



The Journey Home with Kathleen Maloney

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This carefully designed 10 day luxury tour of Ireland will take you to the most magical places in Ireland. Stay in welcoming 4 star hand-picked hotels. Explore some of Ireland's highlights including Connemara, the Cliffs of Moher, the Lakes of Killarney and the Wicklow Mountains. Experience the vibrant and exciting cities of Galway and Dublin.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22nd - SHANNON ARRIVAL & GALWAY CITY

After landing at Shannon Airport, 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 **Inn at Dromoland with the group**. Continue onto Galway for our three night stay at the **Park House Hotel**. In the afternoon we will offer **a walking tour with Brian Nolan** as he wanders the streets of Galway recounting tales of war and conquest, joy and tragedy, emigration and slavery, success and folly. Walk in the footsteps of Irish revolutionaries and literary giants who have strolled the cobblestoned streets. **Return to your hotel and relax before dinner at the hotel restaurant.**

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: PARK HOUSE HOTEL, GALWAY (B,D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd – KYLEMORE ABBEY & CONNEMARA REGION

After breakfast relax and enjoy the scenery of the wild and wonderful Connemara region. Today's journey takes you to **Kylemore Abbey** (11am visit), one of the most photographed locations in Ireland. Originally built in 1867, Kylemore Abbey and the surrounding mountains and lakes are steeped in history. Visit the famous walled Gardens and have lunch (on your own) in the award winning cafe. Enjoy a short catamaran cruise (**2.30pm sailing**) of **Killary Harbor**. Our cruise starts at Nancy's Point, just West of Leenane Village, on the South side of the Killary. From there we set off towards the mouth of the Fjord. Take in the panoramic views of the surrounding landscape – hills rising steeply from the silvery sea, with frequent shifts in light and shadow creating different colors on the peaks and valleys. Deep green fields and occasional stands of trees contrast with heathery bogs. Return to your hotel and relax before dinner at a Galway City restaurant.



DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: PARK HOUSE HOTEL, GALWAY (B,D)

SUNDAY, APRIL 24th – ARAN ISLANDS DAY TOUR

After breakfast we will travel to **Rossaveal** and board the Aran Island Ferries (10.30am departure) to visit the largest of the **Aran Islands Inis Mor**. (meaning big island) as its name suggests is the biggest of the three Aran Islands. Step off the ferry into the magical world of **Inis Mór**, a small Irish speaking island off the coast of Galway on the Wild Atlantic Way that is home to **Gabriel Faherty**. Having lived a colorful life that includes being a farmer, a pony and trap driver and deep sea fisherman who has sailed all over the world, Gabriel has crafted the art of being a brilliant storyteller. Through unforgettable tours, he leads visitors on a fun adventure that includes a visit of his goat farm with roaming Nubian and Saanen goats, a demonstration of how he makes his award winning cheese and remarkable insights into the customs and traditions of an island that has been home to his ancestors for as long as time can remember.

Highlights Cont'd:

- Aran Island's Goats Cheese | meet and pet the goats | cheese demonstration | taste the cheese
- Seaweed | learn the history and tradition behind seaweed foraging | taste a variety of seaweeds
- Craft Village | stop off at Kilmurvey Craft Village | meet the locals | Celtic inspired crafts
- Food Champion | Gabriel is a Fáilte Ireland Food Champion and avid promoter of local food producers.

Return to your hotel and relax before dinner at a **Il Vicolo** – Italian restaurant & wine bar located in the Claddagh district of the city.



DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: PARK HOUSE HOTEL, GALWAY (B,D)

MONDAY, APRIL 25th – CLIFFS OF MOHER AND KILLARNEY

After breakfast we'll drive through Ireland's stony place – The Burren, County Clare. 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 (11am visit)** here you will see 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 Killarney for 2 nights. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight in the Great room.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL KILLARNEY (B,D)



TUESDAY, APRIL 26th – SLEA HEAD DRIVE & GALLARUS ORATORY

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. Stop to enjoy a demonstration of sheepdog skills and explore a famine village. Free to explore local Killarney fare.

