

# Jewels of Ireland Starting at \$3,745\*

## Explore hidden gems on the Emerald Isle

Enjoy the splendor of every corner on this leisurely Ireland tour of the essential—and the unexpected.

### Trip details

Tour start <b>Dublin</b>		Tour end <b>Dublin</b>
<b>14 ☆</b>	<b>13</b> )	23 of
<sub>Days</sub>	Nights	Meals

\* Prices listed are in US dollars, and are per-person, double-occupancy. If you would prefer a single room, there is a single-room supplement of \$890



#### **Trip Highlights:**

- Blasket Centre
- Kylemore AbbeyBrú na Bóinne
- Giant's Causeway
- Belleek Pottery
- Cliffs of Moher
- Titanic Belfast

#### Hotels:

- The Gibson Hotel
- Actons Hotel
- Dingle Skellig HotelTreacys Oakwood Hotel
- Galway Bay Hotel
- Mill Park Hotel
- Jurys Inn Belfast
- Cabra Castle Hotel
- The Croke Park Hotel

## 2021 Jewels of Ireland - 14 Days/13 Nights

## **Trip Itinerary**

#### Day 1 Dublin Panoramic Tour | Dublin Castle

Your tour begins at 2:00 PM at your Dublin hotel. Experience a panoramic tour of the city, then visit Dublin Castle for a guided tour. Learn how the castle was the seat of power in Ireland for many centuries, and see the State Apartments, used today for official ceremonies and Presidential inaugurations. Enjoy a Welcome drink with your group before enjoying an evening free to dine as you wish.

#### Day 3 Blarney Castle | Kinsale Walking Tour

Travel to Blarney Castle; climb the winding staircase to kiss its famous stone or enjoy the gardens. On to Kinsale, a picturesque old fishing town now known for art galleries and gourmet food. Join a local Guide for a fascinating walk around its historic streets, once besieged by the Spanish Armada, before dinner in your hotel (B, D)

#### Day 5 Slea Head Loop | Blasket Centre | Murphy's Ice Cream

Set out on the Slea Head Loop, one of Ireland's most beautiful drives, through scenic ocean and mountain vistas. Visit the Blasket Centre in Dunquin to learn about the Blasket Islands, visible off the coast. Abandoned in 1954, they were once a lively outpost of traditional culture and language. Return to Dingle and visit Murphy's Ice Cream; taste their distinctive flavors like Orange Marmalade, Brown Bread or Dingle Gin. The rest of the day is free to wander and dine as you wish in this quaint harbor village. (B)

#### Day 7 Sheepdog Demonstration | Galway

Travel through the rounded limestone hills of the Burren to Caherconnell and watch skilled dogs round up sheep. Stop in a charming Burren village to explore independently. Head to Galway for a guided walking tour around the central attractions - the narrow streets, the medieval city walls, and Lynch's Castle. Enjoy free time to explore before dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 9 Belleek Pottery | Donegal Castle

Travel north through County Mayo. Stop in County Fermanagh and visit Belleek Pottery to see craftspeople create their renowned fine china. Visit Donegal Castle, built by the O'Donnell chieftains in the 15th century and restored in the 1990s after falling into ruin for centuries.. Enjoy free time in Donegal town before dinner in your hotel this evening. (B, D)

#### Day 11 Derry Walking Tour | Giant's Causeway

Meet with a local guide for a walking tour to see Derry's medieval walls, the Diamond, and St. Columb's Cathedral. Explore the Giant's Causeway, enormous hexagonal columns formed over 60 million years ago. Travel along the scenic Nine Glens of Antrim before heading to Belfast. (B, D)

#### Day 2 Dublin Hop On Hop Off Bus Tour | Taylors Three Rock

Tour Dublin independently, on a Hop On Hop Off bus tour. Plus choose a visit to one of Dublin's top attractions - Guinness Storehouse, Teeling Distillery, GPO Museum or EPIC the Irish Emigration Museum. Join your group in the evening for a dinner of Irish specialties and a lively show at Taylors Three Rock. (B, D)

#### Day 4 Killarney | Dingle

Savor your morning in Kinsale; stroll along the scenic harbor or relax at your hotel before heading west. Stop in the bustling and friendly town of Killarney, where you will have free time to explore. Next visit Moriartys in the Gap of Dunloe, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner. Continue on to Dingle, where you will dine in your hotel (B, D)

#### Day 6 Cliffs of Moher | Durty Nelly's

Visit the Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum, which recalls air travel in the 1930s and 1940s. Drive to the magnificent Cliffs of Moher, soaring 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. In the evening, dine at Durty Nelly's, one of Ireland's landmark pubs. Beloved by locals and visitors alike, it's been welcoming guests for 400 years. (B, D)

#### Day 8 Killary Catamaran Cruise | Kylemore Abbey

Drive through Connemara to Leenane for a catamaran cruise (seasonal only) of Killary Harbour, Ireland's only fjord. Travel on to see Kylemore Abbey, a beautiful castle in a lakeside setting. Enjoy an evening free to explore vibrant, artistic Galway. (B)

#### Day 10 Slieve League Cliffs | Triona Design Demonstration

Enjoy a coastal drive to view Slieve League, Europe's highest sea cliffs. Continue on to visit a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner, Triona Design in Ardara; see demonstrations of spinning, weaving, and knitting. Enjoy some free time to explore before returning to the hotel for dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 12 Titanic Belfast | Hillsborough Castle | Cabra Castle

Tour Belfast and see a city filled with grand Victorian buildings. Visit Titanic Belfast and discover the city's rich maritime history including the shipyards where the RMS Titanic was built in 1912. Visit Hillsborough Castle, the residence of the Secretary of State of Northern Ireland. Drive to Kingscourt to Cabra Castle Hotel, built in 1760, and enjoy free time there. After dinner, experience a lively step-dancing display. (B, D)

#### Day 13 Farewell Lunch | Brú Na Bóinne | Dublin

Spend some free time this morning exploring your hotel, the neo-Gothic Cabra Castle, and its 100 acres of parkland and gardens. Take in a farewell lunch at Cross Guns Gastropub before heading to Brú na Bóinne. Learn about the 5,000-year-old burial tombs of Newgrange and Knowth, and visit one of the tombs. Enjoy a free evening in Dublin. (B, L) Day 14 Tour Ends in Dublin

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



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