



Back to my Roots Tour of Ireland hosted by Annette Foley

September 15th to September 24th 2022

\$2799 per person sharing Land only

\$899 Single Supplement – limit 4 per tour

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th- US to DUBLIN

Depart your home airport for Dublin. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service on your overnight flight.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th - DUBLIN ARRIVAL

After landing at Dublin, complete customs and immigration formalities. Your Host Annette Foley and **Caddie Tours driver/guide** will welcome you to Ireland and escort you and your luggage to the coach. Upon hotel check in, you'll have time to unwind, rest after the long flight and maybe enjoy the leisure facilities in the hotel. The hotel is centrally located – 10 minute walk to Stephen's Green and Grafton St. **Join your fellow travelers for farewell dinner tonight in the hotel.**

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: DAVENPORT HOTEL (D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th – EXPLORE DUBLIN – ANNETTE'S HOME TOWN



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 (included), 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, Pearse Lyons Whiskey Distillery, Marsh's Library beside St. Patrick's Cathedral, and many more. We'll meet in the lobby at 6pm and make our way to The Lansdowne Hotel to attend the Irish House Party, which features traditional Irish music from world famous singers and musicians with a lively performance of music, song and the very best of

Irish dancing so prepare for a rip-roaring evening of traditional Irish song and dance accompanied by a delightful dinner.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: DAVENPORT HOTEL (B,D)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th – IRISH NATIONAL STUD & TULLAMORE DEW

After breakfast we depart for the historic **National Stud and Japanese Gardens**. The National Stud is the home of equine royalty, immaculately bred stallions who can be seen and admired alongside protective mares, frolicking foals and athletic yearlings. Nowhere better symbolizes all that is great about County Kildare, the beating heart of Ireland's thoroughbred industry than the stud, a unique attraction of outstanding natural beauty that is home to some of the most magnificent horses and sumptuous gardens to be found anywhere in the world. For well over 100 years, the pride of Tully has been a working stud farm, its central objective being to produce for Ireland thoroughbreds capable of being crowned champions at home and abroad. Our journey continues on to Tullamore located in the center of Ireland to visit **Tullamore DEW Distillery**. Set in the heart of Ireland on the banks of Tullamore's Grand Canal. Since 1829, we've sent our whiskey out to the world. Nowadays, we invite the world to come to us, as we share the story of how our whiskey got its character. Step inside our Visitor Centre - housed within our Old Bonded Warehouse - and follow in the footsteps of Daniel E. Williams as he goes from stable boy to distillery manager to creating the whiskey which still bears his initials today. Discover our state-of-the-art process as you get to intimately know our history, and our whiskey. Arrive in Galway late evening, free to explore the city or take a nap before joining up with your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: HARDIMAN HOTEL GALWAY (B,D)

MONDAY, September 19th – 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** 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 in the award winning cafe. Enjoy a short **catamaran cruise (2:30pm sailing) of Killary Harbor** before returning to Galway City to explore, relax, or discover the perfect spot for a pint of Guinness and dinner. We'll stop in the town of Moycullen to visit the **Connemara Marble** show room, a family business specializing

in designs of the shamrock, Connemara marble jewelry and other gift items. Explore one of the many restaurants or pubs in town for dinner and lively music session.

OVERNIGHT: HARDIMAN HOTEL, GALWAY (B)

TUESDAY, September 20th – 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** 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)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST – MUCKROSS NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast take a traditional horse-drawn jaunting car through Killarney National Park to Ross Castle, set on the magical shores of Lough Leane. Start your tour onboard a traditional Jaunting Car and enjoy the unique beauty of Killarney National Park and its wildlife as you ramble through its tree-lined avenues before your arrival at Ross Castle. Learn about the history, legends and folklore of the area from your local Jarvey Guide and also catch a glimpse of the Park's unique wildlife including the Red Deer, the last native herd in Ireland. On arrival at Ross Castle, you will be invited to board our MV Lake Cruiser and set upon a voyage through Killarney's largest and most picturesque Lake, Lough Léin from the comfort of our glass-covered, heated vessel. Immerse yourself in the unique ecosystem of the National Park with its glistening Lakeland and majestic mountains for miles and learn about the folklore and legends of the area as well as its landmarks with live commentary from your informative Captain. Pause for a panoramic view at Moll's Gap before arriving in the market town of Kenmare where they will be free to shop, wander and have lunch while listening to some local traditional music. Return to Killarney... Explore one of the many restaurants or pubs in town for dinner and lively music session.

OVERNIGHT: GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL, KILLARNEY (B)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND - BLARNEY CASTLE & CELBRIDGE

After breakfast we'll depart for **Blarney Castle** - Here you'll have an opportunity to climb the steps of the fortress and kiss the world famous Blarney Stone to gain the gift of eloquence, wit and wisdom. Just a stone's throw away we'll also visit the **Blarney Woolen Mills**, the largest emporium of Irish crafts in the country where we can browse the finely woven Irish woolen products. After lunch we will stop for photo at the famous **Rock of Cashel** - a historic symbol of royal and priestly power for over a millennium. We will arrive late afternoon to our hotel in the town of Celbridge. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight in the hotel.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: CELBRIDGE MANOR HOTEL (B,D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD - NEWGRANGE & HILL OF TARA

After Breakfast, we will travel north to County Meath to visit the historic **Newgrange**, a 5,200-year-old passage tomb located in the Boyne Valley in Ireland's Ancient East. Newgrange was built by Stone Age farmers, the mound is 279 feet in diameter and 43 feet high which is an area of about 1 acre. We'll explore the inside of the passage of the tomb that measures 62 feet and leads into a chamber with 3 alcoves. The passage and chamber are aligned with the rising sun on the mornings around the Winter Solstice. Newgrange is surrounded by 97 large stones called kerbstones some of which are engraved with megalithic art and the most striking is the entrance stone. We'll stop for lunch on your own at Brambles Cafe located in the Bru Na Boinne Visitors Centre. Following our visit to Newgrange we'll make our way to the Hill of Tara, once the ancient capital of Ireland where the High Kings of Ireland once lived. **Join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner and music at Henry Grattan's in Celbridge run by Annette's brother.**



DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: CELBRIDGE MANOR HOTEL (B,D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th - 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 immigration 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!