OVERNIGHT: GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL KILLARNEY (B)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27th – GAP OF DUNGLOE & KINSALE

After breakfast take a traditional horse-drawn jaunting car over the **Gap of Dunloe**, a narrow mountain pass forged between MacGillycuddy Reeks and Purple Mountain by glacial flows. From the Jaunting car, enjoy spectacular views over the glaciated valley. Climb aboard a traditional open boat for a serene journey through the three lakes of Killarney. Continue onto Kinsale after lunch and check into Acton's Hotel for our 2 night stay. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight in the hotel followed by a performance of Traditional Irish Music.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: ACTONS HOTEL KINSALE (B,D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 28th – EXPLORE KINSALE

After breakfast we begin a **guided historic walking tour of Kinsale**, the history of Kinsale is the history of Ireland, brought to life in the stories of your award winning guide. Board the coach and continue with your local guide for the short journey to the **Kinsale Garden of Remembrance**, dedicated to the memory of the 343 firefighters who lost their lives in the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York, the Garden was established by Kinsale local, Kathleen Cait Murphy who worked as a nurse for over 30 years in New York City. She created this memorial, with a tree for each of the firemen who died as well as one for their chaplain Father Michael Judge who was a personal friend of hers. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight at **The White House in Kinsale** with its own memory dedicated to those who perished on 9/11.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: ACTONS HOTEL KINSALE (B,D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 29th – POWERSCOURT ESTATE & DUBLIN CITY.

After breakfast, we'll travel through the **Golden Vale** known for the best land in Ireland to the **Wicklow Mountains Park** and **The Sally Gap to Powerscourt** – one of the world's greatest Gardens, Powerscourt, voted number 3 in the Top 10 gardens of the World by National Geographic. Powerscourt is located just outside of Dublin in the foothills of the Wicklow mountains and the garden was begun by Richard Wingfield in the 1740's and stretches out over 47 acres. It is a sublime blend of formal gardens, sweeping terraces, and ornamental lakes together with secret hollows, rambling walks, walled gardens and over 200 varieties of trees and shrubs. We then make our way to the village of Enfield in County Kildare to The Johnstown Estate and Spa, where we will stay for two nights. Enjoy and relax at the spa or take a nap before we meet for dinner in the hotel.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: THE JOHNSTOWN HOUSE HOTEL (B, D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 30th – DUBLIN CITY

After breakfast, depart for a full day in **Dublin**, starting with a guided visit of Visit **Kilmainham Gaol**, one of the largest unoccupied jails in Europe. During its period as a working prison from 1796 it held ordinary criminals but was also the site of incarceration for those men and women who were arrested during the various campaigns for Irish independence. It was the site of the execution of the leaders of the **1916 Rising**. Continue into the city centre, stopping at **Arbour Hill Cemetery**, the last resting place of 14 of the executed leaders of the 1916 Rising. Enjoy some free time to explore Dublin city centre before boarding the coach again to visit **Glasnevin Cemetery Museum**, Since 1832, more than one and a half million people have been buried in Glasnevin, including some of Ireland's heroes –**Daniel O'Connell**, **Michael Collins**, **Roger Casement**, **Charles Stewart Parnell** and **Countess Markievicz**. Glasnevin is a hauntingly gorgeous Victorian Garden cemetery and the local guides are passionate in their storytelling, stories of the rogues and the rebels, the famous and the infamous, the grave diggers and the grave robbers. Return to our hotel for our farewell dinner.



DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: THE JOHNSTOWN HOUSE HOTEL (B, D)

SUNDAY, MAY 1st - SAFE TRAVELS HOME

Sadly, our adventures are over and we're very sorry to see you go!! Our coach driver will get you to Dublin 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 once again with your vacation and we certainly hope you had a great time.



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