



## O'Brien's of Warrenton Tour of Ireland

15th to 23rd May 2024

**\$3,999 per person sharing\***

\*Air Fare included from Washington Dulles

Single Supplement \$899 per person. Limit 4 per tour

### ITINERARY

#### TUESDAY, MAY 14<sup>th</sup> – WASHINGTON DULLES TO DUBLIN

Depart Dulles on **Aer Lingus flight 118** to Dublin at 8.55pm. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service on your overnight flight.

#### WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY – ARRIVAL & GALWAY CITY



Arrival at Dublin airport at 8.30am. **Breakfast at Johnstown Estate** before making your way to Galway City. Check into your hotel and explore **Galway City**: the Spanish Arch, Salthill, and its Cathedral. Meet your group for a welcome dinner at the hotel tonight.

**DINNER & OVERNIGHT AT THE DEAN HOTEL (B,D)**

#### THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY – ARAN ISLANDS GOAT CHEESE MAKING & SEAWEED FORAGING

After breakfast we will travel to **Rossaveal** and board the **Aran Island Ferries** (10.30am departure) to visit **Inis Mór** (meaning 'Big Island') which, as its name suggests, is the largest 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 of Aran Food Tours**. 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 and goats cheese producer. His passion for his native island is palpable as he delivers a highly informative and entertaining guided tour of Inis Mór which combines the culture of food on the island with the rich Irish history and of course the Irish language. In addition, Faherty's Aran Food Tour gives visitors the opportunity to experience Inis Mór's unique and world renowned historical and cultural sites, including the stunning **Dún Aengus**, the **Seacht Teampaill** or **Seven Churches**, and the island's seal colony.



**Highlights:** Aran Islands 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.

**OVERNIGHT AT THE DEAN HOTEL (B)**

## FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY – CLIFFS OF MOHER & DINGLE

Leave Galway this morning and make your way to Ireland's most iconic natural beauty: the **Cliffs of Moher**. Before reaching the cliffs, you will stop at the **Hazel Mountain Factory**, hear the story of this small family artisan chocolatier, and learn about how chocolate is made. After lunch in Doolin (at your own expense) you will visit the **Cliffs of Moher**. Stretching along 14kms, the highest point at O'Brien Tower is 214 meters above sea level. On a clear day, you can see the Aran islands etched on the waters of Galway Bay. Your journey continues to **Dingle** via the coastal road. You will embark on a small ferry to cross the **Shannon river** (20min crossing) before reaching the town of **Dingle**. Enjoy dinner with your group at the hotel tonight.



**DINNER & OVERNIGHT AT BENNERS HOTEL (B,D)**

## SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY – RING OF KERRY & SHEEPDOG & TRADITIONAL COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS

This morning, you will see a **sheepdog demonstration** with Gabriel at **Slea Head**. This skill has been handed down from generation to generation as sheep have been **kept on the mountain (Mount Eagle) for hundreds of years**. Take in the fantastic views of the Ring of Kerry, Dingle Bay, and the Skellig Islands. You will then get **lunch at the Blasket Centre**. With stunning views of the wild Atlantic coast and islands at the halfway point of the Slea Head Drive, the Blasket Centre is a fascinating heritage and cultural centre/ museum, honoring the unique community who lived on the remote Blasket Islands until their evacuation in 1953. In the afternoon you will enjoy an expert demonstration of traditional Irish cookery at **Dingle Cookery school**.

**OVERNIGHT AT BENNERS HOTEL (B, L)**

## SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY - JAUNTING CART & CRUISE IN KILLARNEY

Depart for **Muckross House in Killarney National Park**. Board a traditional horse drawn **jaunting car** and embark on a trip that will take you to **Ross Castle**, and the lakes of Killarney. You will then take a **cruise on the lakes of Killarney**. Live commentary will help you enjoy scenery from the peaks of **Magillicuddy's Reeks to the ruins of Innisfallen Abbey**, and maybe even spot eagles or sika deer. You will have the rest of the day to explore **Killarney** on your own before continuing by coach to the town of **Sneem** on the **Ring of Kerry** and checking into your hotel. Enjoy dinner with your group at the hotel tonight.



