



Mount St. Mary's Alumni 14th to 23rd June 2024 *\$3,599 per person sharing (Land Only) Single Supplement \$1,199 (Limit to 4 per tour)*

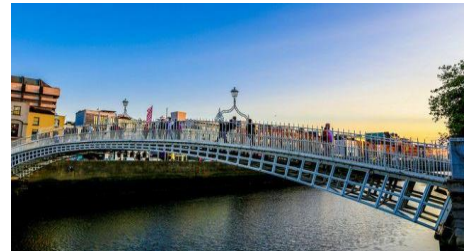
Join your fellow Mounties on a captivating journey through Ireland, starting in the bustling heart of Dublin, soak up the charm of scenic villages & rolling countryside, explore prehistoric sites older than the pyramids, & immerse yourself in Irish culture with traditional music in cozy pubs & shop for unique Irish handmade crafts!

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FRIDAY 14TH JUNE – WELCOME & TOUR OF KILKENNY

Arrival at **Dublin airport**, time TBC. Transfer included. Depart by private coach with your driver/guide for **Kilkenny**. Stop for refreshments on route (breakfast or lunch, depending on arrival time)

On arrival in **Kilkenny**, discover the historic city with a **guided walking tour** with your guide Nevin Cody. Full of history and charm, the city has lots to offer and Nevin will tell you all about it!



DINNER & OVERNIGHT AT THE RIVER COURT HOTEL (B,D)

SATURDAY 15TH JUNE -JERPOINT ABBEY & MALZARD'S PUB & HURLING EXPERIENCE



In the morning, you will visit **Jerpoint Abbey** with a guide. Founded in the 12th century, it is one of the best examples of a **medieval Cistercian Abbey** in Ireland. Lunch will be at **Malzard's traditional pub** where you will learn all about the ancient **Irish Gaelic sport of hurling**. Set in the heart of **Stoneyford Village** just a few miles from Kilkenny City, Malzard's Bar have developed a **hurling skills experience** and guarantees participants a unique insight into the fastest field game in the world. Explore one of the many restaurants or pubs in town for dinner and a lively music session.

OVERNIGHT AT RIVER COURT HOTEL (B)

SUNDAY 16TH - JUNE ROCK OF CASHEL & JAMESONS DISTILLERY

Leave Kilkenny to visit the **Rock of Cashel** - one of Ireland's most important historic sites. There, you will get the chance to see **several medieval buildings**: a round tower, a high cross, a Romanesque chapel, a Gothic cathedral, an abbey, the Hall of the Vicars Choral and a fifteenth-century Tower House. Enjoy lunch at the Horse and Jockey Hotel. We will visit the **Jameson Distillery** in Middleton. Discover one of the **world's largest pots** on one of the memorable experiences at the old distillery of Jameson Irish Whiskey.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT AT ACTON'S HOTEL (B, D)

MONDAY 17TH JUNE – WALKING TOUR OF KINSALE & FREE AFTERNOON



After breakfast, stroll and sit with Barry Moloney to enjoy a colorful **story of Kinsale** down the ages from Medieval walled town to the sinking of the Lusitania. Strategic naval base during the conflict for New World treasure when a pound of cloves fetched two head of cattle and the island of Manhattan was once swapped for a tiny one of nutmeg!

Beachhead for the last Spanish Armada leading to The Battle of Kinsale in 1601. Star Forts stronghold described by Charles

II as 'a place of Great resort for His Majesty's ships of War'.

Sailing port for Dampier and Robinson Crusoe and such a hub for fleets as to lead one 17th c. observer to describe Kinsale as 'laying in the road of the Chieftest trade in all the Wordle'.

Free afternoon to explore Kinsale. Lunch and dinner will be on your own, so take a ramble around the colorful streets, savor some locally caught seafood, enjoy a walk on the beach, see an array of galleries, shops, or pubs. Explore one of the many restaurants or pubs in town for dinner and lively music session.

OVERNIGHT AT ACTON'S HOTEL (B)

TUESDAY 18TH JUNE – KILLARNEY JAUNTING CAR & CRUISE

Kinsale this morning to go to **Muckross House** in **Killarney National Park** where you will enjoy a **jaunting car** trip to Ross Castle. You will then take a **cruise on the lakes of Killarney** with live commentary while viewing the scenery from the **peaks of Magillicuddy's Reeks** to the ruins of **Innisfallen Abbey**, and maybe even spot eagles or sika deer. You will then make your way to **Dingle** where you will spend the next 2 nights.



