



THE GARDENS OF IRELAND

WITH MARIAN ST. CLAIR

MAY 28TH - JUNE 7TH 2019

A thousand shades of green make up Ireland's rich landscape tapestry. In the closing days of spring, journey to the Emerald Isle's most enchanting gardens, both well-known gems and off-the-beaten-path treasures.

Marian St. Clair and Discover Europe have once again joined forces to create another unique itinerary that highlights the gardens, historic sites, and the landscape of this country in full bloom. The pace is never frantic, yet the days are pleasantly full and there are bound to be some unexpected diversions and adventures along the way.



We begin in Dublin and follow the coast down to the second city of Cork, stopping along the way at gardens large and small, old and new. After spending time in Cork, we then return across the center of the country to the charming town of Malahide, on the coast just north of Dublin.

Join Marian St. Clair and Discover Europe's president, Michael Induni, on an unforgettable journey through the enchanted Emerald Isle and Ireland's glorious gardens.



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

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| LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED): | \$3830 |
| SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: | \$ 980 |

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- HOTELS:** 9 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels, including all hotel taxes and service charges
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 1 lunch, 4 dinners
- GUIDES:** Fully qualified Discover Europe tour guide (company president, Michael Induni) throughout, local guides in Dublin and for garden visits as needed
- EXPENSES:** 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.





TUESDAY, MAY 28TH - Departure from your chosen US gateway city. **Overnight: Plane**

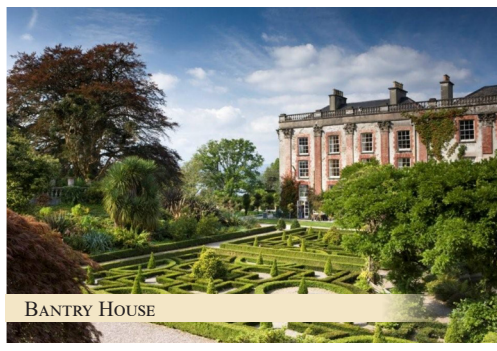
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29TH - Your morning arrival at Dublin Airport will be met for the transfer to our city-center hotel. If our rooms are not available for immediate check-in, there will be time to find lunch and begin exploring the neighborhood. Once we have gathered the whole group together, this afternoon we will introduce the city of Dublin with a panoramic sightseeing tour accompanied by a local guide. We'll visit Trinity College and see the Book of Kells, as well as visit the delightful garden of renowned garden writer, Helen Dillon. This evening we will gather for a cocktail reception and dinner at the hotel. **(D) Overnight: Dublin**

THURSDAY, MAY 30TH - A full day today at the opening day of "Bloom in the Park." This is Dublin's answer to the RHS Flower Shows at Chelsea and Hampton Court. Covering 70 acres in Dublin's Phoenix Park, Bloom provides a showcase for garden plants, garden design, construction, horticulture and gardening as a hobby. We'll plan to arrive as they open at 9.00 am, and then you will be free to spend as long as you wish for the rest of the day. Public transport is available to take you back into the center of the city when you are ready. Free evening. **(B) Overnight: Dublin**

FRIDAY, MAY 31ST - Our excursion from the city today takes us first to two neighboring gardens just to the southwest. First stop is June Blake's garden, situated in the town of Tinode in west Wicklow. Spread over three rural acres, it wraps itself around June's home, a handsome Victorian farm-steward's cottage. June herself will give us a guided tour before we move next door to Hunting Brook - her brother Jimi's garden! Hunting Brook garden is the boldly idiosyncratic creation of Jimi Blake, the noted Irish horticulturist, teacher and plantsman. We'll have lunch here and then tour the garden. The evening is free on our return to Dublin. **(B, L) Overnight: Dublin**

SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST - 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. We'll tour the house and then have free time to explore the gardens at leisure. After time for lunch, we'll continue on to Glendalough, a monastic settlement founded in the 6th century. We return to Dublin for a free evening - why not take in a play at the Abbey Theatre? **(B) Overnight: Dublin**

SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND - Leaving Dublin this morning, we cross into County Wicklow for a guided tour of Mount Usher gardens, an informal 19th-century garden which began as a potato patch and now is home to over 4,000 species of plants, shrubs and trees. Continuing south, we'll stop along the way for lunch, before reaching the small town of Camolin, where we have a private tour of the Bay Garden. Created by Frances and Iain MacDonald, The Bay Garden was started when they moved to Camolin in 1989. To a neglected orchard full of trees and wild cherry, Frances and Iain have created an astounding array of different garden "rooms." From here we drive to Cork, the second city of the Republic. Dinner is included at our hotel this evening. **(B, D) Overnight: Cork**



BANTRY HOUSE

MONDAY, JUNE 3RD - From our hotel in the center of the city, we take an excursion to the west today, to Bantry Bay. Our first stop is to make the short ferry crossing to Innacullin Garden on Garinish Island, the inspiration of a Scotsman who decided in 1910 to turn this gorse-covered rocky outcrop into an Italianate Arts & Crafts garden. We drive around the head of the bay and stop in the town of Bantry. After time for lunch in the town, we'll visit Bantry House for a tour of the house and gardens. The gardens at Bantry House were created by Richard White, the 2nd Earl of Bantry in the mid-1800s, but then fell into neglect. The restoration, leading to their present (and former) glory, began in 1997. We'll return from here to Cork for a free evening. **(B) Overnight: Cork**

