

# Southern Gems

Starting at **\$2,495**\*

### **Experience the charm of Kinsale and Dingle**

Visit many beloved highlights of Ireland: Dublin Castle, Blarney Castle, the Cliffs of Moher. Experience a medieval castle banquet. Stay in two of Ireland's most charming towns: Kinsale and Dingle.





#### **Trip Highlights:**

- Blarney Castle
   Cliffs of Moher
- Dublin Castle • Medeival Castle Banquet
- Taylors Three Rock Pub

#### **Hotels:**

- The Gibson Hotel
- Kinsale Hotel & Spa
- Dingle Skellig Hotel
  Treacys Oakwood Hotel

# 2025 Southern Gems - 7 Days/6 Nights

# **Trip Itinerary**

#### Day 1 Dublin City Tour & Dublin Castle

Depart from your hotel at 2:00 PM for a panoramic tour of the city and visit to Dublin Castle. Learn about the pivotal role of the Castle in Irish history since it began as a medieval fortress, and see the lavish State Apartments – once the residence of English viceroys, and today the site of 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. Go to Kinsale, a picturesque old fishing town 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 at your hotel. (B, D)

# Day 5 Slea Head Loop, Blasket Centre, Murphy's Ice Cream & Dingle

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 Irish Orange Marmalade, Brown Bread, and Dingle Gin. Take the rest of the day to wander and dine as you wish in this quaint seaside town. (B)

#### Day 7 Tour Ends in Shannon

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

## Day 2 Dublin Hop-On, Hop-Off Bus Tour & Taylors Three Rock Pub

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

#### Day 4 Killarney & Dingle

Head west to the bustling, friendly town of Killarney, where you will have free time to explore. Next, visit Moriarty's in the Gap of Dunloe, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner. Continue on to Dingle, where you will dine at your hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 6 Cliffs of Moher & Medieval Castle Banquet

Visit the Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum, which recalls how a small village became one of the world's greatest hubs for air travel in the 1930s and 1940s. Drive to the magnificent Cliffs of Moher, soaring 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. In the evening, visit a castle for a medieval-style banquet with traditional songs and stories. (B, D)



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