Escape... with Northland Travel

Experience Ireland As a Local

April 5-14, 2016 • 10 Days



• Blarney Castle • Cliffs of Moher • Kilbeggan Distillery

• Old Jameson Distillery • and much more!

Day 1 Tues. Apr 5 We will travel to Minneapolis for our overnight flight to Dublin.

Day 2 Wed. Apr 6 Our Ireland adventure begins!! There is no better place to begin our journey than Ireland's capital city, Dublin. Upon arrival, transportation will be waiting to take us to our hotel. Later, we will meet our guide at the hotel and set out on a city tour of central Dublin. We will see elegant Georgian squares with brightly-painted doors and the peaceful St. Stephen's Green. Cross the River Liffey to O'Connell St. and view the historic Famine Memorial. Visit the Guinness Storehouse to learn about Ireland's "black beer" and enjoy a creamy pint in the rooftop bar.

Day 3 Thurs. Apr 7 Start off this and each morning of our stay in Ireland with a hearty Irish breakfast. Depart Dublin and stop at a working beef, sheep and horse farm. Sample tea and home-baked scones and learn about country living in Ireland. Arrive in Kilkenny and check into our hotel. Take a walking tour through the heart of this medieval city to view historic pubs and other places of interest along Kilkenny's Medieval Mile. You will enjoy free time to browse around before dinner. (B,D)

Day 4 Fri. Apr 8 We travel south to the ancient port of Waterford to visit the House of Waterford Crystal. We will watch how skilled craftspeople transform molten glass into elegant tableware and magnificent trophies of all types. We travel along the south coast to visit Blarney Castle and climb to the ramparts to kiss the "Blarney Stone." Do some shopping at the Blarney Woollen Mills or take a break in the pub hidden between the shops! Pass through County Cork and on to Killarney, our home for the next 2 nights. In the evening enjoy time on your own to explore the lively pubs where traditional Irish music is played. (**B,D**)





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Day 5 Sat. Apr 9 Today discover the glorious Dingle Peninsula. Drive to Slea Head at the westernmost tip for awesome views of the Atlantic Ocean. We will meet a farmer whose skilled dogs herd sheep. Visit Dingle Brewing Company. Watch the brewing process and sample some of the local brew. Head back to Killarney. In the evening drive to Kate Kearney's Cottage for dinner, traditional Irish entertainment with songs and step-dancing. **(B,D)**

Day 6 Sun. Apr 10 Today we cross the wide River Shannon Estuary by ferry to view the Cliffs of Moher. Enjoy a publunch in the village of Doolin. Pass the shores of Galway Bay and stop in Galway City for a walking tour. We will make our way through Connemara where mountain sheep roam freely. Stop in Leenane, where the movie, "The Field" was made. Continue to Westport with lots of interesting shops and traditional pubs with lively music. Check in to our hotel where dinner is served. (B,D)

Day 7 Mon. Apr 11 Visit Westport House, an 18th century mansion, with magnificent views overlooking Clew Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. We will enjoy a scenic drive around Clew Bay, cross the bridge to Achill Island, and follow the scenic Atlantic Drive. See the Deserted Village, the remains of nearly 100 stone cottages abandoned around the time of the 1840's Famine. We will enjoy a casual lunch before returning to Westport. Enjoy a free evening to explore. **(B,L)**

Day 8 Tues. Apr 12 Travel to Kilbeggan and visit the Kilbeggan Distillery Experience. See how whiskey is distilled and enjoy a creamy Irish coffee. Travel to Dublin and check in to our hotel. We head to the Brazen Head Pub, oldest pub in Dublin, for an evening of "Food, Folk and Fairies", storytelling about the myths and beliefs of Ireland in times past. **(B,D)**

Day 9 Wed. Apr 13 Enjoy the day in Dublin with an Independent Dublin open-top bus tour, plus a tour of the Old Jameson Distillery and enjoy a whiskey tasting. Enjoy our last night in Ireland. **(B)**

Day 10 Thurs. Apr 14 Enjoy one last Irish Breakfast, we journey to Dublin Airport for our return flight. **(B)**

DEPARTURE CITIES: Fort Dodge, Waterloo, Ankeny, Ames, Cedar Rapids, Coralville and Williams

ACTIVITY LEVEL: ACTIVE—Moderate pace, good mobility needed, stairs & prolonged standing, includes city walking tours, some shorter & some longer days

YOUR IRELAND ADVENTURE INCLUDES

- Luxury motorcoach transportation
- All air transportation
- Transfers between the airport and hotels
- Lodging for 8 nights
- Tickets/admissions to listed attractions
- 15 Meals (meals inclusive of tax & gratuity)

Deposit: \$400 per person, due with reservation. **A deposit is now required to secure a reservation.** Credit card information is necessary to book a tour by phone. If making your reservation by mail, your reservation will be entered upon receipt of your check.

Balance Due: Jan 27, 2015

Cancel By: Dec 21 for penalty-free cancella-

tions.

Travel Insurance: travel insurance is available at a group rate. Call for details and prices.

Without cancellation protection, regardless of the reason for cancellation, the following penalties apply:

From Dec 22-Jan 27 a \$400 pp penalty applies. From Jan 28-Mar 1 a 25% per person penalty applies, plus air penalty.

From Mar 2 –24, a 35% per person penalty applies, plus air penalty.

From Mar 25 –Apr 1, a 50% per person penalty applies, plus air penalty.

Cancellation from Apr 2-departure, a 100% per person penalty applies.



*Luggage handling at airports is NOT provided by Northland travel for this travel package.

You must have a travel companion with you if you require personal/ wheelchair assistance.

Air/rail/cruise tickets are subject to supplemental price increases which may be imposed after purchase due to additional costs imposed by a supplier or government (such as increased fees, fuel surcharges, taxes and/or foreign exchange fluctuations). To offset these fees, you may be charged post-purchase price increases by NorthLand Travel.

*A valid passport is required for this trip.

When circumstances arise beyond our control, Northland Travel reserves the right to make itinerary changes.

