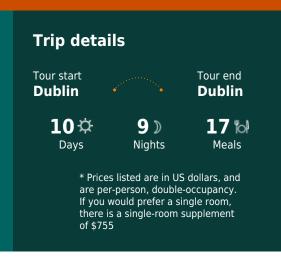


# Irish Legends

Starting at **\$2,435**\*

## A mythic journey through the Emerald Isle

Delve into Ireland and its past on this tour, which mixes in plenty of hidden gems and off-the-beaten-path sights among the tried-and-true favorites.





#### Trip Highlights:

- Cliffs of Moher
- Aran Islands Excursion
- Cobh Heritage Centre
- Clonmacnoise Monastic Site
- Sean's Bar in Athlone CIE Tours Exclusive
- Irish National Stud & Gardens
- Foley's Bar Dinner & Entertainment
- Dun Aengus Fort
- Dunbrody Famine Ship

#### **Hotels:**

- Dunboyne Castle Hotel
- Newpark Hotel
- Killarney Towers Hotel
- Salthill Hotel
- Radisson Blu Royal Hotel Dublin

### 2023 Irish Legends - 10 Days/9 Nights

### **Trip Itinerary**

#### Day 1 Dublin Arrival | Malahide Castle

Your tour departs at 2:00 PM from Dunboyne Castle Hotel. (We strongly recommend you arrange an airport transfer when you book your tour.) Head out to visit Malahide Castle, first built in 1185 and filled with medieval artifacts. Enjoy a welcome drink with your group before dinner in your hotel. (D)

#### Day 3 House of Waterford Crystal | Dunbrody Famine Ship

Visit the House of Waterford Crystal, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner; see skilled artisans create crystal masterpieces on a factory tour. Then join a local guide for a walking tour of Waterford; discover the history of this port city, the oldest in Ireland, and its many colorful characters. Take time to explore independently. Head to New Ross to visit the Dunbrody Famine Ship, a replica of a vessel that in the 1840s brought desperate emigrants fleeing famine to new lives in North America. (B, D)

#### Day 5 Dingle Peninsula | South Pole Inn

Visit Moriarty's, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner, in the beautiful Gap of Dunloe. Then go to discover the glorious Dingle Peninsula as you drive along the south shore to admire views of heathery mountains, sandy stretches of beach, and rocky headlands. Stop at the South Pole Inn to learn about Tom Crean, an early Irish explorer who braved the South Pole. Browse around the town of Dingle and enjoy a drink, dinner and entertainment at Foley's Bar and Restaurant before returning to Killarney. (B, D)

#### Day 7 Aran Islands | Dun Aengus

Set out on a ferry across Galway Bay for Inishmore, the largest of the three Aran Islands. The hardy islanders still speak the Irish language and maintain traditional fishing and farming methods. Head to Dun Aengus, a huge pre-historic fortress perched on sheer cliffs above the Atlantic. Visit Kilronan, the island's main village, for a casual lunch, then take some time to explore before returning by ferry. (B, L)

#### Day 9 Independent Dublin Sightseeing

Spend a day in Dublin independently on the Hop-On, Hop-Off bus tour and a visit to your choice of one of Dublin's top attractions - the Guinness Storehouse, Teeling Distillery, EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, or GPO Museum. (B)

#### Day 2 National Stud | Kilkenny Walk

Visit the home of equine royalty: the Irish National Stud in Kildare, the heart of Irish horse racing. Some of the world's finest thoroughbreds live in these beautiful surroundings. Walk through the gardens before heading to Kilkenny, where you'll enjoy lunch in the Kilkenny Design Centre. Take a walking tour with a local guide to see the gems along the Medieval Mile, a stretch of city streets from cathedral to castle, with buildings dating back as far as the 13th century. Dine independently and explore as you wish this evening. (B, L)

#### Day 4 Cobh Heritage Centre | Blarney Castle

Travel south to Cobh, the last port of call of the Titanic and where many places associated with the liner still exist. Visit the Cobh Heritage Centre, which traces the history of emigration over a number of centuries from Ireland to North America. Head to Blarney Castle to kiss the famous stone or stroll through the spacious parklands to view Blarney House before traveling to your hotel. (Please note: Tuesday departures will stay in Tralee instead of Killarney on Days 4 and 5) (B, D)

#### Day 6 Cliffs of Moher | Galway

Embark on a ferry ride across the River Shannon before driving to the Cliffs of Moher, soaring 700 feet above churning Atlantic swells. Walk along the top of the cliffs; on a clear day you can see great views of Galway Bay and the Aran Islands. Immerse yourself in life at a traditional farm and watch a farmer demonstrate how his trained dogs herd sheep. Enjoy tea and homemade scones at the farm. Head to Galway for a panoramic city tour. (B. D)

#### Day 8 Clonmacnoise | Sean's Bar

Visit Clonmacnoise, a monastic settlement founded in 545 AD and set on the banks of the River Shannon. Marvel at elaborate High Celtic crosses decorated with biblical scenes, and walk around the many church ruins and two round towers. Head to nearby Athlone and stop at Sean's Bar for an Irish coffee. This pub has a documented history going back to 900 AD - and is featured in the Guinness Book of Records as the oldest pub in Europe. During renovations in 1970, ancient walls and old coins dating back centuries were discovered. In the evening, head to Dublin's Abbey Tavern for an Irish dinner and lively show. (B, D)

#### Day 10 Tour Ends in Dublin

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

