



TARA O GRADY'S TALES, TUNES & TASTES OF IRELAND MAY 19TH – MAY 28TH 2024



\$3,999 per person sharing land only*
\$899 single supplement – limit 4 per tour

***Caddie Tours will be happy to organize flights from any US city to Dublin**

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Ireland is a land of legendary storytellers, world class musicians, and exceptional chefs who can transform locally grown ingredients into works of art. Join singer-songwriter and author Tara O'Grady on this small group tour of the southwest where she will introduce your senses to the best the Emerald Isle has to offer. Experience luxury castle accommodations in Kildare, take a sound bath to recover from jet lag and restore balance, cook with celebrity TV chef Catherine Fulvio in her own kitchen during an overnight stay at her famous farmhouse estate in Wicklow, explore the breathtaking beauty of the Wicklow Mountains, immerse yourself in music with a local musician who inspires creativity, wander through one of the largest gardens in the world at a 1760 historic estate in Waterford, hear the stories of emigrants and Titanic passengers who departed Cork for America, take a foodie walking tour of the thriving fishing port of Kinsale, and discover your inner musician with a private session in the recording studio in Dublin where U2, Sinéad O'Connor, and Van Morrison recorded. Prepare to be lifted and landed, wined, and dined!

SUNDAY MAY 19TH – DEPARTURE FLIGHT TO IRELAND

Depart the US for Dublin. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you start your vacation.

MONDAY MAY 20TH - ARRIVAL TO IRELAND & KILKEA CASTLE



Arrival to Dublin airport. You will be greeted by your driver and guide and transferred by private motorcoach to your luxurious castle hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, you will have time to settle into your hotel, enjoy the hotel's facilities and rest.

Welcome to one of Ireland's oldest inhabited castles, a hidden jewel just one hour from Dublin. With a history dating back to 1180, Kilkea Castle was once the medieval stronghold of the FitzGerald's, Earls of Kildare. Set on 180 acres of landscaped gardens, ancient woodland, and a meandering river, it boasts several accommodation options to appeal to all tastes. This family-owned and managed estate offers a tranquil spa, a challenging 18-hole championship golf course and a world-class culinary experience.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT AT KILKEA CASTLE

TUESDAY MAY 21st – SOUND BATHING & KILKEA CASTLE

After breakfast, experience St. Brigid's Sound Bath in Kildare, a perfect way to recover from jet lag. A sound bath is an experience where participants are "bathed" in sound waves. The vibrations restore energy and promote healing on a cellular level. These waves are produced by various sources, including instruments such as gongs, singing bowls, percussion, chimes, rattles, tuning forks, and even the human voice itself. This was considered one of the best experiences by our guests on previous tours to Ireland. We can't wait to try it again! Enjoy one of our castle's many activities, such as archery, horse riding, falconry, and golf... or you can choose to relax and enjoy the spa. (Activities and spa on own expense)

DINNER & OVERNIGHT AT KILKEA CASTLE

WEDNESDAY MAY 22ND – GLENDALOUGH & COOKING WITH CATHERINE

Depart Kilkea Castle after breakfast and take a drive through the stunning Wicklow Mountains. Stop at Glendalough for a guided visit to the 6th Century monastic site. Group lunch in Casey's Bar & Bistro in Glendalough Hotel within the valley of the mountains.



Our journey continues to Ballyknocken Farm House in Wicklow, where you will spend the night. Tonight's dinner will be cooked by yourselves... in a cooking class given by the famous Irish celebrity TV chef Catherine Fulvio. Scenically located on 280 acres, Catherine's charming 4-star Victorian-style farm guesthouse is surrounded by scented kitchen gardens, offering a farm to fork experience. She is an utter delight, and this will be a delicious treat!



DINNER & OVERNIGHT IN BALLYKNOCKEN FARM HOUSE

THURSDAY MAY 23RD – WEXFORD, WATERFORD & WONDERFUL SOUNDS

This morning, you will drive to Wexford to take part in a creative music experience given by Donegal musician Ruth Gallagher, manager of Creative Sound. This experience will energize, motivate, and challenge you, as well as inspire your creativity and imagination! We will discover how the Irish use their voices and bodies as musical instruments to create unique sounds. Experience the power of music and tune in to your soul's song. Expect laughter and merriment.

