





# Geraldine's Magical Tour of Ireland

May 12 - 20, 2011

We would love to have you with us on this 8 day magical tour of Ireland and show you its forty shades of green. You will travel from Galway and Connemara to Killarney, experience the beauty of the Dingle Peninsula and then it's on to Kinsale, a picturesque seaport, before heading for the capital, Dublin. Except for lunches and two dinners, everything is included per the itinerary. Your professional driver/guide will not be selling any optional tours, just concentrating on making this a "dream vacation" for you.

#### **Price includes:**

- Round trip economy class airfare on Continental Airlines
- Transport by luxury motorcoach
- Services of a professional driver/guide
- 7 nights first class hotel accommodation
- 7 full breakfasts at hotels
- 6 dinners, including 2 dinner shows
- Visits & admissions as indicated
- Hotel Porterage, service charges & government taxes
- Document holder & baggage tags

Cost Per Person

Double Occupancy \$2099.00

Single Occupancy \$2459.00

Government tax and security fee of \$235.81 per person is not included and subject to change until tickets are issued.

Pictures are representative of Ireland any sites may not be on all itineraries

*Travel arrangements by:* 



#### **Itinerary**

# Thu, May 12 NEWARK TO SHANNON

Today your vacation to Ireland begins as you check in with Continental Airlines at Newark for flight 24 departing at 7:30 PM. Your route this evening takes you over the New England coastline and the Maritime provinces before beginning your transatlantic crossing. You will enjoy dinner enroute and a continental breakfast on board.

# Fri, May 13: SHANNON ARRIVAL & GALWAY

In just over five and a half hours you will be gliding in over Ireland's rugged West Coast on your way to a 7:00 AM arrival at Shannon Airport. After clearing immigration and customs, you will be met by your driver/guide in the arrival hall where you receive a *cead mile failte* (one hundred thousand welcomes) to Ireland. Leaving Shannonside, you journey by way of Ennis, the capital of County Clare and on then to Gort in County Galway, the village of Ardrahan and soon famed Galway Bay comes into sight. You will be arriving at your hotel in a short while. The afternoon is free to catch up on your sleep or go into Galway City to explore.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: ARDILAUN HOUSE, TAYLOR'S HILL, GALWAY

# Sat, May 14 CONNEMARA & KYLEMORE ABBEY

Today tour Connemara and admire the sweeping views of boglands and misty mountains. Stop in the quaint village of Spiddal, which retains the Irish language and many traditional lifestyles. As you drive along you will see many sheep that graze freely and also tracts of bogland where some people hand-cut peat for home heating. Stop to visit Kylemore Abbey, a 19th century neo-Gothic mansion overlooking Kylemore Lake. Originally a private residence, it is now a prestigious girls' school. Visit the chapel and the restored Victorian gardens, which have won awards. Return to Galway and enjoy some time at leisure before dining in your hotel.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: ARDILAUN HOUSE, GALWAY

# Sun, May 15 CLIFFS OF MOHER & KILLARNEY

Drive around Galway Bay and through the Burren Country, a unique region of limestone hills renowned for its flora and prehistoric stone monuments. Stop to view the majestic Cliffs of Moher, a rocky wall that rises nearly 700 feet above the foaming Atlantic Ocean. Take a short ferry ride across the River Shannon Estuary to the mountainous countryside of Kerry. Arrive in Killarney and check into your hotel. Then you will have the afternoon free to relax or stroll around town before dinner.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: KILLARNEY PLAZA HOTEL, KILLARNEY

#### Mon, May 16 RING OF KERRY & SKELLIG EXPERIENCE

Today admire breathtaking vistas of mountains, cliffs and beaches on Ireland's most popular drive. See a variety of natural beauty as you drive 100 miles around this scenic route. Cross to Valencia Island by bridge to visit the Skellig Experience, which describes the way of life of early Christian monks who built their monastery on one of the offshore islands. Also learn about the many birds that nest in the Skelligs. A number of stops will allow you to admire the spectacular scenery and take a brief walk around the colorful village of Sneem. Head back to Killarney through Moll's Gap with stunning views of the Lakes of Killarney.

