



IRISH FAITH & HISTORY

11 days incl. travel or 10 days from Dublin to Dublin (TZ)

Vacation Overview

On this vacation, enjoy the scenic vistas and fascinating history of Ireland. Your trip starts in Dublin with a welcome dinner and an orientation tour featuring visits to St. Patrick's Cathedral and Oscar Wilde's Trinity College. Travel through dairy-farm country in the center of the "Emerald Isle" to Knock, where the Virgin Mary appeared to the townsfolk in 1879 and today attracts pilgrims from around the world. Visit Knock Shrine, the Church of the Apparition, the basilica, and the Folk Museum, and maybe join the evening rosary processions.

On the way to Galway, stop to visit the Croagh Patrick Visitor Centre in Murrisk and Kylemore Abbey, a massive yet graceful castle acquired by Benedictine nuns as a precious heirloom for Ireland. From Galway, enjoy an excursion to Inishmore, the largest of the Aran Islands. Many Catholics fled to this island during Oliver Cromwell's conquest of Ireland in the 17th century. Enjoy a tour of the island and visit clifftop Dun Aengus, one of the most spectacular and dramatic prehistoric stone forts in Europe.

Next, drive across the desolate limestone plateau known as The Burren and visit The Burren Centre at Kilfenora on your way to Killarney for your 2-night stay. Join the famed "Ring of Kerry" for a 100-mile panoramic drive around the island's southwestern tip and enjoy a horse-drawn jaunting car ride through the National Park. Travel into County Cork and stop in Blarney, renowned for its castle and magical Kissing Stone, before arriving in Kilkenny. On your way back to Dublin, stop at Glendalough, the early Christian monastic site founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century. At the Glendalough Visitor Center, see its fascinating audiovisual show Ireland of the Monasteries. Return to Dublin for an overnight and the end of your wonderful Irish vacation.

Map



Itinerary

Day 1

(Sun.) Board your overnight transatlantic flight.

Day 2 Arrive in Dublin, Irish Republic

(Mon.) Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is free to relax in the Irish capital. At 6 pm, join your Tour Director and traveling companions for a welcome dinner at the hotel. (D)

Day 3 Dublin

(Tue.) An orientation drive in the “Fair City” includes statue-lined O’Connell Street, elegant Georgian squares, and visits to ST. PATRICK’S CATHEDRAL and Oscar Wilde’s TRINITY COLLEGE, famous for the 1,200-year-old Book of Kells and the magnificent Old Library. Balance of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 4 Dublin–Knock

(Wed.) Head for dairy farm country in the center of the “Emerald Isle” before arriving in Knock, where the Virgin Mary appeared to the townsfolk in 1879 and today attracts pilgrims from around the world. Visit KNOCK SHRINE, the CHURCH OF THE APPARITION, the BASILICA, and the FOLK MUSEUM. Maybe join the evening rosary processions. (B,D)

Note: the overnight on day 4 will either be in Knock or Sligo. Due to limited hotel availability in Knock, we have selected the best available hotel that satisfies Globus’ high standards of quality.

Day 5 Knock–Murrisk–Galway

(Thu.) This morning, visit the CROAGH PATRICK VISITOR CENTRE at the foot of St. Patrick's Holy Mountain in Murrisk. Afterwards, visit KYLEMORE ABBEY, the massive yet graceful castle acquired by Benedictine nuns as a precious heirloom for Ireland. Arrive in the port city of Galway, where you will spend the next two nights. Tonight's recommendation: join your Tour Director for an optional evening at Dunguaire Castle, where the intimate banquet has an enlightening literary theme. (B)

Day 6 Galway. Aran Islands Excursion

(Fri.) At Rossaveal, board a comfortable, modern FERRY for the 45-minute crossing to Kilronan on Inishmore, the largest of the Aran Islands and where Gaelic is the first language of the islanders. Many Catholics fled to this island during Oliver Cromwell's conquest of Ireland during the mid-17th century. In these harsh conditions, they developed a strong self-sufficiency in order to survive. Your fascinating day continues with a presentation on life on Inishmore by an island historian. After a lunch break, board a minibus to enjoy your local driver-guide's commentary on a tour of the island, ending with a visit to clifftop DUN AENGUS, one of the most spectacular and dramatic prehistoric stone forts in Europe. Back in Kilronan, there is time to shop for unique hand-knitted Aran sweaters before boarding your ferry back to the mainland. There are plenty of dining options in Galway this evening. (B)