TUESDAY, JUNE 4TH - Our first stop today is to nearby Lismore Castle Gardens, believed to be the oldest surviving garden in Ireland. Set within the castle walls, the two distinct gardens (the upper and lower gardens) comprise 7 acres with spectacular views of the Castle and surrounding countryside. After time here for lunch, we drive the short distance to the Ballymaloe cooking school. We'll begin the afternoon with a tour of their gardens and then proceed to the kitchen, where we'll participate in preparing our dinner from the local ingredients and then eating it! After dinner we head back to Cork city. **(B, D) Overnight: Cork**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5TH - Leaving Cork, we stop first at Cashel. The Rock of Cashel is a splendid limestone outcrop rising from the plains in County Tipperary, and the fortress of Brian Ború, High King of Ireland. After time for lunch, we continue our journey northeast across the plains of central Ireland to Burtown House. We'll tour the house, an early Georgian Villa built in 1710, and then visit the gardens. Originally laid out by Isabel Shackleton (cousin of the explorer, Ernest Shackleton), the gardens have been enlarged



LISMORE CASTLE

and reclaimed over the last 20 years by the current owners (who are descendants of Isabel). We end the day at our hotel in the beautiful fishing village of Malahide, where the evening is free to try one of the many local restaurants. **(B) Overnight: Malahide**

THURSDAY, JUNE 6th - This morning we head north to the Boyne Valley, past the site of the battle of 1690, to Newgrange Necropolis. The three passage tombs of Dowth, Knowth and Newgrange together form what is probably the most significant and impressive Neolithic site in Europe. We'll return to Malahide for free time to explore the lovely seaside town before we gather again for an evening of traditional Irish food, music and dancing – known as a Ceilidh. **(B, D) Overnight: Malahide**

FRIDAY, JUNE 7th - Transfers are included this morning to nearby Dublin Airport for return flights to the US. **(B) Overnight: Home**



POWERSCOURT HOUSE

REGISTRATION FORM

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please type or print.
2. Make checks payable to DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
3. Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.
4. Complete both sides of this form.
5. Detach the bottom section and return to Discover Europe with your deposit of \$500 per person if this has not already been paid. Keep the top section for your records.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

1. Name(s). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Include your "Known As" or preferred name.
2. Passport Details. Having your passport details ahead of time enables Discover Europe to speed the check-in process at hotels and helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.
3. Address. If you have a different address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.
4. Dietary Requirements. Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.
5. Health Information. It is very valuable for us to know ahead of time if you require any special assistance. Discover Europe tours are always paced for comfort, but inevitably there is also a certain amount of walking involved. Participants should have sufficient stamina to keep pace with the tour group and not cause delays. Please consult with your physician if you have any questions regarding your ability to participate fully.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

This information is essential.

INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

1. If transatlantic flights are not already included as part of your tour package, Discover Europe will be very happy to book these for you. The fee for this service is \$40 per ticket.
2. If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. Transportation to and from the hotel for arrival and departure arrangements that are separate from the group can be made at an additional cost.

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

Please tick the appropriate boxes.

1. If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.
2. A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.



PASSENGER DETAILS: THE GARDENS OF IRELAND (0528/GSI)

Passport Name:

1. _____
 Title First Middle Last

2. _____
 Title First Middle Last

Known As: 1. _____ 2. _____

Passport 1#: _____ Exp.Date: _____ DOB: _____

Passport 2#: _____ Exp.Date: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Preferred Telephone: (____) _____ work/cell/home
 circle one

Secondary Telephone: (____) _____ work/cell/home
 circle one

Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Health Information: _____

Other Comments or Notes: _____

Trip Details

Departure Date: _____ Return Date: _____

Departure Airport or City: _____

I would like to extend my trip to: _____



PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:
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 95 Adams Street, Keene, NH 03431

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
3. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
4. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., and Marian St. Clair, their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
5. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities, host or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.
6. Conduct During the Tour: You are also responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

1. A deposit of \$500 must accompany this completed form.
2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure.

TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However, we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the 6 months prior to trip departure.
2. Group size. This tour has been based on a group size between 15 and 20 participants. Should we end up with less than this, Discover Europe will work with Marian St. Clair to determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.
3. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.

REFUND POLICY

1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$200 cancellation penalty per person.
2. Participants who withdraw fewer than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:
 - 90-61 days prior to departure: \$1000 per person
 - 60 - 31 days prior to departure: \$2000 per person
 - Fewer than 30 days prior to departure: no refund
3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the above schedule, if your cancellation is received after this.
4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
5. Trip cancellation insurance is not included in your Discover Europe tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Information describing the services of a recommended travel insurance company will be made available to you upon registration.
6. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.
8. Your place on this tour is not transferrable.

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

1. All inclusions on *The Gardens of Ireland* are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): transatlantic airfare, travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant's home to their chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers, items of a personal nature.



EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Email: _____

Preferred Telephone: (____) _____

FLIGHT INFORMATION
(Please check one)

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights: Yes No

Flight details (if self-arranged), to be provided **at least 90 days prior** to departure: _____

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS
(Please check one)

I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)

I will be sharing with: _____

We would like a double twin-bedded room

PERMISSIONS

Discover Europe may use any photographs taken during the tour in promotional materials. Yes No

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list. Yes No

SIGNATURES

I have read and agree to the attached Terms & Conditions and understand that travel insurance is not included in the trip.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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