This evening enjoy dinner and entertainment at Kate Kearney's Cottage, which is picturesquely situated at the entrance to what must be the most beautiful glaciated valley in Ireland, the Gap of Dunloe. The Irish night consists of a superb meal and traditional entertainment, which includes songs and musicians playing a wide array of instruments along with costumed dancers doing the jig and other traditional sets.

OVERNIGHT: KILLARNEY PLAZA HOTEL, KILLARNEY

# Tue, May 17 BLARNEY CASTLE & KINSALE

Leaving Killarney drive into the rich farming country of Cork. At Blarney, stop to climb to the battlements of Blarney Castle to kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence." Also visit the Blarney Woollen Mills, which has an excellent range of Irish products of all types. You will also have time to browse around the village, charmingly set around a large continued on next page...

village green. Then drive south to the coastal town of Kinsale, a popular yachting center and attractive town with brightly painted houses. Upon arrival check into your hotel and enjoy some time at leisure before dinner.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: TRIDENT HOTEL, KINSALE

#### Wed, May 18 KILKENNY CASTLE & DUBLIN

Leaving Kinsale travel northeast through County Tipperary and into County Kilkenny. Stop in Kilkenny, a town with many medieval houses and dominated by Kilkenny Castle, which dates from the 12th century and was the stronghold of the Butler family. Tour the Castle where a local guide takes you through the apartments and relates the history of the region. Continue through the prime horse-breeding country of County Kildare and into the greater metropolitan region of Dublin. Check into your hotel and the balance of the day is at leisure for independent activities and dining.

OVERNIGHT: MONT CLARE HOTEL, DUBLIN

# Thu, May 19 DUBLIN HIGHLIGHTS & TAYLOR'S THREE ROCK EVENING

Set off with a local guide who will show you around the prominent historic buildings and monuments of Dublin. Dublin is an ancient settlement, founded by the Vikings in the 9<sup>th</sup> century. The city has been molded through the centuries with many architectural styles, reflecting the economic, political and artistic influences. Stop to visit the Guinness Storehouse to see exhibits on how this world famous stout was first created and why it is so popular today. Finish your visit in the roof-top bar, Gravity, overlooking the city center where you can sample a draft Guinness and enjoy the view of the city. The afternoon is free for independent activities, sightseeing or shopping.

This evening drive to the town of Rathfarnham to Taylors Three Rock for dinner followed by a lively show of traditional Irish songs, dancing and music.

OVERNIGHT: MONT CLARE HOTEL, DUBLIN

# Fri, May 20 DUBLIN - NEWARK

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel this morning before transferring to Dublin Airport. You will go through US Customs and Immigration checks here before boarding your Continental flight 127 which departs at 10:55 AM. As your jet climbs into the western sky and the green fields of Ireland fall away beneath you, sit back and relive the past eight days and all you have seen and learned about this Island of Ireland. Soon you are back over the Maritime Provinces enroute to a 1:20 PM arrival in Newark.

A valid passport good for 6 months after date of return (November 21, 2011) is required for this trip.

#### **Conditions**

To reserve space on this trip a deposit of \$350.00 per person (\$519.00 if taking insurance), is due as soon as possible. Airfare price is not guaranteed for deposits received after February 1, 2011.

Final payment is due April 1, 2011.

#### **Cancellation Penalties**

For cancellations up to February 1, 2011 there is a \$50.00 per person penalty. From February 2, 2011 to April 1, 2011 there is a \$350.00 per person penalty. From April 2, 2011 to April 30, 2011 there is a \$1000.00 per person penalty. After April 30, 2011 there is no refund.

#### Insurance

Cancellation / interruption insurance is \$169.00 per person and must be purchased at the time of deposit. The insurance will entitle you to a full refund if you have to cancel for a covered reason. Once purchased, the insurance premium is non-refundable. This insurance is highly recommended.

#### Responsibility

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