

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-Departure Itinerary **Ireland** **Forty Shades of Green** **Tuesday, March 8 - Thursday, March 17, 2011**

These days, the fashionable trend seems to be "going green"- and that's what Show of the Month Club encourages you to do with one of our most popular tours. Imagine nine days in lovely Ireland, beginning in **Dublin**, where you'll tour world-famous sites like **St Patrick's Cathedral** bustling **Grafton Street** and **Phoenix Park**. From there, it's on to the beautiful medieval city of **Kilkenny** and nearby Waterford, home of the legendary crystal factory. You'll journey to the world-famous **Blarney Castle** and earn the gift of gab by kissing the Blarney Stone (which will come in handy when you tell your friends back home about your trip!) A jaunting car ride around the lakes of **Killarney** and a tour of the **Victorian Muckross House and Gardens** comes next, before you head off to picturesque **Limerick**, where you'll view the stunning 700 foot-high **Cliffs Of Moher** and overlook the gorgeous, unspoiled Aran Islands. Your Irish getaway ends with a **Tullamore Dew** whiskey tasting, followed by an overnight stay in **Cabra Castle**. Don't be green with envy over your friends' trip to Ireland-join us for one of your own!

Includes

- Round-trip regularly scheduled flights from Boston to Dublin
- Eight nights' first class accommodations
- Thirteen meals: eight breakfasts, five dinners
- Round-trip airport/hotel transfers
- Sightseeing and touring

Rates

\$2,249 per person double occupancy

\$2,219 per person triple occupancy

\$2,699 single reservations

Add \$100 for current air taxes, fees, charges and surcharges. Cancellation and unused services waiver is \$200 per person. Although not required, we recommend purchasing the waiver. Purchase must be made at the time of booking. Passport required.

Features

Evening of Irish entertainment, Dublin, Kilkenny, Waterford Crystal facility, Blarney Castle, Muckross House and Gardens, The Ring of Kerry, shopping at the Gap of Dunloe, "Ladies View" of Lake of Killarney, visit to Irish family dairy farm, Limerick, the Cliffs of Moher, Irish whiskey tasting. **OPTIONALS:** County Clare-Medieval Banquet, Dublin-Kilmainham Jail and Guinness Storehouse with pub lunch. Killarney-Irish cuisine and cooking lesson.

Trip Planner

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 – 3 **The Burlington Hotel**, Dublin

Day 4 **Granville Hotel**, Waterford

Days 5-6 **O'Donoghue Ring Hotels**, Killarney

Days 7-8 **Radisson SAS Limerick**, Limerick

Day 9 **Cabra Castle** or similar, Kingscourt

Day 10 Return flight to Boston

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Tuesday, March 08, 2011-Overnight Flight

The Emerald Isle, a land renowned for its "forty shades of green" is filled with rolling hills, warm people, stately castles and rollicking fun. Visit Dublin, Waterford, Killarney and Limerick as this comprehensive tour introduces Ireland's natural beauty, rich history and hospitable culture.

Day 2: Wednesday, March 09, 2011-Dublin - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in Dublin. Tonight, meet your fellow travelers at a fun-filled Irish evening complete with traditional entertainment. (D)

Day 3: Thursday, March 10, 2011-Dublin

Today, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Dublin, the “Fair City.” Visit St. Patrick’s Cathedral, O’Connell Street, Grafton Street, Phoenix Park and see the city’s magnificent rows of stately Georgian town homes. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax or explore the cultural offerings of delightful Dublin on your own.(B).

Day 4: Friday, March 11, 2011-Dublin - Kilkenny - Waterford

This morning you travel to Kilkenny, one of Ireland’s most colorful cities, for the chance to explore this medieval gem. Later today you will visit the world-famous Waterford Crystal facility. Take a tour to learn how these exquisite treasures are crafted and marvel at the impressive collection of crystal in their glittering showroom. Arrive in the historic city of Waterford and enjoy a leisurely-paced walking tour. (B,D)

Day 5: Saturday, March 12, 2011-Waterford - Blarney Stone - Killarney

Journey to historic Blarney Castle where you can take the opportunity to kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Legend has it that those who kiss the stone are bestowed with the gift of eloquence. In Killarney you will be treated to a time-honored Irish jaunting car ride*. A tour of Muckross House and Gardens offers a glimpse into the elegant lifestyle of the Victorian gentry. Explore some of the perfectly restored rooms of this magnificent mansion or stroll in one of the many gardens, spectacularly adorned with blooms. (B,D)

Day 6: Sunday, March 13, 2011-Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney

Travel along one of the most beautiful coastal routes in the world, the Ring of Kerry. At the Gap of Dunloe, shop for traditional Irish goods handcrafted by local artisans. Enjoy pristine ocean scenery as you pass through picturesque villages. Continue on through rugged mountain passes into “Ladies View” where you will see breathtaking views of the Lakes of Killarney. Tonight, use your leisure time to sample a true taste of Irish culture.(B)

Day 7: Monday, March 14, 2011-Killarney - Limerick

Experience the customs and daily life of a traditional Irish family during a memorable visit to the Molanna Dairy Farm. Continue to Limerick where you will enjoy a city tour showcasing King John’s Castle and the Treaty Stone while learning about the fascinating history of the “city of the violated treaty.” (B)

Day 8: Tuesday, March 15, 2011-Limerick - Cliffs of Moher - Galway - Limerick

A most interesting day is ahead of you. Journey to the stunning, 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher for awe-inspiring views of the mighty Atlantic and the Aran Islands. Then, travel through the vast limestone landscape of the Burren, known for its stark beauty and Neolithic tombs. Continue past scenic countryside into Galway, where a brief city tour introduces “The City of Tribes.” (B,D)

Day 9: Wednesday, March 16, 2011-Limerick - Tullamore - Kingscourt

Today, travel across country on your journey to Tullamore where you will visit the Tullamore Dew Heritage Centre to learn how Irish whiskey is made and enjoy a tasting. Your day is then topped off with an overnight stay on the magnificent grounds of Cabra Castle, where you toast the end of a fabulous trip during your farewell dinner.(B,D)

Day 10: Thursday, March 17, 2011-Kingscourt - Tour Ends

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to Boston. (**B**).

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.*