



THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-Departure Itinerary

Highlights of Ireland

Thursday, November 12 – Thursday, November 19, 2009

There's more to Ireland than just a thousand shades of green—timeless traditions, breathtaking landscapes, a past dating back to 6,000 B.C. and over 100,000 tales, myths and legends—and this brand new **Travel Club** tour will give you a little sample of it all! During this six-night jaunt you'll begin in the counties of the southwest that are dotted with ancient ruins, castles and picturesque villages. The diverse area of the **East Coast** and **Midlands** is just as inspiring with its mountains, rugged coastline, historic sites and vibrant cities. And then there's **Dublin**—some say a city with a soul and sociability unlike any other. You'll begin with a visit to **Bunratty Castle** and **Folk Park** for a glimpse of Ireland's colorful history. After passing through **Adare** you arrive in charming **Killarney** and a drive through the magnificent scenery of the "**Ring of Kerry**." Later pass through the remote villages of **Cahirciveen** and **Sneem**, full of traditional colorful houses. At 15th-c **Blarney Castle** you may wonder how many have kissed the famous stone before you. Wander the bustling harbor town of **Dungarvan** before a visit to the **Waterford Crystal Factory** [and museum]. A drive through the magnificent **Wicklow Mountains** brings you to Dublin where you'll enjoy a panoramic tour, visits to the **Jameson Distillery** and **Guinness Factory** and a day to explore on your own.

Includes

- Round-trip regularly scheduled Aer Lingus flights from Boston to Dublin
- Six nights' three-star accommodations
- Nine meals: six breakfast, three dinners
- Round-trip, private airport/hotel transfers by motorboat with assistance
- Services of a professional local tour manager

Rates

\$2,199 per person double occupancy
Add \$220 for current air taxes, fees, charges and surcharges. Passport required

Features

Bunratty Castle & Folk Park, Killarney National Park, Ring of Kerry, Cahirciveen, Sneem, Blarney Castle and Woollen Mills, Dungarvan, Waterford Crystal Factory, Killkenny, Avoca, Wicklow Mountains, Dublin panoramic coach tour, Jameson Distillery and the Guinness Factory

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Overnight Flight

This evening enjoy your Aer Lingus transatlantic flight from Boston to Dublin.

Day 2: Arrive Dublin - Killarney

This morning arrive in Dublin. Once you have claimed your luggage and have gone through customs, meet your tour manager who will be waiting for you with your private motor coach. Once on the coach you will travel cross-country to the western side of Ireland. Your first visit will be to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park for a glimpse into Ireland's colorful history and a chance to have lunch at your leisure. This magnificent castle now stands in peaceful grounds with little evidence of its turbulent history. The folk park on the other hand, offers the visitor a unique insight into Irish life around the turn of the century. Later, you will head, via Adare, to the charming town of Killarney, your home for the next two nights. This evening dinner is provided at the hotel. **(D)**

Day 3: Touring: Ring of Kerry

Today after breakfast, depart the hotel for a spectacular day of touring through the Killarney National Park and the world-famous "Ring of Kerry". The Ring offers some of the most magnificent scenery in Ireland and with its unusually mild climate and rapid changes in light it is a truly enchanting place. Your motor coach continues on through the remote villages of Cahirciveen and Sneem, which are full of traditional colorful houses. There are

plenty of opportunities to stop and enjoy the views. You will return to Killarney in the late afternoon and the remainder of the day you are free to explore at your own leisure. **(B)**

Day 4: Touring: Blarney Castle - Waterford

Depart this morning for the 15th century Blarney Castle and have a chance to kiss the famous Blarney Stone! There is also time to shop in the Blarney Woolen Mills. Your next stop is Dungarvan, a bustling harbor town where you will have time to wander and have lunch on your own. Next continue on to Waterford. Established in Viking times, it has an excellent medieval flavor and riverside bustle. Included is a visit to the world famous Crystal factory and museum where you will enjoy a tour and learn how the beautiful crystal is manufactured. You will check into your Waterford hotel and enjoy an included dinner this evening. **(B,D)**

Day 5: Touring: Kilkenny - Dublin

This morning you head north. Your first stop is Kilkenny. Continue on through the beautiful landscape of County Wicklow to the town of Avoca made famous by the TV show Ballykissangel. You will have time for photo opportunities of the views of the Wicklow Mountains. On arrival into Dublin you are taken on a panoramic tour to enjoy the sights and sounds of this capital city. You will see Trinity College, home of the Book of Kells, St Patrick's Cathedral and St Stephen's Green. Check in to your Dublin hotel. This evening is spent at leisure pursuing your own interests in this cosmopolitan city. **(B)**

Day 6: Dublin

After breakfast today you will be taken to a visit of the Jameson Distillery and the Guinness Factory. This evening you are on your own be sure to explore the lively Temple Bar area. **(B)**

Day 7: Dublin

Today has been left free for you to explore Dublin at your own pace. There is a wealth of things to see and do in Dublin. This evening celebrate the success of your tour with a farewell dinner at your hotel. **(B,D)**

Day 8: Flight back to Boston

This morning transfer by motorcoach to the Dublin Airport for your Aer Lingus flight back to Boston. **(B)**

Proof of Citizenship: *US citizens require a passport with at least six months' validity for entry into Ireland. Passports are the responsibility of the traveler.*

PLEASE NOTE: *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.*

PLEASE NOTE: *This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2–3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.*