



Full Kilt Grand Tour of Ireland July 21 to August 1, 2017

Highlights:

- Welcome Breakfast at the Man O' War Pub In Dublin
- Hop on Hop off Bus ticket for Dublin
- Guinness Store House
- Belfast sightseeing
- Titanic Belfast Experience
- Derry walking tour and Inishowen Peninsula
- Giant's Causeway, Dark Hedges (as seen in "Game of Thrones")
- Crough Patrick Visitor Centre
- Cliffs of Moher
- City tour of Galway
- Blarney Castle and Woolen Mills
- Ring of Kerry Tour
- Medieval Dinner and entertainment

Inclusions:

- Roundtrip airfare to Ireland*
- All 4-star or higher hotels with portorage of one bag per person
- All breakfasts
- 4 dinners including Bunratty Medieval banquet
- Bus transportation to international airport from local area

* Airfare is estimated at \$950 (including taxes). Price and taxes vary until time of ticketing. Epic Journeys reserves the right to adjust tour price if Air ticket and taxes exceed estimates. Itinerary subject to change due to availability and weather conditions.

TOUR PRICE*
\$3,299 (double occupancy)
 *includes air and bus to airport
\$600 single supplement

\$250 deposit

Final Payment
April 30, 2017

2 Performances
 by
Full Kilt!!!

Travel protection
\$189
 (must be included with deposit if purchasing)



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“Full Kilt Grand Tour of Ireland” 12 Days July 21 to August 1, 2017

Friday, July 21 – UNITED STATES TO DUBLIN

Depart your hometown and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you travel to start your vacation.

Saturday, July 22 – DUBLIN ARRIVAL AND FREE TIME

After landing at Dublin Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities. Your CIE Tours driver/guide will welcome you to Ireland and escort you and your luggage to the coach. Stop for breakfast at the Man O’ War Restaurant and Pub, which has been standing on a hill on original Dublin to Belfast Road since 1595. Then set off with a local guide who will show you around the prominent historic buildings and monuments of Dublin. Dublin is an ancient settlement, founded by the Vikings in the 9th century. The city has been molded through the centuries with many architectural styles, reflecting the economic, political and artistic influences. Then drive to your hotel and check in. Once you settle into your room you may like to rest or explore some of the city on your own before dinner. In the evening join your fellow travelers for dinner in the hotel restaurant. DINNER and OVERNIGHT: DUBLIN

Sunday, July 23 – HOP ON HOP OFF DUBLIN

Enjoy the day at leisure in Dublin, where you can choose from a wide variety of pursuits. Use your Hop on Hop off pass to visit a number of places. Also using your vouchers you may either visit the Guinness Storehouse or the General Post Office. If you choose to visit the Guinness Storehouse see exhibits on how this world famous stout was first created and also enjoy a sample of the finished product. If you decide to visit the General Post Office on O’Connell Street, learn about its role in the Easter Rising and how it was left in ruins. There are also plenty of museums of Irish interest such as the National Museum, the National Gallery or the Writers Museum. You may also want to shops along Nassau Street, the pedestrianized Grafton Street or Henry Street. In the evening you are free to choose from the many restaurants and pubs that Dublin has to offer. OVERNIGHT: DUBLIN

Monday, July 24 – BELFAST SIGHTSEEING AND DERRY

Leaving Dublin travel north along the coast to Drogheda. Continue north, driving through the towns of Dundalk and Newry and past the scenic Mourne Mountains. Drive into Belfast which is situated on the deep inlet of Belfast Lough. Embark on a sightseeing tour around the city, including the University area. In the city center see the Albert Memorial and the ornate Victorian buildings of the Opera House and the Crown Liquor Saloon. In Donegal Square view the imposing City Hall, completed in 1906. The richly decorated interior contains stained glass portraying Belfast’s principal industries. Then journey northwest to Derry and check into your hotel. Dinner on your own in this delightful medieval city. OVERNIGHT: DERRY

