



Alexandra, James & Cary Pollak are the co-hosts for the Cribbin Tour to Ireland

August 1st to 10th 2017

\$2299 per person sharing

\$699 single supplement - limited to 4 per coach

Airfares from Washington Dulles to Dublin non-stop from \$1065
fares are not guaranteed till booked and ticketed

ITINERARY

Monday July 31st - Depart from the US to Dublin

Tuesday August 1st - Arrive Dublin

After claiming your luggage and passing through Irish Customs take a short taxi to the Grand Hotel Malahide for your two night stay. (Will provide a group transfer if we have enough arriving that day!!)

Relax and enjoy this seaside town or take a short walk to catch the DART (Dublin Area Rapid Transit) into Tara or Pearse St behind Trinity College and explore our hometown on foot.

OVERNIGHT: GRAND HOTEL MALAHIDE (B)

Wednesday August 2nd - DUBLIN CITY TOUR

We've arranged a day tour to Dublin City to include visits to Trinity College and the Book of Kells, St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Guinness Storehouse with a 9:30am pick up and return by 4pm. Coach will pick up again from the Grand Hotel Malahide at 6:30pm and take you to Clontarf Castle for the festivities with a 7pm champagne reception followed by dinner at 8pm. The coach will return to the Grand Hotel at 11pm

OVERNIGHT: GRAND HOTEL MALAHIDE (B,D)



THURSDAY August 3rd - KILBEGGAN DISTILLERY & GALWAY CITY

After breakfast the tour will begin departing the hotel at 9:30am. Our first stop in the center of Ireland will be Kilbeggan Distillery - the oldest distillery in the world, to see artisan whiskey productions and savor a tasting at the end of the tour. Continue onto Galway where we'll have some lunch and avail of a short walking tour for those interested and onwards to Hotel Westport for our three night stay. We'll have dinner as a group tonight in the hotel

OVERNIGHT: HOTEL WESTPORT (B,D)

FRIDAY August 4th - CONNEMARA REGION

After breakfast we explore the scenic Connemara to admire how constantly- changing cloud formations give granite hills, sparking lakes and peat bogs an added dimension. Drive through picturesque Leenane where we'll embark on a short catamaran cruise (90 minutes) of Killary Harbor, 19 mile fjord, enjoy views of hills where traces of "lazy beds" of potato ridges from the 19th century and earlier can still be seen. Return to Westport via the coast road and Louisburg to Westport. The group will have dinner at a local restaurant. Highly recommend visiting Matt Molloy's - member of the famous Chieftains musical group.

OVERNIGHT: HOTEL WESTPORT (B,D)

SATURDAY August 5th - COUNTRY LIFE MUSEUM & KNOCK

After breakfast depart for Castlebar to visit the Museum of Country Life which features exhibits of domestic goods in daily use during the 19th & 20th centuries. Have some lunch in the cafe before we continue onto the pilgrimage town of Knock, one of the world's leading shrines. See the church where the villagers saw a vision of the Virgin Mary in 1879. Return to Westport. Evening is free to explore the many lively bars and restaurants in Westport. Saturday vigil Mass 6:30pm at St. Mary's Church - 10 minute walk from the hotel.

OVERNIGHT: HOTEL WESTPORT (B)

SUNDAY August 6th - BELLEEK & DONEGAL

After breakfast depart for Belleek Pottery - approx 2.5 hour drive from Westport with a stop first at Drumcliff - burial ground of one of Ireland's famous poets - William Butler Yeats. Handcrafted in Ireland for the last 156 years. Classic Belleek Pottery, the oldest pottery in Ireland, is known and loved by millions throughout the world. Each piece of fine parian china, is truly original piece of Irish Craftmanship, made using materials and techniques handed down through generations. No two pieces are the ever the same. After lunch continue on to Donegal Town for our two night stay at the Mill Park Hotel. We'll have dinner as a group tonight in the hotel.
OVERNIGHT: MILL PARK HOTEL, DONEGAL (B,D)



MONDAY August 7th - GLENVEAGH NATIONAL PARK & GRAND ATLANTIC DRIVE

After breakfast travel into the heart of Donegal to Glenveagh National Park where Captain Adair evicted 225 tenants to build Glenveagh Castle in 1870. Learn about the history of the mansion as you tour the rooms and walk around the extensive gardens filled with exotic plants. Then experience the glorious natural beauty of the Grand Atlantic Drive, which winds around the coastline through downings and Rosapenna. Stop to admire the views before returning to our hotel. Evening is free to explore the many lively bars and restaurants in Donegal Town.
OVERNIGHT: MILL PARK HOTEL, DONEGAL (B)

TUESDAY August 8th - DERRY AND GIANTS CAUSEWAY

After breakfast depart for Derry and avail of a step on guide for a tour of this walled city. See the medieval walls, the Diamond and St. Columb's Cathedral. Drive along the north coast, pausing for photos at Dunluce Castle. Explore the Giant's Causeway, huge hexagonal columns formed for volcanic activity. Have lunch here at the new visitors center before making your way down to the Causeway. We'll have dinner as a group tonight in the hotel.
OVERNIGHT: DUNADRY HOTEL, DUNADRY (B,D)



WEDNESDAY August 9th - TITANIC MUSEUM

After breakfast we visit to Titanic Belfast to learn about the famous liner through state-of-the-art displays. We need to allow 3 hours to explore the amazing museum. There are two cafes/restaurants on site for lunch. Depart for Dublin by 1pm and check in our hotel - Trinity City Hotel. We'll finish the tour by visiting the Brazen Head, Dublin's, dating back to 1198 for an evening of "Food, Folk & Fairies where story-telling will reveal Ireland's myths and beliefs in times past.
OVERNIGHT: TRINITY CITY HOTEL, DUBLIN (B,D)

THURSDAY, August 10th - RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

Transfer to Dublin Airport in plenty of time to check in for your flight to Washington. You may do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores before boarding your aircraft and flying across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States.