



St. Brendan's "Del Webb Orlando" Tour to Ireland

September 18th to 26th 2020

\$3499 per person sharing
\$799 single supplement – limit 4 per tour.



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Friday, September 18th - ORLANDO TO DUBLIN

Depart Orlando on **Aer Lingus flight 120 to Dublin at 9:35pm**. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service on your overnight flight.

Saturday, September 19th - TULLAMORE DEW & GALWAY

Arrive Dublin airport 11am. After landing at Dublin Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities. Your Caddie Tours driver/guide **Eamonn Dempsey** will welcome you to Ireland and escort you and your luggage to the coach. We then travel west to visit **Tullamore DEW** distillery. Set in the heart of Ireland, our Old Bonded Warehouse sits on the banks of Tullamore's Grand Canal. Since 1829, we've sent our whiskey out to the world. Nowadays, we invite the world to come to us, as we share the story of how our whiskey got its character. Step inside our Visitor Centre - housed within our Old Bonded Warehouse - and follow in the footsteps of Daniel E. Williams as he goes from stable boy to distillery manager to creating the whiskey which still bears his initials today. Discover our state-of-the-art process as you get to intimately know our history, and our whiskey. Arrive in **Galway** late evening, 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: PARK HOUSE HOTEL, GALWAY (B,D)

Sunday, September 20th - KYLEMORE ABBEY & CONNEMARA REGION

After breakfast relax and enjoy the scenery of the wild and wonderful **Connemara region**. Today's journey takes you to **Kylemore Abbey (11am visit)**, one of the most photographed locations in Ireland. Originally built in 1867, **Kylemore Abbey** and the surrounding mountains and lakes are steeped in history. Visit the famous walled Gardens and have lunch in the award winning cafe. Enjoy a short **catamaran cruise (2:30pm sailing) of Killary Harbor** before returning to Galway City to explore, relax, or discover the perfect spot for a pint of Guinness and dinner. We'll stop in the town of Moycullen to visit the **Connemara Marble** show room, a family business specializing in designs of the shamrock, Connemara marble jewelry and other gift items. Explore one of the many restaurants or pubs in town for dinner and lively music session.



OVERNIGHT: PARK HOUSE HOTEL, GALWAY (B)

Monday, September 21st - CLIFFS OF MOHER AND KILLARNEY

After breakfast we'll drive through Ireland's stony place - **The Burren, County Clare**. You can find villages abandoned since famine times and green roads on which you can walk for miles without ever seeing a car. This is not the green Ireland of postcards. But there are wildflowers in spring, giving the 560-sq-km Burren brilliant, if ephemeral, color amid its ascetic beauty.

Continuing on to the **Cliffs of Moher (11am visit)** here you will see astonishing impressive and staggeringly beautiful. The entirely vertical cliffs rise to a height of 203m, their edge falling away abruptly into a ceaselessly churning Atlantic. A progression of vast heads, the dark limestone marches in a rigid formation that's gob-smacking, no matter how many times you look at it. As you leave the cliffs you'll travel through the little village of Liscannor and just across the bay, you'll see the beautiful seaside village and golfers' mecca, Lahinch. Continue to Killmer and cross the Shannon Estuary by ferry to Co. Kerry and onto Killarney for 2 nights. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight in the Great room.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL KILLARNEY (B,D)



Tuesday September 22nd – RING OF KERRY

After breakfast take a **traditional horse-drawn jaunting car** through **Killarney National Park** to **Ross Castle**, set on the magical shores of Lough Leane. Set out on Ireland's most popular scenic drive – the Ring of Kerry to visit **Ladies View** - The view here is probably the best known of Killarney and is a major attraction for visitors. Queen Victoria's ladies-in-waiting visited here during the royal visit in 1861. They were so taken with the view that it was named after them. Pause for a panoramic view at **Moll's Gap** before arriving in the market town of **Kenmare** where they will be free to shop, wander and have lunch while listening to some local traditional music (hopefully including Brendan's brother Damien). Return to Killarney... Explore one of the many restaurants or pubs in town for dinner and lively music session.

OVERNIGHT: GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL, KILLARNEY (B)



Wednesday September 23rd - BLARNEY CASTLE & DUNGARVAN

After breakfast we'll depart for **Blarney Castle** - Here 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. Just a stone's throw away we'll also visit the **Blarney Woolen Mills**, the largest emporium of Irish crafts in the country where we can browse the finely woven Irish woolen products. Then on to family run Barron's bakery, Cappoquinn for some samples and take a stroll through scenic Dungarvan town, County Waterford for a pit stop before driving to your hotel in **Waterford City** – Brendan's home town for a 3 nights.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: THE TOWER HOTEL WATERFORD (B,D)

Thursday September 24th – LOCAL TOUR WITH GUIDE OF WATERFORD CITY

After breakfast we explore **The Viking Triangle** at 9am. We will avail of walking tour with **Jack Burchall** for approx. an hour to get a flavor of Ireland's oldest city, including the Viking Boat replica, the Viking Sword and Reginald's Tower and followed with an Irish coffee in the Munster Bar. There are lots of options available in Waterford after the walking tour. (Golf, Fishing, walking, shopping etc.) See below just some of these.

Option 1 - A guided tour of the world famous Waterford Crystal factory and showrooms (1 hour visit).

Option 2 - A tour of the Medieval Museum, a wonderful tour containing some unique artefacts and tells Waterford's Viking History, shows the Old City Walls and is a super tour in general. Explore one of the many restaurants or pubs in town for dinner and lively music session.

OVERNIGHT: THE TOWER HOTEL WATERFORD (B)



Friday September 25th – KILKENNY CASTLE & THE ROCK OF CASHEL

After breakfast we will drive north to visit **Kilkenny Castle**. It stands dramatically on a strategic height that commands a crossing on the River Nore and dominates the 'High Town' of Kilkenny City. Over the eight centuries of its existence, many additions and alterations have been made to the fabric of the building, making **Kilkenny Castle** today a complex structure of various architectural styles. The original Anglo-Norman stone castle was built for William Marshal, 4th Earl of Pembroke (c.1146-1219) during the first decade of the thirteenth century. Kilkenny Castle later became the principal Irish residence of the powerful Butler family for almost 600 years. We will have time for lunch before we head off to the **Rock of Cashel, County Tipperary**, silhouetted against the sky, rising above the lush green fields of the surrounding countryside, the Rock is home to over 1,000 years of history, right at the heart of Ireland's Ancient East. Cashel is reputed to be the site of the conversion of the King of Munster by St. Patrick in the 5th century. The Rock of Cashel was the traditional seat of the kings of Munster for several hundred years. On the way back to the hotel stop off at a local restaurant and enjoy Brendan's old friend **Dermot Power** (who sang in Arlington, VA at Susan & Brendan wedding in 2009) as he sings and gives "real" old stories of Waterford and Ireland for a 2 hour special including **Farewell dinner** and awards.

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Saturday September 26th - RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

After breakfast depart for Dublin Airport to check in for the **Aer Lingus flight 121 departing at 3:30pm for Orlando**. 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.