



## IRELAND AND NORTHERN IRELAND

# THE GREEN GLORY OF THE EMERALD ISLE (TOUR CODE: 14574)

### STARTS AND ENDS

Shannon to  
Belfast

### TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Mar 25 - 31 Dec 25

### EXPERIENCE

Luxury  
Walk & Hike  
Cultural

### TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Unveil the magic of Ireland on this exclusive 8-night journey, where luxury blends with breathtaking landscapes and rich history. Stay in iconic 5-star accommodations, explore vibrant cities through private tours, and enjoy scenic drives through some of the country's most stunning landscapes.

## Highlights

- **VIP services and exclusive experiences** offer guests authentic connections to local culture, from meetings with archaeologists to tea with market sellers, creating unforgettable moments with the people and traditions of the destination
- Discover the highlights of **Dublin on a private tour**
- Journey to the towering **Cliffs of Moher**
- Discover the **Ring of Kerry**
- Take a scenic drive south through the **Dingle Peninsula**
- Venture through **The Burren**, the largest karst landscape
- Explore **the highlights of Belfast**

Embark on an unforgettable 8-night journey through Ireland's stunning landscapes, rich history, and vibrant culture, with luxurious stays at world-class accommodations. Begin your adventure at Dromoland Castle Estate in Newmarket-on-Fergus, a majestic 5-star retreat that sets the tone for your exploration. Enjoy two nights at The Europe Hotel & Resort in Killarney, surrounded by breathtaking views of lakes and mountains.

In Dublin, stay at the elegant The Merrion Hotel and Dublin's most iconic landmarks on a private guided tour. Then venture to the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most awe-inspiring natural wonders. Discover The Burren, a unique karst landscape that tells the story of Ireland's ancient past. Take a scenic drive through the Dingle Peninsula, where dramatic coastal views await, and experience the unforgettable Ring of Kerry, a route

known for its natural beauty.

Finish your journey at the charming The Merchant Hotel in Belfast. Finally, delve into the history and culture of Belfast, a city that has undergone an inspiring transformation. This comprehensive journey combines Ireland's scenic wonders, rich heritage, and modern elegance, offering a truly immersive experience of the Emerald Isle.

## INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights at the Dromoland Castle Estate in a deluxe king -5\*
- 2 nights at the Europe Hotel & Resort in a superior lake view king - 5\*
- 2 nights in Dublin at the Merrion Hotel in a deluxe double - 5\*
- 2 nights in Belfast at the Merchant Hotel in a deluxe double - 5\*
- Daily Buffet Breakfast
- Private transfers as per itinerary
- Private sightseeing in Dublin with an expert local English-speaking/Blue Badge guide
- Private sightseeing in Killarney with an expert local English-speaking/Blue Badge guide
- Private tours by Mercedes E-class or similar as per itinerary
- Entrance fees to all sights and museums
- Complimentary bottled water is provided in all vehicles throughout your tour
- Welcome pack

## ITINERARY

Day

1

### Shannon Airport Newmarket-on-Fergus

On arrival at Shannon airport, your English-speaking driver is waiting to meet you.

You will be escorted to your private vehicle and transferred to your hotel, where you will be assisted with check-in and go through your program for your stay in Ireland.

The remainder of your day is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Newmarket-on-Fergus at **Dromoland Castle Estate** in a deluxe king.



Day **2**

## Newmarket-on-Fergus Cliffs of Moher Newmarket-on-Fergus

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a journey to the towering **Cliffs of Moher**, at over 600 feet tall, these sandstone cliffs are exposed to the fiercest of Atlantic storms, and large colonies of birds can be spotted here.

Venture through The **Burren**, the largest karst landscape in Europe, offering a dramatic drive with a lunar-like backdrop and unusual rock formations. Time permitting, you may wish to stop in **Galway**, a lively and picturesque city with an avant-garde culture. (8 hours, driver-guide)

Overnight stay in Newmarket-on-Fergus at **Dromoland Castle Estate** in a deluxe king.

Breakfast



CLIFFS OF MOHER, CO CLARE | COPYRIGHT ©CHAOSHENG ZHANG

Day **3**

## Newmarket-on-Fergus Dingle Peninsula Killarney

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

Take a scenic drive through the **Dingle Peninsula to Dingle Town**, a historic fishing village.

Explore the culture and heritage of this enchanting Gaelic-speaking region at the **Blasket Islands Heritage Centre**. Continue past **Mount Brandon**, the second highest peak in Ireland, before arriving at your accommodation in Killarney, which overlooks the lakes. (Duration: 8 hours, with a driver-guide).

Overnight stay in Killarney at the **Europe Hotel & Resort** in a superior lake view king.

