



## IRELAND

# SHANNON PRINCESS - RIVER SHANNON (TOUR CODE: 11843)

### STARTS AND ENDS

in Dublin

### TRAVEL PERIODS

20 April 25- 21 Sep 25

### EXPERIENCE

Cruising

### TRAVEL STYLE

Cruise

Your barge cruising aboard Shannon Princess features a landscape of rolling green fields, ancient Celtic landmarks and an abundance of wildlife.

## Highlights

- Excellent walking and fishing opportunities
- Full day excursion to **Portumna Castle and Galway**
- Tour the legendary 6th century **Clonmacnoise Ruins**
- Traditional **Guinness and oyster** lunch
- Visit a traditional **Irish** hand-weaving workshop
- Visit the unusual **haunted Leap Castle**

During your cruise, there is a programme of fascinating excursions that will give you a true immersion into the heritage and traditions of this part of Ireland, such as a personal tour of a castle by its eccentric owner, a birds of prey display, visits to a whiskey distillery and hand-weaving workshop and, of course, the chance to sample a pint or two of the 'black stuff' – **Guinness**.

**Shannon Princess**, accommodating 10 guests in comfort, is the largest hotel barge to be cruising the **River Shannon** and its picturesque, intertwining lakes. Her thoughtfully-designed interior includes a comfortable saloon and dining area with panoramic windows. The five twin/double cabin suites, also with picture windows, are stylishly furnished and each is air-conditioned, centrally heated, and accompanied by a modern ensuite shower room.

The large rooftop sundeck is certainly the place to relax, perhaps on one of the comfortable loungers, to watch the countryside glide slowly by, or in the heated spa pool. There is also an inviting dining area with circular table to savour that gourmet meal on warmer days.



## INCLUSIONS

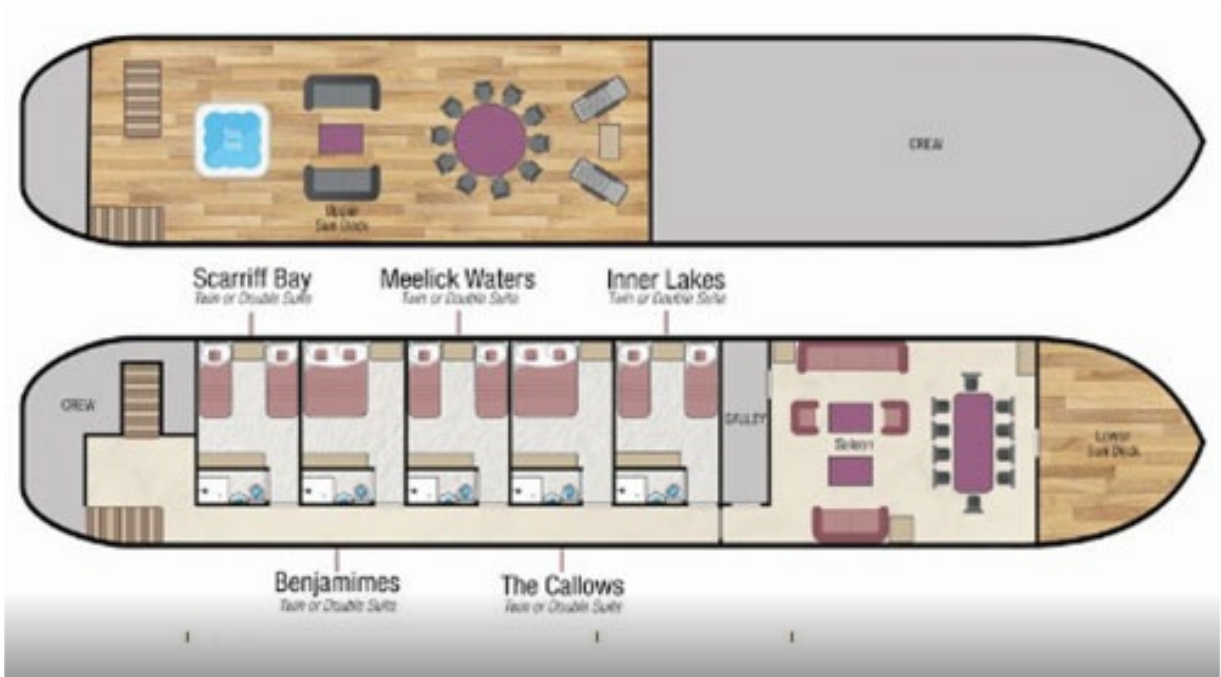
- 6 nights onboard at Hotel Barge Shannon Princess in a stateroom
- Crew of 5 (Captain, tour leader, chef and hostesses)
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily prepared by your chef
- Captains farewell dinner on your last night
- Excursions as per itinerary
- Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Transfers by an air-conditioned minivan
- Use of barge facilities

## ITINERARY

### Deck Hotel Barge Shannon Princess

**Deluxe | 10 Passengers | 5 Crew**

- 110 Feet Long
- 5 Twin/Double Staterooms (117sq ft incl. en suite)
- Centrally Heated / Air-Conditioned
- Spa Pool



