



Visit Ireland with  
**Scott Kirby and Gabriel Donohue**  
**Lucky-Enough Irish tour**  
**September 22<sup>nd</sup> - September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**\$2399\* per person sharing land only**  
**\$699 single supplement - limit 4 per tour**



\*If social distancing measures are still in place for our September tour, a supplement of \$200 per person is due to cover the cost of the second coach.

## ITINERARY

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup> - SHANNON ARRIVAL & CLONAKILTY.

After landing at Shannon 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. Next, stop for breakfast at the **Inn at Dromoland with the group**. Continue onto Cork City for a panoramic tour taking in the sites of **Grand Parade**, location of the world-famous **English Market**, **Patrick's Street** shopping district home to local and international brands plus restaurants and Cafes. View **City Hall** and continue towards Shandon and try your hand at ringing the bells when you stop at **Shandon Cathedral**. Take a walk around the campus of University College Cork (**UCC**) including the beautiful quadrangle and stone buildings. We'll travel onto our hotel, **Inchydoney Island Lodge & Spa** for the next 2 nights and is situated just outside the colorful heritage town of **Clonakilty** in West Cork, a region blessed with some of Ireland's most spectacular scenery. **Inchydoney Island Lodge & Spa** combines a stunning location, contemporary accommodation, unique seawater therapies and sumptuous dining to create a most special getaway. We invite you to wake to the sound of the waves crashing on the shore, walk hand in hand along the beach or simply enjoy the view from your ocean view balcony so we invite you to enjoy the view from your room as you wake up to the sound of the sea. Join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner tonight in the **Gulfstream** restaurant.

### DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: INCHYDONEY ISLAND LODGE (B,D)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup> – CHARLES FORT AND KINSALE

After breakfast we'll visit one of Ireland's National Monuments, **Charles Fort**, a classic example of the late 17th century star-shaped fort that is one of the largest military installations in the country. Charles Fort has been associated with some of the most momentous events in Irish history including the Williamite War 1689-91 and the Civil War 1922-23. We'll travel a short distance to the **Old Head of Kinsale** one of Ireland's most spectacular coastal areas. This large promontory juts out into the Atlantic Ocean, rising hundreds of feet above the water with towering sea cliffs. Along this stretch of coastal bliss, you'll see the black and white striped Old Head Lighthouse, where just below, a German torpedo sank the Lusitania and the wreck still lies beneath the waves. We'll head back to Kinsale for you to have some free time to ramble around the beautiful town. Kinsale is known as the gourmet capital of Ireland and we'll have dinner tonight as a group at **Max's Seafood Restaurant**. It was established in 1999 and serves a wide array of carefully crafted seafood dishes by resident head chef and owner Olivier Queva. Return to Clonakilty and enjoy a late night music session with Scott & Gabriel in outdoor amphitheatre seating area, overlooking Inchydoney beach and the Atlantic Ocean.



### DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: INCHYDONEY ISLAND LODGE (B,D)

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> MIZEN HEAD AND BANTRY

After breakfast we depart the hotel for Mizen Head and travel through small villages of Rosscarbery, **Ballydehob**, **Crookhaven**, **Goleen**, and **Schull**, which all offer a glimpse into traditional life in rural West Cork. Combining history and stunning coastal scenery, **Mizen Head** is a fantastic destination to visit while cruising along Ireland's **Wild Atlantic Way**. Mizen Head's location on the edge of Europe meant that it was the first or last land that transatlantic ships would encounter. The rocky coastline also made it a dangerous place to sail, so a signal House was built to warn passing ships. Visitors can climb down the 99 steep steps to reach the signal station. Once you have crossed the breathtaking coastal walkways to reach the signal station, visit the Marconi Radio Room and the Station Keeper's Quarters—which has exhibits on what life was like for the people who once lived here and kept the signal station operating. After learning about the area and braving the cliff-skirting walkways, sit down in the café for a coffee or sandwich, and browse the gift shop which specializes in boat-themed souvenirs. The wild location is also ideal for spotting local animals. Keep an eye out for seals near the shore and numerous seabirds. Look slightly further out beyond the waves to catch a glimpse of passing whales and dolphins. Travel On – to nearby Crookhaven, a gorgeous little harbour village, where you can order crab sandwiches and coffee in Billy O'Sullivan's Bar on the pier. Watch the yachts and the fishing boats as they come in to dock after a day at sea. We'll travel onto our hotel, **The Maritime Hotel** for the next 2 nights. The stylish Maritime Hotel is set on Bantry Bay amid the three rugged peninsulas of Mizen Head, Sheep's Head and Beara. On the water's edge, The Maritime Hotel enjoys uninterrupted sea views out over Bantry Bay. Join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner tonight in the **Ocean restaurant**.



### DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: THE MARITIME HOTEL, BANTRY BAY. (B,D)

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> - THE BEARA PENINSULA

After breakfast we travel to the **Beara Peninsula** one of Ireland's natural tranquil and unspoiled terrains. The Beara Peninsula is much less travelled than its near neighbors of the **Dingle Peninsula and the Ring of Kerry**, but it is as beautiful and dramatic as the better known routes in the Kerry area. Jaw-dropping natural scenery. Sweeping coastal views. Patchwork green fields. These are the sights you simply can't miss while exploring the rugged Beara Peninsula.

Straddling both Cork and Kerry, the Beara is truly off the beaten track. Narrow, winding roads ensure life here keeps to an unhurried rhythm. Of the four peninsulas in Ireland's southwestern corner, the Beara receives the least amount of visitors. This in turn gives the area a uniquely unspoiled feel. We'll start on the southern ring bringing us to **Castletownbere**

- Sheltered by Bere Island and with great access to the Atlantic, there's a large and busy fishing industry here, and no shortage of places serving great seafood. Castletownbere is the largest town on the Beara Peninsula and is the main economic centre. If you fancy popping into a pub there you could consider **MacCarthy's Bar**. This dates from the 1870s and not a huge amount has changed over the years. At the very end of the **Beara Peninsula** lies the scenic coastal village of **Allihies**. This is the furthest point from Dublin you can reach in Ireland; it really does feel like the edge of the world! Colorful Allihies boasts stunning views of the Iveragh mountains and coast across **Kenmare Bay**. In the . From here you will travel along the northern edge of the Beara Peninsula to **Kilmackilloge Pier** where we can stop and perhaps stay a while at O'Sullivan's Bar on the pier. This is rural Ireland at its best. A lovely pub in a coastal location with stunning scenery in every direction. our tour will bring you to the lovely town of **Kenmare**, dramatically set within mountain ranges at the foot of the Kenmare river. Join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner tonight in the **Ocean restaurant**.



### DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: THE MARITIME HOTEL, BANTRY BAY. (B,D)

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>th</sup> - GARNISH ISLAND AND DINGLE

After breakfast we travel to the town of **Glengarriff** to take the a ferry that takes us to **Garnish Island**. Garnish Island or Illnacullin is a small island consisting of 37 acres known to horticulturists and lov-ers of trees and shrubs all around the world as an Island garden of great beauty. Along the ferry ride through the sheltered harbour, we'll observe the local colony of seals and other marine life including ducks, swans, herons, swallows and the occasional dolphin or porpoise. We'll have lunch as a group at the Bistro in the Glengarriff Park Hotel. . Stop at the **South Pole Inn**, home to famous Antarctic explorer **Tom Crean** for an Irish coffee and learn more about the famous explorer. The inn is in Annascaul, Kerry near Inch Strand where they made the movie 'Ryan's Daughter' with actor Robert Mitchum. Continue on to **Dingle** for our 2 night stay at the **Dingle Skelig Hotel**. Join your fellow travelers for welcome dinner in the Coastguard restaurant.



### DINNER & OVERNIGHT: DINGLE SKELIG HOTEL (B&D)

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup> - SLEA HEAD DRIVE & BLASKET ISLANDS CENTRE

After breakfast we take a day tour to explore the **Dingle Peninsula**. The journey begins with some of the most magnificent scenery in All of Ireland. The little town of Dingle is straight out of a story book. The fishing boats in the harbor and tiny brightly painted pubs portray a time that has continued to stand still. The population of 1500 people and only 52 pubs are ready to welcome you this afternoon. Worth the wait is the native seafood chowder served up at lunch time with freshly baked brown bread. We continue on to Sleah Head. Along the way, we will see bee hive style huts, originally inhabited by 12th century monks, which overlook the rugged Blasket Islands. The awe inspiring beauty of this particular area is unmatched. There is no other landscape in western Europe with the density and variety of archaeological monuments as found on the Dingle Peninsula. Our last stop on the day tour takes us to the **Dingle Distillery** for a tour and taste of Gin, Whiskey & Vodka. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight in the Coastguard restaurant.

### DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: DINGLE SKELIG HOTEL (B,D)

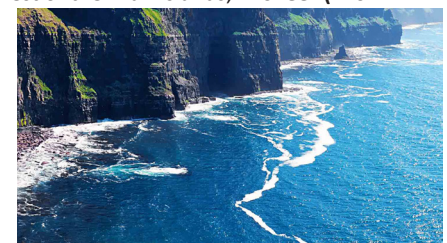
## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup> - LISTOWEL & LAHINCH

After a leisurely breakfast we will depart for **Listowel** to visit John B Keane's - it's not just a pub, it's a play in itself. Here at the counter, after closing time, John B Keane wrote his many masterpieces. John B's is arguably Ireland's most famous pub and the literary tradition continues. John B's son Billy is a renowned writer and broadcaster. Billy runs the pub now and so the story has another chapter. Fun prevails here. There's plenty of talk and no pretension. You'd never know who would drop in. It could be a Nobel prize winner or a small farmer thirsty after tough days work in the meadow. You will have some free time to explore the town and grab so lunch before we cross the Shannon Estuary by ferry and on to **Lahinch Coast Hotel** for our two night stay.. The hotel enjoys a prominent location in the famous coastal town on the West coast of Clare. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight followed in the Aberdeen Restaurant.

### DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: LAHINCH COAST HOTEL (B,D)

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup> - ARAN ISLANDS AND CLIFFS OF MOHER CRUISE

Today we will travel to the legendary town of Doolin in West Clare and board the Doolin ferry to visit the smallest of the Aran Islands, **Inisheer (Inis Oírr)**. At roughly 2 miles wide by 2 miles long, the island has a palpable sense of enchantment, enhanced by the island's wildflower- strewn landscapes, deep-rooted mythology and enduring traditional culture. Upon arrival on the island, we will be met by the local Jarveys and they're horse jaunting cars and they will give you a personalized tour of the island with its majestic stonewalls and beautiful scenery. We will then board the ferry back towards Doolin via the **Cliffs of Moher sea cliffs** on the County Clare coastline which provides an unrivalled view across the vast wildness along the Wild Atlantic Way in Ireland, a world unchanged since the pre-Celtic masters of magic, the Tuatha Dé Danann ruled Ireland. The Cliffs rise to a height of 702 feet providing dramatic views by sea. The Great Sea Stack plays host to thousands of rare birds of which you can see up close. Don't forget the cameras! Our farewell dinner and music to follow this evening.



### DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: LAHINCH COAST HOTEL (B, D)

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup> - SAFE TRAVELS HOME

Sadly, our adventures are over and we're very sorry to see you go!! Our coach driver will get you to Shannon Airport in plenty of time for you to check in for your flight and clear customs and emigration avoiding the long lines that you can meet you in America. There is ample duty-free shopping available at the airport for any last-minute gifts or mementos. Thank you for trusting us once again with your vacation and we certainly hope you had a great time!

### For guests traveling on our group escorted tours, some general guidelines will be followed:

- The interiors of our coaches will be sanitized daily, including regular cleaning of high-touch areas and surfaces.
- Scheduled stops will facilitate frequent hand washing and hand sanitizer will be available at all times.
- At hotels, guest rooms will be disinfected thoroughly between stays and common areas such as lobbies, elevators, restaurants and fitness centers will be cleaned continuously throughout each day.
- When visiting attractions, all appropriate safety precautions will be followed, and guests may be rotated in smaller sub-groups when necessary.
- Social distancing will be incorporated in some form in most activities and visits.

The Ireland "Safety Charter" check mark is displayed by tourism businesses who have committed to implement and uphold stringent guidelines for COVID-19 health procedures as developed by Fáilte Ireland, The National Tourism Development Agency of Ireland.



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