

Explore Ireland like never before on this 10 Day adventure. This tour brings together the best of Ireland's culinary highlights, must-see attractions and unique, local cultural experiences. Come explore Ireland at its best in a familiar, escorted group setting.

Featuring

- Dublin City Tour & Guinness Storehouse
- Waterford Crystal
- Blarney Stone
- 4-star Accommodations
- Brian de Staic Studio Visit
- Glen Keen Farm Experience
- Cliffs of Moher
- Achill Island
- Kylemore Abbey
- Great Irish Hospitality!
 Activity Level | > Passport Required

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10 Day Ireland Uncovered – Your Itinerary

<u>Day 1</u> Transfer to the airport and check-in for the overnight flight to Dublin, Ireland.

<u>Day 2</u> Arriving at Dublin International Airport, you will be met by your local guide and escorted to your awaiting motor-coach. This morning, you will enjoy a tour of Dublin City; originally founded as a Viking settlement, Dublin has been home to the Irish Parliament since the creation of the Irish Free State in 1922. On your tour, witness Georgian Squares with their 18th Century houses, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Trinity College with the Book of Kells, Phoenix Park (biggest town park in Europe), statue filled O'Connell Street and the fashionable Grafton Street. Later, no visit to Dublin would be complete without a visit to the Guinness Brewery founded in 1759 by Arthur Guinness. Here, you will enjoy a guided tour which concludes with a leisurely pint of Guinness in the 360-degree roof top bar while enjoying some spectacular views of Dublin City. After, check-in to the Camden Court Hotel for our overnight stay and Welcome Dinner. (D)

<u>Day 3</u> After breakfast, we depart Dublin and travel south to County Wicklow, known as The Garden of Ireland. Your first stop will be Powerscourt House and Gardens. Powerscourt House which was badly damaged by fire in 1974 has been refurbished and opened to the public. The gardens at Powerscourt were laid out when the house was rebuilt in 1731. From here, you continue to Glendalough (Valley of Two Lakes) where you travel back in time to the 7th century with a guided tour of this remarkable early monastic settlement. Your tour continues through the beautiful Vale of Avoca to the Avoca Hand Weavers (the oldest in Ireland). We tour the weaving cooperative and get our own chance to try weaving! (B, D)

<u>Day 4</u> House of Waterford Crystal awaits today! See highly skilled local craftsmen demonstrate crystal blowing and cutting in the new state of the art visitor center. After, continue along the southern coastline to Blarney where you will have an opportunity to visit and kiss the famous Blarney Stone - said to bestow the gift of eloquence on all those who dare. Following this adventure, continue to Killarney for a two-night stay in the Killarney Towers Hotel. (B, D)

<u>Day 5</u> Today, you will enjoy the unspoiled beauty of the Dingle Peninsula, once cited as the most beautiful place on earth by National Geographic. You will stop at the Brian de Staic studio in Dingle which specializes in Celtic jewelry. This jewelry is handcrafted and engraved with ancient Celtic symbols and the letters of the ogham alphabet, an ancient Irish form of writing. As you continue around Slea Head, you will get some breathtaking views of the Atlantic coastline and see some beehive huts (early monastic settlements) dating back over a thousand years. Plus, we visit the westernmost point in Ireland where you can view the Blasket Islands. You will also see the locations for such films as Ryan's Daughter and the more recently filmed Far and Away which starred Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman. You will have some free time in Dingle for lunch before returning to Killarney. (B)

<u>Day 6</u> This morning, you bid farewell to Killarney and travel to Tralee, capital town of County Kerry and famous for The Rose of Tralee Festival. You continue to Tarbert where you board the Shannon Ferry and cross the Shannon Estuary to Killimer. From here, you travel the coast to the majestic Cliffs of Moher, which rise to a height of 600 ft. over the Atlantic Ocean. Following some free time to view the cliffs, your tour continues through the 'lunar' type landscape of the Burren, from the Irish word 'bhoireann' meaning, 'a stony place' or 'a rocky place.' This is the perfect description for this 350 sq. kilometer limestone plateau in North Clare. Later, you continue along the shores of Galway Bay to Galway City and check-in to the Galway Harbour Hotel where we have dinner. (B, D)

<u>Day 7</u> Today you depart Galway and travel through Connemara with an abundance of mountains, lakelands and boglands. Because of its wild and rugged beauty, it has been the location for many films - "The Quiet Man" with John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara and, in more recent times, "The Field," starring Richard Harris. Kylemore Abbey is our next stop. Built in 1866, it was home to Benedictine Nuns from 1920 to 2008. You can also visit the Abbey's Victorian Walled Garden which is completely enclosed by a brick and limestone wall and beautiful Gothic Church. From here, continue through the scenic Doolough Valley taking in a stretch of road known as the famine walk and follow in the footsteps of the many people who left their home in search of food during the great famine. You will visit Glen Keen Farm and enjoy some freshly baked scones followed by a sheep herding demonstration. From here you continue by the foothills of Croagh Patrick, Ireland's Holy Mountain to Westport. We unpack here for our two-night stay at the Hotel Westport. (B, D)

