



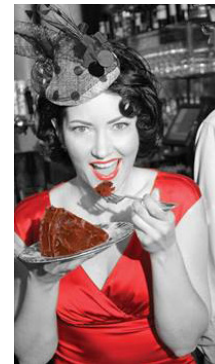
CHOCOLOVE Literary Tour of Ireland 2019

Do you love travel? Do you love literature?

Do you love chocolate? Then this tour is for you!

JUNE 8-17, 2019 \$2399

Stay in castles in Mayo, Sligo and Dublin with Tara O'Grady as your Guide. Hotels, private coach bus, meals and chocolate included. Attend BLOOMSDAY festival celebrating James Joyce's Ulysses. Visit W. B. Yeats' grave and the Isle of Innis free on his birthday. Tour a chocolate factory. (Tasting required!)



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Saturday, June 8th - UNITED STATES TO SHANNON

Depart USA for Shannon. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you start your vacation.

Sunday, June 9th - SHANNON ARRIVAL

After landing at Shannon Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities. Your Caddie Tours driver/guide, **Matt Nolan**, will welcome you to Ireland and escort you and your luggage to the coach. Next, stop for breakfast at the **Kathleen's** located in the **Bunratty Castle Hotel**. Continue our journey north and stop in Galway City to stretch the legs. Onwards to Cong and stay two nights at the **Lodge at Ashford Castle**. (Guests can take a pre-scheduled spa treatment to get over jetlag, go for a walk or take a nap and unwind. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: THE LODGE AT ASHFORD CASTLE (B,D)



Monday June 10th - LAKE CRUISE & CONG WALKING TOUR

After breakfast we begin boarding from **10:30 am at Ashford Castle Pier**, step on board for our history cruise and join local historian and boat captain **Patrick Luskin** as he takes you on a fascinating journey through time. During the cruise you'll experience some breath-taking scenery on Lough Corrib, with its 365 islands and surrounding Connemara Mountains. A visit to **The Old Steamers Quay** and views of **Lord Ardilaun's Obelisk** are highlights. Departs at **11am and returns 12:15pm**. Have lunch at the **Crowe's Nest** before we begin our walking tour (**2pm**) with **Gerry Collins** around this tranquil village and see some of the movie memorabilia in the Heritage Cottage. This was the setting for the famous movie "The Quiet Man" starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight at **Cullen's at the Cottage**.

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Tuesday June 11th - LISADELL HOUSE & MARKREE CASTLE

After breakfast we depart for **Sligo and Lissadell House**. Lissadell is famous as the childhood home of Constance Markievicz, her sister **Eva Gore-Booth** and her brother **Josslyn Gore-Booth**. Constance was one of the leaders of the 1916 Rising, and was the first woman to be elected to Dáil Eireann, where she served as Minister for Labour (thus becoming the first woman minister in a modern Western European democracy), and was also the first woman to be elected to the House of Commons at Westminster, London (where she declined to take her seat). Eva was a poet of distinction and an active suffragist, clashing with the young Winston Churchill over barmaids' rights in 1908. Josslyn created at Lissadell one of the premier horticultural estates in Europe. This horticultural enterprise has now been recreated at Lissadell. The great poet **W. B. Yeats** was friendly with the Gore Booth sisters and stayed at Lissadell in 1892 and 1893. Visit **The Yeats Gallery** Exhibition opened on 1st August 2010 by Canadian poet and songwriter Leonard Cohen. Continue onto to **Markree Castle** for our two night stay. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: MARKREE CASTLE (B,D)

Wednesday June 12th - LOUGH GILL CRUISE

After breakfast we take a boat cruise on beautiful **Lough Gill**. We'll sail around the Isle of Inishfree made famous by noted poet, **William Butler Yeats** where our Captain George will recite poetry by the famous poet. Teas/coffee and scones will be served on board. We'll view serene and tranquil waters against a backdrop of the sweeping **Benbulbin Mountain** and the gorgeous scenery of County Sligo. Have some free time and lunch in **Sligo Town** before returning to Markree Castle. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: MARKREE CASTLE (B,D)



Thursday June 13th - YEATS EXPERIENCE TOUR & BIRTHDAY OF W.B. YEATS

After breakfast we'll meet **Damien Brennan from The Yeats Experience** and he will bring us on a tour to include Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery, then an overview of Lough Gill, a visit to **Glencar Waterfall, Rosses Point and finish at Drumcliffe to see Yeats tombstone...**which is overlooked by Benbulbin. The tour will be from **9am to 1pm**. Continue onwards to Dublin City for our four night stay at Camden Court Hotel. Join your fellow travelers for dinner in the hotel tonight.
DINNER & OVERNIGHT: CAMDEN COURT HOTEL DUBLIN (B,D)



