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Please read our sample group tours of Ireland.

Groups of all sizes are welcomed and we cover the whole island of Ireland.

Carefully selected hotels matched with an interesting sightseeing programme and first class transportation will culminate in your memorable vacation.

Let us design your tour of Ireland.

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CULTURAL AND HERITAGE TOUR OF IRELAND

DAY 1:

Arrival at Dublin Airport and you are met by your experienced driver and guide. Afternoon city tour of Dublin.

Among the many sights to see are St. Patrick's Cathedral, Trinity College and the Book of Kells, Christchurch Cathedral and the Shrine of St. Valentine, after whom the February 14th holiday is named. See the Georgian Squares, Leinster House (now the seat of Parliament), the Phoenix Park which is the largest enclosed park in Europe, O'Connell Bridge and the Four Courts.

Overnight in your Dublin Hotel.



Four Courts

DAY 2:

Leaving Dublin this morning travel via the 6th century monastic settlement at Glendalough which was founded by St. Kevin. See the many churches, round towers and cathedral in this Valley of the Two Lakes. Onwards to the mediaeval city of Kilkenny to see the wonderful Kilkenny Castle and St. Canice's Cathedral. Those who are able can climb to the top of the tower attached to the Cathedral to get the best view of this marvelous city.

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

Overnight in Cork.



Kilkenny Castle

DAY 3:

This morning you will visit St. Finbarre's Cathedral: one of the most beautiful and interesting cathedrals to be found in this country, was completed in 1870. It was the last in a series of places of worship located on the site where Saint Fin Barre is said to have founded his school of learning in the 7th century.

In the afternoon you will visit Cobh, the Queenstown Story: a dramatic exhibition of the origins, history and legacy of Cobh, a unique port town which recalls the many historic events associated with the town. From 1845 to 1960 over 2.5 million adults and children emigrated from Ireland via Cobh on coffin ships, early steamers and finally on the Great Ocean Liners.

Return to Cork for your overnight.



Cobh, the Queenstown Story

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DAY 4:

Travel to Blarney and visit Blarney Castle: this historic castle is world famous for the Blarney Stone, which has the traditional power of conferring eloquence on all who kiss it. The word "Blarney" was introduced into the English language by Queen Elizabeth 1 who used it to describe pleasant and entertaining conversation that was possibly not all true.

Its then time to transfer to Killarney where you can enjoy some free time in this bustling town. Overnight in Killarney.



Blarney Castle

DAY 5:

A day of splendid scenery as you tour the Ring of Kerry which is said to contain some of the most magnificent scenery in Ireland. Pass through the small towns and villages of Killorglin, Cahirciveen, Waterville, Sneem and finally Molls Gap in the heart of the black mountains. In the afternoon free time in Killarney. Second overnight in Killarney.



Kerry Mountain

DAY 6:

Today you will take a tour of the Dingle Peninsula where drama, history and great beauty are combined in a spectacular arrangement of mountain, coast and ancient settlements. During your tour you will see marvelous vistas all the way to the Blasket Islands. The excellent seafood, the pubs and the traditional music will draw you to this famous and beautiful peninsula where the Gaelic Language is still the everyday tongue of the people.

Overnight in your Hotel in Killarney.



Slea Head Dingle

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DAY 7:

Today you motor to Adare for a relaxing visit in one of Ireland's prettiest villages. You will then travel to the spectacular Clare coastline. You will be treated to a visit at the Cliffs of Moher where on a clear day, you can see to the Aran Islands. Its then time to travel through the Burren before you reach Galway - 'The city of the Tribes'.

Overnight in Galway.



Adare

DAY 8:

After Breakfast you will be escorted to Kylemore Abbey. En route you pass through the charming village of Oughterard. In Kylemore, you visit the convent of the Benedictine Nuns of Ypres, beautifully set on Lake Kylemore. Today you will see the rugged landscape where you can experience the wild and desolate beauty of Connemara – the ancient Gaelic Kingdom where it is still possible, in the present, to “touch” the Irish Past.

Overnight in Galway.



Kylemore Abbey

DAY 9:

A long distance transfer today back to Dublin. En route visit the Ancient Christian Settlement at Clonmacnoise. Situated on the banks of the River Shannon this settlement was founded in 548AD by St. Ciaran and this once great mediaeval city is one of Irelands Great Holy Places, renowned as a Centre of Piety and Learning. Free time in Dublin.

Overnight in Dublin.



Clonmacnoise

DAY 10:

Transfer to the Airport and Depart Ireland.

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IRISH PUB TOUR

This tour will open your eyes to the varying pub culture within Ireland.

DAY 1:

Arrival at Shannon Airport and you are met by your Eirebus chauffeur and guide. Travel northwards and visit one of Ireland's majestic sites: Cliffs of Moher: where on a clear day, you can see to the Aran Islands.

It's then time to transfer to your hotel in Limerick to relax before venturing out for the evening.

Enjoy your first night in Ireland by visiting Dolan's Pub, one of Limerick's best known pubs. The Pub was established in 1878 and has always had the reputation for hosting great acoustic sessions. Located right beside the pub is the Warehouse that hosts a variety of different musical genres – rock, comedy, jazz, blues, country and classical.

