vast knowledge and experience to assist with your up close and personal handling of the birds of prey. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner) Overnight in Killarney.

DAY 6: Saturday October 4, 2025 -RING OF KERRY DAY

Depart early and head towards the Ring of Kerry.

Ring of Kerry - Famed Ring of Kerry is a 179-km-long circular tourist route in County Kerry, south-western Ireland. It takes in the towns of Killarney, Beaufort, Killorglin, Glenbeigh, Cahersiveen, Waterville, Caherdaniel, Sneem, and Kenmare. You can read more about each of them in our 'Towns & Villages' section.

As the narrow roads make it difficult for tour coaches to pass, all tour buses run in an anti-clockwise (or counter-clockwise) direction, traveling via Killorglin first





During your day touring enjoy a visit to **Kissane Sheep Farm Set** in the spectacular scenery of Molls Gap on the Ring of Kerry, Kissane Sheep Farm is a traditional, working sheep farm with approximately 1.000 mountain sheep and hundreds of lambs. The farm is run by John and Anne Kissane, as it has been run by generations of the family for the last 150 years. In May 2005, the farm was opened for visitors to enjoy and to learn about sheep farming in Ireland. Groups and individuals can visit the farm and enjoy its activities such as Sheepdog demonstrations, Sheep shearing demonstrations, bottle feeding the orphan (pet) lambs in season, Marked mountain walks and a Puzzle Walk and Treasure Trail.
(Breakfast) Overnight in **Killarney**.

DAY 7: Sunday October 5, 2025 -KERRY TO GALWAY

Depart Kerry today and travel to Galway. On route stop off at the **Cliffs of Moher** for a visit.

Visually spectacular, the Cliffs of Moher sit astride the striking landscape of the Burren on one side and the Wild Atlantic Ocean on the other. Rising out of the Atlantic waters to a height of over 700ft at O'Brien's Tower and running along the coast of Clare for almost 14 kilometres, or 8 miles, the Cliffs of Moher were formed over 320 million years ago, and today form part of the Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark.



The Cliffs of Moher is in a Special Protection Area for Birds and Wildlife. The magnificent Cliffs on the Wild Atlantic Way host major colonies of nesting sea birds and are one of the country's most important bird-breeding sites. Borrow some binoculars from our information desk and do some bird watching. Enjoy the captivating spectacle of the vast array of sea birds, a delightful way to pass the hours. Upon arrival in Galway check in to your hotel.
(Breakfast) Overnight in **Galway**.

DAY 8: Monday October 6, 2025 - CLARE DAY

Enjoy your day today exploring Co. Clare. Including a unique seaweed foraging experience.

Wild Kitchen Experience

Wild Kitchen is a culinary exploration of Ireland's edible landscape through foraging walks, cookery demonstrations and wild food experiences. Walks are individually tailored by native County Clare lady, Oonagh O'Dwyer, whose bountiful local knowledge inevitably leads to adventures down lesser known old Irish laneways and deserted beaches.



Within visually stunning, secret panoramas of wide-open skies, rolling green fields and blue waters, visitors can fully engage with nature. Wrapped within the fun, informative, passionate and enthusiastic care that easily comes to Oonagh, this is an opportunity to learn about all things wild including many edible types of seaweed, wild herbs, roots, flowers, fruits and nuts.

Afterwards enjoy a visit to The **Burren Smoke House**. Discover the mystery of salmon smoking and the secret of how smoked salmon is handcrafted using our unique process. We will demonstrate the operation of the unique design of the smoking kiln and smokebox and experience the smell of the oak smoke and feel of the oak shavings and turf. The master class concludes with a tasting of our award-winning smoked salmon with a glass of Wine.

(Breakfast, Lunch) Overnight in **Galway**.

DAY 9: Tuesday October 7, 2025 - GALWAY TO CABRA CASTLE DAY

After breakfast we head out for a full day.

Kilbeggan Whiskey Distillery In the heart of Ireland lies the town of Kilbeggan, home to the world's oldest distillery, established in 1757. It is the quintessential Irish whiskey distillery - whitewashed walls, weathered slate roof, brick chimney stack, creaking timber water wheel, even regular ghost sightings. This is no mere "visitor centre" but a real working distillery run by a team of young enthusiastic craftspeople (and a few wise old heads too), skilled in the traditional ways of making Irish whiskey.

