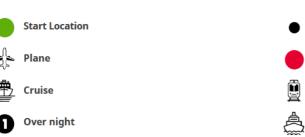
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#### Day 1 | Welcome to the Emerald Isle



Embrace the warm welcome of the 'Emerald Isle' its ancient heritage, legends and lore are yours to explore as you travel the length and breadth of this island and its tale of two nations. The charismatic capital of Dublin is your first stop on this epic journey, which begins as you join your Travel Director and travel companions for dinner.

Meals: Dinner

Hotel: Maldron Kevin Street

Day 2 | Onwards to Beautiful Belfast



Belfast beckons today and you'll journey to Northern Ireland for some time at leisure in this vibrant city. Join a Local Specialist to view the historic murals splashed across the walls of the nationalist and loyalist areas, and see the City Hall. Dive Into Culture at the Titanic Belfast Experience and gain a new perspective into the world's most famous ship and the tragedy that befell it. This evening, dine at your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** DoubleTree by Hilton Belfast Templepatrick

#### Day 3 | A Day at the Giant's Causeway



Visit the Giant's Causeway for a memorable experience, which will help to conserve this iconic landmark. Tread in the footsteps of Finn MacCool his geometric Giant's Causeway is more the stuff of legends than the result of ancient volcanic activity which left its mark on the northern Irish coast. Admire the 40,000 interlocking basalt columns that fade into the sea. After a day of myths, legends and Hollywood blockbusters, consider tucking into an optional Fish and Chips dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** DoubleTree by Hilton Belfast Templepatrick

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

Belfast Walk with Fish and Chips - What better way to soak up the atmosphere of this lively city than to join a Local Specialist for a stroll through its hidden side streets? We'll have an included drink in a historic pub and continue to a local restaurant for a quintessentially traditional meal; fish and chips. Adult: 52.00 GBP

Glenshane Country Farm Visit - At Glenshane Country Farm, join Jamese McCloy, a fourth-generation shepherd, for an engaging, hands-on farm experience. You'll have the chance to interact with the animals and enjoy memorable photo opportunities, all while witnessing the incredible skill of border collies as they herd sheep across the stunning Northern Irish landscape. This MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience immerses you in the life of a traditional farm, connecting you with the local culture and supporting the community's heritage. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities. Adult: 49.00 GBP

#### Day 4 | Journey to Derry/Londonderry and County Donegal



Traversing Northern Ireland, arrive at the old walled city of Derry/Londonderry on the Foyle River, where you'll join a Local Specialist who will take you to its most iconic sights. Delving into the former struggles of the region, you'll visit the People's Gallery in Bogside to view its poignant murals. Journey to County Donegal later, where you will spend the next two nights. This evening, enjoy a tasty dinner in your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Kee's

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

**The Story of Emigration -** Take a drive across the border to visit the award-winning folk park in Omagh, where you'll stroll through three centuries of emigration. Explore old-style thatched cottages from Ireland. Exit an emigrant ship to the New World and visit the homes and paddocks of the settlers. There is also a themed indoor exhibition center.

Adult: 31.00 GBP

#### Day 5 | Admire Belleek's Famous Pottery



Explore the town of Donegal located at the mouth of the River Eske and Donegal Bay. Consider visiting the ancient Donegal Castle, once the stronghold of the O'Donnell clan. This afternoon, visit Belleek where you'll Dive Into Culture and learn about the locally made Irish pottery for which the region is famous.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Kee's

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

Local Dinner and Drinks - Join us for a cozy and relaxing evening with a three-course dinner and drinks in a locally-loved restaurant.

Adult: 55.00 EUR

An Evening of Food and Folklore - Visit the 150 year old Biddy O'Barnes, within the Bluestack Mountains in Country Donegal. Enjoy a night of renowned Irish hospitality in this award-winning gastropub, while listening to stories of traditional folklore.

Adult: 63.00 EUR

### Day 6 | Pilgrimage to Knock and on to Galway



Continue to the pilgrimage town of Knock to visit the beautiful Marian Shrine where the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, and John the Evangelist are said to have made an appearance to the townsfolk in 1879. Complete the day's journey in Galway.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Maldron Oranmore

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

Galway Walk and Dinner - Fascinating stories and interesting locals take center stage as you stroll the historic heart of Galway. Later, enjoy a meal, with a choice of classic dishes and an included drink. Adult: 77.00 EUR

#### **Day 7 | Admire Stunning Connemara**



The untamed landscapes of Connemara, set against rugged mountains and tranquil loughs, provide a soul-stirring backdrop for your scenic drive to Kylemore Abbey. This Benedictine monastery, built on the grounds of Kylemore Castle, features a magnificent Victorian Walled Garden, which you will have an opportunity to explore before returning to Galway. This afternoon, spend your free time exploring Galway's vibrant Latin Quarter, striking stone Cathedral or the 18<sup>th</sup>-century Eyre Square. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner Hotel: Maldron Oranmore

#### Day 8 | Explore the Cliffs of Moher and Killarney



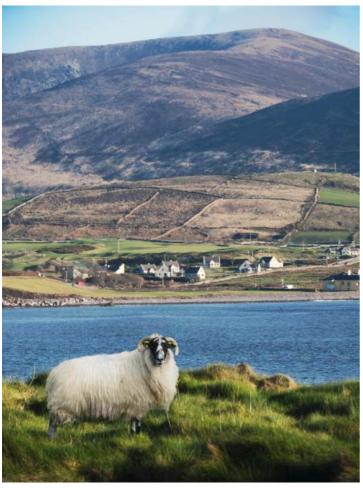
Your journey through Ireland's west brings you to the dramatic Cliffs of Moher, where the land meets the Atlantic Ocean. These UNESCO-listed cliffs soar over 200 m (650 ft) high, and with your Local Specialist on this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, you'll gain a true sense of their scale and significance. Visit the 'Atlantic Edge' exhibition to learn how the cliffs were formed over 300 million years and see the habitats where seabirds like Atlantic puffins nest. Travel onwards along the scenic coast and through the hills of County Clare, before arriving in Killarney. This evening, you're free to explore or opt into a lively Irish ceilidh. complete with traditional music, dance and plenty of local charm.

