



Caddie Tours presents The Escapades & Shenanigans Tour

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*\$2999 per person (sharing)
\$699 single supplement*

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Saturday, October 6th - UNITED STATES TO SHANNON

Option A - Depart Newark on United flight 25 for Shannon departing at 9:55pm. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you start your vacation.

Option B - Depart Cincinnati 6:05pm on United flight 3676 for Newark and arrive 8:10pm Terminal C and transfer to United flight 25 departing at 9:55pm for Shannon.

Sunday, October 7th - SHANNON ARRIVAL

After landing at Shannon Airport @ 9:15am, complete customs and immigration formalities. Your Caddie Tours driver/guide, Don Dowling, will welcome you to Ireland and escort you and your luggage to the coach. Next, stop for breakfast at the Kathleen's located in the Bunnratty Castle Hotel. Continue our journey south and onto Killarney for our 2 night stay at the magnificent Great Southern Hotel. Rest of the day is free to relax and explore this market town and may go for a swim or spa treatments in the hotel. Group will meet for dinner in the great room.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: THE GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL, KILLARNEY



Monday, October 8th - RING OF KERRY

After breakfast we embark on Ireland's most popular scenic drive of 100 miles - The Ring of Kerry. This winding route reveals breathtaking sights of the Magillicuddy Reeks as well as coastal views of beaches and cliffs. As you travel along, there will be plenty of stops for photos of the best vantage points. Drive through the village of Cahirciveen and cross to Valentia Island by bridge and visit the Skelig Experience. Learn about the off-shore islands where early Christian monks lived in austere conditions and how they were used as one of the locations for "Star Wars" After a casual lunch pause for a stroll around Sneem, with its brightly painted houses and again at Moll's Gap for panoramic views. Return to Killarney.. Explore the one of the restaurants or pubs in town for dinner and lively music session.

OVERNIGHT: THE GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL, KILLARNEY (B)

Tuesday, October 9th - BANTRY HOUSE & CORK COASTLINE

Travel across the Healy Pass on the Beara Peninsula to discover glorious coastal views and quaint villages of County Cork. Visit Bantry House, a charming privately owned mansion dating to the 1760s. It is set in a glorious coastal location with magnificent Italian gardens and eclectic collection of antiques and artefacts. Next stop is Skibbereen. Skibbereen is rightly known as the capital of West Cork. It is the "hub" from which the many "sparkling jewels" of the area can be reached. Bantry sits at the head of one of Ireland's most beautiful bays with a harbor that reaches right into the town center. It is on through Clonakilty where castles dot the shores of the bay and The Catholic Church is a fine example of gothic architecture. Drive north to visit Beal Na Bladh and learn about the life and work of Michael Collins, Chairman of the Provisional Government, as you drive

through Beal Na Bladh where he was ambushed and killed during the Irish Civil War in 1922. Arrive in Kinsale late afternoon. Join your fellow travelers for dinner at Max's Wine Bar - 700 yards from the hotel.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: ACTON'S HOTEL, KINSALE (B,D)



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Wednesday, October 10th - BALLYMALOE COOKERY SCHOOL

Free time in the morning to explore and we'll depart at 12:30pm for Ballymaloe Cookery School. With sustainability as one of our guiding principles, we are committed to producing as much organic produce as we can on our 100 acre organic farm. As we are a world renowned cookery school, teaching a diverse range of cuisines, we must guarantee that our students have the very best and widest range of ingredients with which to work. When we cannot source something from our list of local and national suppliers, we work with a network of carefully selected international suppliers. Kinsale is one of the most picturesque, popular and fashionable resorts of the south-west coast of Ireland. Famous for its beautiful yachting, sea angling, gourmet restaurants and golf. Desmond Castle, (French Prison) Cork Street, Kinsale, built as a custom house by the Earl of Desmond c. AD 1500. Desmond Castle has had a colorful history, ranging from Spanish occupation in 1601 to use as a prison for captured American sailors during the American War of Independence.