DINNER & OVERNIGHT AT THE DINGLE BENNERS HOTEL (B,D)

WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE – SLEA HEA, SHEEPDOG DEMONSTRATION & RING OF KERRY

At 10am you will see a **sheepdog demonstration** with Gabriel at **Slea Head**. This skill has been handed down from generation to generation as sheep have been kept on the mountain, **Mount Eagle** for hundreds of years. Take in the fantastic views of the Ring of Kerry, Dingle Bay, and the Skellig Islands. You will take a **guided visit to the Blasket Centre**. With stunning views of the wild Atlantic coast and islands at the halfway point of the Slea Head Drive, the Blasket Centre is a **fascinating heritage and cultural center/ museum**, honoring the unique community who lived on the remote Blasket Islands until their evacuation in 1953. Explore one of the many restaurants or pubs in Dingle for dinner and a lively music session.



OVERNIGHT AT THE DINGLE BENNERS (B)

THURSDAY 20TH JUNE – CLIFFS OF MOHER & THE BURREN REGION



Take in the majesty of The Cliffs of Moher during a cruise along the stunning coastline beneath the Cliffs, See Ireland's largest sea bird colony at An Branán Mór (Sea Stack) You may even spot some puffins, dolphins, seals, or basking sharks. Tour the Burren region before returning to Spanish Point. With its unique limestone landscape, abundance of archaeological and historic sites and beautiful flora, the Burren is one of the most compelling regions in Ireland.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT AT THE ARMADA HOTEL (B,D)

FRIDAY 21ST JUNE – IRISH NATIONAL STUD & JAPANESE GARDENS

On the way to Dublin, you will visit the **Irish National Stud & Gardens**, a 1,000-acre holding owned by the Irish government, where some of Ireland's best racehorses are bred and cared for. The site is also home to what is considered one of the finest **Japanese Gardens** in Europe.



OVERNIGHT AT THE IVEAGH GARDEN HOTEL

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE – DUBLIN CITY



After breakfast you'll have a full day to explore Dublin City's rich heritage and vibrant culture. Begin your morning at St. Patrick's Cathedral, spend time touring The Guinness Storehouse, and delve into history at Trinity College to see the ancient monastic Book of Kells. After lunch, visit Dublin Castle and take advantage of the Hop-on-Hop-off Bus Pass to effortlessly navigate the city. As the day winds down, savor Irish cuisine for dinner and immerse yourself in the city's lively pub scene with traditional music and entertainment. Dublin promises a memorable day filled with history, iconic landmarks, and the warm spirit of Ireland.

FAREWELL DINNER & OVERNIGHT AT THE IVEAGH GARDEN HOTEL

SUNDAY 23RD JUNE – DUBLIN CITY & FAREWELL TO IRELAND

Sadly, our adventures are over and we're very sorry to see you go!! Our coach driver will bring 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 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.

Activities are provisional and subject to change



Inclusions

- Group Arrival Transfer from Dublin Airport to Kilkenny
- 2 Nights Hotel accommodation in Kilkenny
- 2 Nights Hotel accommodation in Kinsale
- 2 Nights Hotel accommodation in Dingle
- 1 Night Hotel accommodation in Co Clare
- 2 Nights Hotel accommodation in Dublin city center
- Breakfast each day
- 5 dinners
- 3 lunches
- Porterage at each hotel

Program of activities as per the provisional schedule including entrance fees to;

Kilkenny City Walking Tour The Rock of Cashel Jerpoint Abbey Hurling Experience at Malzards Jameson Distillery Kinsale Walking Tour	Killarney Jaunty Cars & Boats Sheepdog Demonstration Basket Centre Cliffs of Moher cruise Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens Hop on Hop off Bus ticket in Dublin
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- Internal Transport as per the Program of Activities by private motorcoach with driver/guide
- Group Departure Transfer from final hotel to Dublin Airport

Exclusions

- International Travel to Ireland
- Medical, Accident & Travel Insurance
- Single room supplements
- Meals not stated above
- Gratuities
- Additional Activities

Caddie Tours Ireland services

- Booking of all accommodation, transport and activities
- Liaising with hotels and service providers prior to the tour and throughout its duration
- Management of rooming lists and hotel bookings
- Pre tour inspection of hotels and sites as required
- Communicating with Tour Leader throughout tour
- Welcome meeting and information packs for tour group
- Handling of invoices and payments for all hotels and service providers on tour
- 24 hour in-country support by phone and when necessary, in person
- Personal Service and attention of CTL director