



# Irish Spirit

Starting at **C\$3,195\***

## Explore town and country

This leisurely Irish tour covers the spectacular scenery of the countryside and seaside, with plenty of stops in the Emerald Isle's vibrant towns to stop and explore.

## Trip details

Tour start  
**Dublin**

**8** ☀  
Days



Tour end  
**Dublin**

**7** 🌙  
Nights

**12** 🍴  
Meals

\* Prices listed are in Canadian dollars, and are per-person, double-occupancy. If you would prefer a single room, there is a single-room supplement of C\$560



## Trip Highlights:

- Glendalough
- Cliffs of Moher
- Blarney Castle
- Ring of Kerry Highlights
- Johnstown Castle
- EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum
- Sheepdog Demonstration
- Irish Night in Dublin

## Hotels:

- Ashling Hotel
- Whites of Wexford Hotel
- Killarney Towers Hotel
- Clayton Hotel Galway
- Grand Canal Hotel

# 2023 Irish Spirit- 8 Days/7 Nights

## Trip Itinerary

### Day 1 Dublin City Tour | EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum

Your tour departs at 2:00 PM from your hotel. Head out for a panoramic tour of Dublin with a local guide, seeing its grand Georgian buildings and squares, the River Liffey, and historic O'Connell Street. Visit EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, an award-winning, high-tech museum that chronicles the journeys made by Irish emigrants around the globe, and details the stories of the new lives made by the Irish abroad. Head back to your hotel for a welcome drink with your group, and then you'll be free to discover the city and dine at your leisure.

### Day 3 House of Waterford Crystal | Blarney Castle

Depart Wexford and head to Waterford, where you'll visit the House of Waterford Crystal, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner. Watch superb artisans create sparkling masterpieces on a factory tour. Next, visit Blarney Castle, where you can climb the steep, winding staircase to kiss the famous Blarney Stone for the legendary gift of the gab, or enjoy the tranquil gardens. Head to Killarney, where you'll dine with your group in your hotel tonight. (B, D)

### Day 5 Cliffs of Moher | Galway

Depart Killarney today and head north to the Cliffs of Moher. Visit the cliffs, taking in the glorious views from 700 feet above the churning Atlantic below. Arrive in the vibrant city of Galway, where you'll have dinner with your group this evening. (B,D)

### Day 7 Clonmacnoise | Irish Night

Drive to Shannon Bridge, where you'll board the Lir Cat Catamaran to travel up the river to arrive at Clonmacnoise, the spectacular ruins of a monastery founded in the sixth century. See the splendid ruins of the cathedral, nine churches, two round towers, and three high crosses as you approach the way the Vikings would have over a thousand years ago. Tour the area and imagine it all as it once was, as a flourishing center of learning that attracted students from all over Europe. Head to Dublin, where you will delight in a lively evening of traditional Irish music, song, and dance with dinner at the Abbey Tavern. (B, D)

### Day 2 Glendalough | Johnstown Castle

Set off for Glendalough, a valley in the beautiful Wicklow Mountains. Tour the picturesque ruins of the ancient monastery there; it thrived for centuries after being established by St Kevin in the sixth century. See several stone churches, large carved Celtic crosses, and an iconic round tower. Then, head to Wexford and visit Johnstown Castle, a romantic Gothic Revival castle in an idyllic setting. Tour the luxurious castle and its splendid gardens, both designed by one of the leading architects of the 19th century. Then head on to your hotel for dinner with your group. (B, D)

### Day 4 Jaunting Car Ride | Ring of Kerry Highlights | Kenmare

Take a jaunting car ride through the Killarney National Park to Ross Castle for views of Lough Leane and the Macgillicuddy's Reeks. Head out to see the highlights of the Ring of Kerry, Ireland's famed scenic drive. Stop in the beautiful Gap of Dunloe to visit our CIE Tours preferred shopping partner, Moriarty's. Stop for lunch in the charming town of Kenmare, before returning to Killarney where you will enjoy the rest of the day and evening at your leisure. (B, L)

### Day 6 Connemara | Kylemore Abbey | Sheepdog Demonstration

Take a scenic drive through the breathtakingly beautiful region of Connemara, with its mountains, lakes, and boglands. Visit Kylemore Abbey, a glorious Victorian castle built on the lakeside as a romantic gift. Next, immerse yourself in farm life as you visit a traditional farm and watch highly trained sheepdogs display their skills. Return to Galway for a free evening. (B)

### Day 8 Tour ends in Dublin

Your tour ends after breakfast. (B) B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner >



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