



Visit Ireland with
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Lucky-Enough Irish tour
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SUNDAY, MAY 31st - SHANNON ARRIVAL & KINSALE

After landing at Shannon Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities. your **Caddie Tours driver/guide Eamonn Dempsey** will welcome you to Ireland and escort you and your luggage to the coach. Next, stop for breakfast at the **Inn at Dromoland** with the group. Continue onto **Gougane Barra Park**. Never has there been a prettier location for a church (Glendalough included) than **St. Finbarr**, patron saint of Cork's Oratory here on the lake. A deep U shaped valley carved out of the mountains of West Cork at the end of the last ice age, **Gougane Barra** is also where the Lee River rises. Up until the 1930's this area was covered with smallholdings, with farmers and shepherds following the pilgrim paths for 100s of years, down to the small church on the lake to get mass, do the stations or take a dip in the healing stream. We'll travel onto our hotel, **Acton's Hotel in Kinsale** for the next 2 nights. Enjoy the afternoon on your own visiting the many shops and cafés. Join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner tonight at the hotel.

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



Monday, JUNE 1st – CHARLES FORT AND OLD HEAD

After breakfast we'll visit one of Ireland's National Monuments, **Charles Fort**, a classic example of the late 17th century star-shaped fort that is one of the largest military installations in the country. Charles Fort has been associated with some of the most momentous events in Irish history including the Williamite War 1689-91 and the Civil War 1922-23. We'll travel a short distance to the **Old Head of Kinsale** one of Ireland's most spectacular coastal areas. This large promontory juts out into the Atlantic Ocean, rising hundreds of feet above the water with towering sea cliffs. Along this stretch of coastal bliss, you'll see the black and white striped Old Head Lighthouse, where just below, a German torpedo sank the Lusitania and the wreck still lies beneath the waves. We'll head back to Kinsale for you to have some free

time to ramble around the beautiful town. Kinsale is known as the gourmet capital of Ireland and tonight dinner is on your own to indulge in the unbelievable variety of restaurants within walking distance of the hotel. We'll arrange to meet up at a local pub for some music in town tonight!

OVERNIGHT: ACTON'S HOTEL, KINSALE (B)

Tuesday, JUNE 2nd – CLONAKILTY AND GARNISH ISLAND

After breakfast we depart the hotel and travel due west to Clonakilty where we'll visit the **Michael Collins Centre** and learn about one of Ireland's greatest patriots who was a leading figure in the early 20th century Irish struggle for independence. From there we'll travel to legendary **Bantry Bay** where we'll stop for lunch at **Glengarriff Arms Hotel** before boarding a ferry that takes us to Garnish Island. Garnish Island or Illnacullin is a small island consisting of 37 acres known to horticulturists and lovers of trees and shrubs all around the world as an Island garden of great beauty. Along the ferry ride through the sheltered harbour, we'll observe the local colony of seals and other marine life including ducks, swans, herons, swallows and the occasional dolphin or porpoise. It's a short drive to our next destination for another 2 night stay at the **Park Hotel** in Kenmare. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: PARK HOTEL KENMARE (B,D)



Wednesday, JUNE 3rd – THE BEARA PENINSULA

Today we travel to the **Beara Peninsula** one of Ireland's natural tranquil and unspoiled terrains. We'll start the circular drive with its intricate coast and sharp-featured mountains that create a dramatic scene at almost every turn. We'll cut across the peninsula at Lauragh to Adrigole taking the **Healy Pass**, built in 1847 during the famine years in order to help prevent starvation. Traveling along this spectacular drive, we'll be passing between two of the highest summits in the Caha mountain range rising to 1100 feet above sea level. We'll stop for lunch and some free time in **Castletownbere**, the bustling fishing town nestled at the heart of the beautiful peninsula and within Berehaven Harbour, the second largest natural harbour in the world. As Ireland's premier whitefish fishing port, you are guaranteed the freshest of fish in the many bars and restaurants in and around the town. We'll then make our way back to the Park Hotel. Kenmare is a market town so dinner tonight is on your own to indulge in the unbelievable variety of restaurants within walking distance of the hotel. We'll arrange to meet up at a local pub for some music in town tonight!



OVERNIGHT: PARK HOTEL KENMARE (B)

Thursday, JUNE 4th – KILLARNEY & DINGLE

After breakfast we will stop in Killarney at the **Killarney National Park**. Explore the park in a traditional Irish horse and carriage (“**jaunting car**”). Learn about Killarney's history and culture from your carriage driver. See **Muckross House**, a furnished 19th-century mansion set among mountains and woodland, with shop, cafe and working farms. Head down to Ross Castle, the 15th-century tower house and look for native red deer. You'll have free time to shop and have lunch (on your own). Stop at the **South Pole Inn**, home to famous Antarctic explorer Tom Crean. The inn is in Annascaul, Kerry near Inch Strand where they made the movie ‘Ryan's Daughter’ with actor Robert Mitchum. Continue on to Dingle for our 2 night stay at the **Dingle Skelig Hotel**. Join your fellow travelers for welcome dinner in your hotel tonight.

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



Friday, JUNE 5th – SLEA HEAD DRIVE & BLASKET ISLANDS CENTRE

After breakfast we take a day tour to 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. Our last stop on the day tour takes us to the **Dingle Distillery** for a tour and taste of Gin, Whiskey & Vodka. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight.

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

Saturday, JUNE 6th - LISTOWEL & LAHINCH

After a leisurely breakfast we will depart for Listowel via Killarney to visit John B Keane's - it's not just a pub, it's a play in itself. Here at the counter, after closing time, John B Keane wrote his many masterpieces. John B's is arguably Ireland's most famous pub and the literary tradition continues. John B's son Billy is a renowned writer and broadcaster. Billy runs the pub now and so the story has another chapter. Fun prevails here. There's plenty of talk and no pretension. You'd never know who would drop in. It could be a Nobel prize winner or a small farmer thirsty after tough days work in the meadow. You will have some free time to explore the town and grab so lunch before we cross the Shannon Estuary by ferry and on to Lahinch Coast Hotel for our last night where the Irish Open was played in July, 2019. The hotel enjoys a prominent location in the famous coastal town on the West coast of Clare. Join your fellow travelers for farewell dinner tonight followed by concert by Gabriel and Scott.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: LAHINCH COAST HOTEL (B,D)

Sunday, JUNE 7th - SAFE TRAVELS HOME

Sadly our adventures are over and we're very sorry to see you go!! Our coach driver will get you to Shannon Airport in plenty of time for you to check in for your flight and clear customs and emigration avoiding the long lines that you can meet you in America. There is ample duty free shopping available at the airport for any last minute gifts or mementos. Thank you for trusting us with your vacation and we certainly hope you had a great time.