**DINNER & OVERNIGHT AT SNEEM HOTEL WITH DINNER (B, D)**

## MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY – DERRYNANE HOUSE & VALENTIA ISLAND

After breakfast, visit **Derrynane House, on the Iveragh Peninsula**. Derrynane House is the ancestral home of Daniel O'Connell, lawyer, politician, and statesman, and one of the great figures in modern Irish history. You will then visit the beautiful village of **Waterville**, the only seafront village on the famous Ring of Kerry. Enjoy Lunch (included) at the Moorings restaurant in Portmagee. Visit **Valentia Island, one of Ireland's most westerly points**. Rich in history, you will get to see the island's lighthouse, the transatlantic cable station, and the beautiful natural landscapes.

**OVERNIGHT AT SNEEM HOTEL (B, L)**

## TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY – GOUGANE BARRA & ROCK OF CASHEL

Visit **Gougane Barra**, one of the most naturally spectacular unspoiled landscapes in Ireland, surrounded by mountains, a lake and the country's first national park. It is the location of a famous holy island in the middle of this lake, that is linked by a causeway to the mainland. Since the 6th Century this island has been associated with the patron saint of Cork, St. Finbarr, and contains numerous religious buildings dating from the 17th to 20th centuries. The journey continues towards Kilkenny, stopping to visit the **Rock of Cashel** - one of Ireland's most important historic sites. There, you will get the chance to see several **medieval buildings**: a round tower, a high cross, a Romanesque chapel, a Gothic cathedral, an abbey, the Hall of the Vicars Choral and a fifteenth-century Tower House.



### DINNER & OVERNIGHT AT THE RIVER COURT HOTEL (B)

## WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY – KENNEDY HOMESTEAD & MALZARD'S BAR HURLING SKILLS EXPERIENCE

This morning, visit the **Kennedy Homestead** in **Dunganstown**. This is the **birthplace of President John F. Kennedy's great-grandfather** Patrick Kennedy, and it celebrates the story of five generations of the Kennedy dynasty and is still farmed by his descendants. Lunch at **Malzard's traditional pub** to learn all about the ancient **Irish Gaelic sport of hurling**. Malzard's Bar has developed **hurling skills experience** and guarantees participants a unique insight into the fastest field game in the world. Enjoy a farewell dinner with your group at the hotel tonight.

### FAREWELL DINNER & OVERNIGHT AT THE RIVER COURT HOTEL (B, D)

## THURSDAY, MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> - KILKENNY & SAFE TRAVELS HOME



This morning, you will explore the historic city of Kilkenny on a **guided walking tour with Guide Nevin Cody**. Full of history and charm, the city has lots to offer and Nevin will tell you all about it! You will then get a tour of **Smithwick's brewery** before leaving for Dublin airport. Transfer from Kilkenny to Dublin airport for 4pm flight to DC.

Sadly, our adventures are over and we're very sorry to see you go!! Your 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.

*Activities are provisional and subject to change*



## **Inclusions**

- International Air Fare from Dulles Airport
- Group Arrival Transfer from Dublin Airport to Galway
- 2 Nights Hotel accommodation in Galway
- 2 Nights Hotel accommodation in Dingle
- 2 Nights Hotel accommodation in Sneem
- 2 Nights Hotel accommodation in Kilkenny
- Breakfast each day, including arrival day
- 5 dinners
- 3 lunches
- Porterage at each hotel
- Internal Transport as per the Program of Activities by private motorcoach with driver/ guide
- Group Departure Transfer from final hotel to Dublin Airport
- Program of activities as per the provisional schedule including entrance fees

Ferry to Inis Mór Inis Mór tour with Gabriel Faherty Hazel Mountain Chocolate Factory Cliffs of Moher Sheepdog Demonstration Basket Centre Dingle Cookery Demonstration	Killarney Jaunty Cars & Boats Derrynane House The Rock of Cashel Hurling Experience at Malzards Kennedy Homestead Kilkenny City Walking Tour Smithwicks Brewery tour
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## **Exclusions**

- Medical, Accident & Travel Insurance
- Single room supplements
- Meals not stated above
- Gratuities
- Additional Activities

## **Caddie Tours Ireland Services**

- Booking of all accommodation, transport, and activities
- Liaising with hotels and service providers prior to the tour and throughout its duration
- Management of rooming lists and hotel bookings
- Pre tour inspection of hotels and sites as required
- Pre tour training of Tour Leader.
- Communicating with Tour Leader throughout tour
- Welcome meeting and information packs for tour group
- Handling of invoices and payments for all hotels and service providers on tour
- 24 hour in-country support by phone and when necessary, in person
- Personal Service and attention of CTL director