Afterwards, continue on to Meath for your stay at Cabra Castle.

Castles, with their nooks and crannies and ancient histories are made for exploring, and you'll chance upon amazing secrets at the gorgeous Cabra Castle. Wander through the magnificent reception rooms, find a quiet corner or fireside to relax with a book, or just enjoy the atmosphere in one of the best-known Castle hotels in Ireland. Period features and furnishings create an authentic, old-world charm and a long tradition of warm and friendly service make Cabra Castle the perfect retreat from the pace of modern living.

Set on 100 acres of parkland and gardens, with the magnificent backdrop of Dún a Rí Forest Park, there is much to explore, both indoors and out. Due to its idyllic location and superb range of accommodation, Cabra Castle is one of the leading luxury hotels in Ireland.

Enjoy a tour and dinner tonight. (Breakfast, Dinner) Overnight at Cabra Castle.



DAY 10: Wednesday October 8, 2025 - GIANT'S CAUSEWAY - BELFAST

Enjoy your day today touring the Causeway coast. Enjoy a photo shop at **Carrickfergus Castle**. Carrickfergus Castle is a Norman castle in Northern Ireland, situated in the town of Carrickfergus in County Antrim, on the northern shore of Belfast Lough. Unlike many other castles of this era, Carrickfergus Castle sits in excellent condition. In fact, despite being besieged in turn by the Scots, Irish, English and French, and playing an important military role until 1928, it's one of the best-preserved medieval structures in Ireland.

Enjoy continuing along the Causeway coast on route to the **Giant's causeway**.



Encounter Northern Ireland's favourite giant Finn McCool at the Giants Causeway Visitor centre on the North Antrim coast. According to legend Finn McCool created the Giants Causeway by building stepping stones to Scotland to challenge the Scottish giant Benandonner! The Visitor centre explores the major themes of mythology, geology, landscape, ecology, culture and social history based on the UNESCO World Heritage site that consists of 40,000 basalt polygonal columns formed 60 million years ago after a volcanic eruption. There are various interactive exhibits and short video presentations within five designated interpretive exhibition

areas and the self-guided visit will culminate with a spectacular two minutes audio-visual projection of a volcanic eruption flowing over the walls and onto the floor. Other services and facilities include a large craft and souvenir shop, Tourist Information and restaurant. To enhance the wider visitor experience around the site, a hand-held audio guide is available in a range of languages which will bring the wider World Heritage Site to life and inform visitors of unique features to look out for across this amazing landscape. Guided tours of the site are also available. The walks and trails around the World Heritage Site have been upgraded, with the addition of a new accessible cliff top walk for families and people with disabilities. In 2015, Conde Nast Traveler magazine included hopping the stones of the Giant's Causeway as one of the '50 things to do in Europe before you die'.

(Breakfast, Lunch) Overnight in Belfast.

DAY 11: Thursday October 9, 2025 -BELFAST TO DUBLIN

This morning enjoy a visit to **Titanic Belfast**. Located in the heart of Belfast, the Titanic Belfast recreates the story of the world's most famous ship in an iconic, six floor building right beside the historic site of the original ship's construction. Opened in April 2012 to coincide with the centenary of its launch, the self-guided journey begins on entering the building's giant atrium, where the visitor is surrounded by the four 'ship's hull' shaped wings which house the Titanic Experience. As

you journey through the nine large galleries of the interactive exhibition, you will uncover the true story of the Titanic, from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900's, through her construction and launch, to her famous maiden voyage and subsequent place in history.



Afterwards continue on to **Tracey's Farmhouse** for soda bread-making experience

Based in Comber, County Down on the shores of Strangford Lough, Tracey Jeffrey has a beautiful traditional cottage where she provides a traditional Irish bread-making experience. The session starts with a traditional Irish Fruit Soda Cake, a sweet treat and delicious with lots of homemade Irish butter. While the Fruit Soda Cake is baking in the stove oven, guests will make some potato bread (or fudge as it is known locally). Fillings of scallions or cheese can be added to the potato mix. Soda bread will also be made, with various alternative ingredients, including treacle, currants, sultanas or cinnamon. Tray-bakes are a typical sweet treat from Northern Ireland, and are delicious served with tea or coffee. Guests will take home a bag filled with their handmade products and all of the recipes

(Breakfast, Dinner) Overnight in **Dublin**.