Continue to Waterford where you will spend the next 2 nights - check-in to your hotel, Faithlegg Hotel, a precious gem wrapped up in nature and immersed in pure tranquility. Faithlegg stands at the head of Waterford Harbour, where the three sister rivers of the Barrow, Nore and Suir meet. Here legend tells us sleeps the giant Cainche Corcardhearg son of Fionn of the Fianna who was stationed here to keep a watch over Leinster.



DINNER & OVERNIGHT AT THE FAITHLEGG HOTEL

FRIDAY MAY 24TH - MOUNT CONGREVE GARDENS & HOUSE & WATERFORD CRYSTAL

After breakfast, head to Mount Congreve Gardens & House in Waterford, home to one of the largest collections of plants in the world. Enjoy a private guided tour of the gardens with horticulturalist Ray Sinnott. Mount Congreve House, home to six generations of Congreves, was built in 1760 by the celebrated local architect John Roberts. The Gardens comprise around seventy acres of intensively planted woodland, a four-acre walled garden and 16 kilometers of walkways. Planted on a slight incline overlooking the River Suir, Mount Congreve's entire collection consists of thousands of different trees, plants, and shrubs. Visit the Waterford Crystal factory. The esteemed factory is the beating heart of the world's luxury crystal manufacture and is where our most intricate, authentic, and masterful crystal pieces come to life.

OVERNIGHT AT THE FAITHLEGG HOTEL

SATURDAY MAY 25TH-COBH & THE TITANIC TRAIL



Leave Waterford this morning and make your way to the historic harbour town of Cobh, in county Cork. Meet your guide in Cobh for the Titanic Trail – a guided tour of Cobh, the last port of call for the Titanic before it set sail, bound for the United States. Visit the Emigration Museum, the Queenstown Story and discover the stories of Irish men and women who left their homeland to search for work and a new life abroad. Continue to Cork City to check into Montenotte Hotel, an urban escape that blends New York cool with Parisian chic, creating an experiential dining scene that evokes all the senses.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT AT THE MONTENOTTE HOTEL

SUNDAY MAY 26TH- KINSALE & CORK CITY

Food tour of Kinsale, a town with many sails or strings to its bow. Originally a Norman walled town which became a thriving fishing port, its Irish name is 'Ceann tSáile' which means 'Head of the Sea'. The town thrived on the prolific mackerel fishery where men fished while their wives and daughters processed fish along the quays and sold to traders. You will hear (and taste) all about this on this tour with Suzanne. Your afternoon is free to explore Kinsale



For dinner explore and experience the local fare, just 10-minutes from our Montenotte Hotel is St. Patrick's Street, the main shopping area in Cork city. Historical buildings steeped in storytelling house some of the most well-known and sought-after retailers. With something to suit all pockets, enjoy a leisurely browse whilst soaking up the pulse of the city.

OVERNIGHT AT THE MONTENOTTE HOTEL

MONDAY MAY 27TH – DUBLIN CITY & MALAHIDE SEASIDE RESORT

After breakfast depart for Ireland's capital, Dublin, for your last night. You will have the whole day to explore the city: Trinity College, Guinness Storehouse, Dublin Castle, Temple Bar, arts museums, literary museums, shopping on Grafton Street. We will spend the evening in Malahide, a quaint seaside resort in the Dublin suburbs.

FAREWELL DINNER & OVERNIGHT AT THE GRAND HOTEL MALAHIDE

TUESDAY MAY 28TH -WINDMILL STUDIOS & FAREWELL TO IRELAND



After breakfast, head to the Windmill Lane recording studio in Dublin city where U2, Sinéad O'Connor and Van Morrison recorded their albums. It is the premier audio production house in Ireland and one of the most renowned in the world. Housed today in an iconic Art Deco building on Ringsend Road, the studio stands out as much for what you will discover inside. You will enjoy the Artists Pass experience, including a private guided tour of the studio and a Group Recording Session in Studio One, the jewel in the crown of Windmill Lane. Guided by a skilled member of the studio team, we will perform and record a song together! Say farewell to Ireland and depart for Dublin airport (flight at 4.45pm)

Inclusions

- Professional Driver & Guide
- 2 Nights Hotel accommodation in Kildare
- 1 Night Farm House accommodation in Ballyknocken
- 2 Nights Hotel accommodation in Waterford
- 2 Nights Hotel accommodation in Cork City
- Breakfast each day, including arrival day
- 6 dinners
- 1 lunch
- 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
- *Activities are provisional and subject to change*

Exclusions

- International Travel to Ireland
- 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
- 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