Meals: Breakfast Hotel: International

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

Irish Ceilidh Evening - The Irish Ceilidh epitomises how music and dance were enjoyed in rural Ireland, especially on festive occasions. The craic - welcoming, jolly, fun and informal - is accompanied with plenty of food and drink. There's no more enjoyable way to understand Irish culture. Adult: 84.00 EUR

#### Day 9 | A Day on the Ring of Kerry



Circle the mystical Ring of Kerry – among Ireland's most enchanting landscapes along which you'll have an opportunity to view the island's stunning scenery. Travel through Moll's Gap and take a moment to view the marvelous natural scenery at Ladies View. This evening is at leisure.

**Meals:** Breakfast **Hotel:** International

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

Jaunting Car Ride - Experience the best of the Irish countryside on a traditional pony and trap ride through the beautiful Bourn-Vincent National Park. Formerly known as the Muckross Estate, this area became Ireland's first National Park in 1932. In 1981, the park was designated by UNESCO as a Biosphere Reserve, part of a network of natural areas which have conservation, research, education and training as primary objectives. During your journey, your Local Guide shares insightful anecdotes about the area and Ireland.

Adult: 29.00 EUR

#### Day 10 | See the Sights in Blarney, Cork and Waterford



Your 'gift of the gab' secured after kissing the Blarney Stone this morning, you'll then venture to Cork to spend some time exploring the cosmopolitan city that rivals Dublin in its energy and charisma. Spend some free time visiting the famous food market or perhaps relax at one of the city's tearooms, indulging in fresh scones and tea. Your final stop today is in medieval Waterford where you'll spend the next two nights.

Meals: Breakfast

**Hotel:** Waterford Marina

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

An Evening of Irish Entertainment with a Pub Supper - Tonight, we'll travel by coach to a local pub for an evening of Irish entertainment with local musicians/singers, including a good hearty Pub supper.

Adult: 56.00 EUR

#### Day 11 | Uncover the Treasures of Kilkenny



A leisurely start to your morning could see you amble along Meagher's Quay, before you visit the House of Waterford, where you'll Dive Into Culture and witness the art of creating the exquisite crystal. Travel to the medieval city of Kilkenny, home to the world's fastest field game. The ancient Celtic sport of hurling is over 3,000 years old and Ireland's national sport. Meet an experienced player who will share his passion, as you test your skills during a lesson. Spend the rest of the afternoon on your own in Waterford.

**Meals:** Breakfast

Hotel: Waterford Marina

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

An Afternoon of Irish Fun and Music (Craic agus Ceol) - Feel like a local at this authentic Irish Pub with an afternoon of live music and a drink

Adult: 34.00 EUR

Explore Waterford's History - Join us in Waterford, where the history dates back as far as the Vikings. Your Local Specialist will bring the historic area to life through stories and anecdotes; one guest even described the trip as the "best history lesson ever".

Adult: 23.00 EUR

#### Day 12 | Venture to Wexford and Return to Dublin



Traverse beautiful County Wexford to the John F. Kennedy Arboretum – a peaceful retreat in New Ross with over 4.500 species of plants across 252 hectares dedicated to the former American president. Leave the enchanting outdoors behind and take a step back in time to the 1800s as you visit the three-masted Dunbrody Famine Ship. Dive Into Culture, gaining insight into the tragic plight of the Irish emigrants, who were compelled to leave their home during the potato famine and endured even harsher conditions than at home in the 'coffin ships' that took them to new lands. Join the Fulvio family and Connect With Locals over dinner at a Be My Guest experience featuring Irish fare with an Italian twist, served at their Ballyknocken Farmhouse near Dublin.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner Hotel: Maldron Kevin Street

**Day 13 | Discover Diverse Dublin** 



Wander through Dublin this morning, joining a Local Specialist for a superb sightseeing tour that will see you view Trinity College and the magnificent Georgian Squares. Spend the rest of the day exploring the city on your terms. Indulge in a pint of the 'Black Stuff' at one of its many quaint pubs, admire the colorful performances on Grafton Street. or delve into its centuries-old history. This evening. let the rousing sounds of a traditional Irish cabaret tempt you for an Optional Experience that will have you dancing your way through the Dublin streets.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Maldron Kevin Street

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

Experience the Ancient Monastic Site of Glendalough - Enjoy a visit to one of the most important monastic sites in Europe, which dates back to the 6th century. Your Local Guide will tell tales and show you around this sacred area, famous for its tranquil beauty amidst the rolling countryside of County Wicklow, the garden of Ireland.

Adult: 35.00 EUR

**Dublin Dinner and Cabaret** - Enjoy an evening of fine food and fun as Ireland's history unfolds with comedy, song and dance. You'll be tapping your toes and joining in the show, all in the spirit of Irish humor. And you'll even be served an Irish coffee to round off your dinner.

Adult: 93.00 EUR

## Day 14 | Farewell Ireland



Your memorable journey through Ireland is at its end. All that's left to say is slán abhaile to newfound friends as you prepare to depart for home.

Meals: Breakfast