

7 Day Irish Adventure

April 02, - April 10, 2023

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[Countryside Tours](#) is a West Michigan based tour company. Who pride themselves on providing area residents with memorable, enriching trips & tours throughout Michigan & across the country for over 38 years. Hassle-free trips that include deluxe highway motorcoach transportation, accommodations, attractions/excursions, majority of the meals, & time to explore on your own! Make memories traveling!

Are you ready to experience Ireland? Eric Ray, originally from Dublin, will be leading you through some great Irish adventures!! This is our 9th **consecutive year** of fun! We are very fortunate to have repeat tour guests and have crafted our tours to be different each time to keep everyone intrigued and excited about joining us on each adventure.

**USD \$2,875 (per person sharing)
+ USD \$125 (single supplement)**

Flying to Dublin Travelers/passengers will need to fly one day prior to the start date of this Tour.

Sunday, April 02/2023 - Fly to Dublin from your home airport. Fly overnight **Not included in the Tour price.**

Monday, April 03/2023 – Arrive into Dublin on overnight flight Stay in Dublin – **Hotel 1 nights stay TBD.**

NOTE: Please try to arrive after 9 am if possible. If earlier, you 'may' need to wait in the airport for the remaining tour guests to arrive. Dublin hotels will typically not let us check in until early afternoon. So try and sleep on the plane!

Tour the largest city park in Europe – Phoenix Park, Dublin City Tour, Jameson Whiskey distillery, Temple Bar Pub Hop option in the evening.

Tuesday April 04/2023 – **Stay 1 Night in Galway – The Jury's inn Hotel, Galway City.**

We leave the city behind and head West past the bog land's of WestMeath. We start to get to know your fellow travelers for a great trip through the highways and byways of Ireland. As we leave the city behind us on our way to the magnificent monastic site of Clonmacnoise, found it in the year 544 by Saint Ciarán.

On to Atlone for an exploration of Ireland's oldest pub believed to have opened in the year 900. After a quick bite to eat it's onto our final destination of Galway city.

The rest of the afternoon is Free time to explore at your leisure.

Wednesday April 05/2023 – Stay 3, Nights in Killarney – The Great Southern Hotel.

In preparation for what is, without doubt, the longest day in your trip. "This is of course if the weather is kind to us"

We start to travel down the west coast of Ireland in a southerly direction following the Wild Atlantic Way. The rewards for this can be some of the most spectacular views of the Irish coastline in Ireland. As we snake our way along the coastline passing through the Baron-less land known as the Burren, we eventually start our ascent towards the cliffs of Moher and its peak's add the Battle that wages between the cliffs and the Atlantic ocean.

After our visit still continuing in a southerly direction following the wild Atlantic way we eventually cross the river Shannon by means of a ferry and on to our final destination of Killarney for the evening. Where we will not have to worry about packing a bag for the next two days.

Thursday April 06/2023 – 2 of 3 Night's The Great Southern Hotel.

Today, we continue to head on our westerly journey eventually arriving into the town of Dingle. After a short stop we will continue our journey on to Slay head drive - 'One of the most picturesque parts of Co, Kerry.' We then arrive back in the town of Dingle afterwards returning to our hotel where the group can enjoy Killarney at their leisure for the evening.

Friday April 07/2023 – 3 of 3 Night's The Great Southern Hotel.

Our adventure today takes us onto the mini Ring of Kerry and its many highlights before heading back into Killarney for Ample personal free time to explore the town.

As an alternative if you would prefer a free day away from traveling on the motor coach, you can decide to have a day of leisure to explore the picturesque Town & parkland's of Killarney national Park at your leisure.

Saturday April 08/2023 – Stay in Cashel – Cashel Palace Hotel

In preparation for what is, without doubt, the longest day involved in your trip. We need to travel back in an easterly direction, towards the town of Blarney and the option of visiting Blarney Castle to kiss the famous stone. Some free time to stroll around and grab a bite to eat and some souvenir shopping and then on to our final destination of Cashel, and lastly visit where the last high Kings of munster were crowned, The rock of Cashel, after your visit returning to your luxurious accommodation located in the town.

Sunday April 09/2023 – Stay in Dublin – Hotel 1 nights stay TBD

Today, we leave the town of Cashel behind and head in a North east direction towards the town of Kilkenny. Our highlighted stop along the way is the Smithwick's Experience Kilkenny. And then weather and time permitting a possible quick visit of the rock of dunamase idyllically standing along the slieve bloom mountain range.

Then Dublin, bound to grab the last of the bargains before preparing for our final departure home the following day.

