

# ENCHANTING IRELAND



RING OF KERRY

MAY 5 - 14, 2025

Embark on an enriching journey through Ireland's captivating landscapes and charming towns. Set against a backdrop of mythology, deep green fields, literary heritage, and a proud but turbulent history, Ireland is as lovely and lyrical as it is lively.

From the vibrant streets of Dublin, steeped in history and bustling with energy, to the serene landscapes of Wicklow, where rolling hills and majestic gardens beckon, and the captivating charm of Galway, with its lively atmosphere and rich cultural heritage. Immerse yourself in the lush beauty of the Irish countryside, explore historic sites, indulge in culinary delights, and soak in the breathtaking scenery of the Ring of Kerry and the Cliffs of Moher.

Join Discover Europe, as we traverse through ancient castles, verdant countryside, and charming villages, immersing ourselves in the rich heritage and breathtaking scenery that define Ireland's enchanting allure.

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

<b>LAND ONLY</b> (no airfare included)	<b>\$ 4990</b>
<b>SINGLE SUPPLEMENT</b>	<b>\$ 1090</b>

*Airfares are available from many U.S. cities.  
Please call for details.*

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

**HOTELS:** 8 nights' accommodation in a first-class hotel, including all hotel taxes and service charges  
**COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary  
**MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 1 lunches, 5 dinners  
**GUIDES:** Discover Europe tour guide throughout  
**BAGGAGE:** Portage of one large suitcase per person  
**ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

*Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour.  
Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.*



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**MONDAY, MAY 5** - Departure from your chosen U.S. gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

**TUESDAY, MAY 6** - Upon your arrival at Dublin Airport, you will be met and transferred to your centrally located hotel. We'll stow our bags until check in is available. While we wait for our rooms to be available, your tour guide will offer a short orientation tour of the neighborhood before we visit Trinity College to view the magnificent book of Kells. We gather this evening for a welcome dinner at the hotel. **(D) OVERNIGHT: DUBLIN**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7** - When it comes right down to it, all of Ireland is a garden. Still, some of the loveliest settings in Ireland revolve around its gardens, havens of peace and tranquility.

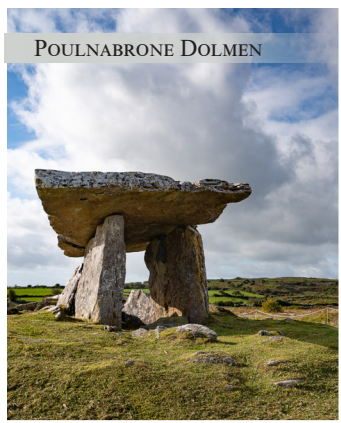
The gardens at Powerscourt House, located at the foot of the Wicklow Mountains, were created in the 1740s by Richard Wingfield, the Viscount of Powerscourt. With the highest waterfall in Ireland, Powerscourt offers numerous attractions including formal gardens and landscaped walks with more than 200 varieties of trees, shrubs, and flowers. After time for lunch, we'll continue to Glendalough, a monastic settlement founded in the 6th century. We make our way to our hotel in Wicklow, arriving mid-afternoon. We'll gather this evening for dinner at the hotel. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: WICKLOW**

**THURSDAY, MAY 8** - This morning, you'll experience the art of Irish cuisine firsthand at Ballyknocken Cookery School, House, and Farm, where expert chefs guide you through immersive cooking classes amidst the picturesque beauty of County Wicklow's countryside. Following our cooking class, we will enjoy a light lunch before making our way to Mount Usher Gardens. Exquisite in every dimension, Mount Usher exemplifies the authentic 'Robinsonian' style garden, harmonizing a distinguished array of trees and shrubs with informal floral planting schemes in a picturesque valley setting. The garden boasts an ever-evolving spectrum of colors and textures, complemented by enchanting scents that evolve with each changing season. We return to Wicklow for a free evening. **(B, L) OVERNIGHT: WICKLOW**

**FRIDAY, MAY 9** - Leaving Wicklow, our first stop today will be in Waterford, for a tour of the Waterford Crystal Factory, followed by lunch. Our next stop will be Lismore Castle Gardens, believed to be the oldest gardens in Ireland. Nestled amid lush greenery and overlooking the serene River Blackwater, Lismore Castle is an architectural gem steeped in rich history and cultural significance. Dating back to the 12th century, this magnificent fortress boasts beautifully landscaped gardens, captivating art collections, and a storied past that intertwines with the heritage of Ireland. From here, we make our way to our hotel in Killarney, where dinner awaits us. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: KILLARNEY**



**SATURDAY, MAY 10** - Today, a panorama of some of Ireland's most famous scenery as we tour the Ring of Kerry. We'll meander leisurely around the Ring—112 miles of the most beautiful coastal scenery in the world - stopping for photographs and chances to stretch our legs and admire the views. On our return to Killarney, we'll visit Muckross House, an imposing Victorian mansion with elegant rooms full of period furnishings including a museum of Kerry Life. The setting is spectacular, on the edge of the largest of the Killarney Lakes and nestling in the shadows of the Macgillicuddy's Reeks—the local mountain range. For those who want to stretch their legs, it's a beautiful walk around the lake back to our hotel. This evening is free to sample some local cuisine. **(B) OVERNIGHT: KILLARNEY**



**SUNDAY, MAY 11** - After a leisurely start to the day, we leave Killarney, heading north to Galway. We'll make a stop in Limerick for lunch before continuing to the coast to see the Cliffs of Moher (time permitting) take a walk along the coastal path. Continuing north, we'll stop and visit the Poulnabrone Dolmen before continuing to the Burren. This is one of the most remarkable geological formations in Ireland—a wild, limestone plateau filled with rare flora and dotted with prehistoric monuments. From here, we continue our journey to our hotel, where dinner is included this evening.

**(B, D) OVERNIGHT: GALWAY**

**MONDAY, MAY 12** - Today, we will take an excursion to Inishmore, the largest of the Aran Islands, set in Galway Bay. On arrival, we'll enjoy a tour on an island mini-bus, or simply pick up a bicycle at the town pier and explore the island independently (no private cars are allowed on the island). We visit the mystical Dun Aengus, a 2000-year-old fort with an imposing position overlooking the Atlantic, and The Aran Island Heritage Centre. The Islands are still largely Gaelic-speaking and maintain many of the traditional Irish Island customs, which reflect the harshness of island life. We return to the mainland in the late afternoon and return to Galway for a free evening where you may choose to take in a performance at Trad on the Prom, a contemporary Irish show featuring an electrifying mix of traditional Irish music, song and dance. **(B) OVERNIGHT: GALWAY**

**TUESDAY, MAY 13** - Leaving Galway, we return to Dublin, stopping along the way in Birr to visit the Castle and Gardens. One of Ireland's most intriguing destinations, steeped in scientific achievements and home to the remarkable Parsons family for 400 years, this rare opportunity allows visitors to explore the castle's magnificent interiors. Delve into the exquisite craftsmanship of its five main reception rooms and uncover the rich history within. We'll have time for lunch before making our way to the hotel. We'll arrive in time for a festive farewell Irish dinner and entertainment at the famous Merry Ploughboy's Restaurant. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: DUBLIN**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 14** - Morning transfers to Dublin for returning flights to the U.S. **(B) OVERNIGHT: HOME**