Day 7 Galway–Kilfenora–Bunratty–Adare–Killarney

(Sat.) Take the scenic route across the desolate limestone plateau known as The Burren. At Kilfenora, visit THE BURREN CENTRE. The newly restored ancient cathedral and Celtic crosses in the churchyard form an important center of early Christianity. Continue to Bunratty, where there is lots to see and do: visit the castle; stroll in the folk park, which depicts Irish life in the early 1900s; browse the complex of smart shops; or try a refreshment in famous Durty Nelly's Irish pub. Skirt the metropolis of Limerick and continue south via quaint Adare with its thatched cottages to the popular resort of Killarney, your destination for the next two nights. (B,D)

Day 8 Killarney. Ring of Kerry Excursion

(Sun.) Join the famed "Ring of Kerry" for a 100-mile panoramic drive around the island's southwestern tip. Have your camera ready to take photos of the spectacular scenery that includes both land and sea. In Killarney, enjoy a fun horsedrawn JAUNTING CAR RIDE through the National Park with beautiful vistas of the Lakes of Killarney and ancient Ross Castle. (B)

Day 9 Killarney–Blarney–Kilkenny

(Mon.) Cross the Kerry Mountains and drive into County Cork for a visit to Blarney, renowned for its castle and magical Kissing Stone. Time for lunch, to walk up to the castle, and to shop for traditional Irish handicrafts. In the afternoon, make your way to Kilkenny, the vibrant, flourishing city with a fascinating medieval history and a thriving crafts industry, which transformed itself into a hip, contemporary destination. Your Tour Director will give you the best advice on how to make the most of your stay. (B)

Day 10 Kilkenny–Glendalough–Dublin

(Tue.) Today, enjoy views of the Wicklow Mountains before arriving at GLENDALOUGH, the early Christian monastic site founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century. See the engaging audiovisual Ireland of the Monasteries, then let your Local Guide show you the remains of this ecclesiastical settlement. Back in Dublin your Tour Director will have dining suggestions for this evening. (B)

Day 11

(Wed.) Your homebound flight arrives the same day. (B)

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Vacation Highlights

INCLUDED FEATURES

Dublin:

Welcome dinner; orientation drive, visit St. Patrick's Cathedral and Trinity College

Knock:

Visit the Shrine, the Church of the Apparition, the Basilica and the Folk Museum

Murrisk (Croagh Patrick):

Visit the Croagh Patrick Visitor Centre

Kylemore:

Visit the Benedictine abbey

Aran Islands:

Ferry to and from Inishmore, hear a presentation on life on the island by a local historian, take a minibus tour with a driver-guide, visit Dun Aengus

Kilfenora:

Visit The Burren Centre

Bunratty:

Take pictures of the castle

Adare:

Admire the thatched cottages

Ring of Kerry:

Scenic peninsula drive

Killarney:

Horse-drawn jaunting car ride

Blarney:

Visit the famous village

Glendalough:

Guided tour of St. Kevin's center of Irish Christianity

INSIDE VISITS

Inside visits and special features are shown in the description, including admission charges when applicable.

STANDARD INCLUDED FEATURES

[Learn more about](#) transportation, hotels, and other standard included features offered.

Accommodations

MEALS - (B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

Full Irish breakfast (B); 3 three-course dinners (D) with choice of menus, including a welcome dinner in Dublin.

SUPERIOR HOTELS - (D) Deluxe (SF) Superior First-Class (F) First-Class

Dublin Clarion (SF), **Knock** Knock House Hotel (F), **Galway** Radisson SAS (SF), **Killarney** Scotts (F), **Kilkenny** Pembroke (SF)

Optional Excursions

Here's a list of optional excursions you can enjoy during your vacation. Whether it's a special dinner, a local show or a special behind-the-scenes glimpse into an historical site, optional excursions are a wonderful way to enrich your vacation even further. Plus, they give you flexibility. We include the must-see sites and experiences, and we also understand that people take interest in different activities and may want to craft a more personal vacation by hand-picking optional excursions that appeal to them.

Availability is subject to sufficient participation, weather conditions, seasonal suitability, days of operation, group interests, and general feasibility for your vacation. The approximate value listed gives you a good, general idea of what you can expect to pay but may vary once you are on your vacation. Some information provided might be in a foreign currency; you can use our online [currency converter](#) for exchange rate information.