<u>Day 8</u> After breakfast, travel to Mulranny and cross the Michael Davitt Bridge to Achill, Ireland's largest offshore island. We follow the coastline and experience breathtaking views on the island's spectacular Atlantic Drive and visit the deserted village at Slievemore. This village consists of 80 - 100 stone cottages (booley homes) on the southern slopes of Slievemore Mountain. There is a pub stop on Achill Island for lunch before returning to Westport, where you will have the remainder of the afternoon free. Take time to explore this picturesque town with its cheerful, multi-colored shop fronts and an attractive selection of pubs, cafés and restaurants. (B)

<u>Day 9</u> Bid farewell to Westport this morning as we travel to the town of Knock, where Our Lady appeared in 1879, and has since become a great place of pilgrimage with thousands of people visiting each year. Then, continue to Dunboyne Castle Hotel and enjoy a farewell dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

<u>Day 10</u> After breakfast, we transfer to Dublin International Airport with fond memories, newly acquired accents and many stories. Upon arrival in the USA, we transfer home. (B)

10 Day Ireland Uncovered - The Details

Roundtrip International Airfare | 8 Nights 4-star Hotels
Luxury Motor-coach Transportation in Ireland
8 Full Irish Breakfasts | 6 Dinners | Dublin City Tour | Guinness Brewery
Blarney Stone | House of Waterford Crystal
Kylemore Abbey & Gardens | Achill Island
Cliffs of Moher & Atlantic Edge Experience | Avoca Hand Weavers Irish Tourist Board
Dingle Peninsula | Approved Driver/Guide | Local Guides
Tours of Distinction Tour Director | Baggage Handling
Gratuities for ToD Tour Director, Local Guide and Driver/Guide

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

1st Deposit: \$500 pp due at time of reservation + Optional Travel Protection

Final Payment: 90 days prior to departure.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

A cancellation fee of \$500 per person + non-refundable tour expenses will be charged for any cancellation received from time of booking to 121 days prior to departure. A cancellation fee of 50% of the total tour cost + non-refundable tour expenses will be charged for cancellations 120-91 days prior to departure. A cancellation fee of 100% of the total tour cost will be charged for cancellations received 90-0 days prior to departure. Deposit is refundable based on trip insurance.

OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION:

Optional Travel Protection Rates: \$233 pp dbl | \$290 sgl

Plan Document will be provided to you upon registration for this tour. Read the document carefully, as it provides complete details of the plan, including benefits and exclusions. IF CANCELLING FOR A MEDICAL REASON, YOU MUST SEE YOUR DOCTOR AND PROVIDE SUPPORTING MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION WHEN SUBMITTING A CLAIM.



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One Form Per Person

Tours of Distinction 10-Day Ireland Uncovered

| GUEST | DETAILS |
|---|----------------------|
| Name*: | Date of Birth: |
| First Middle Last * Important: Name listed here MUST match the name on your passport Address: | City, State: |
| Zip Code: | Phone #: |
| Email Address: | Cell #: |
| Passport issue date: | Passport Exp Date**: |
| Passport issued in what country: | Passport #: |
| TRAVELER DETAILS | |
| Occupancy: Single Double | |
| Travel Partner/Roommate(s): | |
| Special Needs (wheelchair, diet, handicap, etc.): | |
| ~~Please note that we try to accommodate special preference requests (i.e. adjoining rooms) when possible, but we cannot guarantee them. | |
| Additional Information (KTN #, frequent flyer #, etc.): | |
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| PAYMENT DETAILS | |
| Mail this form, a copy of your Passport & deposit to: Tours of Distinction (See Address Below) *Please check here if you will be applying for a Passport renewal or applying for a Passport. **Note: The U.S. Department of State recommends your passport have at least six months of validity—beyond the last date of travel. | |
| Optional Deluxe Travel Protection Plan: I would like to: Accept or Decline the optional travel protection. | |
| I am paying by: □ Check (Payable to Tours of Distinction) or □ Credit Card | |
| Total Deposit for the Tour Portion : \$ | |
| Total Optional Travel Protection Insurance: \$ | |
| Total Amount Enclosed: \$ | |
| Credit Card Information: If you would like to pay by credit card, we will contact you for that number upon receipt of this reservation form. | |
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| Guest's Signature: | Date: |
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1st Deposit: \$500 per person due at time of reservation + Optional Travel Protection Final Payment: 90 days prior to departure

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Optional Group Deluxe Travel Protection cost per person: **Double Occupancy** | **Single Occupancy** \$233 | \$290

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Rooms are available on a first come, first serve basis.