



## Paddy Barry's Celtic Tour to Ireland May 13th to May 23rd 2018

\$2999 per person  
(sharing)  
single supplement \$499  
(limit 4 to coach)

### ITINERARY

#### Sunday, May 13th - UNITED STATES TO DUBLIN

Depart Washington Dulles on United Lingus flight 126 at 10:25pm for Dublin. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you travel to start your vacation.

#### Monday, May 14th - DUBLIN ARRIVAL

After landing at Dublin Airport @ 10:35am, complete customs and immigration formalities. Your Caddie Tours driver/guide will welcome you to Ireland and escort you and your luggage to the coach. Next, stop for breakfast at the Coachman's Inn with your group. As we depart for Dublin City you will see many historic sites, such as St. Patrick's Cathedral where writer Jonathan Swift gave his sermons, The G.P.O. on O'Connell Street scene of the 1916 Easter Uprising where the bullet holes still remain to this day. Drive through famous Phoenix Park where the Pope said Mass in late 70's before hotel check-in. Afternoon to relax and enjoy some free time. In the evening join your fellow travelers for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

**DINNER & OVERNIGHT: CAMDEN COURT HOTEL, DUBLIN (B,D)**

#### Tuesday, May 15th - DUBLIN HIGHLIGHTS & BRAZEN HEAD

After breakfast we'll give you a free day to explore Dublin by using your independent Hop-on Hop-off pass to visit the major attractions in Dublin such as Trinity College & the Book of Kells, Guinness Storehouse, Kilmainham Jail and Dublin Castle just to name a few. Enjoy the afternoon in Dublin before we end the day by attending an enchanting evening of Irish folklore and storytelling while enjoying a candlelit traditional Irish dinner in The Brazen Head.

**DINNER & OVERNIGHT: CAMDEN COURT HOTEL, DUBLIN (B,D)**



#### Wednesday, May 16th - NEWGRANGE HILL OF TARA & TULLAMORE DEW



After breakfast visit the Boyne Valley Visitors centre to learn about the 5,000 year old burial tombs at Newgrange and Knowth. Tour one of them to see how primitive people managed to align huge boulders precisely. Well, there's the Hill of Tara, the mythical capital of Ireland where the High Kings of Ireland held court thousands of years ago. There was a battle here during the United Irishmen's rebellion of 1798 and in 1843 'The Liberator,' Daniel O'Connell, spoke to a gathering said to be a million strong. Drive to the center of the country to visit the Tullamore DEW Distillery Experience, established in 1829. See how whiskey is distilled on modern equipment in the old buildings and enjoy a sample of the finished product.. Check into your hotel and join your fellow travelers for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

**OVERNIGHT: BRIDGE HOUSE HOTEL, TULLAMORE (B,D)**

#### Thursday, May 17th - ADARE VILLAGE & KILLARNEY

After breakfast we travel south through the midlands of Ireland onto Limerick with a stop in Adare for lunch at Aunt Lena's. Continue to Killarney via Castle island and arrive in Killarney late afternoon and check into your hotel and join your fellow travelers for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

**DINNER & OVERNIGHT: MALTON HOTEL, KILLARNEY (B,D)**

#### Friday, May 18th - RING OF KERRY

After breakfast we embark on Ireland's most popular scenic drive of 100 miles - The Ring of Kerry. This winding route reveals breathtaking sights of the Magillicuddy Reeks as well as coastal views of beaches and cliffs. As you travel along, there will be plenty of stops for photos of the best vantage points. Drive through the village of Cahirciveen and cross to Valentia Island by bridge and visit the Skelig Experience. Learn about the off-shore islands where early Christian monks lived in austere conditions and how they were used as one of the locations for "Star Wars" After a casual lunch pause for a stroll around Sneem, with its brightly-painted houses and again at Moll's Gap for panoramic views. Return to Killarney and join your fellow travelers for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

**OVERNIGHT: MALTON HOTEL, KILLARNEY (B,D)**



### **Saturday, May 19th - BANTRY HOUSE & CORK COASTLINE**

Travel across the Healy Pass on the Beara Peninsula to discover glorious coastal views and quaint villages of County Cork. Visit Bantry House, a charming privately-owned mansion dating to the 1760s. It is set in a glorious coastal location with magnificent Italian gardens and eclectic collection of antiques and artefacts. Next stop is Skibbereen. Skibbereen is rightly known as the capital of West Cork. It is the "hub" from which the many "sparkling jewels" of the area can be reached. Bantry sits at the head of one of Ireland's most beautiful bays with a harbor that reaches right into the town center. It is on through Clonakilty where castles dot the shores of the bay and The Catholic Church is a fine example of Gothic architecture. Drive north to visit Beal Na Bladh and learn about the life and work of

