



TRAVEL ITINERARY

IRELAND - ESCORTED

DAY 01

DEPART

Evening: Depart U.S.

DAY 02

DUBLIN

Morning: Arrive Dublin.
Private transfer to Jurys Inn Dublin
Parnell Street.

Afternoon: Book of Kells

Evening: Guinness Storehouse

DAY 03

BLARNEY CASTLE AND KERRY

After breakfast, meet with your English speaking driver-guide and depart from Ireland's capital traveling to County Kerry. En route, stop in the town of Blarney to visit Blarney Castle where you will find the legendary Stone of Eloquence. Kiss it and, so the legend goes, you'll never again be lost for words. Later you'll enjoy some time for shopping at Blarney Woollen Mills. During the famine, Woollen Mills largely shielded Blarney from the worst effects of the famine, due to its employment of local workers. In 1976 Chris Kelleher, himself a mill worker, bought the old mill property and within a short period of time, transformed the mill into what is perhaps the largest quality craft shop in Ireland.



DAY 04

RING OF KERRY

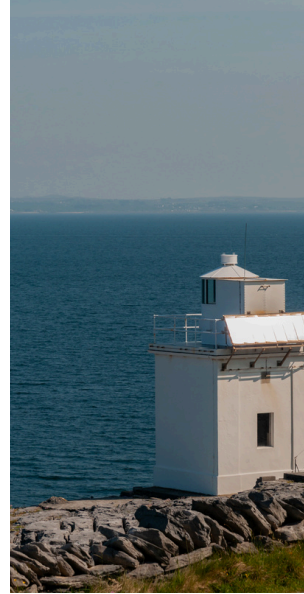
Today, enjoy a superb tour of the Iveragh Peninsula and discover the Ring of Kerry. Taking in spectacular scenery such as mountains, peat, bogs, lakes and magnificent views of the Atlantic Ocean, the day truly begins after breakfast as you depart Killarney and pass through Killorglin, famous for its Puck Fair. Soon you'll reach Glenbeigh where a cliff road affords panoramic views of the Dingle Peninsula and Dingle Bay. Passing through the peat bogs, one arrives at the sea town of Waterville before continuing to a local farm for a sheepdog demonstration. Your visit starts with an overview of the different breeds of sheep, followed by an introduction to the farmer's most important tool, his border collies. Next you will see an impressive demonstration of sheep herding as the farmer with his dogs demonstrate how, by working together, he can take a flock of sheep from the mountain top to the sheep pen close to the farmyard. After returning to Killarney, you now have the option to enjoy transportation of a different kind! A pony and trap (also known as a Jaunting Car) helps you discover areas of Killarney National Park that you might not otherwise visit. Relax aboard a jaunting car as your Jarvey (or driver) takes you through the magnificent scenery of the National Park (not included). Today, dinner is on your own in one of the many restaurants or pubs in Killarney.



DAY 05

BURREN AND CLIFFS OF MOHER

Travel northwards to Tarbert and, upon arrival, settle in for a short boat ride across the mouth of the River Shannon to land on Clare's shore at Killimer. Here you'll travel along the coast to the Cliffs of Moher, the most majestic cliffs in Ireland which rise from the Atlantic Ocean and extend for over 7 kilometers (approximately 4.3 miles). On a clear day, the spectacular vistas afford views that allow you to admire the distant Aran Islands and Connemara Mountains. Later, set off to tour of the Burren Region. The Burren is a strange and unique region in Europe; a high plateau of porous limestone situated in Northern Clare, the limestone is bare, with no trees growing or land covering the stone. But the Burren is not as deserted as it may appear: cracks in the stone allow different types of flowers to grow all year round, and the rocks themselves hide many impressive caves like Ailwee. Rounding out the day, you will be delivered to your hotel in Limerick, or (optionally, not included), can participated in a medieval banquet at Bunratty Castle. Bunratty Castle was built in the 15th century by the Earl of Thomond and stands on the banks of the Raite River in County Clare. The Earl was known for his generosity and his lavish entertainment and banquets. The entertainment today is provided by the superb Bunratty Singer sand is a fitting compliment to the lively mead reception, four-course meal and fine wines that define the evening. Enjoy an unforgettable evening in the splendour of this magnificent castle,taking a step back in time to medieval Ireland.



DAY 06

DUBLIN

Morning:	Galway
Afternoon:	Private transfer to Mespil Hotel, Dublin.
Evening:	At leisure.



DAY 07

RETURN

Morning:

Private transfer to airport. Return flight to U.S.