2:00pm - Arrival at Cookery School for Tea, Coffee and homemade biscuits

2:15pm - Guided Tour of Organic Farm and Gardens, including a visit to our Dairy, our food gardens and our glasshouses.

3:00pm - Back to Cookery School to watch a short demonstration of all the dishes from one of our senior tutors.

4:00pm - Into the kitchen to cook up a delicious 3 course meal with one of our tutors. We have a selection of delicious menus to choose from.

6:00pm - Finish up, and sit down to a delicious early supper that you have cooked with a welcome glass of wine. Return to Kinsale

OVERNIGHT: ACTON'S HOTEL, KINSALE (B)

Thursday, October 11th - CAHIR CASTLE & KILKENNY

After breakfast we'll depart for Kilkenny stopping to visit Cahir Castle - Once the stronghold of the powerful Butler family, the castle retains its impressive keep, tower and much of its original defensive structure. It is one of Ireland's largest and best preserved castles. It is situated on a rocky island on the River Suir. The castle's attractions include an excellent audio-visual show which informs visitors about the castle. Continue onto Kilkenny for dinner tonight at Petronella down by the Butterslip.



DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: HIBERNIAN HOTEL, KILKENNY

Friday October 12th - FREE DAY TO EXPLORE KILKENNY

Kilkenny is a lovely compact city and you should easily be able to see all the main sights within 1 day. The obvious main attraction is the 900 year old Kilkenny Castle, located in the centre of the town. There are organised tours of the castle and you should arrive early to pre-book for your tour as during the busy Summer season, tours can get booked up very quickly. (Tour takes about 1 hour). The extensive grounds of the castle are also worth a view, buy a sandwich or ice cream nearby and if the day is nice, sit out and have lunch here and people watch! Also don't miss the beautiful medieval 13th century St Canices Cathedral, which is about a 15 min walk from the Castle, located in Irishtown, and the nearby 9th century round tower (you can climb this tower in Summer time!). Also Rothe House and gardens on Parliament St, a 17th century Merchants house, open to the public. We'll also offer a walking tour of the Kilkenny at noon. Above all Kilkenny is a great town to walk about, with lots of slips ways and small streets to explore. If you need any more info, just ask, and enjoy this lovely town! Dine on your own tonight and explore the local restaurants and pubs in town.

OVERNIGHT: HIBERNIAN HOTEL, KILKENNY

Saturday October 13th - FOYNES FLYING BOAT MUSEUM

After breakfast depart Kilkenny for Foynes via Limerick. Visit Foynes Flying Boat Museum to learn about the early days of flight when this was the landing place for Pan Am Clippers. Cross the River Shannon Estuary by ferry and then view the Cliffs of Moher, an impressive wall of rock that rises 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. Join your fellow travelers for dinner in the hotel. Meet for a night cap and here some music at Poet's Corner.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: TEMPLE GATE HOTEL, ENNIS (B,D)

Sunday October 14th - THE CLIFFS OF MOHER

After breakfast we drive through the Burren Region, an area of rocky limestone hills where a number of unique flowers thrive to view the Cliffs of Moher, one of the country's most magnificent rock formations. We'll stop in the town of Lisdoonvarna to visit the Burren Smokehouse - In the shop and the visitor centre, Birgitta points out superb cheeses like Burren Gold and Cooleeney, as well as all the Smokehouse's fish specialities, all the while cutting off slivers here and there for tasting. The shop here stocks honeys, chocolates and other sweet treats, teas, relishes and chutneys and jams.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: TEMPLE GATE HOTEL, ENNIS (B)

Monday, October 15th - RETURN TO THE US

Transfer to Shannon Airport in plenty of time to check in for United flight 24 departing at 12:30pm for Newark arriving at 2:45pm Terminal C.

If flying on to Cincinnati, OH, you would transfer to United flight 3596 departing at 4:15pm and arriving at 6:18pm.

The beauty of flying from Shannon Airport is that you will clear customs and emigration there. There is no Duty Free on board the return flight however but there is ample shopping and duty free stores in the airport.