Day 1 Dublin Glasson

Guests are met in Dublin and transferred by private chauffeured minibus to the Shannon Princess. Your Captain and crew will welcome you onboard with champagne, black velvet cocktails or perhaps an Irish coffee, before free time perhaps for a stroll or a visit to St. Flannan's Cathedral. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Shannon Princess** in a Stateroom.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Dinner



Day 2 Glasson Athlone

This morning, begin your cruise around the beautiful 'inner lakes' (islands) of **Lough Ree**, passing stately homes and lush

forested islands. You'll then continue north as you explore some of the 365 islands on the lake. You will then circle back to the River Shannon and onto your mooring in **Athlone Town**. After lunch you will visit the **Kilbeggan Whiskey Distillery**, dating from 1757 and the oldest licensed whiskey distillery in the world. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Shannon Princess** in a Stateroom.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **3**

### Athlone Shannonbridge

Today, negotiate Athlone Lock and head south through Europe's richest example of "Callow" landscape. You will moor at **Clonmacnoise ruins**, a famed 6th century university and an early monastic settlement. Following a tour, you will cruise on to our mooring at **Shannonbridge**. Then, after lunch you will visit **Leap Castle**, reputed to be Ireland's most haunted house. You will be given a **personal tour by the eccentric owner Sean Ryan**, whom with traditional Irish musicians, will relate to you the fascinating history of the castle and its part in founding the American Constitution. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Shannon Princess** in a Stateroom.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 4

## Shannonbridge Terryglass

This morning, cruise a very pretty stretch of the River Shannon through Meelick Lock, pausing as Portumna swing bridge is opened to allow us passage onto idyllic Lough Derg and then moor at **Terryglass Harbour**. This afternoon you will visit **Birr Castle**, still resided in by the Earl of Rosse and family, to see the magnificent gardens, the fascinating Science Centre and admire the historic Great Telescope. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Shannon Princess** in a Stateroom.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 5

## Terryglass Mountshannon

Today, your tour is firstly, to the walled gardens of **Portumna Castle**, then on to Galway, a lively University City and cultural centre for Irish-speaking regions in Western Ireland. Visit Galway's crystal, craft and linen shops and then lunch at a

traditional **Guinness & oyster pub**. Return to Shannon Princess and set sail across beautiful Lough Derg, passing Forrest Park and ancient mountains as you enjoy your dinner and sunset cruise to **Mountshannon** – a lovely lakeside village perched above the Lough. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Shannon Princess** in a Stateroom.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **6**

## Mountshannon Killaloe

Today you will set sail across south Lough Derg, re-joining the River Shannon to moor at **Killaloe**, once home to the court of the greatest High King of Ireland, Brian Boru. After exploring this elegant little town, you will have lunch on board, then set off to **Adare Manor**, a magnificent estate located on the banks of the River Maigue. Here, in the setting of the Walled Garden, you will gain a real insight into the history and tradition of falconry and have the opportunity to 'get up close and personal' with birds of prey such as owls, falcons and eagles – a magical experience. You will end the afternoon by visiting a **traditional Irish hand-weaving workshop**. 'Sláinte' cocktail reception and **Captain's Farewell Dinner** on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Shannon Princess** in a Stateroom.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **7**

## Killaloe Dublin

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private chauffeured minibus to Dublin.

Breakfast

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## Departure Dates and Pricing:

2025 Cruise Rates		
Rates are for 6 nights either: per person based on double occupancy per cabin or on a whole barge charter basis. Prices below are in Euros.		
Accommodation	Value	Regular
Suite	€4,850	€5,650
Single Supplement	€1,750	€1,900
Charter (Whole Barge)		
Charter 6 passengers	€41,200	€46,400
Charter 8 passengers	€43,600	€49,200
Charter 10 passengers	€46,200	€52,000
Departure Dates (Sunday)	Rates	Cruise Region
Apr 20 & 27	Value	Ireland - The River Shannon
May 4, 11, 18, 25; Jun 1, 8, 15, 22; Jul 6, 13, 20, 27; Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Sep 7, 14, 21	Regular	Ireland - The River Shannon

- This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change. On alternate weeks, the cruise will be in the reverse direction.
- This barge is available for charter bookings and theme cruises. Contact us for more details.

### Pick-up Point

- Cabin bookings - Dublin

### Drop-off Point

- Cabin bookings - Dublin

### Booking / Payment Process

- On our website the Barge Cruise prices are show in Euros
- All payments will be made to us in Australian Dollars
- The current exchange rate will be used at the time of deposit and balance
- Our invoice will make this clear and our team is here to assist you

### Supplier Booking Conditions Apply

Due to the boutique nature and limited capacity of this travel experience, under our Bookings Conditions this package classifies as “Booking Type 2 – Travel Experience where we act as agent only”. Your contract for the delivery of travel arrangements will be with the principal supplier and will be subject to their Booking Conditions. We will advise you prior to confirming your booking the full details and Booking Conditions of the principal supplier. Our responsibility to you where we sell travel arrangements as agent for the supplier is specified in the ‘Responsibility’ section of our Booking Conditions.

### Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package