



**The Escapades & Shenanigans
Tour to Ireland
Hosted by James & Alexandra Cribbin
July 24th to August 3rd 2019
\$2399 per person sharing, land only
\$799 single (*airfare not included)**

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Wednesday July 24th - UNITED STATES TO DUBLIN

Depart Washington Dulles on **Aer Lingus 118** at **5:15pm** for Dublin. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you travel to start your vacation.

Thursday July 25th - DUBLIN ARRIVAL

After landing at Dublin Airport @ **5:30am**, complete customs and immigration formalities. Your Caddie Tours driver/guide will welcome you to Ireland and escort you and your luggage to the coach. We make our way to the **Camden Court Hotel** just off St. Stephen's Green where we'll have a full Irish breakfast upon arrival, hotel check-in and remainder of the day to wander and explore the city on foot. Everybody will receive The Dublin Pass - a sightseeing city card which allows visitors to experience everything Dublin has to offer whilst saving both time and money. The Dublin Pass includes free entry to over 30 top attractions, monuments and museums, as well as wide range of additional discounts and dining offers.

What's included?

- Free entry to over 30 of Dublin's most popular attractions, sights and landmarks
- Free Hop on Hop off Bus Tour to discover Dublin's top attractions and landmarks with a 24hr ticket
- Discounts and exclusive offers at 20 extra venues, only available to Dublin Pass holders
- Fast Track Entry at selected top Dublin attractions to skip the queues.

Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight in the hotel - recommend visiting some of the locals pubs nearby to hear pipe and fiddle music.

OVERNIGHT: CAMDEN COURT HOTEL DUBLIN CITY (B,D)



Friday July 26th - OPTIONAL TOUR WICKLOW AND KILKENNY

Discover the true beauty of Ireland on this wonderful day trip to the monastic site of **Glendalough** and oh-so colorful **Kilkenny**, the medieval capital of Ireland.



WICKLOW

Visit St. Kevin's monastic city at Glendalough famed for its round towers, and Celtic crosses which will provide you with a true insight into the workings of an early Christian monastery. Glendalough, known as the valley of 2 Lakes and surrounded by dense forests and romantic babbling brooks this is truly the picture-postcard vision of Ireland you have come to enjoy and explore.

KILKENNY

Once the capital of Ireland in the middle-ages, it is renowned for its magnificent **Norman Castle** dating back to 12th century. With its narrow street and colorful shops and buildings, Kilkenny is unique as a city and a mecca for those who choose to visit. You will have plenty of time to enjoy a pint of Kilkenny in Kilkenny (minimum stop 2hrs).

We can also offer an optional tour in the afternoon -

Vintage Tea Tours. Take a step back in time with Vintage Tea Tours and experience Dublin in a unique way. Enjoy our renowned Afternoon Tea delicacies, good conversation and tap along to some fabulous 1950's jazz. This is Afternoon Tea with a difference. This is an experience.

The Dublin Pass is still valid for today so feel free to explore Dublin.

There are several pubs and restaurants very convenient to the hotel and this is a night when you can go out and discover what the city has to offer.

OVERNIGHT: CAMDEN COURT HOTEL DUBLIN CITY (B)

Saturday, July 27th - LOCKE'S DISTILLERY & GALWAY

After breakfast drive to the center of the country to visit **Locke's Distillery** in Killbeggan. The Killbeggan Distillery is the oldest licenced distillery in Ireland. Dating back to 1757 a visit today lets you discover real artisanal Irish whiskey distilling at its finest. Start your tour in 1757 and discover how Irish whiskey was made in decades past. Discover the families that owned the distillery in the past and the importance the local community had on what you see today. Guided tour of Killbeggan Distillery with a Master class in tasting of three Irish whiskeys from the Killbeggan Distilling Company. Continuing on to Galway you will find the town arty and bohemian, brightly painted pubs heave with live music, while cafes offer front-row seats for observing street performers. Steeped in history, for sure, but the city buzzes with a contemporary and cultured vibe as students make up a quarter of the population. Galway is often referred to as the 'most Irish' of Ireland's cities, it's the only one where you're likely to hear Irish spoken in the streets, shops and pubs. Time this afternoon to go out of your city center hotel and walk the cobble stone streets. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight in the hotel - recommend visiting some of the locals pubs nearby to hear pipe and fiddle music.