Breakfast



BEEHIVE HUT, DINGLE PENINSULA COPYRIGHT ©FÁILTE IRELAND

Day 4

## Killarney Ring of Kerry Killarney

Explore the **Ring of Kerry today**, one of the best-loved coastal drives in Europe.

The road follows the shoreline of the *Iveragh Peninsula*, passing some of the most beautiful mountain and moorland scenery in the whole of Ireland. To the south of Portmagee runs the Ring of Skellig, a quiet, scenic, though often steep, route around the most westerly point of the Iveragh Peninsula, via wild and exposed St Finian's Bay. This is the unlikely home of the small but high-quality, family run **Skelligs Chocolate Factory** where you may wish to enjoy a sample or two and watch the chocolates being made in their 'open plan' production area.

Your tour will take in the charming town of **Kenmare**, famous for its lace making, before you travel through the beautiful Molls Gap and Ladies View that offers breath-taking scenery all the way to Killarney's National Park. Return to your hotel from here. (8 hours, driver-guide)

Overnight stay in Killarney at the **Europe Hotel & Resort** in a superior lake view king.

Breakfast



BRAY HEAD, VALENTIA ISLAND, IVERAGH PENINSULA, COPYRIGHT ©FÁILTE IRELAND

This morning you leave County Kerry and travel northeast to **Dublin**.

The journey starts off by taking you over the rugged Derrynasaggart Mountains with its stunning vistas. You then drive through **Cork City**, continuing to nearby **Blarney Castle** for a visit. In the parapet of this ruined tower house lies the Blarney Stone, said to bestow the 'gift of the gab' on all who kiss it. (Please note: the ascent to the castle is not recommended for anybody who has difficulty climbing stairs).

Travel on into County Tipperary, where you can visit the **Rock of Cashel**. The ruined cathedral and the round tower of the early archbishops of Munster perch dramatically on top of this outcrop, and you can learn about its history in the interpretative centre.

Finally, drive through the Leinster countryside to your hotel in Dublin. (Up to 10 hours, driver-guide)

Overnights stay in Dublin at the **Merrion Hotel** in a deluxe double.

Breakfast



Embark on a city adventure this morning accompanied by your expert guide and driver.

Your private tour of Dublin begins with the impressive **Trinity College**, Ireland's oldest university. Explore the Old Library, which houses 200,000 antiquarian texts and the oldest surviving harp in Ireland. Here you will see the world-famous **Book of Kells**, a fabulous example of early Irish manuscript illumination. Hand-crafted by monks, it contains the four gospels and has been resident at Trinity College since the 17th century. Continue to **St. Patrick's Cathedral**, the largest church in Ireland, where you have the opportunity to see a memorial to Jonathan Swift, the author of 'Gulliver's Travels', who became Dean of St. Patrick's in 1713. (4 hours, driver and guide)

Overnights stay in Dublin at the **Merrion Hotel** in a deluxe double.

*Please note: The Old Library and Book of Kells exhibition will remain open until the end of 2025, but due to a redevelopment project, only the first eight bays of books remain, which represents 10% of the complete collection.*

Breakfast



TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN CITY | COPYRIGHT © FÁILTE IRELAND

Day 7

## Dublin Belfast

This morning, head to **Northern Ireland** with your driver-guide.

En-route to Belfast, you may wish to stop at **Strangford Lough**, a spectacular sea lough studded with islands and boasting miles of hidden coves, sandy beaches, and rocky outcrops. With its picturesque villages, rare wildlife, and stunning views of the Mourne Mountains, the lough is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

This afternoon, enjoy a panoramic tour of the **Belfast** city centre with your local guide. While touring, you'll see City Hall, St Anne's Cathedral, and Queen's University. Your guide will take you to the Titanic Quarter, named after the most famous ship built in the city's dockyards.

Throughout the afternoon, your guide will outline the political and sectarian divides that have shaped the society of this city in recent decades. (Up to 8 hours, driver-guide, *4 hours local Belfast guide*)

Overnight stay in Belfast at the **Merchant Hotel** in a deluxe double.

Breakfast



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Day **8**

## Belfast

Enjoy a breakfast at the hotel and the remainder of the day is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Belfast at the **Merchant Hotel** in a deluxe double.

Breakfast



Day **9**

## Belfast Dublin Airport

After breakfast, you'll be transferred to Dublin Airport for your onwards destination.

Breakfast

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Please note that this product is not part of our Flexible booking policy as the supplier terms and conditions apply. Our Team will advise you of the exact booking conditions at the time of the booking.
- All services are subject to availability and prices may fluctuate between the time your proposal is prepared and when the trip is confirmed. When a final itinerary is set, we will provide you with the final price for the trip. We recommend you book on the early side to secure the best guides and hotel rooms, and to avoid disappointment.
- All **private tours** and experiences **can be adjusted based on the requirements and preferences of our clients.**
- All transfers are with English-speaking professional driver