



Ireland

For an unforgettable travel experience join DARLING TRAVEL on a

TOUR OF IRELAND

April 22 - May 4, 2009

Land Only (Air fare is available, call for pricing)

\$2,900 per person sharing twin room **\$950.00 single room supplement**

Travel Protection Insurance is available and strongly recommended – call for price

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Transport by luxury motorcoach with a driver/guide (one man) for 12 days.
- Hotel accommodation based on twin bedded rooms with private bath as listed opposite for 11 nights.
- Full breakfasts (11).
- Table d'hôte dinners (8).
- Dinner and evening entertainment at the Abbey Tavern
- Medieval banquet at an Irish castle
- Guided walking tours of Waterford and Derry
- Guided tours of Dublin and Belfast
- Visits and admission fees to: Gallarus Oratory, Blarney Castle & Woollen Mills, Cobh Heritage Center, Waterford Crystal Factory, Glendalough, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Guinness Storehouse, Downpatrick Cathedral, St. Patrick Centre, Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge, Giant's Causeway, Donegal Castle, Belleek China Factory, Knock Shrine, Kylemore Abbey, Cliffs of Moher
- Hotel portorage, service charges and government taxes.
- Flight bags, ticket wallets, baggage tags and identifying strap.

YOUR HOTELS

Stay at the following (or similar):

Killarney Plaza Hotel – Killarney (2 nights)

Granville Hotel – Waterford (1 night)

Mont Clare Hotel – Dublin (2 nights)

Ballygally Castle Hotel – Ballygally (1 night)

Tower Hotel – Derry (2 nights)

Glenlo Abbey Hotel – Galway (2 nights)

Dromoland Castle Hotel – Shannon (1 night)

For more information and for reservations, complete the form on the reverse side and mail with your deposit of \$500 per person to:

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*The deposit of \$500 per person is due with this registration to hold your reservation.
Balance is due by December 15, 2008*

Tour Itinerary

Wednesday, April 22 – UNITED STATES TO SHANNON

Depart your hometown and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you travel to start your vacation.

Thursday, April 23 – SHANNON ARRIVAL & KILLARNEY

Arrive at Shannon Airport and your CIE Tours driver/guide will welcome you to Ireland. Drive into Limerick for a panoramic tour of the city. Continue south to Adare, which is famous for its main street of thatched houses. Journey into the mountainous country of Kerry and into Killarney, settled beside three lakes in the shadow of Ireland's highest mountains. Upon arrival check into your hotel and enjoy the afternoon at leisure before dinner. **Dinner & Overnight: Killarney Plaza Hotel, Killarney**

Friday, April 24 – DINGLE PENINSULA TOUR

Depart Killarney and out along the Dingle Peninsula. Journey along the scenic road which winds along portions of the shoreline and through hilly country. Stop in the town of Dingle before driving to the very tip of the peninsula to see the primitive stone "beehive" huts of the early monks and the Gallarus Oratory. Return along the peninsula to the town of Tralee. Then travel south back to Killarney and enjoy some time to relax and freshen up before dinner.

Dinner & Overnight: Killarney Plaza Hotel, Killarney

Saturday, April 25 – BLARNEY CASTLE & COBH HERITAGE CENTRE

Leaving Killarney drive into the rich farming country of Cork. At Blarney, stop to climb to the battlements of Blarney Castle to kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence." Also visit the Blarney Woollen Mills, which has an excellent range of Irish products of all types. Then drive to Cobh, the harbor town for large ships. Visit the Cobh Heritage Centre, which depicts the varied history of emigration from Ireland and many European countries to the United States over the past 150 years. Then motor along the south coast of Ireland to Waterford. Check into your hotel and relax before dinner. This evening take a short walking tour through the older sections of Waterford with a local guide.

Dinner & Overnight: Granville Hotel, Waterford

Sunday, April 26 – WATERFORD CRYSTAL FACTORY & GLENDALOUGH

Visit the Waterford Crystal Factory today to see how skilled craftspeople create masterpieces of glass. From Waterford travel through Avoca and its picturesque Vale of Avoca to Glendalough. Visit the 6th century monastic settlement with the ruins of seven churches and a round tower in a lakeside setting in a deep valley. Then drive across the Wicklow Mountains and through the suburbs into the center of Dublin. Upon arrival check into your hotel and enjoy some time to relax and settle in before joining your group for dinner. This evening head to the Abbey Tavern for dinner and a traditional ballad session. Built on the site of an old abbey, this pub has been in business for over 200 years.

Overnight: Mont Clare Hotel, Dublin

Monday, April 27 – DUBLIN – CAPITAL CITY

This morning enjoy a city sightseeing tour of Dublin, an elegant and artistic city with spacious Georgian squares. Stop to tour St. Patrick's Cathedral, which is almost as old as the city itself. Next visit the Guinness Storehouse to see exhibits on how this world famous stout was first created and why it is so popular today. The afternoon and evening are free for independent activities, sightseeing, shopping, dining, pubs & more.

