

Shades of Ireland

9 DAYS From ~~\$3,449~~ **\$3,149** pp* Save up to **\$300**

About This Tour

From history-filled Dublin to the rolling green hills and dramatic coast, experience Ireland's charms on a journey through the Emerald Isle. Choose how you explore the city of Dublin. Kiss the Blarney Stone at historic Blarney Castle. See Killarney from an Irish jaunting car. Pick from a selection of the best restaurants with our Diner's Choice program. Experience the world-famous beauty of the Ring of Kerry. See border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration. Stand in awe at the top of the stunning 700-foot Cliffs of Moher. Live like royalty during an overnight stay on the grounds of a castle. A vibrant blend of captivating culture and stunning nature, this is the Ireland you've always imagined.





Your Tour Includes

- 5 Handpicked Accommodations
- 13 Meals
- 4 Choice on Tour Options

Included Highlights

- Dublin
- Irish Evening
- Choices on Tour
- Kilkenny

Your Tour at a Glance

Stay 	9 Days 8 Nights
Meals 	13 Meals 8 Breakfasts 5 Dinners
Activity 	2 What's This?
Travel Style 	Classic What's This?

Customize Your Tour

Pre Tour 3 Night London **\$980.00 pp**
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Optional Excursions **Starting at \$139.00**
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Itinerary

Day 1: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

Get a taste of old Dublin. Tonight, you and your fellow travellers revel in a traditional Irish evening, including regional cuisine.

Hotel

Hotel Riu Plaza The
Gresham Dublin

Culinary

Dinner

Day 2: Dublin

Today, it's your choice! Choose to ride with a local guide to see St. Patrick's Cathedral, O'Connell Street, the National Gallery, and the historic Phoenix Park -OR- choose a walking tour of the city's historic centre, exploring St. Stephen's Green, Grafton Street, and the General Post Office. Either way, what follows is an afternoon to discover Dublin's charms on your own. Later, you may join an optional tour to the Guinness Storehouse, followed by dinner at a contemporary restaurant showcasing Irish cuisine.

Hotel

Hotel Riu Plaza The
Gresham Dublin

Culinary

Breakfast

Day 3: Dublin - Kilkenny - Waterford

Step back in time and begin the day in the medieval splendour of 12th century Kilkenny on the River Nore. Then, in Waterford, embark on a leisurely paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest city. It's your choice! Tour the Waterford Crystal factory and learn how exquisite crystal has been made for centuries - OR- visit the Medieval Museum for a guided tour and glass of wine in the 15th-century Mayor's Wine Vault.

Hotel	Culinary
Granville Hotel	Breakfast & Dinner

Day 4: Waterford - Blarney Stone - Killarney

Live the legend. The story goes that those who kiss the Blarney Stone gain the gift of eloquence. This morning, give it a shot at historic Blarney Castle. Cross into County Kerry and continue on to charming Killarney. Enjoy a traditional jaunting car ride* through Killarney National Park before boarding a boat* and sailing through the breathtaking lakes in the company of an expert boatman. Tonight, it's Diner's Choice... choose your included dinner from a "menu" of Killarney's great restaurants.

Hotel	Culinary
Killarney Avenue	Breakfast & Dinner

Day 5: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney

Take in the rugged coastline as you loop your way around the picturesque Ring of Kerry, past pristine beaches, quaint villages and majestic landscapes. At the Gap of Dunloe, shop for local artisan-made crafts. The night is free for reminiscing about the day as you find your own authentic taste of Irish culture.

Hotel	Culinary
Killarney Avenue	Breakfast

Day 6: Killarney - Cliffs of Moher - Limerick

Today brings you to the dramatic, 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher for cinematic views of the mighty Atlantic. Continue to Limerick, where a panoramic city tour showcases King John's Castle and the Treaty Stone. Delve into the fascinating history of the "city of the violated treaty." This evening you may join an optional tour to a Medieval Banquet dinner, which is hosted in a castle.

Hotel	Culinary
Absolute Hotel	Breakfast

Day 7: Limerick - Galway - Limerick

Pass through the windswept, limestone landscape of the Burren, known for its stark beauty and Neolithic tombs. See border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration. Continue on to Galway for a brief tour that showcases "The City of Tribes." Return to Limerick to relax over dinner.

Hotel	Culinary
Absolute Hotel	Breakfast & Dinner

Day 8: Limerick - Kilbeggan - Kingscourt

You don't have to be a connoisseur to appreciate the old-world heritage of Ireland's whiskey territory. Your journey brings you to Kilbeggan in the heart of Ireland, where a superb distillery brings whiskey craftsmanship to life and gives you a taste of the final product. Top your day off with an overnight stay on the regal grounds of Cabra Castle, where you toast the end of a fabulous trip during your farewell dinner.

Hotel	Culinary
Cabra Castle	Breakfast & Dinner

Day 9: Kingscourt - Tour Ends

Your journey ends in Kingscourt.

Hotel

Culinary

Breakfast

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