Overnight in your Limerick hotel.

DAY 2:

After Full Irish Breakfast you are driven northwards to Galway which will be your base for the next couple of nights.

Enroute discover the unique landscape of the Burren: "The Burren is a limestone plateau occupying an area of over one hundred square miles in North Clare. It is an area of scenic attractions where the clear light, reflected from the stone-grey hills, seems to radiate an air of timelessness, which is made more realistic by the presence of the many prehistoric remains that dot the fields and the valleys beneath. Here the unfolding layers of limestone form terraces on the slopes of the hills – a limestone desert but with a quick-changing landscape. Within a few miles may be seen verdant valleys, bright, green hills thick with hazel and bramble, while the grey heights are relieved by streaks of coloured vegetation contained in the fissures and rock joints."

Arrive in Galway and check-into your hotel.

Enjoy an Irish Music Session in the Western Bar: the atmosphere is relaxed and friendly with the emphasis on the craic and having fun with the tunes and songs.

Overnight in Galway Hotel.



Dolan's Pub



Western Bar

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DAY 3:

Today you are driven by your chauffeur to Kylemore Abbey: the convent of the Benedictine Nuns of Ypres, beautifully set on Lake Kylemore. Visit the picturesque Abbey (reception rooms, video and exhibition), and enjoy a stroll to the beautifully restored Gothic Church; browse in the craft shop and sample our home cooked food.

It's then onwards to Roundstone where you will visit Malachy Kearns, better known as Malachy Bodhran amongst folk musicians. He works at his craft of making Ireland's oldest product the Bodhran. In the hands of a skilled player the Bodhran can be a subtle and exciting instrument – striking the skin in a variety of ways, one hand tucked in behind the skin, pressing and moving to vary the colour and the intensity of the sound.

Return to Galway.

Tonight you may want to visit the Music at the Crossroads Show – this Show captures the audience's imagination as it takes you on a voyage of discovery of Irish traditional music, from its roots, through to other genres in its musical family, such as Gypsy, Bluegrass, Folk, Classical and Jazz.

Overnight in Galway Hotel.

DAY 4:

After Breakfast your chauffeur takes you eastwards through the midland counties of Ireland to Dublin.

You will stop enroute in Lockes Distillery. Established in 1757, Locke's Distillery is the oldest licensed pot still distillery in the world. Locke's produced triple distilled whiskey for nearly 200 years. Now open as a museum, guided tours follow the process from the grinding of the grain to the casking of the final product. At the end of the tour you are treated to a complimentary sample of Kilbeggan Irish Whiskey.

Overnight in your Dublin Hotel. You are free tonight to explore the multitude of pubs our Capital city has to offer.

Overnight in a Dublin central hotel.



Music at the Crossroad



Lockes Distillery

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DAY 5:

Today enjoy a Dublin City Tour: Your guide will take you to all the cultural hotspots: Trinity College, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin Castle, O'Connell Street, Georgian Squares.....the list is endless.

Enjoy some free time in Dublin.

Tonight you disembark on the Jameson Dublin Literary Pub Crawl as you meander through the streets of Dublin, taking in the sights, the smells, the sounds and the scenes. A team of rambling players and minstrels completes the ensemble, giving renditions of verse, prose, drama and song from the Dublin literary hall of fame.

Overnight in a Dublin central hotel.

DAY 6:

Your chauffeur escorts you to Dublin Airport and bid farewell to the Emerald Isle.



Dublin Literary Pub Crawl

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SPORTS TOURS OF IRELAND

Come to Ireland and enjoy our sports.

We boast a wealth of first class sporting facilities.

Travel Solutions will organise competitions against local clubs in any sport. We will coordinate all logistics – accommodation, transportation, meals and so forth.

We can provide you with a complete tailor made holiday for your sports team and introduce you to life long friends in the world of Irish sport.

DAY 1:

Arrival at Dublin Airport and you are met by your guide and driver.

You commence your city sightseeing tour of Dublin City. Stops along the tour-route include: Trinity College, The Guinness Storehouse, Dublin Castle, Kilmainham Gaol and the Old Jameson Distillery.

Check into Hotel.

Overnight in your Hotel in Dublin. Welcome dinner in local restaurant.

DAY 2:

Full Irish Breakfast at your hotel.

Today you will take part in your own sporting choice: whether you are a football or rugby, cycling, athletic team – we will organize a match against a local team.

Dinner and overnight in Dublin.



Trinity College



Own Sporting Choice

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DAY 3:

Today you will depart Dublin and travel inland to County Kildare.

Visit Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens: "One visit – three different worlds. The 1000 acre farm at Tully has been in use as a Stud Farm since 1900 when it was owned by Col. William Hall-Walker. It is home to some of Ireland's finest thoroughbreds. There's a Horse Museum tracing the history of the horse in Ireland using artefacts, illustrations and text, and the Skeleton of the legendary steeplechaser 'Arkle'.

