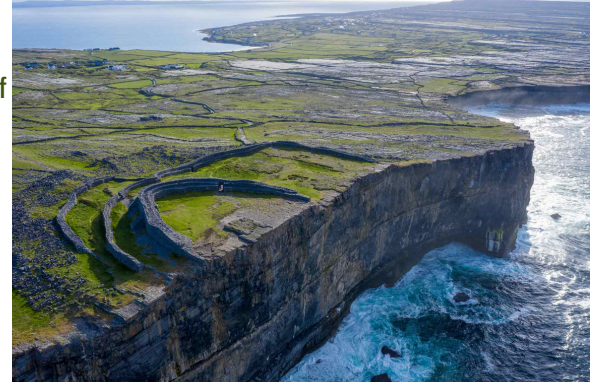


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th - WELCOME TO IRELAND!

A warm welcome awaits you at Shannon Airport from your hosts Joanie Madden and Mary Coogan, along with our coach driver. Once the luggage is onboard, we will depart Shannon and drive north 50 minutes to the charming village of Kinvara for a lunch stop in the the village which lies at the head of Kinvara Bay, known in Irish as Cinn Mhara, an inlet in the south-eastern corner of Galway Bay, from which the village took its name. Leaving Kinvara, we drive just a half hour and make our way to the city of culture for the west of Ireland, Galway City. We'll check into the first of our 4-star hotels just off of Eyre Square in the center of Galway City, The Park House, our home for the next three nights. Rest up or have a walkabout before we gather for our welcome dinner and fantastic music!

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: THE PARK HOUSE HOTEL, GALWAY CITY (L, D)



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th – INISHMORE, THE ARAN ISLANDS

Following breakfast, we depart at 9:30 and travel along the Connemara coast road to Rossaveel and board the Aran Island Ferries to visit Inis Mór (meaning 'Big Island') which, as its name suggests, is the largest of the three Aran Islands. Step off the ferry into the magical world of Inis Mór, a small Irish-speaking island with an enchanting landscape consisting of a patchwork of fields bordered by stone walls, meandering laneways and sandy beaches. It is also home to our host for the day, the brilliant storyteller, Gabriel Faherty. Having lived a colorful life that includes being a farmer, a pony-and-trap driver, a deep-sea fisherman and goat cheese maker, his passion for his native island is palpable as he delivers a highly informative and entertaining guided tour which combines the culture of food on the island with the rich Irish history and of course the Irish language. Our tour includes a stop at the cheese factory where we are given the chance to meet the goats, watch cheese being made, have an educational commentary and taste the cheese. We'll also visit Blath na Mara, a hand-harvested seaweed producer and learn how they harvest the local seaweed. We'll experience Inis Mór's world renowned historical and cultural sites including majestic Dún Aonghas, which is perched on a 300' cliff face overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, the 1200-year-old Seacht Teampaill or Seven Churches, and the island's seal colony.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: THE PARK HOUSE HOTEL, GALWAY CITY (B, D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th – GALWAY WALKING TOUR

Galway is one of the most popular destinations in Ireland for good reason as tourists just love this vibrant, thriving city with its diverse cultural, historic, artistic and musical heritage. Today, we will get an insider's view of the old city of Galway which is perfect for exploring on foot. Join our old friend and raconteur, Brian Nolan as he wanders the streets of Galway recounting fascinating tales of war and conquest, joy and tragedy, emigration and slavery, success and folly. Walk in the footsteps of Saint Brendan, Christopher Columbus, W. B. Yeats, Pádraig Pearse, James Joyce, John Wayne, John Huston, John F. Kennedy and many others who have strolled the old cobble-stoned streets of Galway. The rest of the day is free to explore this magical city on your own. Meet up in the evening for another scrumptious dinner followed by more of Joanie and Mary's incredible music!

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: THE PARK HOUSE HOTEL (B, D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th – RATHBAUN FARM, THE BURREN, COUNTY CLARE & ADARE

After breakfast, we'll depart the hotel at 10am and head south to visit Rathbaun Farm for a traditional Irish farm experience. Take the opportunity to step back in time as you walk inside a 250-year-old thatched cottage complete with a turf fire and original stone walls and regal as you watch a sheepdog demonstration gathering the sheep with the local farmer. Wrapping up our visit, we'll enjoy a hot cup of tea with homemade scones, fresh cream and jam. We'll then make our way into the heart of 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. We'll visit our dear friend, Oliver O'Connell and his Burren Backroom with the backdrop of Mullaghmore where we will be entertained with songs, poetry, music and storytelling followed by lunch. It's then onto County Limerick where we will make a rest stop in the heritage town of Adare before making our way to our 4-star hotel, The Great Southern for three nights. Gorgeous food followed by outstanding entertainment is on the agenda for tonight!

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: THE GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL (B, L, D)



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH – KILLARNEY NATIONAL PARK, LAKE CRUISE

Today, we get to experience 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, low-lying lakes and the last herd of red deer in Ireland. Following our journey through the park, our Jarvey (driver) will drop us at famous Ross Castle where we'll board a heated, covered cruiser to enjoy a scenic sailing on one of Killarney's famous Lakes, Loch Lein. Bring your instruments and your voices as we'll have a session onboard! Back on shore, the horse and jaunting carts will be waiting for us to take us back to Killarney for you then to have some free time on your own for to explore this wonderful market town. More fantastic food and entertainment awaits you this evening!

.DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: THE GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL (B, D)



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH – THE 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 Gaeltacht 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 Sleat 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! Back to the hotel to join your fellow travelers for dinner followed by more of Joanie & Mary's incredible entertainment.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: THE GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL (B, L, D)



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH - FOYNES FLYING BOAT MUSEUM & KING JOHN'S CASTLE

After breakfast we depart for Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum in West Limerick which excitingly captures the story of how Foynes became one of the great aviation hubs of the world between 1937-1945. We'll walk through the awe-inspiring Pan American Yankee Clipper that changed the world of travel and be amazed at the size and sheer spaciousness this airship afforded for its few lucky passengers that included movie stars, U.S. Presidents and the ultra-wealthy. We'll visit an exhibit featuring Irish film star Maureen O'Hara, who was actively involved in the establishment of the museum and discover the very place where Irish Coffee was invented along with the story behind it, and of course, sample this authentic drink! We then head to the heart of Limerick's medieval quarter to visit King John's Castle and step inside the walls of Limerick's most iconic landmark! Discover the stories of ruthless King John, the noble knights, and rebellious natives. King John's Castle brings to life over 800 years of dramatic local history with a spacious outdoor courtyard that gives a sense of the bustling activity that took place. Expect to see some lively characters that will connect you to tales of siege and warfare. It's then just a short trip to our final night's hotel, the 4 Star Great National Ballykisteon Golf Hotel in County Tipperary for our farewell dinner and final night of memorable music!

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: BALLYKISTEON GOLF HOTEL & SPA (B, D)



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th - 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 with your vacation, and we certainly hope you had a great time and will think of joining us again on another one of our adventures! We wish you a safe journey home! Slan Abhaile!



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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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PAYMENT SCHEDULE

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