Michael Collins, Chairman of the Provisional Government, as you drive through Beal Na Bladh where he was ambushed and killed during the Irish Civil War in 1922. Arrive in Cork City late afternoon and check into your hotel. Attend 6pm vigil mass at St. Peter & Paul where Jim Leogue's great grandfather was baptized. Join your fellow travelers for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

**DINNER & OVERNIGHT: RIVER LEE HOTEL, CORK CITY (B,D)**

### **Sunday, May 20th - ROCK OF CASHEL HOLYCROSS ABBEY & KILKENNY**

After breakfast Drive north to HolyCross Abbey, We'll have the opportunity for a photo stop at the Rock of Cashel. Take a Guided tour (in English) of restored 12th Century former Cistercian Abbey. Walk in the footsteps of ancient monks; see up close the Relics of the True Cross of Christ that gave the Abbey and village its name, share a secret at the 'Whispering Arch' where your voice magically travels around the carved stone doorway, ring Ireland's oldest church bell, or simply relax in the tranquil surroundings of the Abbey as it stands proudly overlooking the majestic River Suir. Arrive in Kilkenny late afternoon and check into your hotel and join your fellow travelers for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

**DINNER & OVERNIGHT: HIBERNIAN HOTEL, KILKENNY (B,D)**

### **Monday, May 21st - HOUSE OF WATERFORD VEE VALLEY & MOUNT MELLERARY ABBEY**

After breakfast drive south to visit the House of Waterford Crystal to learn about glass blowing, cutting and see one-of-a-kind masterpieces. 'The Vee' refers to a V-shaped turn on the road leading to a gap in the Knockmealdown mountains. The Vee itself is on the Sugar Loaf, but the pass from Tipperary to Waterford runs between Knockaunabulloga and the Sugar Loaf. The Vee is predominantly famous because of the breathtaking panoramic views afforded to travellers and sightseers going through the pass. The journey rises to about 2,000 feet (610m) above sea level above Bay Lough, and as it does so it gives wonderful views of a portion of the 'Golden Vale' between the Knockmealdown and Galtee Mountain Ranges. On a clear day (or night) the Vee affords views along and across the valley to Clonmel, Cahir, Ardfinnan, Clogheen, Ballyporeen and even Cashel. You can also see the Galtee Mountains across the valley, the Comeragh Mountains along the valley and Slievenamon, behind Clonmel, quite clearly. This scenic mountain drive is also very popular with motor-cyclists and touring traffic (particularly vintage rallies) due to the very spectacular views it offers. The drive will take you past Bay Lough, The Bothán and onward to Lismore and Cappoquin in county Waterford. The drive also takes you to the famous Mount Melleray Abbey, on the left before you come to Cappoquin, turn off the main road at the Cats Bar. The Monastery is famous worldwide as one of the most spectacular you're likely to come across no matter where you travel. It is also set in very tranquil and spectacular surroundings. Return to Kilkenny and join your fellow travelers for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

**DINNER & OVERNIGHT: HIBERNIAN HOTEL, KILKENNY (B,D)**



### **Tuesday, May 22nd - LULLYMORE HERITAGE PARK**

Lullymore Heritage & Discovery Park in Kildare is the only venue in Ireland offering a comprehensive insight into the Irish Peatlands and the people who have lived around them for millennia. Imagine a rich green oasis rising gently from the Bog of Allen, Ireland's largest peatland. The Park, covering 60 breathtaking acres, explores Irish heritage, culture and the environment with interactive and moving exhibits. The Park's peatland area was until recently a barren industrial landscape - visitors are invited to witness the abundance of flora and wildlife now flourishing there since the removal of peat for fuel and energy ended. Our local guides will take the group on a refreshingly informative and entertaining tour which gives visitors a real flavor of local culture and heritage and

great memories to bring home. Discover why Lullymore offered safety to Monks and Rebels, the fascinating mystery of bog bodies and how this part of Ireland became central to an industrial revolution.

**DINNER & OVERNIGHT: BARBERSTOWN CASTLE, KILDARE**

### **Wednesday, May 23rd - RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES**

Transfer to Dublin Airport in plenty of time to check in United flight 127 departing at 12:25pm for Washington Dulles. You may do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores before boarding your aircraft and flying across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States.

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