Tuesday, July 25 – DERRY WALKING TOUR AND INISHOWEN PENINSULA

This morning enjoy a walking tour of central Derry to see the principal sights. See the 17th century city walls, which are some of the best-preserved in Europe, and the Diamond, the main central square. Also pass the 17th century St. Columb’s Cathedral, the Tower Museum with local history displays and the Guildhall where the history of Derry is depicted in stained-glass windows. In the afternoon drive to the Inishowen Peninsula and travel the 100-mile route which mainly follows the coastline and provides wonderful views. Stop in Buncrana, the peninsula’s largest town which sits on Lough Swilly, a deep inlet of the sea. Drive to the rugged promontory of Malin Head, Ireland’s most northerly point. This spectacular headland offers distant views of the Scottish islands of Islay and Jura on a clear day. Its highest point at 363’ is called ‘Banba’s Crown’ after one of the pagan queens of pre-Christian Ireland. Then travel south along the eastern shore of Lough Foyle before heading back to Derry. Upon return, enjoy the balance of the day free for individual pursuits and dining. OVERNIGHT: DERRY

Wednesday, July 26 – GIANT’S CAUSEWAY AND DARK HEDGES (featured in Game of Thrones)

Depart Derry and drive along the north coast of Ireland to explore Giant’s Causeway, an impressive area of hexagonal columns formed over 60 million years ago by cooling lava which has given rise to many legends. Continue on to see the beautiful Dark Hedges, a breathtaking line of beech trees planted in the 18th century. This location was also featured on the mini-series, “Game of Thrones” Return to Derry for free time and dinner on your own. OVERNIGHT: DERRY

Thursday, July 27 – DRUMCLIFFE CHURCHYARD AND WESTPORT

Depart Derry and journey south passing the Blue Stack Mountains and continuing along the shores of Donegal Bay. Drive on into Sligo and at Drumcliffe Churchyard see the grave of one of Ireland’s most influential poets, W.B. Yeats. Continue towards Westport and en route visit Teach na Miasa, the Crough Patrick Visitor Centre, located at base of Crough Patrick Mountain. Tradition maintains that St. Patrick fasted in the mountain for 40 days. Then drive to nearby Westport, for the night. DINNER and OVERNIGHT: WESTPORT

Friday, July 28 – CLIFFS OF MOHER AND KILLARNEY

Leave Westport and travel south through Headford and then some of the Burren country-an area of limestone hills which supports a wide range of flora. Continue on to the Cliffs of Moher, which rise 700 feet above the sea and extend 5 miles along the coast. Take a short ferry ride across the River Shannon Estuary to the mountainous countryside of Kerry. Check into your hotel in Killarney. You will then have the remainder of the day free to explore before dinner. DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: KILLARNEY

Saturday, July 29 – RING OF KERRY TOUR

Today explore the Ring of Kerry - 100 miles of marvelous scenery consisting of the highest peaks in Ireland on one side and a coastline scattered with golden beaches and rocky headlands on the other. Enjoy plenty of stops to view the scenery and take photos. Travel through Glenbeigh and Cahirciveen and on to Waterville and the colorful village of Sneem. Stop at Lady’s View for a view of the three lakes of Killarney with the mountains and the town in the background. Return to Killarney for some free time to look around the town before dining in your hotel. OVERNIGHT: KILLARNEY

Sunday, July 30 – BLARNEY CASTLE, LIMERICK AND ENNIS

Leaving Killarney, drive into the rich farming country of Cork. At Blarney, stop to visit Blarney Castle where you may climb to the battlements to acquire the “gift of eloquence” by kissing the famous stone. Also visit the Blarney Woollen Mills, which has an excellent range of Irish products of all types. Continue your journey to Limerick for a panoramic tour of the city which features the sights made famous in the Frank McCort’s biography, “Angela’s Ashes.” Pass the 13th century King John’s Castle in the center of town. Then continue a short distance to Ennis and check into your hotel. Time to explore or relax before an independent dinner. OVERNIGHT: ENNIS

Monday, July 31 – GALWAY TOUR AND FAREWELL MEDIEVAL BANQUET

Today, travel north to Galway, where you will join a local guide for a gentle walking tour. See the medieval city walls, Lynch’s Castle and the narrow streets. Then spend some free time to explore Galway. In the late afternoon, head back to Ennis. This evening join the fun and feasting at Bunratty or Knappogue Castle. Your medieval style banquet is served in the Great Hall of the 15th century castle during which Lords and Ladies of the castle transport you in spirit to the Middle Ages with their songs and stories. MEDIEVAL BANQUET AND OVERNIGHT: ENNIS

Tuesday, August 1 – RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

Sadly, today your Irish vacation has come to its final day. Transfer to Shannon Airport in good time to check in for your flight. You may do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores before boarding your aircraft and flying across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States.

Please note, itinerary is subject to change due to availability and weather conditions. Tips to driver, guide and local guides are not included

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