

***The Columbia and Greene County Chambers of Commerce
and Meissner Cruise & Travel presents:***

Exciting and Informative Economic Exploration of Ireland October 22 – 30, 2010

\$ 2,238 Air & Land Cost from JFK per person sharing.

*****US Departure Tax is included but subject to change until paid in full
Single Room Supplement, add \$419 – limited quantity available***

Join us for this unique opportunity to explore the beauty of the Emerald Isle with other Columbia and Greene County business professionals. Throughout the journey, you'll interact with a variety of Irish business owners on this nine-day trip to the "Land of Saints and Scholars."

Your tour includes:

- Airfare from JFK Airport to Ireland
- Deluxe motor coach for all transportation and sightseeing with the services of a professional Irish driver/guide
- Seven nights at four-star, first-class hotels
- Full Irish breakfast daily, except day of arrival
- Hotel dinners in Dublin, Galway and Killarney, including a medieval castle banquet
- Traditional Irish dance performance in Killarney
- Tour of the Dingle Peninsula
- Admission to Guinness Brewery Storehouse, Trinity College and the Book of Kells, Jameson Distillery, Irish National Stud Farm & Japanese Gardens, Irish bog in Birr, Connemara Marble Factory, Galway Crystal Factory, Rathbaun Farm with tea and scones and the Cliffs of Moher
- Portage of one suitcase per person
- Tips and taxes in Ireland
- Portfolio of travel documents



TOUR ITINERARY

Friday, Oct. 22: U.S. to Ireland

Afternoon departure from the Capital Region to JFK International Airport by bus; evening departure for an overnight flight to Dublin, Ireland.

Saturday, Oct. 23: Dublin

Early morning arrival in Dublin where we meet our CIE Tours driver/guide. Free time to rest and unpack before a 1:00 p.m. departure for the Guinness Brewery. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel in Dublin.

Sunday, Oct. 24: Dublin

Breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m., followed by a visit to the Trinity College Library, the largest in Ireland, where we view the Book of Kells, a 9th century gospel manuscript, and other related manuscripts. We continue on to the nearby Old Jameson Distillery and then are free for dinner on our own.

Monday, Oct. 25: Dublin – Kildare – Birr – Galway

After breakfast we bid farewell to Dublin and head across the central plains of Ireland to Galway. As we drive through County Kildare, we stop at the Irish National Stud Farm and Japanese Gardens. Then continue to Birr in County Offaly and visit a peat bog recovery area. Lunch is on our own before we depart for Galway City, where we'll enjoy a free evening.

Tuesday, Oct. 26: Galway

We depart at 9 a.m. for the Connemara Region, renowned for its rugged beauty, where the traditional Irish language is still spoken and the customs and traditions of the country are well preserved. We visit the Connemara Marble Factory, the Galway Crystal Factory and a local technology company. Dinner is on our own.

Wednesday, Oct. 27: Galway – Killarney

Following breakfast, we travel south to Ardrahan in County Galway and pause for coffee, tea and scones at Rathbaun Farm where we see a farming family carry out everyday chores, including sheep shearing, talk with the owner and watch the sheepdog maneuver its flock. Then we leave for the Cliffs of Moher and Killarney. Dinner will be at the Killarney Towers Hotel, where we'll enjoy the talents of local Irish dancers.

Thursday, Oct. 28: Killarney – Dingle Peninsula

We drive along the Kerry coast to Dingle and its fishing port where we enjoy an optional lunch and the magnificent coastal scenery. Beyond Sleah Head, we see the Blasket Island, the last outpost of Europe. We return to Killarney for an open evening.

Friday, Oct. 29: Killarney – Blarney – Cork - Limerick

Leaving Killarney we travel over the Derrynasaggart Mountains to the market town of Macroom, passing through the Gaeltacht area of Ballyvourney where the traditional Irish language is spoken and old traditions are preserved. Next, we travel by the banks of the River Lee to Cork City. Just a few miles beyond the city lies the village of Blarney where we have the chance to visit the Castle and kiss the famous Blarney Stone, said to bestow the gift of eloquence on all those who participate in this ancient custom. After shopping at the world famous Blarney Woolen Mills, we begin our trip to Limerick where we enjoy dinner and Irish entertainment at a medieval castle.

Saturday, Oct. 30: Return to the United States:

Transfer to nearby Shannon Airport in good time to check in for your flight. You may do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores before boarding your aircraft for the flight back to the United States.



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