CITY: Dublin

Irish Cabaret May to October

After a full choice dinner with wine and Irish coffee, enjoy a traditional Irish cabaret evening including dance, song and laughter.

Approximate value: EUR €78 per person

Guinness Storehouse and Supper

A unique Dublin experience: a visit to the famous Guinness Storehouse with supper included.

Approximate value: EUR €62 per person

CITY: Galway

Dunguaire Castle Banquet

In an intimate castle setting, be inspired by extracts chosen from the works of the Irish literary greats over dinner with wine.

Approximate value: EUR €73 per person

CITY: Waterford

Pub Evening

Drive to a nearby village where entertainment is provided while you enjoy two drinks of your choice at the local pub.

Approximate value: EUR €30 per person

Dates and Prices

Departure Details	Departure Date	Tour Start Date	Return Date	Land/Cruise Price Only	Status
	5/23/2010	5/24/2010	6/2/2010	\$1,739.00	Not Available
	5/23/2010	5/24/2010	6/2/2010	\$1,739.00	Not Available
	8/8/2010	8/9/2010	8/18/2010	\$1,739.00	Book Now!
	8/8/2010	8/9/2010	8/18/2010	\$1,739.00	Not Available
	9/5/2010	9/6/2010	9/15/2010	\$1,749.00	Not Available
	10/3/2010	10/4/2010	10/13/2010	\$1,739.00	Book Now!

3/13/2011	3/14/2011	3/23/2011	\$1,789.00	Book Now!
5/22/2011	5/23/2011	6/1/2011	\$1,789.00	Book Now!

Single room supplement:

\$384 (0315-1004), \$396 (0314-0523, 2011).

Triple room reduction per person:

\$43

Extra nights per person in Dublin:

in single room \$195, in twin room \$122, in triple room \$115

2011 departures are subject to itinerary and price modification.

US\$ Price Details

- **Applicable taxes and fees (Land-Only or Cruise-Only Vacation)**

Our Volume Buying Power Saves You Money!

-We may be able to provide you with flight arrangements from your gateway city.

-Additional accommodations before or after your vacation may be available at our low prices.

Additional Information:

-Departure/arrival taxes and fares from other cities will be advised at the time of booking.

-Vacation departures, itineraries and prices are subject to change.

Guaranteed air-inclusive prices:

Air is only available to passengers traveling from the United States and only available when booked in conjunction with a land vacation. An additional \$250 non-refundable deposit is required for air booked in conjunction with any land vacation (i.e., air-inclusive vacation.) However, once your airfare is confirmed and Globus has received your full air and land deposit, your air-inclusive vacation price is guaranteed.

We also accept your reservation on a land-only basis:

While booking your vacation air-inclusive gives you various advantages, you can also choose the land-only option. But remember, airlines' special fares generally apply to very brief periods. (Our low air-inclusive fares apply throughout the year.) Plus, to get these "deals" you often are required to pay full fare at the time of booking.

Taxes & fees

Taxes and fees are subject to change and are not guaranteed until full land and air deposit are received.

Applicable Taxes and Fees (Airfare & Charges Not Included in the Price)

Air-Inclusive Vacations

Air-inclusive prices provided online include a September 11th fee up to \$10, passenger facility charges of up to \$18, Federal domestic flight segment fees of up to \$3.50 per segment and U.S. and International arrival and departure and other government imposed fees between \$200-\$375 depending on your itinerary. The total airfare price, the base airfare price, and the applicable government taxes and fees are broken-out line-by-line and shown while booking online and on the invoice after your travel is booked.

Not Included In Your Vacation Price (Air-Inclusive, Land-Only or Cruise-Only)

Federal inspection fees for the Federal U.S. Customs and Immigrations; International Air Transportation tax; agricultural tax; other per person taxes imposed by government entities: port taxes; passports; visas and vaccinations; tips to your Tour or Cruise Director, Local Host, driver, Local Guides, and/or ships' crew; gratuities on ferries, trains, and cruise ships; laundry; telephone; minibar; alcohol, beverages, and food outside of the contracted menu as presented at a hotel or restaurant (these extra items will be billed to you before leaving the hotel, ship, or restaurant); additional excursions and activities not listed as 'included' in

the itinerary; airport transfers on non-qualifying flights; portorage at airports and train stations; Travel Protection premiums; excess baggage fees; and all other items of a personal nature.

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