

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

June 2<sup>nd</sup> to June 11<sup>th</sup> 2022

\$2799 per person sharing (land only) \$899 single supplement – limit 4 per tour.

# ITINERARY

## THURSDAY, JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> - ORLANDO TO DUBLIN

Depart Orlando on Aer Lingus flight 120 to Dublin at 9:05pm. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service on your overnight flight.

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup> - TULLAMORE DEW & GALWAY

Arrive Dublin airport **10:25am**. 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)** 

## SATURDAY, JUNE 4<sup>th</sup> – 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 and dinner. We'll stop in the town of Moycullen to visit the **Connemara Marble**, a family business specializing in designs of the shamrock, Connemara marble jewelry and other gift items.



#### **OVERNIGHT: PARK HOUSE HOTEL, GALWAY (B)**

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 5th - EXPLORING GALWAY CITY

After breakfast we will offer a walking tour with **Brian Nolan at 10 a.m**. and at noon as he wanders the streets of Galway recounting tales of war and conquest, joy and tragedy, emigration and slavery, success and folly. Walk in the footsteps of Irish revolutionaries and literary giants who have strolled the cobblestoned streets. Step back in time and enjoy one of Galway's most popular heritage attractions. Katie's is a restored thatched cottage that depicts traditional life in one of Ireland's oldest fishing villages. After enjoying our authentic turf fire, with tea, scones or homemade Irish Guinness brack, step inside our specially curated design studio at the rear of the cottage to discover some of Ireland's best contemporary & vintage interior home accessories & unique 100% Irish gifts. With it's own superstitions and customs, visitors to this community of artists, musicians and crafters are guaranteed a little bit of magic and intrigue. Relax with a hot cup of tea and homemade scones in front of a roaring turf fire; or sit back and enjoy the revival of an ancient Irish tradition of telling stories and singing songs around an open hearth. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight at the hotel. **DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: PARK HOUSE HOTEL (B,D)** 

#### MONDAY, JUNE 6<sup>th</sup> – CLIFFS OF MOHER AND KILLARNEY

After breakfast we'll drive through Ireland's stony place – **The Burren.** 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)** are 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, JUNE 7<sup>th</sup> – 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. Return to Killarney. Explore the one of the restaurants or pubs in town for dinner and lively music session.

**OVERNIGHT: GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL, KILLARNEY (B)** 



#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8<sup>th</sup> - 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 drive to your hotel in **Waterford City** – Brendan's home town for a 2 night stay. Join up with your fellow travelers for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

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

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 9<sup>th</sup> – 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 everything, including the Viking Boat replica, the Viking Sword and Regional Towers and be done by 10am followed an Irish coffee in the Munster Bar. We can offer the following two options after the walking tour.



Option 1- A guided factory tour of Waterford Crystal and showroom visit (1 hour).

Option 2 - A tour of the Medieval Museum, a wonderful tour containing some unique artefacts and tells Waterfords Viking History, shows the Old City Walls and is a super tour in general.

Join up with your fellow travelers for farewell dinner in the hotel restaurant. DINNER & OVERNIGHT: THE TOWER HOTEL WATERFORD (B,D)

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 10<sup>th</sup> - GUINNESS STOREHOUSE & DUBLIN CITY

After breakfast we drive north to Dublin to visit the **Guinness Storehouse at noon**. Immerse yourself in 7 floors of fun and excitement as you explore the story of Ireland's most iconic beer. Enjoy the panoramic views from the famous Gravity Bar, dive into the history of Guinness in Dublin and experience the unique taste of Guinness. With over 20 million visitors, we are Ireland's number one attraction. 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, Trinity College and the Book of Kells, Kilmainham Gaol, and The Wax Museum. Brendan 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.

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 11<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 Dublin Airport in plenty of time to check in for your flight and clear customs and immigration, thus avoiding the long lines that you can meet you in America Airports. 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!