OVERNIGHT : PARK HOUSE HOTEL GALWAY CITY (B,D)

Sunday July 28th - ARAN ISLANDS

Today we'll enjoy the Aran Islands, which consist of three islands located within Galway Bay, Inishmaan, Inisheer and the largest one that we will be visiting, Inismór. The boat will depart from **Rossaveel in Connemara** for a 45-minute ferry ride over to the port where we will be met and shown the idyllic sites and stone walls of this beautiful 12-mile island. We'll explore **Dún Aonghasa**, a 2000-year-old semi circular stone fort overlooking the Atlantic with daunting and dramatic sea views that stretch the length of the Island. It's one of Ireland's most visited attractions, located on the 300 foot south side of Inismór. Archaeologists, scholars and tourists come here from all over the world to study Dún Aonghasa, and it is likely to be given the official status of a world heritage site in the near future. It's no wonder that National Geographic has named Inismór one of the Worlds Top Island Destinations! Stop back to the village of Kilronan for lunch, some shopping and catch the afternoon ferry back to Galway. Enjoy some free time for dinner and discover some excellent restaurants and pubs within walking distance of the hotel.

OVERNIGHT: PARK HOUSE HOTEL GALWAY CITY (B)



Monday, July 29th - CLIFFS OF MOHER & DINGLE

After breakfast we may take a tour of Ireland's stony place - **The Burren**. You can find villages abandoned since famine times and green roads on which you can walk for miles without ever seeing a car. This is not the green Ireland of postcards. But there are wildflowers in spring, giving the 560-sq-km Burren brilliant, if ephemeral, color amid its ascetic beauty. Continuing on to the **Cliffs of Moher** are astonishing impressive and staggeringly beautiful. The entirely vertical cliffs rise to a height of 203m, their edge falling away abruptly into a ceaselessly churning Atlantic. A progression of vast heads, the dark limestone marches in a rigid formation that's gob-smacking, no matter how many times you look at it. As you leave the cliffs you'll travel through the little village of Liscannor and just across the bay, you'll see the beautiful seaside village and golfers' mecca, Lahinch. Continue to Killmer and cross the Shannon Estuary by ferry to Co. Kerry and onto **Dingle** for 2 nights. Join your fellow travelers for

dinner tonight at the **Coastguard Restaurant** with spectacular views of Dingle Bay.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: DINGLE SKELIG HOTEL, DINGLE (B,D)

Tuesday July 30th - DINGLE PENINSULA

After breakfast we explore the Dingle Peninsula. The journey begins with some of the most magnificent scenery in all of Ireland. The little town of Dingle is straight out of a story book. The fishing boats in the harbor and tiny brightly painted pubs portray a time that has continued to stand still. The population of 1500 people and only 52 pubs are ready to welcome you this afternoon. Worth the wait is the native seafood chowder served up at lunch time with freshly baked brown bread. We continue on to Sleah Head. Along the way, we will see bee hive style huts, originally inhabited by 12th century monks, which overlook the rugged **Blasket Islands**. The awe inspiring beauty of this particular area is unmatched. There is no other landscape in western Europe with the density and variety of archaeological monuments as found on the Dingle Peninsula. Return to Dingle in the afternoon with some free time to explore and enjoy all this harbor town has to offer. Evening is free to explore the many lively bars and restaurants.

OVERNIGHT: DINGLE SKELIG HOTEL, DINGLE (B)



Wednesday, July 31st - BLARNEY CASTLE & KINSALE

After breakfast we depart for **Blarney Castle**. If you need proof of the power of a good yarn, then join the queue to get into this 15th-century castle, one of Ireland's most popular tourist attractions. They're here, of course, to plant their lips on the Blarney Stone, which supposedly gives one the gift of gab. The Blarney Stone is perched at the top of a steep climb up claustrophobic spiral staircases. On the battlements, you bend backwards over a long, long drop (with safety grill and attendant to prevent tragedy) to kiss the stone; Time to visit, shop and have lunch at the famous woolen mills. This shop shouldn't disappoint, with a particularly wide range of cut crystal, porcelain presents and its trademark woolly things. Continue onto the **Kinsale** - gourmet capital of Ireland. Join your fellow travelers for dinner at **Max's Wine Bar** - 700 yards from the hotel.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: ACTON'S HOTEL, KINSALE (B,D)



Thursday, August 1st - CHARLES FORT

Kinsale is famous for its beautiful yachting, sea angling, gourmet restaurants and golf. **Charles Fort**, a popular attraction was constructed in the late 17th century on the site of an earlier coastal fortification. **Charles Fort** is a classic example of a star-shaped fort and has five bastions. The two seaward bastions, the Devil's and the Charles, were for defending the harbor and both are casemated - that is, they have gun embrasures inside as well as on top of the walls. Afternoon is free to explore the many lively bars and restaurants in this town known as the gourmet capital of Ireland.

