

# Countryside of the Emerald Isle

**10 DAYS**

**\$3,499 pp\***

## About This Tour

From remote islands and historic Dublin, to less-traveled roads and charming villages, this adventure brings together the best of the Emerald Isle. Come to know the culture and welcoming hospitality of the Irish in Dublin, Ireland's rollicking capital city. Step off the beaten path in the seaside village of Kinsale, known as Ireland's "gourmet capital." Overnight amongst a labyrinth of stone walls on the remote and enchanting Aran Islands. Discover the windswept terrain of West Cork's Wild Atlantic Way, one of Ireland's most scenic coastal routes, before arriving in colourful Dingle. Travel amongst the tranquil countryside and windswept valleys of the Dingle Peninsula. Raise a glass and celebrate a journey unlike any other through the many sides of Ireland.

## Your Tour Includes


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

## Included Highlights

- Dublin
- Irish National Stud
- Rock of Cashel
- Distillery Tour

### Your Tour at a Glance

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<b>Stay</b> 	10 Days 9 Nights
<b>Meals</b> 	13 Meals 8 Breakfasts 5 Dinners
<b>Activity</b> 	3 <a href="#">What's This?</a>
<b>Travel Style</b> 	Explorations <a href="#">What's This?</a>

### Customize Your Tour

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**Optional Excursions Starting at \$99.00**

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## Itinerary

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### Day 1: Overnight Flight

This is your chance to experience a seldom-explored side of Ireland. From the vaults of Christ Church Cathedral to the rolling hills of Dingle, we'll bring you back to your Irish roots (even if you don't have any).

**Hotel**

**Culinary**

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### Day 2: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

Fáilte and welcome to Dublin, Ireland's cosmopolitan capital. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome reception in the crypt of Christ Church Cathedral.\* Within the medieval walls of the city's oldest structure, surrounded by nearly 1,000 years of Irish myths and legends, toast the start of an incredible adventure.

**Hotel**

**Culinary**

Trinity City Hotel

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### Day 3: Dublin

A local expert escorts you through Dublin's magnificent sights by motor coach. Exalt in the culture and colour of Ireland's world-famous O'Connell Street and marvel at the electric green expanse of the largest enclosed city park in all of Europe, Phoenix Park. You will drive by Trinity College, through the Georgian Dublin streets and squares. This afternoon you may join an optional tour to a traditional pub for lunch, followed by a visit to the Guinness

Storehouse, or enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure to explore Dublin's fair city. This evening, we'll gather again for dinner and enjoy authentic Irish cuisine at a local restaurant.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
Trinity City Hotel	Breakfast & Dinner

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#### **Day 4: Dublin - Irish National Stud - Cashel - East Cork**

Take to Ireland's country roads. Tour the Irish National Stud, an area of outstanding natural beauty that's home to regal thoroughbreds and opulent gardens. Continue south to the awe-inspiring Rock of Cashel. Be amazed by its imposing facade and visit the spot where St. Patrick preached.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
Garryvoe Hotel	Breakfast & Dinner

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#### **Day 5: East Cork - Kinsale - Midleton - East Cork**

This morning head to the coastal town of Kinsale. Enjoy time to peruse the charming shops, galleries and cafes before joining a local expert for a leisurely walking tour. Later this afternoon, visit the Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson Irish Whiskey. Give it a go with a tasting of the distillery's production.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
Garryvoe Hotel	Breakfast

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#### **Day 6: East Cork - Garnish Island - Dingle**

Travel through forty shades of green before arriving in the charming village of Glengarriff. Board a ferry and sail to a place that must be seen to be believed, Garnish Island. Sheltered in the Glengarriff harbour of Bantry Bay, this hidden island is home to one of Ireland's most beautiful gardens. Continue over the

Cork and Kerry mountains onto the colourful town of Dingle, located on the Dingle Peninsula. Tonight, settle into a charming seaside lodge — your home for two nights.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
Dingle Harbour Lodge	Breakfast

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### **Day 7: Dingle - Dingle Peninsula - Dingle**

This morning explore the spectacular scenery of the Dingle Peninsula, with a drive along Sleah Head, with its enchanting hills and weather-worn bluffs. The locals will remind you that beyond the water “the next parish over is Boston.” Then, it’s your choice! Take a walk along the coast from Dunquin Pier, a secluded bay surrounded by cliffs -OR- visit the Blasket Centre, which shares the story of the people of the Blasket Islands, highlighting their struggles with the elements and the tenacity of their community. The rest of the day is free for you to explore the colourful streets and harbour of Dingle. This evening dinner will be at a pub located in a nearby village.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
Dingle Harbour Lodge	Breakfast & Dinner

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### **Day 8: Dingle - Aran Islands (Inishmore)**

Leave the rugged southern coast behind and embark on an adventure. Board a ferry bound for Inishmore, the largest of the three Aran Islands.\*\* Upon arriving in Inishmore’s ethereal landscape, take a private tour through the labyrinth of stone walls blanketing the island. Visit the east of the island and see the Old Cromwellian Castle and Port Aodh. Learn about the island’s 850 inhabitants, their livelihoods and devotion to traditional culture and customs.

As the last ferry leaves for mainland Ireland, breathe in the fresh Atlantic air and settle into your cozy island chalet. The humble accommodations in the heart of Inishmore allow the striking, rocky coast to be the star of your stay.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
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Aran Islands Hotel	Breakfast & Dinner
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## **Day 9: Aran Islands (Inishmore) - Cliffs of Moher - Ennis**

In the morning, visit Dun Aonghusa, a prehistoric hill fort facing the Atlantic Ocean. Continue to the Seven Churches, a pilgrimage site in the Middle Ages. After, you'll meet a family who harvests seaweed, and taste the unique flavour of this nutrient-rich food that supported Ireland's people during times of famine. Nearby, get a glimpse at a colony of seals on your way to visit another family-run enterprise: a goat farm. Savour the flavours of their locally-produced cheese during a sampling. Later, enjoy time in Kilronan village to explore and see the famous Aran sweaters. After, take in unrivalled views while sailing beneath the iconic Cliffs of Moher. This evening, after ferrying back to the mainland, toast the end of an incredible adventure!

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
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Old Ground Hotel	Breakfast & Dinner
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## **Day 10: Ennis - Tour Ends**

Your journey comes to a close today, leaving you with the spirit of Ireland in your heart forever.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
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