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Kick off to Killarney



**9-Day Escorted Tour - 26 Aug to 3 Sept
\$1999**

Overnights: 2 Galway, 2 Killarney, 1 Kilkenny, 2 Dublin

Tour Highlights: Kylemore Abbey, Killary Cruise, Cliffs of Moher, Dingle Peninsula, Rock of Cashel, Dublin City, Dublin Castle & Guinness Storehouse.

(B - Breakfast D - Dinner)

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August 26th - Depart the United States on your overnight flight to Shannon, Ireland. Our travel planners are available to assist with your flight arrangements.

August 27th - Cead mile failte! Meet your Irish driver/guide in the arrivals hall and start your Irish journey. Stop for complimentary tea & scones and an opportunity to stretch your legs a little after your international flight. Continue into the heart of Galway City where you will stay for the next two nights. Your hotel is centrally located close to shops, pubs and restaurants. Enjoy an Irish Coffee Reception on arrival. Time to relax or explore Galway before joining your fellow travelers for dinner in the hotel dining room. **Overnight: Meyrick Hotel, Galway (B, D)**

August 28th - Today will be filled with spectacular scenery from land and sea. A scenic drive through the wild and wonderful Connemara region, where colorful wildflowers bloom, leads you to the highlight of your day, a cruise along Killary Harbor, Ireland's only fjord. Enjoy complimentary tea and scones as you take in some of Ireland's finest scenery from the comfort of this luxurious purpose-built catamaran. Back on land, you will continue to Kylemore Abbey, one of the most photographed locations in Ireland and home to the Benedictine nuns. Return to Galway city with some free time to explore independently before dinner.

Overnight: Meyrick Hotel, Galway (B)

August 29th - Traveling along the coast of Clare and the lunar landscapes of the Burren, today's tour features the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher that stand 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. Continue to the lovely town of Killarney. Set in the heart of the town, your hotel is steps from countless pubs and shops. You may wish to take a jaunting car ride into Killarney National Park or over to the famous Muckross House & Gardens.

Overnight: Killarney Royal, Killarney (B, D)

August 30th - Today as you explore Ireland's westerly Dingle Peninsula you will experience unforgettable scenery of towering cliffs on one side and dramatic drops to the sea on the other with views of the Iveragh Peninsula to the south. Tour the Blasket Center in Dunquin to learn about the offshore Blasket Islands, inhabited until 1953 by hardy families who made a living by farming and fishing. Also visit the Louis Mulcahy Pottery Center, famous for large blue hand-thrown pots. See how the pots are created and admire some of the finished pieces. Return to Killarney in the early evening.

Overnight: Killarney Royal, Killarney (B)



August 31st – Today, a leisurely start as you travel to the Medieval City of Kilkenny. Visit the Rock of Cashel, which was the traditional seat of the kings of Munster. The majority of buildings on the current site date from the 12th and 13th centuries. The picturesque complex has a character of its own and is one of the most remarkable collections of Celtic art and medieval architecture to be found anywhere in Europe. After an audio/visual presentation there will be time to stroll the grounds on our own and take some photographs of this stunning location. Arrive in Kilkenny in the early afternoon. Check into your city center hotel. Time for independent exploration or a quiet pint in one of Kilkenny's many fine pubs before dinner in your hotel.

Overnight: Rivercourt Hotel, Kilkenny (B, D)



September 1st - Game Day!! After breakfast travel directly to Dublin City for the highlight of your tour. Enjoy premier seating as you watch Navy take on Notre Dame in Dublin Ireland. After the game your coach will be available to transfer you back to your hotel. Or you may prefer to continue the celebrations in one of Dublin's many fine pubs.

Overnight: Camden Court Hotel, Dublin (B)

September 2nd - This morning, a drive through the Phoenix Park, home to Ireland's President, Mary McAleese and the U.S. Ambassador. Onward to the Guinness Storehouse, filled with 250 years of history and seven floors of exhibits. On the top floor enjoy a complimentary pint of Guinness and panoramic views of Dublin from the Gravity Bar. Next stop, Trinity College to view the famous Book of Kells which was written around 800 AD. It is one of the most beautifully illuminated manuscripts in the world and has been on display in the Old Library since the 19th century.

Overnight: Camden Court Hotel, Dublin (B)



September 3rd – Drive the short distance to Dublin Airport with some time for last minute duty-free shopping and airport check-in.

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$300 is due at time of booking
A payment of \$500 is due by May 2, 2011.
A payment of \$500 is due by November 1, 2011.
Final Payment due May 1, 2012

Airfare & Air Schedules:

Caddie Tours will secure group airfare in October of 2011 from select gateway cities in the U.S. Airfare is not included in the travel package above; however, airfare will be available as an add-on option. You will be notified via mail or email once airfare options are available.

Land Cancellation Policy:

From time of booking until November 1, 2011 cancellations will incur a \$300 cancellation fee. Cancellations made between November 1, 2011 and February 27, 2012 will incur a \$500 cancellation fee. Cancellations made between February 28, 2012 and April 30, 2012 will incur a \$950 cancellation fee. Cancellations made after May 1, 2012 are non-refundable. All cancellations must be made in writing to Caddie Tours. Email: niall@caddietoursonline.com or by fax to 703-938-9837

We strongly recommend purchasing Travel Insurance at the time of deposit.

Air Cancellation Policy:

Once air schedules become available, we will advise of the airline policy for deposits due, changes, cancellations and ticketing deadlines.

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