Friday June 14th -

BUTLER'S CHOCOLATE EXPERIENCE & VINTAGE TEA TOUR

After breakfast we drive out to the suburbs of North Dublin and visit **Butler's Chocolate factory tour at 10am**. Step inside the Butlers Chocolate Experience and discover for yourself the magic and wonder of where chocolate comes from and how, since 1932. The chocolate masters have used their skill and artistry to create their famous chocolate assortments, chocolate bars, fudge and toffee and hot chocolate for you to enjoy, every day. Their expert chocolate tour guides are with you every step of the way as you embark on the ultimate chocolate discovery tour, with plenty of complimentary chocolate tastings to savour throughout! Return to the city and take a step back in time with **Vintage Tea Tours** and experience Dublin in a unique way. Enjoy our renowned **Afternoon Tea**

(1:30pm) delicacies, good conversation and tap along to some fabulous 1950's jazz. This is Afternoon Tea with a difference. This is an experience. Afternoon tea is a much-cherished tea-related ritual from the early 1840's. It was a mini meal to fill the gap between lunch and dinner and was composed of scones with clotted cream and jam, delicately cut sandwiches, sweets and delicious cakes. Dine on your own tonight and explore the local restaurants and pubs in this lively city.

OVERNIGHT: CAMDEN COURT HOTEL DUBLIN (B)

Saturday June 15th - FREE DAY TO EXPLORE DUBLIN

In Dublin we say "Don't just sightsee, Explore!"... and there's no better way to explore Dublin city than on the famous green Hop on Hop off tour bus (included). We've been bringing visitors to all of Dublin city's top attractions since 1988 and we're masters at showing you the best Dublin city has to offer. Of course most visitors to Dublin city want to visit the big bus tour attractions like the **Guinness Storehouse, Trinity College and the Book of Kells, Kilmainham Gaol, The Wax Museum and Dublin Zoo**, but in Dublin we also like to show you the city's hidden gems like the **Little Museum of Dublin, EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, The Irish Rock and Roll Museum Experience, the Jeanie Johnston, Teeling Whiskey Distillery, Marsh's Library beside St. Patrick's Cathedral**, and many more. Visit the **Dublin Writers Museum**. They occupy an original 18th-century house, which accommodates the museum rooms, library, gallery, and administration area. The Museum was established to promote interest, through its collection, displays and activities, in Irish literature as a whole and in the lives and works of individual Irish writers. Through its association with the Irish Writers' Centre it provides a link with living writers and the international literary scene. On a national level it acts as a centre, simultaneously pulling together the strands of Irish literature and complementing the smaller, more detailed museums devoted to individuals like James Joyce, George Bernard Shaw, William Butler Yeats and Patrick Pearse. It functions as a place where people can come from Dublin, Ireland and abroad to experience the phenomenon of Irish writing both as history and as actuality. The basement beneath both houses is occupied by the **Chapter One Restaurant**. After touring Dublin on your own, the group will visit the Dublin Writers Museum at (add time?) Dinner reserved at **Chapter One** for our group. (that needs clarification) Good cooking starts with good produce, and when you have the richness of the Irish larder to choose from there's an opportunity to really soar. What you see on a plate in **Chapter One** is an expression of many artisans, many landscapes and much hardworking talent.

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



Sunday June 16th - BLOOMSDAY FESTIVAL

After breakfast head to **James Joyce Center** to meet our guide who will take us around Dublin on foot following footsteps of Ulysses' character Leopold Bloom. Ulysses is often called the greatest novel in the English language. It also has a reputation as being one of the most difficult novels to read. Notorious for having been banned for obscenity when it was first published in 1922, Ulysses tells the story of one day in Dublin, and the meeting of two men, Stephen Dedalus and Leopold Bloom. It is, all at once, a kind of an encyclopedia, the chronicle of an ordinary day, the epic of the human body, and perhaps the greatest foregrounding in literature of the process of thinking. This tour explains the history and legacy of Ulysses. The walk features music, sculptures, murals, famous landmarks and readings and the experience is entertaining and fascinating for Joyce fans and the culturally curious. Dine on your own tonight and explore the local restaurants and pubs in this lively city.

OVERNIGHT: CAMDEN COURT HOTEL DUBLIN

Monday, June 17th - RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

Transfer to Dublin Airport in plenty of time to check in for your flights to the US. The beauty of flying from Dublin Airport is that you will clear customs and immigration there. Lines are short in Dublin and then arrival in USA is very simple. There is no Duty Free on board the return flight however but there is ample shopping and duty free stores in the airport.

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