

Irish Gold

Starting at **$2,199***

Discover the heart of Ireland

Take your time on this Ireland tour, which explores the most acclaimed sights in the south and west.

Trip details

Tour start
Dublin

Tour end
Dublin

8 Days

7 Nights

13 Meals

* Prices listed are per-person, double-occupancy. If you would prefer a single room, there is a single-room supplement of $720



Trip Highlights:
- Trinity College & Book of Kells
- Sean's Bar in Athlone
- Kylemore Abbey & Walled Victorian Gardens
- Ring of Kerry
- House of Waterford Crystal
- Jaunting Car Ride
- Blarney Castle

Hotels:
- Royal Marine Hotel
- The Galmont Hotel & Spa
- Great Southern Killarney Hotel
- Granville Hotel
- Clayton Hotel Burlington Road

2020 Irish Gold Coach Tour - 8 Days/7 Nights

Trip Itinerary

Day 1 Dublin Tour | The Book of Kells

Tour begins 2:00 PM at your hotel in Dun Laoghaire, a charming suburb of Dublin just outside the city. Head out for an introductory Dublin tour including O'Connell Street, St. Stephen's Green, the seat of government at Leinster House, and other public buildings. Take a stroll through Trinity College's campus in the center of the city with a guide and view the priceless 9th-century Book of Kells, an illuminated manuscript of the four Gospels. Enjoy an independent evening at one of Dun Laoghaire's many restaurants or pubs.

Day 2 Sean's Bar | Galway City Tour

Head to the beautiful harbor city of Galway, stopping off for a welcome drink and a CIE Tours Exclusive experience at Sean's Bar in Athlone, the oldest bar in Europe; Sean's Bar has been serving customers since 900 AD. Take a guided walking tour through Galway center to view its iconic 18th-century Eyre Square and the surrounding stone-clad buildings and medieval winding lanes. Enjoy some free time to explore Galway on your own, then join your fellow travelers for dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 3 Connemara Catamaran Cruise | Kylemore Abbey

Explore scenic Connemara to admire how constantly-changing cloud formations give granite hills, sparkling lakes and peat bogs an added dimension. Take a short catamaran cruise of Killary Harbour, a 9-mile fjord (seasonal). Head to Kylemore Abbey to see elegant rooms and the charming church, set beside a tranquil lake. Visit the Victorian Walled Gardens and enjoy a casual lunch. Return to Galway where the evening is free to explore the city. (B, L)

Day 4 Sheepdog Demonstration | Cliffs of Moher | Traditional Irish Night

Travel south around Galway Bay and through the Burren, a region of rounded limestone hills that has a curious lunar-like appearance. Immerse yourself in farm life and watch trained sheepdogs obey their owner as they direct sheep through various obstacles. Visit the Cliffs of Moher, which rise almost 700 feet above the pounding Atlantic surf. Embark on a memorable ferry ride across the River Shannon Estuary and head to Killarney. The evening concludes with a traditional Irish night featuring a lively show with dinner. (B, D)

Day 5 Jaunting Car Ride | Ring of Kerry | Kenmare

Take a traditional horse-drawn jaunting car through Killarney National Park to scenic Ross Castle, set on the shores of Lough Leane. See the highlights of Ireland's most popular scenic drive, the Ring of Kerry, with plenty of stops for photo opportunities. Savor a light lunch and take a break in the colorful village of Kenmare. Return to Killarney for an evening on your own. (B, L)

Day 6 Blarney Castle | Traditional Music Session | Waterford Crystal

Drive through the mountains into rich farming country on the way to Blarney Castle. Kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence" or explore the tranquil gardens. Travel along the coast to the Marine Bar in Dungarvan for some traditional music. Continue to Waterford to witness the creation of crystal masterpieces during your visit to the House of Waterford Crystal. (B, D)

Day 7 Waterford Walk | Kilkenny | Smithwick's Experience | Farewell Dinner

In the morning join a local guide for a walking tour through the narrow streets of the old city to discover Waterford's long history and some of its colorful characters. Later, stop in Kilkenny for a look around the medieval city center and have lunch on your own. Partake in the Smithwick's Experience and enjoy a tasting paddle of their famous ales. Travel to Dublin and in the evening head to Cleaver East, a popular Dublin restaurant for a glass of wine and a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 8 Tour Ends in Dublin

Tour ends after breakfast. (B) B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner

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