



O'Brien's of Warrenton

Tour of Ireland

September 30th to October 9th, 2023

\$3499 per person sharing including air from Washington Dulles
** \$799 single supplement (Limited to 4 single travelers)



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th – WASHINGTON DULLES TO DUBLIN

Depart Dulles on **Aer Lingus flight 118** to Dublin at 8.50pm. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service on your overnight flight.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 1ST - KILBEGGAN DISTILLERY & GALWAY

Arrive Dublin airport 8.30am. 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 have breakfast at the **Johnstown House Estate** in Co. Kildare. Onto to visit **Kilbeggan Distillery**. As the oldest licensed distillery of its kind in Ireland, the Kilbeggan Distilling Company has seen its share of trials and triumphs. Founded in 1757, the distillery spent the next 200 years making a whiskey beloved the world over. So when tough times ground its gears to a halt, the town came together to save the whiskey that built the town. It wasn't quick or easy, but they persevered. Today, every bottle produced stands as proof that the spirit of Kilbeggan never wavered. Our Distillery Kilbeggan is a place full of stories worth telling, and people worthy of telling them. Pictures and print can attempt to do it justice, but there is no substitute for visiting Kilbeggan and the Kilbeggan Distillery, and seeing first-hand how the town and distillery have evolved since 1757. Daily tours allow visitors to see how the distillery has married the whiskey-making traditions of yesteryear with the innovative spirit of today, and the townspeople are a vibrant lot, known to turn strangers into friends in a matter of minutes. Arrive in Galway late afternoon before joining up with your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: PARK HOUSE HOTEL, GALWAY (B,D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2ND – 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. Explore one of the many restaurants or pubs in town for dinner tonight.

OVERNIGHT: PARK HOUSE HOTEL, GALWAY (B)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD – CLIFFS OF MOHER AND DINGLE

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 Dingle for 2 nights. 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. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight in the Coastguard restaurant.

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4th - 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 Sleah 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. Enjoy a demonstration of highly-skilled sheepdogs herding sheep at a local farm. 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 return to Dingle Town where you can have lunch on your own and enjoy the rest of the day with some free time wandering the many beautiful streets and shops of Dingle. Back to the hotel to freshen up and Explore one of the many restaurants or pubs in town for dinner tonight.

OVERNIGHT: DINGLE SKELLIG HOTEL (B)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5th – KILLARNEY NATIONAL PARK & SNEEM

After breakfast we depart for Killarney to take a traditional horse-drawn jaunting car through **Killarney National Park to Ross Castle**, set on the magical shores of Lough Leane. Start your tour onboard a traditional Jaunting Car and enjoy the unique beauty of Killarney National Park and its wildlife as you ramble through its tree-lined avenues before your arrival at **Ross Castle**. Learn about the history, legends and folklore of the area from your local Jarvey Guide and also catch a glimpse of the Park's unique wildlife including the Red Deer, the last native herd in Ireland. On arrival at Ross Castle, you will be invited to board our MV Lake Cruiser and set upon a voyage through Killarney's largest and most picturesque Lake, Lough Léin from the comfort of our glass-covered, heated vessel. Immerse yourself in the unique ecosystem of the National Park with its glistening Lakeland and majestic mountains for miles and learn about the folklore and legends of the area as well as its landmarks with live commentary from your informative Captain. We will have some free time to grab some lunch before we depart for Jerry' O'Brien's home town of Sneem for our 3 night stay. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight in restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: SNEEM HOTEL, SNEEM (B,D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6th – THE RING OF KERRY & VALENTIA ISLAND

After breakfast we depart for Caherdaniel to visit Derrynane House, the Oakwood of St Fionán, stands at the very tip of the Iveragh Peninsula in Co. Kerry. Sheltered within the woodland stands Derrynane House, the ancestral home of **Daniel O'Connell**, lawyer, politician and statesman, and one of the great figures in modern Irish history. Many relics of O'Connell's life and career are preserved in Derrynane House, but the house is more than just a museum. Derrynane was one of the great influences on Daniel O'Connell's life as he himself was always ready to admit. For several generations, it had been the ancestral home of the O'Connell's. It had been his own childhood home and, throughout his career, it was his country residence. He and his family spent most summers at Derrynane. It was here that he was host to many guests in the surroundings that he loved and here he indulged his passion for beagling. Many books have been written about O'Connell but one can perhaps gain a greater insight into his character by visiting his home at Derrynane and experiencing the surroundings familiar to him during his life. We continue through **Waterville**, the only seafront village on the famous Ring of Kerry in Southwest Ireland as we make our way to Valentia Island we will have lunch at the Moorings in Portmagee. After lunch we will visit **The Valentia Transatlantic Cable Station**. Over 150 years ago, the first successful transatlantic telegraph cable was laid between Valentia Island in Ireland and Heart's Content in Newfoundland, Canada, connecting the Old World with the new World. The wire that changed the world, the Eighth Wonder of the World, reduced the time to send a message across the ocean from weeks to minutes and heralded the birth of global communications. The laying of the Transatlantic Cable is a story of human endurance, science, adventure and genius and is told in the immersive visitor experience at the Valentia Cable Station. Listen to the entrepreneur Cyrus Field I and the Knight of Kerry regale about their adventure, try to send your own morse code message and try to break the code, learn about the underwater cables of today and how communications technology has changed. Return to Sneem.

OVERNIGHT: SNEEM HOTEL, SNEEM (B,L)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7th – GARNISH ISLAND AND KENMARE

After breakfast, we begin our day visiting the spectacular and wild Beara Peninsula, one of Ireland's natural tranquil and unspoiled terrains. 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 before continuing our exploration of **Bantry Bay** by ferry to **Garnish Island** or Innacullin, 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 have lunch in the Glengarriff Park Hotel before we make our way back to the Sneem Hotel for dinner.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: SNEEM HOTEL (B ,L, D)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8th – DUBLIN & GUINNESS STOREHOUSE

After breakfast, we travel north to Dublin to visit the **Guinness Storehouse** in the afternoon. 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. Check into our hotel **The Camden Court** for our final night of the tour. We'll meet in the lobby at 6pm and make our way to **The Lansdowne Hotel** to attend the Irish House Party, which features traditional Irish music from world famous singers and musicians with a lively performance of music, song and the very best of Irish dancing so prepare for a rip-roaring evening of traditional Irish song and dance accompanied by a delightful dinner.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: CAMDEN COURT HOTEL, DUBLIN (B,D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9th - 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 for you to check in for your flight and clear customs and immigration 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. **Since our flight to Washington departs at 4.30pm, you have the morning to explore on your own from last minute shopping or visiting the Book of Kells before we leave the hotel at 1pm for the airport.**