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Browse through our sample golf tours of Ireland.

These tours will take you to the best courses Ireland can offer. As we boast more than 440 golf courses on our land, there is a course and a tour to suit all demands.

Let us design your tour of Ireland.

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IRELAND'S GOLFING JEWELS - THE EAST COAST

DAY 1:

Arrival at Dublin Airport and you are met by your chauffeur. Transfer to Dublin City for an orientation tour: featuring The National Gallery, Four Courts, Leinster House (the seat of the Irish Parliament), the Georgian Square, Trinity College and O'Connell Street.

Check into your hotel: Castleknock Hotel & Golf Club.



Castleknock Country Club

DAY 2:

After Full Irish Breakfast you will travel to Portmarnock to play one of the truly great Link Courses, Portmarnock. Founded in 1894, the championship course offers a classic, traditional challenge.

When Tom Watson played the main course as part of this preparation for the defence of his British Open title in 1981, he remarked on the fairness of its layout. There are no tricks or nasty surprises, only an honest, albeit searching test of shotmaking skills. Invariably rated as Ireland's best course in ballots by the Irish Golf Institute, Portmarnock takes justifiable pride in its 27 holes, which are maintained to the highest standards.

After golf return transfer to your Hotel.



Portmarnock

DAY 3:

This morning transfer southwards and you will enjoy your round of golf in Druids Glen:

As a leading golf course in Wicklow, Druids Glen is often referred to as "The Augusta of Europe." The flora and fauna of the Glen provide a colourful backdrop to a magnificent golf course. The forests and streams produce a haven for wildlife in what was once a home to the Druids. Druids Glen was the Home of the Irish Open for four years.

After Golf return transfer to your Dublin Hotel.



Druids Glen

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DAY 4:

After Full Irish Breakfast travel northwards to County Louth Golf Club or "Baltray" as it is more affectionately known. This is Links Golf at its very best and rated in Golf Digest's top 100 courses in the world as a "hidden gem".

Built on a generous site, the course has become noted for brilliant presentation by its greens staff and for the hospitality of its members. Whilst the origins of the Club date from a meeting in October of 1892, the current Championship Links was designed in 1938 by the renowned Tom Simpson. The Course is laid out in two loops covering some 190 acres.

After golf enjoy a panoramic tour of Drogheda, a quaint historic Irish town.

Return to Dublin for your overnight.

DAY 5:

You do not have far to travel today as you disembark to Carton House where you will play the Montgomerie Course: Winner of the "Best New Design of the Year 2004".

Cut through rolling meadows and punctuated by native fescue, the Montgomerie blends a storybook setting with the exciting qualities of links golf. Here, the fairways run firm and fast. The intelligent bunker complexes demand strategic and shot-making excellence and the ground game is always in play.

After your ambitious day on the golf course enjoy a quiet drink in the bar at Carton House before returning to your Hotel.

DAY 6:

Today marks the highlight of your tour, a trip to the K-Club, Ireland's first Ryder Cup Venue is no ordinary golf course. It has been acknowledged as the country's most challenging inland layout. It charms, it entices and invariably brings out the best in your game. It is unlikely you will be asked to tackle the course from the Championship tees, but this should in no way diminish the excitement of pitting your wits against Arnold Palmer.

Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner in the City Centre.

DAY 7:

Transfer to Dublin Airport.



County Louth Golf Club



Carton House Golf



K Club

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SOUTH WEST GOLF TOUR

DAY 1:

Arrival at Shannon Airport and you are met by your Chauffeur. Transfer to Bunratty Castle and spend some time at the Bunratty Castle & Folkpark: the most complete and authentic medieval castle in Ireland. Built in 1425, and plundered on many occasions, it was authentically restored in 1954 to its former medieval splendour, with furnishings and tapestries capturing the mood and style of the times.

Enjoy a hearty Breakfast in Bunratty and then its onto Killarney for your dinner and overnight.

Overnight in Randles Court Hotel, Killarney.



Bunratty Castle

DAY 2:

Today is your first day Golfing in Ireland:

Killarney Golf Club is our first taste of an Irish Golf Course: With three courses set in some of the most stunning country-side – some would say it is the most picturesque golf in the land – it is not hard to see why. This is the first club in Ireland with 54 Championship holes to test the skills of any golfer.

Firm fairways and true greens are the hallpark of these courses: You are free to try the Killeen, Mahoney's Point or Lakabane Course.

Overnight in Randles Court Hotel, Killarney.



Killarney Golf Club

DAY 3:

After Full Irish Breakfast it is time to travel along the picturesque Ring of Kerry route to the town of Waterville.

