



# Irish Spirit



**ROUND TRIP  
FROM FREDERICKSBURG  
TO DUBLIN**

**September 22- October 1, 2017**

**FULLY ESCORTED TOUR~  
9 Days/8 Nights/ 14 Meals/ RT Air**

## HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Walking tours of Waterford and Galway
- Traditional Irish Night in Killarney
- Dublin's Abbey Tavern
- Horse-drawn Jaunting car ride in Killarney
- Ferry ride across the River Shannon
- Ring of Kerry
- "The Quiet Man" walking tour of Cong
- Irish coffee and talk on Irish life at Standun of Spiddal
- Tour and tasting at Kilbeggan Distillery Experience
- Dublin open-top bus tour with a visit to Guinness Storehouse or General Post Office Museum
- Visits and admissions to Glasnevin Museum, Kilkenny Castle, House of Waterford Crystal, Titanic Experience Cobh, Blarney Castle (Kiss The Blarney Stone), Blarney Woollen Mills, Skellig Experience and Cliffs of Moher
- Plus more!



## Per Person Rates Based on Occupancy:

**\$3299**

per person double

**\$4029**

Single rate

Prices are guaranteed thru 6/20/2017 based on availability

***\$615 pp deposit due at time of booking  
Final Payment Due on June 29, 2017***

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**Package Includes:** Round trip Transportation from our Fredericksburg office, Round trip Air, All transfers, Deluxe Motorcoach, Guided tours with Audio headsets & Admission to Attractions as noted in itinerary, 8 Nights accommodations, 8 Full Irish Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 5 Dinners, Luggage handling 1 per person, all taxes and service fees.

## NOTES:

- Cancellations after 30 days of deposit are subject to a \$100 per person cancellation fee plus any vendor fees.
- Passports are required and must be valid through April 2, 2018.
- We highly recommended Travel Insurance. Ask your agent for details.

# 2017 Irish Spirit - 9 Days / 8 Nights

## **Day 1: Dublin Tour & Glasnevin Museum**

Your Irish trip starts at 2:00 pm when you meet your guide at your Dublin hotel and set out on an introductory tour of central Dublin. See fashionable shopping areas around Grafton and Nassau Streets, view Dublin's elegant Georgian squares and drive along the wide O'Connell Street. Visit Glasnevin Museum, Ireland's national necropolis, which is a who's who of modern Irish history and a fascinating insight into life in Ireland. It is the final resting place of Daniel O'Connell, Michael Collins, Charles Stewart Parnell, Brendan Behan and other prominent people. Back at your hotel meet with your tour guide and travel companions for a welcome drink and discuss your itinerary. Dine independently this evening.

## **Day 2: Kilkenny Castle & Waterford Crystal**

Drive through the Irish countryside to the compact city of Kilkenny. Visit Kilkenny Castle, which was the principal residence of the powerful Butler family for almost 600 years. It has been remodeled over the centuries and now houses an excellent collection of portraits and artifacts. Continue south to the famous House of Waterford Crystal to watch molten glass being transformed into elaborate and shimmering trophies by the skilled blowers and cutters. View a huge array of stemware in the showrooms and you may purchase pieces also. Check in to your hotel in the center of Waterford and, after dinner, take a gentle walking tour with a local guide to learn about the region's history. **(B, D)**

## **Day 3: Titanic Experience & Blarney Castle**

Travel along the south coast to Cobh to visit the Titanic Experience. Learn about the 123 Irish passengers who embarked on the ill-fated RMS Titanic bound for New York. Visit Blarney Castle to kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence." If you do not wish to climb to the top of the castle, take a walk through the lovely grounds with magnificent trees and colorful borders. Shop at the Blarney Woollen Mills for quality Irish-made souvenirs. Drive into County Kerry to Killarney, a small town that's big on glorious scenery. Check in to your hotel in the center, close to the many shops and pubs. After dinner you may like to sample some of the lively pubs. **(B, D)**

## **Day 4: Ring of Kerry & Irish Night**

Start your day with a leisurely jaunting car ride through the Killarney National Park to Ross Castle for wonderful views of Lough Leane and the Macgillycuddy's Reeks Mountains. Then set out on the famous Ring of Kerry scenic route. The road winds between mountains on one side and the Atlantic coastline on the other. Stop for photos at great locations all along the route. Take the bridge to Valentia Island to visit the Skellig Experience. Here learn about the rocky island of Skellig Michael where monks lived under austere conditions in early Christian times and where part of "Star Wars VII" was filmed in 2014. Stop in the attractive village of Sneem and at Moll's Gap for panoramic mountain views. In the evening head to an Irish Night for dinner with a fun traditional show. **(B, D)**

## **Day 5: Cliffs of Moher & Galway Bay**

Drive north through Listowel to Tarbert for a 20-minute ferry ride across the wide River Shannon Estuary. Continue your journey north to view the Cliffs of Moher, a spectacular wall of sandstone that reaches to almost 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. Walk along the top of the cliffs to O'Brien's Tower for views across Galway Bay of Connemara and the Aran Islands on a clear day. Motor through the Burren and around the shores of Galway Bay to Galway city. Take a short walking tour around the city center with a local guide to see the medieval city walls, Lynch's Castle and Eyre Square before checking in to your hotel. **(B, D)**

## **Day 6: Connemara & "The Quiet Man" Walk**

Today embark on the Corrib Princess for a scenic cruise on Lough Corrib (Mar 28 – Oct 21 departures) and watch demonstrations of Irish coffee-making and step dancing. Then explore scenic Connemara to admire how constantly-changing cloud formations give granite hills, sparkling lakes and peat bogs an added dimension. While visually stunning, this area is not good for farming and only suitable for the sturdy mountain sheep that survive on the steep hills. In Cong take a walking tour with a local guide to see locations for "The Quiet Man" movie, made in the village in 1952. Head to a traditional pub for a casual lunch. Stop at Standun of Spiddal for an Irish coffee and a talk on various aspects of Irish life and traditional crafts before returning to Galway where the evening is free. **(B, L)**

## **Day 7: Kilbeggan Distillery & Dublin's Abbey Tavern**

This morning enjoy a late departure from Galway. Drive to the center of the country to Kilbeggan to visit the Kilbeggan Distillery Experience, established in 1757, making it the world's oldest. See how whiskey is distilled on modern equipment in the old buildings and enjoy a sample of the finished product. Continue your journey to Dublin once again and check in to a different hotel. Drive to the fishing village of Howth on the north side of the city to finish up your tour at the popular Abbey Tavern with a hearty dinner and a lively show of traditional music, songs and step-dancing. **(B, D)**

## **Day 8: Independent Bus Tour**

Spend an additional day in Dublin with an independent Dublin open-top bus tour (valid for 48 hours), plus a visit to Guinness Storehouse or General Post Office Museum. **(B)**

## **Day 9: Depart Dublin for Home**

Your tour ends after breakfast. **(B)**

*B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner*

*\*Itinerary is subject to change.*