OVERNIGHT: ACTON'S HOTEL, KINSALE (B)



Friday, August 2nd - ROCK OF CASHEL

After breakfast we'll depart for Dublin via the **Rock of Cashel**. With its well preserved ecclesiastical remains, it is one of Ireland's most spectacular landmarks, rising above the surrounding plain and dominating the land route southward. The large Cathedral, ancient round tower and the very early Romanesque Cormac's Chapel, perched on a dramatic outcrop of rock, were silent witnesses to many of the stirring events of Irish History; St. Patrick converted the local King Aenghus, here in the 5th century; Brian Boru was crowned King of Ireland on this spot in the early 11th Century. Onto to **Carton House** - The estate first came into the ownership of the FitzGerald family shortly after Maurice FitzGerald played an active role in the capture of Dublin by the Normans in 1170 and was rewarded by being appointed Lord of Maynooth, an area covering townlands which include the now luxurious Carton House Hotel Ireland. Located just twenty minutes from Dublin on 1,100 acres of private parkland estate, Carton House Resort is an all-encompassing playground, ideal for leisure, business and any special

occasion. With glass walkways, curving corridors, vibrant canvasses and fashionable upholstery that have been beautifully incorporated in to the design and layout of the bright interior - Carton House Resort retains the most important charm and elements of its original character. **Join your fellow travelers for farewell dinner tonight to celebrate James's birthday in the Gold Salon room.**

OVERNIGHT: CARTON HOUSE, MAYNOOTH (B,D)

Saturday, August 3rd - RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

Transfer to Dublin Airport in plenty of time to check in **Aer Lingus flight 119 departing at 12:30pm** for Washington. The beauty of flying from Dublin Airport is that you will clear customs and emigration 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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HOTELS

Camden Court Hotel Dublin

Camden Court Hotel is just a short walk from Dublin's St Stephen's Green. It features a leisure center with a pool and hot tub, sauna and steam room. .

The brightly decorated rooms at Camden Court Hotel have free Wi-Fi and TVs. They also include a ironing facilities, hairdryer and tea/coffee-making facilities.

The elegant Iveagh Restaurant serves modern cuisine, while the modern C Central bar has a relaxed atmosphere, light snacks and large flat-screen TVs showing news and sports.

Guests can relax in the sauna or enjoy a swim in the 50 feet swimming pool.

The hotel is on the Luas line, Dublin's tram system, providing excellent access to the city. Dublin Castle and the Temple Bar district are a 10-minute walk away.

Park House Hotel Galway

In central Galway, the Park House Hotel blends the warmth and personality of a boutique hotel with 4-star luxury. It offers an award-winning restaurant and air conditioned rooms with free Wi-Fi. Rooms are decorated in warm colors, natural wood furnishings and luxurious fabrics. They feature TVs with sports and movie channels, laptop safes and tea/coffee-making facilities.

The Park Restaurant offers delicious home-cooked food. It uses fine local produce and the menu is accompanied by an extensive wine list.

Guests can also relax in the award-winning Boss Doyle's Bar, which has hand-carved oak-paneled ceilings, stained glass windows and mood lighting.

Dingle Skellig Hotel

Just 650 feet from Dingle Bay, the Dingle Skellig Hotel and Peninsula Spa has 3 pools, a restaurant and gym. Spacious bedrooms have private bathrooms and satellite TV.

All rooms at the hotel are fitted with a seating area, a flat-screen TV with satellite channels and a private bathroom with a hair dryer and a bath. Guest rooms will provide guests with a desk and a kettle.

The Coastguard Restaurant has stunning views of Dingle Bay and specializes in local seafood. Blaskets Bar also serves meals. The Gallarus Lounge and the Cocktail Bar provide a range of beers, wines and coffees.

The Peninsula Spa offers beauty treatments and massages. The facilities include a sauna, steam room and sun shower. The village of Dingle is just 2 miles from the hotel and the bay is suitable for swimming, diving, sailing and fishing. Dingle Bay even has its own resident dolphin, called Fungi.

Acton's Hotel Kinsale

Actons Hotel is a period building filled set landscaped grounds overlooking the beautiful Kinsale Harbour. It offers rooms with private bathrooms, many with harbor views and a Health and Fitness Club with indoor pool, gym and sauna. Rooms at the hotel are individually designed and all feature satellite TV, free Wi-Fi and tea and coffee making facilities, as well as a telephone, safe and hairdryer. Guests at the Actons Hotel can enjoy a range of dishes in the waterfront Bar and Bistro, which serves lunch and dinner. Tea, coffee and home-baked scones are also available in the morning. The Acton's Health and Fitness Club has a steam room, hot tub and children's pool and offers a range of aerobics and fitness classes, as well as beauty and holistic treatments. Kinsale, with its winding narrow streets, has a range of interesting shopping, pubs, cafes and galleries. Nearby activities include golf, sailing and fishing.

Carton House Maynooth

Just 14 miles from Dublin city center and 30 minutes from Dublin Airport, Carton House is one of Ireland's most historic Palladian houses, offering 2 world-class, 18-hole championship golf courses and a luxury spa. Country Seat of the 1st Duke of Lenster and built in 1739, Carton House offers contemporary elegance and opulent modern luxury. With glass walkways, curving corridors, vibrant canvasses and fashionable upholstery that have been beautifully incorporated in to the design and layout of the bright interior - Carton House Resort retains the most important charm and elements of its original character.



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