Play Waterville Golf Course: Golf has been played here since 1889 and the links course still offers a real challenge to golfers of all levels today. Every single hole on the course is a gem. The front nine are relatively sheltered but you are left in no doubt about the test ahead when you reach the 9th, also known as the "last easy", especially since there was nothing easy about the course so far.

Waterville features consistently in lists of the World's best courses, usually close to the top, and is a must for anyone keen to experience true links golf.

Overnight in Randles Court Hotel, Killarney.



Waterville Golf Course

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DAY 4:

After Full Irish Breakfast you will transfer to the small Kerry town of Ballybunion to play Ireland's most famous golf course: Ballybunion:

The original Golf Course is over 100 years old and was designed by Robert Trent Jones. The list of famous people who have played Ballybunion is endless: President Bill Clinton, Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Ernie Els and many more.

"I am now of the opinion it is one of the best and most beautiful tests of links golf anywhere in the world." - Tom Watson famously once said.

Travel onwards to Adare and stay in Adare Manor Townhouses.



Ballybunion Golf Club

DAY 5:

Today you will escape to the Wild West of Ireland and play Lahinch Golf Club:

This Links has the distinction of being a MacKenzie Course, a mecca for keen golfers. The Course is set right on the Atlantic and exposed to the ocean through all her moods, moulded and shaped over centuries by nature's harsh elements and occasional touch of human genius.

Return to Adare for overnight.



Lahinch Golf Club

DAY 6:

Today golf is served on your doorstep at Adare Golf Club: This was the last major golf course designed by the legendary Robert Trent Jones Senior. This majestic design has gained international acclaim as one of his finest creations.

The Adare Golf Club measures 7,453 yards and uses 230 acres of lush Irish countryside. The exquisite parkland atmosphere of the desmesne has been preserved with the course set amid magnificent mature trees. The course contains many aquatic features. Home to the Irish Open in 2007 and 2008.

Return to Adare for overnight. Tonight you have the opportunity of partaking in a farewell dinner in a local pub. Say farewell to the locals.



Adare Golf Club

DAY 7:

Transfer to Shannon or Dublin Airport.

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PLATINUM GOLF TOUR OF IRELAND

A once in a lifetime opportunity to play the most famous courses in Ireland:

DAY 1:

Arrive in Dublin and transfer by coach to your golf hotel: Castleknock Hotel & Country Club.

This afternoon you may want to loosen up with 9 holes on the hotel's Golf Course. Castleknock Golf Course has already achieved a ranking in Ireland's top golf courses despite only being open since 2005. The Greens are constructed to the full USGA recommendations and over 4 hectares of lakes have been created.

Leisurely overnight in your hotel.

DAY 2:

This morning you will be transferred from your hotel to the county of Wicklow, just south of Dublin where you will play the European Club. This links course features 20 holes (two extra holes are in play most days) played through tumbling dunes with dramatic views of the Irish Sea. Some of the holes play along the beach.

The designer of this golf course, Pat Ruddy, discovered the property when he surveyed Ireland's coastline by helicopter in search of a classic golf location. A distinguished fourball visited The European Club in July 2002 on their way to the British Open at Muirfield: Tiger Woods, David Duval, Scott McCarron and Mark O'Meara made up the fourball. Mr Woods recorded a course record 67 on his first visit to the Club.

Return to your hotel in late afternoon for your overnight.

DAY 3:

After Breakfast today, it is time to play the Ryder Cup Course at the K-Club. It has been acknowledged as the country's most challenging inland layout. It charms, it entices and invariably brings out the best in your game.

This experience will leave you with truly remarkable memories of Ireland.

Return to your hotel for your overnight.



Castleknock Golf Course



European Club



K-Club

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DAY 4:

Today you will travel to Killarney.

En route visit the medieval City of Kilkenny. You will view the wonderful Kilkenny Castle and St. Canices Cathedral. Climb to the top of the tower attached to the Cathedral to get the best view of this marvelous city.

Kilkenny is often known as the Marble City and it has a number of craft stores selling Irish linen and pottery. The narrow streets give a medieval air to this town.

Travel onwards through the counties of Tipperary and Cork to Ireland's second city of Cork.

Continue on through Mallow to Killarney. Overnight in your hotel in Killarney.

DAY 5:

After Breakfast the coach will disembark to Waterville Golf Club: Golf has been played here since 1889 and the links course still offers a real challenge to golfers of all levels today. Every single hole on the course is a gem. The front nine are relatively sheltered but you are left in no doubt about the test ahead when you reach the 9th, also known as the "last easy", especially since there was nothing easy about the course so far.

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After golf return along the scenic Ring of Kerry drive until you reach Killarney. See wonderful sights such as the Killarney Lakes and Ladies View.

Overnight in Killarney.

