

IRISH FAITH & HISTORY

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

Vacation Overview

Enjoy the scenic vistas and fascinating history of Ireland. Your Dublin orientation features visits to Our Lady of Lourdes Church, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and Oscar Wilde's Trinity College. Travel through dairy-farm country in the center of the "Emerald Isle" to Knock. 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. 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.

Visit the Aran Heritage Centre, spectacular clifftop Dun Aengus, and the Visitor Centre. Next, drive across 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 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 Waterford to visit the world-famous Crystal Factory. Next is Enniscorthy, site of the final battle of the Great Rebellion of 1798; Ireland's oldest handweaving mill at Avoca; and Glendalough Visitor Center with its fascinating audiovisual show *Ireland of the Monasteries*. Return to Dublin for an overnight and the end of your wonderful Irish getaway.

Map



Itinerary

Day 1

(Sun.) Board your overnight transatlantic flight.

Day 2 Arrival in Dublin, Irish Republic

(Mon.) Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is free to relax in the Irish capital. Later, 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 a visit to OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH on Sean McDermott Street, which contains the tomb of Venerable Matt Talbot. Next, visit ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL. Then, a visit to 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)

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 visit to the ARAN HERITAGE CENTRE. 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. After a stop at the VISITOR CENTRE, 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–Waterford

(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, proceed via Cork, Youghal, and Dungarven to Waterford, a stronghold founded by the Danish Vikings in 853. Here, enjoy a visit to the world-famous WATERFORD CRYSTAL FACTORY. (B,D)

Day 10 Waterford–Avoca–Glendalough–Dublin

(Tue.) Today's agenda: Enniscorthy, site of the final battle of the Great Rebellion of 1798; and Ireland's oldest HANDWEAVING MILL at Avoca. Take in views of the Wicklow Mountains on your way to the Glendalough VISITOR CENTER with its fascinating audiovisual show *Ireland of the Monasteries*. Your Local Guide will explain the ruins of one of the centers of Irish Celtic Christianity, founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century and later destroyed by English troops in 1398. 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)

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Airport transfers may be included when you make your flight arrangements. [Click Here](#) for more information.

Vacation Highlights

INCLUDED FEATURES

Dublin:

Welcome dinner; orientation drive, visit Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 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, visit the Heritage Centre, take a minibus tour with a driver-guide, visit Dun Aengus and its visitor centre

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 woolen mills

Waterford:

Guided tour of the Waterford Crystal factory

Avoca:

Guided tour of the handweaving mill

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

Full Irish breakfast daily (B); 4 three-course dinners (D) with choice of menus, including a welcome dinner in Dublin

SUPERIOR HOTELS

Dublin Quality (F), **Knock** Knock House Hotel (F), **Galway** Radisson SAS (SF), **Killarney** Scotts (F),
Waterford Fitzwilton (F)

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

Dates and Prices

View the following dates and prices to find just the right date for your vacation. Below you'll find the date you'll depart, the date the vacation starts and date you'll return.

Once you've selected your date, you'll move to the next step to get an airfare quote and to begin booking your vacation. When you book your flights with us, you'll find we offer competitive and hassle-free airfares, plus you'll receive free airport transfers, flights coordinated with vacation dates and you'll avoid strict internet terms and conditions.

Departure Details	Departure Date	Tour Start Date	Return Date	Land/Cruise Price	Status
	3/15/2009	3/16/2009	3/25/2009	\$1,919.00	Book Now!
	5/24/2009	5/25/2009	6/3/2009	\$1,919.00	Book Now!
	8/9/2009	8/10/2009	8/19/2009	\$1,919.00	Book Now!
	9/6/2009	9/7/2009	9/16/2009	\$1,919.00	Book Now!
	10/4/2009	10/5/2009	10/14/2009	\$1,919.00	Book Now!
	3/14/2010	3/15/2010	3/24/2010	\$1,999.00	Book Now!
	5/23/2010	5/24/2010	6/2/2010	\$1,999.00	Book Now!

US\$ Price Details

- Applicable air fare taxes and fees

Single room supplement:

\$454, \$476 (2010: 0315 & 0524)

Triple room reduction per person:

\$34, \$36 (2010: 0315 & 0524)

Extra nights per person in Dublin:

in single room \$240, in twin room \$147, in triple room \$138

2010 departures are subject to itinerary and price modification.

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 tour 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.
- 2008, 2009 & 2010 vacation itineraries and prices are subject to change.

Guaranteed Air-Inclusive Price:

Air-inclusive prices do not 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 of up to \$300 depending on your itinerary. Please see the Applicable Airfare Taxes and Fee link above for more information.

Air booked in conjunction with a land vacation is considered an air-inclusive vacation. Air can only be booked by Globus in conjunction with a land package and is only available for passengers traveling from the United States. For vacation departures in 2008, your final air-inclusive vacation price is guaranteed when your air schedule had been confirmed and your entire vacation package has been paid in full. For vacation departures in 2009, an additional \$250 non-refundable deposit (total \$500 non-refundable) is required for air booked in conjunction with any land vacation and your final air-inclusive vacation price is guaranteed when your flight information is confirmed and Globus has received your full land and air deposit.

Not Included in the Vacation Price:

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; airport taxes and fees including the September 11th Security fee up to \$10 per person, Passenger facility charges up to \$18 per person, Federal domestic flight segment fees up to \$3.50 per segment and U.S. and International arrival and departure, and other government imposed fees up to \$300 per person; 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 Globus menu as presented at a hotel or restaurant (these extra items will be billed to you before leaving the hotel, ship, or restaurant); optional excursions; airport transfers on non-qualifying flights; portage at airports and train stations; Travel Protection premiums; all airline imposed baggage fees (including internal flights); and all other items of a personal nature.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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