



June 28th to July 6th, 2022

\$2399 per person sharing

** \$599 single supplement **Limited to 5 single travelers**

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TUESDAY, JUNE 28th - SHANNON ARRIVAL

Your hosts, Joanie Madden along with the wonderful guitarist Mary Coogan will welcome you to County Clare at the arrival hall in Shannon Airport at **10AM** and your coach driver will escort you and your luggage to our luxury coach. We'll travel through Limerick and onto County Tipperary where we will stop in the **Heritage Town of Roscrea** for lunch at the White House Restaurant in the square that is attached to the 13th century Roscrea Castle and Gardens. After lunch, our journey continues onto the medieval city of Kilkenny where we will check into the first of our 4 Star hotels, The Hibernian for two nights which is located right in the heart of town. Shortly following our arrival, we will offer a very entertaining walking tour of this gorgeous compact city entitled, "**Shenanigans, The Kilkenny City Walk**". Our hosts for the walking tour, Nevin Cody and Brendan Byrne, are magicians, storytellers and very funny men who will weave our way through the city regaling us with unique anecdotes blending comedy, magic, history, whimsical fun and a good dollop of humor. After the tour our guide will walk us over to the famous Kyteler's Inn for dinner and some fantastic Irish music.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: THE HIBERNIAN HOTEL, KILKENNY (L, D)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29th – WICKLOW MOUNTAINS & KILKENNY

After a hearty breakfast we'll travel northwest through Counties Carlow and Kildare to visit the majestic **Wicklow Mountains**, known as the Garden of Ireland and home to **Glendalough National Park**, a place of stunning natural beauty and awe-inspiring landscapes. The Park contains the ruins of a 1500-year-old ancient monastic city founded by Saint Kevin in the 6th century, two magnificent lakes surrounded by cliffs and rocks, nearby forests and waterfalls which all create a tapestry of unforgettable scenery. For thousands of years, people have been drawn to this valley that was carved out by glaciers during the Ice Age where two lakes were formed when the ice thawed and inspired the name of Glendalough (Gleann Da Loch – valley of the two lakes). We will travel to the little village of **Avoca**, home to the famous Avoca Hand weavers built on the banks of the Avoca River from where you'll find a hardworking hand-weaving mill dating back to 1723. We will stop for lunch and give you a chance to see weavers in action at the loom and an opportunity to do some shopping if you're so inclined. Afterwards, we head back to Kilkenny where this evening you get the opportunity to venture out and dine on your own with an array of restaurants within walking distance and a chance to meet the locals! Following dinner, we'll meet back in the hotel bar later that evening for some fabulous entertainment.



OVERNIGHT: THE HIBERNIAN HOTEL, KILKENNY (B)

THURSDAY, JUNE 30th – ROCK OF CASHEL, COBH HERITAGE CENTER & BANTRY, CORK

After breakfast, our first stop takes us to a place with a history of ancient kings, patron saints and unparalleled beauty – the **Rock of Cashel**, the traditional seat of the kings of Munster for several hundred years. 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. Continuing south to Cobh in County Cork, we'll visit the **Cobh Heritage Center**, the embarkation port of Annie Moore, the first immigrant to ever pass-through Ellis Island. We'll explore the moving **Queensland Experience**, an interactive museum that provides a comprehensive history of the emigrant experience with a famine ship reconstruction and the history of the Titanic and Lusitania ships sinking. We'll continue on to our hotel, the 4 Star Maritime Hotel on Bantry Bay for dinner followed by Joanie & Mary's entertainment in the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: THE MARITIME HOTEL, BANTRY (B, D)



FRIDAY, JULY 1st – THE BEARA PENINSULA & GARNISH ISLAND

After breakfast, we begin our day visiting the spectacular and wild **Beara Peninsula**, one of Ireland's natural tranquil and unspoiled terrains. This circular drive is nothing short of spectacular with its intricate coast and sharp-featured mountains that create a dramatic scene at almost every turn. We'll cut across the peninsula at Lauragh to Adrigole taking the Healy Pass, a road that was built in 1847 during the famine years to help prevent starvation. We'll stop for lunch in the beautiful village of **Kenmare** before continuing our exploration of **Bantry Bay by ferry to Garnish Island or Inacullin**, located in the sheltered harbour of Glengarriff. We'll pass a seal colony on the way to the world renowned island known for its gardens which are laid out in beautiful walks with hundreds of cultivars of climbing plants, herbaceous perennials

and choice shrubs that dominate the midsummer period from June to August. We'll then make our way back to the Maritime Hotel for dinner tonight followed by Joanie & Mary's entertainment.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: MARITIME HOTEL, BANTRY (B, D)

SATURDAY, JULY 2nd – KILLARNEY & DINGLE, COUNTY KERRY

After breakfast we'll depart the hotel and travel North to one of Ireland's most famous tourist destinations, the bustling vibrant town of **Killarney** in County Kerry. This town is simply brimming with history, shopping, hospitality, and fabulous restaurants. We will take a wonderful horse and jaunting cart ride through Ireland's first national park, Killarney National Park which is comprised of 26,000 acres of woodlands, sandstone mountains and low-lying lakes. Following our journey through the park, our Jarvey (driver) will drop us at famous **Ross Castle** where we'll board a boat to enjoy a scenic sailing on one of Killarney's famous Lakes, **Loch Lein**. We'll head back to Killarney for lunch and some free time to explore this wonderful market town before travelling west to our four-star hotel for the next two nights, The Dingle Skellig in gorgeous Dingle. More fantastic food and entertainment awaits you this evening!