Overnight: Mont Clare Hotel, Dublin

Tuesday, April 28 – DOWNPATRICK & BELFAST TOUR

Leaving Dublin travel north through Drogheda, Dundalk and Newry and past the scenic Mourne Mountains. In Downpatrick stop to visit Down Cathedral to see the reputed grave site of Saint Patrick. Then visit the Saint Patrick Centre which tells about his life and work and the founding of many monasteries. Drive north into Belfast and embark on a sightseeing tour around the city, including the University area. Then continue your drive to Ballygally and check into your hotel for dinner and overnight stay. **Dinner & Overnight: Ballygally Castle Hotel, Ballygally**

Wednesday, April 29 –

CARRICK-A-REDE BRIDGE, GIANT'S CAUSEWAY & DERRY

Depart Ballygally and drive north to experience one of Ireland's popular scenic routes along the coast road. Here you'll see the "Nine Glens of Antrim" which offer wonderful views of mountains, valleys and coastline. Stop en route to visit the Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge which spans a chasm of some eighty feet deep. Continue on to visit the Giant's Causeway, an impressive area of hexagonal columns formed over 60 million years ago. After your visit, continue along the coast to Derry and check into your hotel. In the evening join your fellow travelers for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Dinner & Overnight: Tower Hotel, Derry

Thursday, April 30 – DERRY WALKING TOUR & INISHOWEN PENINSULA

Enjoy a walking tour of central Derry to see the principal sights. In the afternoon drive to the Inishowen Peninsula and travel the 100-mile route which mainly follows the coastline and provides wonderful views. Stop in Buncrana, the peninsula's largest town which sits on Lough Swilly. Drive to the rugged promontory of Malin Head, Ireland's most northerly point. Then travel south along the eastern shore of Lough Foyle to return to Derry in time for dinner.

Dinner & Overnight: Tower Hotel, Derry

Friday, May 1 – DONEGAL CASTLE, BELLEEK CHINA FACTORY & GALWAY

Journey south passing the Blue Stack Mountains on the way to Donegal town. In the town center visit the ruins of Donegal Castle. Follow the Atlantic shoreline of Donegal Bay to Belleek where you'll visit the Belleek Pottery Factory. See how skilled craftspeople form and decorate clay to produce delicate porcelain masterpieces. After your visit, continue to the pilgrimage town of Knock. Here visit Knock Shrine, one of the world's leading shrines where the Virgin Mary appeared to 15 people on August 21, 1879. Continue south via Headford to Galway, a bustling city with unique Irish flavor. Upon arrival check into your hotel and enjoy some time to relax before dinner. This evening enjoy dinner in your hotel with your fellow travelers at Pullman's Restaurant aboard the Orient Express, which has been converted in a wonderful Restaurant Car.

Dinner & Overnight: Glenlo Abbey Hotel, Galway

Saturday, May 2 – CONNEMARA & KYLEMORE ABBEY

Today tour Connemara and admire the sweeping views of boglands and misty mountains. Stop to visit Kylemore Abbey, a 19th century neo-Gothic mansion overlooking Kylemore Lake. Return to Galway and enjoy some time at leisure before dinner. Tonight you will drive south around Galway Bay to Dunguaire Castle. This imposing castle makes a delightful and intimate setting for a medieval banquet followed by entertainment which focuses on Ireland's literary heritage.

Overnight: Glenlo Abbey Hotel, Galway

Sunday, May 3 – CLIFFS OF MOHER & DROMOLAND CASTLE

Drive around the shores of Galway Bay and through the Burren Country. Stop at the Cliffs of Moher, a wall of rock that plunges 700 feet to the churning Atlantic Ocean below. See part of the Burren Country, a region of limestone hills containing a wealth of rare flowers and prehistoric stone monuments on the way to Shannonside. Upon arrival check into Dromoland Castle Hotel, one of Ireland's finest castle hotels. Spend the balance of the day relaxing in this luxurious setting – use the leisure center, walk around the grounds or play a round of golf. In the evening join your fellow travelers for a superb farewell dinner in the castle's fine restaurant.

Dinner & Overnight: Dromoland Castle Hotel, Shannon

Monday, May 4 – RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

Sadly, today your Irish vacation has come to its final day. Transfer to Shannon Airport in good time to check in for your flight. You may do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores. Then clear U.S. Immigration before boarding your aircraft and flying across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States.

Name(s) of passenger(s) *Must match passport(s)* _____ Number of Passengers _____

_____ Type of Room: Twin Single

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

Email _____

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