DAY 12: Friday October 10, 2025 - FAREWELL

Breakfast is followed by transfer to Dublin Airport and return flight home.

(Breakfast)



RESERVATION & INFORMATION

RESERVATION DEADLINE APRIL 30, 2025 – RESERVATION AFTER ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY AND LATE FEE.

- **Deposit:** \$1500.00 per person, along with reservation form and optional insurance premium if chosen.
- **Form of payment:** Cash or check
- **Make checks payable to:** Viking Travel Service
- **Mail registration form payments to:** Viking Travel Service, 700 E. Ogden Avenue, Suite # 106, Westmont, IL 60559
- **Final payment:** Due no later than April 30, 2025
- **Not Included:** Gratuities for any step-on-guides and any items of personal nature, meals and beverages not indicated as included. Also subject to any currency fluctuations, changes in taxes or government fees and ETIAS.
- **Departure Location:** Home Pick-up
- **Required Documentation:** A valid passport is required for travel. Passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from return date and have a few empty pages.
- **ETIAS:** The rules of travel to Europe have changed. Starting in the first half of 2025, some 1.4 billion people from over 60 visa-exempt countries are required to have a travel authorization to enter most European countries and the Current cost is \$7.00 per person. Travelers over 70 years of age may be exempted.
- **Tour operation and pricing:** Based on a minimum of 25 participants.
- Credit card payments subject to 3% processing fee.
- Subject to all airline terms and conditions.
- Check in times at hotels are generally starting at 3:00 pm
- Right to change or alter itineraries and/or hotels if necessary.

Special Needs - Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements or mobility issues at time of reservation.

Travelers with special needs – Travelers should be in good physical conditions in order to participate. Guests needing such assistance must be accompanied by an abled companion who will assist them and be aware that they may not be able to participate in all activities. Some itineraries are not suitable for people with limitations and cannot accommodate wheelchairs or motorized scooters. No refunds will be given if guest does not participate in any activities, by choice or by limitations. It is the sole responsibility of the traveler to notify Viking Travel of any physical or dietary needs.

Per Person Cancellation Policy: Cancellation charges apply if you do not take insurance or must cancel for a reason not covered by insurance:

Date of deposit to January 5, 2025 = \$250.00 Cancellation fee and Insurance cost is non-refundable / January 6, 2025 to 024 to April 29, 2025 = Deposit & Insurance cost is non-refundable / April 30, 2025 to Departure = 100% Penalty.

Travel Insurance: The optional group insurance covers trip cancellation due to a covered medical reason, interruption, accident, baggage, and medical evacuation and must be taken out at time of deposit. As with all insurance policies, cost of insurance is non-refundable and subject to change at any time. A minimum of 10 passengers required for group insurance rates. Please contact Viking Travel for questions on insurance.

Travel Guard Group Insurance Coverage

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Maximum Benefits</u>	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Maximum Benefits</u>
Trip Cancellation	Trip Cost	Medical Expenses	\$20,000
Trip Interruption	125% Trip Cost	Emergency Medical Transportation	\$50,000
Travel Delay	\$500 (<i>Maximum of \$150 per day</i>)	Baggage & Personal Effects Loss	\$1,000

Notice: As the worldwide COVID-19 corona-virus pandemic remains ongoing at this time, and travel resumes around the world, all destinations and suppliers have established COVID-19 safety measures and precautions which may change from day to day. These safety measures may include wearing masks at certain times, size of group gatherings, social distancing requirements, health screenings, and requiring Covid vaccination cards.

Participation on the tour acknowledges the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 while traveling. Participants also understand and agree to follow all the protocols and the acceptance that travel plans may be altered, interrupted, changed or canceled and that Viking Travel has no control over these unforeseeable conditions.

Participation agreement: The purchase/payment of any travel services offered constitutes a contractual arrangement between the Traveler ("you") and Viking Travel Service and its suppliers. As the lead traveler, you accept, and confirm you have authority and consent to accept, all Terms & Conditions for yourself and all members of your traveling party.