DINNER, MUSIC & OVERNIGHT: DINGLE SKELLIG HOTEL (B, D)

SUNDAY, JULY 3rd - DINGLE PENINSULA

After a hearty breakfast we take a day trip to explore the fabulous **Dingle Peninsula**. Perched on the hem of the Atlantic Ocean in Ireland's southwest, charming Dingle looks out over Dingle Bay and is chock full of friendly pubs and restaurants. Dingle is a Gealtacht or Irish speaking area, one of the few remaining places in rural Ireland where the ancient language is still spoken. The harbor is filled with fishing boats and tiny brightly painted pubs that portray a time that has continued to stand still. We will travel the famous **Slea Head Drive** where along the way, we will see beehive style huts that were originally inhabited by 12th century monks overlooking the rugged Blasket Islands and Skellig Michael where Star Wars was filmed. The awe-inspiring beauty of this area is unmatched and there is no other landscape in western Europe with the density and variety of archaeological monuments as found on the Dingle Peninsula. We will then stop for lunch at the Dingle Pub, home to Cherish the Ladies famous dancer, 5-time World Champion David Geaney where David will dance a few steps for us while we enjoy the local food! Enjoy the rest of the day with some free time wandering the many beautiful streets and shops of Dingle. Back to the hotel to join your fellow travelers for dinner followed by Joanie & Mary's entertainment.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: DINGLE SKELLIG HOTEL (B, D)

MONDAY, JULY 4th – WILLIE CLANCY IRISH MUSIC FESTIVAL & ENNIS, CO. CLARE

Happy Independence Day!! Following breakfast, we'll travel through Kerry passing through the towns of Tralee and Listowel until we come to the town of **Tarbert** where we'll board the ferry to County Clare. We'll then make our way onto famous **Miltown Malbay**, famous for Traditional Irish Music and the home for the Willie Clancy Music Festival. We'll go to Briget's Westbridge Bar and restaurant for some lunch and with some mighty local musicians. Following lunch, enjoy some free time to visit the many pubs and hear the various music sessions up and down the street. We'll then travel onto the lively town of Ennis and give you some free time to check out the cobble stone streets and shops of this market town. Home for the next two nights is the beautiful 4-star Hotel Woodstock, rest up before tonight's dinner followed with some more fantastic entertainment!

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: HOTEL WOODSTOCK, ENNIS (B, D)

TUESDAY, JULY 5th - CLIFFS OF MOHER SEA CRUISE & THE BURREN, COUNTY CLARE



Following breakfast, we'll travel to famous **Doolin** in West Clare and board a boat for a cruise sailing from Doolin south along the 5 miles of the **Cliffs of Moher**. The ship will take us along the highest parts of the cliffs as far as Hags Head and the large Sea Arch at Moher Tower. On turning, you will then cruise back close to O'Brien's tower and the giant sea-cave made famous in the Harry Potter movie. The Cliffs of Moher are one of Ireland's most treasured natural landscapes as they form a continuous rocky wall, rising up to 700 feet that are broken into the most fantastic forms and tunneled into innumerable caves by the action of the waves. We'll then make our way onto the **Burren**, one of Ireland's most compelling limestone landscapes formed millions of years ago. Here, cool grey rock etched with crevices and cracks tumbles down to the wild blue Atlantic Ocean with the result one of nature's most extraordinary phenomena: a huge rocky pavement dotted with rock formations, caves and fossils, as well as an incredible array of flowers and in the heart of

the Burren. We'll visit our old friend, **Oliver O'Connell and his Burren Backroom** with the backdrop of Mullaghmore where we will be entertained with songs, poetry, music and storytellers followed by lunch. Back to the Hotel Woodstock for our final night together with dinner accompanied by more songs and music!

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: HOTEL WOODSTOCK, ENNIS (B, D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6th – 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 immigration avoiding the long lines that 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 with your vacation and we certainly hope you had a great time!

To enter Ireland's pubs and restaurants and avoid quarantine, you must be vaccinated, and we require all our fellow passengers to be vaccinated for health and safety reasons. In addition, we will make every effort to fulfill this itinerary, but at times conditions are out of our control and the itinerary is subject to change!

