



Ireland with Alison 2019

Always wanted to visit Ireland?
Join Alison as she takes a trip home to visit her favorite places.
Castles & Craic! History & Hysterics!
Sure, you'll have the time of your life!

September 6th to 14th 2019

\$2,899 per person sharing*

**Subject to availability at time of booking*

Single Supplement \$599

Alison's Talks & Tours©



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September 6th Friday - DULLES, USA TO DUBLIN, IRELAND

Depart Dulles on Aer Lingus flight 118 to Dublin at 5:15pm. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service on your over-night flight.



September 7th - DUBLIN, CLONMACNOISE MONASTERY, GALWAY CITY

Arrive 5.30am local time. Our Caddie Tours Guide/Driver will welcome us to Ireland and bring us to enjoy a full Irish breakfast at the **Coachman's Inn**. We will drive through Ireland's heartlands to visit **Clonmacnoise**. This monastic settlement was founded in 545AD by St. Ciaran and is set on the banks of the River Shannon. We will continue to Galway City. You are free to explore the city or take a nap before joining up with your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: ARDILAUN HOTEL, GALWAY (B,D)

September 8th - KYLEMORE ABBEY & CONNEMARA REGION

Enjoy the scenery of the wild and wonderful Connemara region. We will visit **Kylemore Abbey**, one of Ireland's most iconic sites. Visit the famous walled Gardens and have lunch in the award-winning cafe. Take a short **catamaran cruise** of Killary Harbor. We'll stop to visit **Connemara Marble**, a family business specializing in designs of Connemara marble jewelry and other gift items. We will enjoy a free evening to explore the vibrance of Galway at one or more of its many great pubs and restaurants ... a night of fun for all!



OVERNIGHT: ARDILAUN HOTEL GALWAY (B)



September 9th - CLIFFS OF MOHER & KILLARNEY

We'll drive through one of the world's most unique stony landscapes - **The Burren** where the remains of villages abandoned since famine times add to the beauty of this region. Continuing on to the **Cliffs of Moher**, stunning vast cliffs that hold strong against the crashing waves of the Atlantic. We will cross the River Shannon by ferry into Co. Kerry and onto Killarney for 2 nights. Join your fellow travelers for dinner in the *Great room* and lots of 'craic' (fun)

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: KILLARNEY PLAZA HOTEL KILLARNEY (B,D)

September 10th - KILLARNEY & THE RING OF KERRY

Enjoy a horse-drawn jaunting car tour through **Killarney National Park**, past **Muckross House to Ross Castle**, on the shores of **Lough Leane**. Afterwards we will set out on Ireland's most popular scenic drive - the Ring of Kerry stopping at several panoramic views such as **Ladies View and Moll's Gap** before arriving in the market town of **Kenmare** to shop, wander and have lunch. On our return to Killarney we have a free evening to explore the town for dinner and local lively music sessions.



OVERNIGHT: KILLARNEY PLAZA HOTEL, KILLARNEY (B)

September 11th - BLARNEY CASTLE & KILKENNY



A morning trip to **Blarney Castle** - where you'll have an opportunity to climb the steps of the fortress and kiss the world-famous **Blarney Stone** to gain the gift of eloquence, wit and wisdom! The Blarney Woolen Mills, the largest emporium of Irish crafts in the country, is a wonderful place to shop. Onwards to the **Rock of Cashel** - a historic symbol of royal and priestly power for over a millennium. We will arrive late afternoon to our hotel in the medieval town of **Kilkenny**, to rest up in time for our group dinner at the **Petronella Restaurant**, in the picturesque Butter slip laneway.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: HIBERNIAN HOTEL, KILKENNY (B,D)

September 12th - DUBLIN CITY & BRAZEN HEAD FOLKLORE AND STORYTELLING

A welcoming panoramic tour of Dublin City - Alison's home town! From Vikings and Normans to rebels and writers, Dublin has over a thousand years of history and culture to discover. Points of interest include Dublin Castle, Four Courts Trinity College, and Saint Patrick's Cathedral. We have free time to explore Grafton Street and Stephen's Green.



Our driver will take us for an enchanting evening of Irish folklore and storytelling while enjoying a candlelit, traditional Irish dinner (included) in **The Brazen Head**. This pub is the oldest in Dublin and dates back to 1198 and was frequented by Irish revolutionaries, Statesmen and great literary figures such as Jonathon Swift, Brendan Behan and James Joyce who mentioned the pub in his great novel Ulysses.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: IVEAGH GARDEN HOTEL DUBLIN (B,D)

September 13th - FREE DAY IN DUBLIN CITY

There's no better way to explore Dublin city than on the **Hop on Hop off double-decker tour bus** (included). Most visitors to Dublin want to visit attractions like the **Guinness Storehouse, Trinity College and the Book of Kells, Kilmainham Gaol, and The Wax Museum**. but Alison recommends you see some of the city's hidden gems like the **Little Museum of Dublin, EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum** (A must see if you have Irish roots!), **The Irish Rock and Roll Museum Experience, Marsh's Library beside St. Patrick's Cathedral**, and many more. Explore the many wonderful restaurants and pubs the city has to offer for dinner and fun on your last night in Ireland.

OVERNIGHT: IVEAGH GARDEN HOTEL DUBLIN (B)



September 14th - RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

After breakfast final coach trip to Dublin Airport to check in for the **Aer Lingus flight 119 departing at 12:30pm** for Washington DC. You will clear customs and US immigration at Dublin which ensures US arrival is very simple. Enjoy ample duty-free shopping at the airport before your take off.