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St. Canices Cathedral



Waterville Golf Club



Ballybunion

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DAY 7:

After breakfast travel westwards to the County Clare coast where you will play Doonbeg Golf Course:

“This is a course I wanted to be identified with, one I will be able to say with pride – I did that one – I am the luckiest designer in the world....because of the uniqueness of the site.” Greg Norman.

Doonbeg golf club plays along 1.5 miles of beach and dunes. The ocean is visible from the green, fairway or tee of 16 of the 18 holes.

After golf return to Adare.



Doonbeg Golf Course

DAY 8:

Today golf is served on your doorstep at Adare Golf Club: This was the last major golf course designed by the legendary Robert Trent Jones Senior. This majestic design has gained international acclaim as one of his finest creations.

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Return to Adare for overnight. Tonight you have the opportunity of partaking in a farewell dinner in a local pub. Say farewell to the locals.



Adare Golf Club

DAY 9:

Transfer to the Airport and bid farewell to the Emerald Isle.

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WESTERN WONDERS TOUR

DAY 1:

Arrive in Dublin Airport and you are met by your driver. Transfer to your hotel where you can relax for the remainder of the afternoon.

Overnight in the Castleknock Hotel & Golf Club in Dublin.



Castleknock Country Club

DAY 2:

After Full Irish Breakfast you will enjoy a round of golf at the PGA National Ireland Course: designed by Christy O'Connor Jr, this par 72 championship course has his stamp in evidence at every turn, especially in the lavish sweep of the fairways and the extensive use of water. One is always aware of generous space being employed to full advantage. With its impressive bunkering and significant water hazards it is set to become one of the great golf courses in Ireland, having already received a vote of confidence with plenty of positive publicity from the golf writing fraternity.

In the afternoon return to your hotel.

Tonight take a trip to one of Ireland's local pubs. Second overnight in the Castleknock Hotel & Golf Club.



PGA National Ireland Course

DAY 3:

Today you will drive westwards through the wonderful landscape of Ireland. You will stop at Lockes Distillery which is the only small pot still whiskey distillery remaining in Ireland. This distillery was licensed in 1757 and produced whiskey for over 200 years, closing in 1953. In 1982 the local community began restoring the distillery and it has re-opened as a museum.

The guided tour shows the ancient process of whiskey making, from the mill stones, to the mash tuns, underbacks, fermentation vats, can pit stills to the casking of the final product. The two sources of power, the steam engine and the water wheel are always of great interest. The tour is complemented by the tales and stories gathered from the workers from the distillery.

After your tour, travel onwards to Galway where you will enjoy your overnight in the Ardilaun House Hotel.



Lockes Distillery

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DAY 4:

Buffet Breakfast at the Hotel.

This morning you will not have to travel far for your game of golf: Galway Golf Club. The first recorded game of golf here was played in 1895. There is a very good par 70 test of golf awaiting you. In recent years the golf course has undergone extensive re-design of a number of the greens to keep pace with technology, but it still has the charm and challenge of a course which has an abundance of trees and particularly handsome gorse which sports a yellow bloom for many months of the year.

Return to Galway and you will have the opportunity of visiting a local pub for song and dance later in the evening.



Galway Golf Club

DAY 5:

After Breakfast you head northwards to Westport in the heart of Connemara.

You will play Westport Golf Course: where they have a well-earned reputation for its hospitality, warmth and friendliness. The course was designed by the internationally renowned golf architect, Fred Hawtree. He said of this par 73 course "the nature of the terrain, part inland and part seaside, the panorama which it commands and its considerable golfing virtues, make it uniquely attractive and memorable."

Overnight in Westport Hotel – this town has been voted the tidiest town in Ireland.



Westport Golf Course

DAY 6:

Buffet Breakfast at the Hotel.

Travel northwards to Ireland's one of Ireland's premier links courses: Enniscrone Golf Course. Once you step on the first tee of this par 73 course, prepare yourself for the ultimate golf experience. Dramatic dunelands, inspired design, superb greens and breathtaking views combine to make golf at Enniscrone an absolute delight.

Return to Westport for your overnight.



Enniscrone Golf Course

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DAY 7:

After Breakfast you will return to the inland of Ireland where you will play one of Ireland's gem courses: Glasson. Ryder Cup star, Christy O'Connor Jr., has created the course to reward the well played shot, however, a stray shot will be treated with contempt it deserves. He has said on this 72 par golf course "One of the most scenic pieces of land I've ever seen in my life, with the first nine holes overlooking Lough Ree and the second nine Kilenure Bay. There is nothing I've seen that comes close to that."

Overnight in the Glasson Golf Hotel.



Glasson

DAY 8:

Transfer to Dublin Airport.