The Japanese Gardens are situated in the grounds of the Stud Farm and were created between 1906-1910. They are planned to symbolise the 'Life of Man' from the cradle to the grave.

St. Fiachra's Garden was designed as a Millenium Project and seems to capture the power of the Irish landscape in its rawest state that of rock and water. It has almost 4 acres of woodland and lakeside walks."

Travel onto Limerick. Check into Hotel.

DAY 4:

Excursion to local club for Sports activity:

Limerick is renowned for its rugby, hurling, football and boasts many first class sporting facilities including those on campus at the University of Limerick.

This University is Ireland's largest indoor sports complex, encompassing over 145,000 square feet of space.

Return to Hotel.

DAY 5:

After breakfast travel to the awe-inspiring Cliffs of Moher. The Atlantic Edge Exhibition area brings to life the story of the Cliffs of Moher. The themed zones of Ocean, Rock, Nature and Man present the setting, geology, wildlife and human stories associated with the cliffs – one of the most visited natural wonders in Europe.

The Cliffs have also been voted as the most romantic place in Ireland by Lonely Planet. They are 214 metres high at the highest point and range for 8 kilometres over the Atlantic Ocean. From the Cliffs one can see the Aran Islands, Galway Bay, as well as the Twelve Pins, the Maum Turk Mountains in Connemara and Loop Head to the South.

After your visit you will return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.



Japanese Gardens



University of Limerick



Cliffs of Moher

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DAY 6:

Full Irish Breakfast at Hotel.

Travel to a local race-course to enjoy this great sport. Sport is too small a word for it actually. Raising is a sport and one at which Ireland excels; it is also a social occasion without equal and a very special 'slice of Irish life.'

(When it is an evening meet – we will arrange a fun activity for day-time)

DAY 7:

Transfer to Dublin or Shannon Airport.



Race Course

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MEET THE IRISH TOUR

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MEET THE IRISH TOUR

This tour enables you to meet the Irish People in their homes. Your group will experience both Hotels and Bed/Breakfast accommodation so the group will be divided into smaller groups during your stay in Dublin and Bunratty. Enjoy the Irish Hospitality on offer.

DAY 1:

Arrive in Dublin and you are met by your Eirebus driver. You are transferred to your Bed & Breakfast where you have some free time to relax or to take a leisurely walk in Dublin.

Overnight in your Bed & Breakfast accommodation in Dublin. These homes offer the traditional Irish welcome in a cosy atmosphere.



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DAY 2:

You are provided with tickets for the hop-on hop off tour of Dublin. This fun and friendly 90 minute tour is complete with live commentary. Stops along the tour route include: Trinity College, The Guinness Storehouse, Dublin Castle, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Kilmainham Gaol and the Old Jameson Distillery.

After lunch, you will enjoy some free time.

Second overnight in your Bed & Breakfast accommodation in Dublin.



Hop-on Hop Off Bus Dublin

DAY 3:

Today you leave Dublin and transfer southwards through the town of Kildare onwards to Cashel. Cashel is one of Ireland's most popular heritage towns. You visit the Rock of Cashel: A spectacular group of medieval buildings set on an outcrop of limestone in the Golden Vale including the 12th century round tower, High Cross and Romanesque Chapel, 13th century Gothic cathedral, 15th century castle and the restored Hall of the Vicars Choral.

It's then onwards through the counties of Tipperary and Cork until you reach Killarney.

Overnight in your typically Irish hotel in Killarney.



International Hotel

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MEET THE IRISH TOUR

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DAY 4:

A day of splendid scenery as you tour the Ring of Kerry which is said to contain some of the most magnificent scenery in Ireland. Pass through the small towns and villages of Killorglin, Cahirciveen, Waterville, Sneem and finally Molls Gap in the heart of the black mountains.

In the afternoon visit Muckross House, situated in Killarney National Park, close to the eastern shore of Muckross Lake. View the principal rooms of the House, which are furnished in period style, you will also see exhibitions and displays illustrating various aspects of the lifestyles and crafts of the people of Kerry. The Park covers an area of 10,000 hectares and includes the world famous lakes of Killarney and the mountains and woodland that surrounds them.

Overnight in your Hotel in Killarney.



Ring of Kerry

DAY 5:

Today, you depart from Killarney and head northwards. Tralee is the first large town we come to before, Listowel and Tarbert where you wait to board the ferry that crosses the Shannon. Once on the other side you travel along the Atlantic until you come to the holiday town of Lahinch and then onto the Cliffs of Moher, 700 foot Cliffs into the Atlantic.

Overnight in your Bed & Breakfast in Bunratty. Guests will enjoy excellent home-cooked breakfasts and dinners and their hosts will be happy to tell them a story or two.



Bed and Breakfast

DAY 6:

This morning you travel to Galway and enjoy a city tour of this city known as the "City of the Tribes". See Eyre Square, The Court House, Salmon Weir Bridge and many other sites. Your driver will take you for a relaxing drive along the Galway coast line and take some wonderful photos at Bearna or Furbo.

Return to Bunratty for your final overnight.



Galway City

DAY 7:

Transfer from Hotel to Shannon Airport and bid farewell to the Emerald Isle.