Ideally hoping to arrive early into Dublin where the group will have free time to roam around and visit any personal attractions they may have an interest in visiting or just strolling the city.

Monday April 10/2023 – (Departure flights from Dublin Airport)

Go Ireland Tours will depend on the Hotel airport shuttles service on the day of departure. Typically, returning flights to the United States depart Dublin airport before 12 noon. We strongly suggest from previous experience you allow a minimum of 4 hours for processing through Dublin airport security procedures and immigration. This will allow you time to shop duty free and reclaim any tax free shopping you may have participated in.

Go Ireland Tours **do not** provide a shuttle to Dublin Airport on the final day.

****Please note this is a suggested itinerary and could change due to weather or certain conditions Outside of our control****

What's Included?

- ♣ All hotel/bed-and breakfast (4 or 5 star) accommodations
- ♣ 7, Full Irish Breakfasts And 1, travel bag to go on the last day.
- ♣ Entrance Fees: Whiskey distillery, Clonmacnoise, Cliffs of Moher, Blarney Castle, Smithwick's Brewery Distillery, Cahir Castle, Rock of Dunamase,
- ♣ Transfers to and from the airport. Hotel airport shuttles service on the last day.
- ♣ Surprises throughout the week! We don't tell you everything! People who have traveled with us in the past have an advantage in knowing what this may include.

What's required of you?

PLEASE plan your own roundtrip flights! We have guests traveling in from multiple locations.

- ♣ Depart **Sunday, April 02/2023 : Fly overnight to Dublin.** Plan to arrive by 11 a.m.!! Tour will start shortly after arrival. Try to SLEEP on the plane!
- ♣ Go Ireland Tours will greet you at the airport until 11:00 AM On the left-hand side of the arrivals area.
- ♣ If you are deviating from this schedule and need extra nights accommodation, let us know. We are happy to help! Or, feel free to adventure on your own!
- ♣ **A willingness to have LOTS of fun!** We do not script our tours down to the hour. With a small group, we are able to deviate as needed. We want you to have fun and not feel like you are on a strict tour schedule.

About "Go Ireland Tours"

We are a company that started in 2013 based in Holland, Michigan. We wish to share Ireland with as many people as possible!! Eric has been conducting tours of Ireland for the past 25+ years!

Please feel free to call us with any questions you might have.

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We kindly ask for a \$200 deposit upon booking the trip and full payment 120 days or 4 months before the start of the trip.

(Checks work just fine and can be mailed to the address above)

Cancellations and Refunds: Cancellations must be made in writing to our office (e-mail is acceptable).

Cancellations received:

Cancellations made 60 days prior to the start of the tour will incur a \$200 non-recoverable Service charge.

Erin go bragh!!



Other Important Info:

- 1) Check your passport to make sure the expiration date is not close to our travel dates.
- 2) Getting Cash in Ireland
 - a. ATM Card – We typically use my ATM card in Ireland to withdraw EUROS. Check with your bank to understand ATM transaction fees + conversion fees + withdrawal fees! Compare this against exchanging dollars at your local bank ahead of time. If you use your ATM card there, you will also get the best exchange fee from your bank.

From my bank (Fifth Third)

International Point of Sale/ATM Transaction Fee: 3.00% of Transaction Amount; Currency

Conversion Fee: 0.20% of the Transaction Amount; International ATM Withdrawal: \$5.00;

Non-Fifth Third Cash Advance Debit Fee: Greater of \$5 or 3.00% of the transaction amount up to a maximum of \$10.

- b. [XE Currency Converter](#) – app for your phone (if using in Ireland) – converts euros to \$\$
(currently 1 euro = US \$1.03 as of 11/23/22) \$1.00 = 0.96 euros

3) Credit Card

Find a credit card that has ZERO INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTION FEES. I try to use my credit card on any purchases. You can also associate your credit card with a tax free shopping card called Horizon (<https://www.shoptaxfree.com/cms/the-horizon-card/>).

You will get the most recent market exchange rate/conversion. ALWAYS PAY IN EUROS when asked.

4) Travel Insurance

Allianz offers the best options:

<https://www.allianztravelinsurance.com>

5) Using your smartphone in Ireland

Check with your provider on PHONE AND DATA charges. We use Verizon and pay \$10/day for phone + data. Wifi is readily available throughout Ireland.

6) Electrical Converters – you will need one specifically for UK/Ireland

Do not expect PLUGS IN BATHROOMS! Hotels will have hairdryers.

Most rooms will not have alarm clocks! Use your phone or bring a clock!

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Time is running out.