

ENCHANTING IRELAND

with YMCA of Dane County

May 16 - 23, 2020



You are invited to join the YMCA of Dane County on this incredible tour of Ireland!

Featuring Dublin, Kildare, Cashel, Limerick, Ennis, Killarney, Blarney, Waterford, Avoca, and Glendalough

TRANSPORTATION

- » Roundtrip motorcoach transportation to Chicago O'Hare airport from select locations
- » Roundtrip air from Chicago O'Hare to Dublin, including air taxes and fees
- » Roundtrip airport/hotel transfers in Dublin
- » Air-conditioned motorcoach with onboard restroom for touring in Ireland

Not included: Travel Insurance, gratuities for tour guides, motorcoach drivers, meals (other than those included in the package), optional excursions that may be offered, trip cancellation insurance, and any items of a personal nature.

GENERAL INCLUSIONS

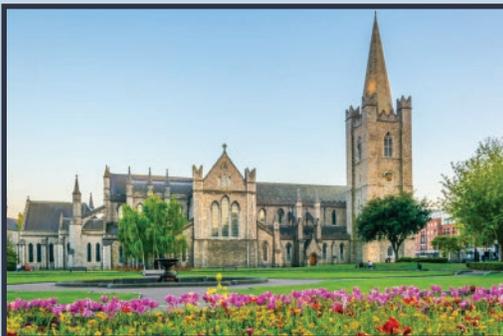
- » Hotel accommodations for six nights
- » Daily breakfast and three three-course dinners
- » Admissions and sightseeing per itinerary
- » Baggage handling
- » Professional, local Tour Director

PRICING

Full Package:
From **\$3,076.00***
per person, double occupancy

Land Only Package:
From **\$2,136.00***
per person, double occupancy

*Price includes gov't taxes and fees of \$116.34 and airfare from Chicago O'Hare. Single occupancy pricing available by request. Final payment due by February 10, 2020. Deposit: \$400 per person



DAILY ITINERARY

SATURDAY, MAY 16 - DAY 1: DEPART FOR IRELAND

Your adventure begins aboard a motorcoach transfer from select cities to Chicago O'Hare airport, where you will board your overnight flight to Dublin.

SUNDAY, MAY 17 - DAY 2: ARRIVE IN DUBLIN, IRELAND

Céad míle fáilte—a hundred-thousand welcomes! Check into your hotel. This afternoon, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions for an afternoon orientation drive through statue-lined O'Connell Street, elegant Georgian squares, and past St. Patrick's Cathedral and Oscar Wilde's Trinity College. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner at your hotel. **Hotel: Hilton Dublin Kilmainham (or similar) Meal: Dinner**

MONDAY, MAY 18 - DAY 3: DUBLIN-KILDARE-CASHEL-LIMERICK-ENNIS

Horse-racing country awaits this morning. Drive across the Curragh to visit the IRISH NATIONAL STUD at Kildare, whose fine thoroughbreds command respect on the racecourses of the world. Lots more to see: the Rock of Cashel, where St. Patrick preached; Tipperary, made famous in a wartime marching song; and Limerick, where an orientation drive acquaints you with St. Mary's Cathedral, King John's Castle, and the stone where the Treaty of Limerick was signed in 1691. Tonight's suggestion for a very special night out: attend an optional medieval banquet at an historic castle. **Hotel: Temple Gate Hotel (or similar) Meal: Breakfast**

TUESDAY, MAY 19 - DAY 4: ENNIS-WEST COAST EXCURSION

Your day excursion along Ireland's spectacular Atlantic coastline begins with a drive to the 668-foot CLIFFS OF MOHER, where you savor the breathtaking panorama of the Clare coast. A scenic route across the limestone plateau of The Burren takes you to Galway, a popular seaside destination and a buzzing cosmopolitan center with colorful shops and a busy café and bar culture. This afternoon, a special treat at RATHBAUN FARM: try your hand at SCONE BAKING, and learn from the farmer about sheep shearing and herding. Afterwards, enjoy coffee and your scones, fresh from the oven. **Hotel: Temple Gate Hotel (or similar) Meal: Breakfast**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 - DAY 5: ENNIS-RING OF KERRY-KILLARNEY

After a short drive via Clonderlaw Bay to Killimer, cross the Shannon estuary by FERRY. Continue to Killorglin on Dingle Bay to join the spectacular RING OF KERRY for a 100-mile panoramic drive around the island's southwestern tip. Take your photos of the Lakes of Killarney from Ladies View, then spend the night in the popular resort town of Killarney. Before dinner at your hotel, why not take a horse-drawn jaunting car ride along the national park to Ross Castle? **Hotel: Killarney Towers Hotel (or similar) Meal: Breakfast, Dinner**

THURSDAY, MAY 21 - DAY 6: KILLARNEY-BLARNEY-WATERFORD

Today you'll travel across the Kerry Mountains and through County Cork to Blarney, renowned for its magical Kissing Stone. Time for lunch, to walk up to the castle, and to shop for traditional Irish handicrafts. In the afternoon, proceed via Cork to Waterford, a stronghold founded by the Danish Vikings, and look forward to a guided tour of the HOUSE OF WATERFORD CRYSTAL. After dinner this evening, enjoy an IRISH COFFEE DEMONSTRATION. **Hotel: Granville Hotel (or similar) Meal: Breakfast, Dinner**

FRIDAY, MAY 22 - DAY 7: WATERFORD-AVOCA-GLENDALOUGH-DUBLIN

An exciting agenda today: Enniscorthy, site of the final battle of the Great Rebellion of 1798; Ireland's oldest HANDWEAVING MILL at Avoca, where you watch the WEAVERS at work; the Wicklow Mountains; and GLENDALOUGH, the early Christian monastic site founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century. See the engaging audiovisual Ireland of the Monasteries, then let your Local Guide show you the remains of this ecclesiastical settlement. Back in Dublin tonight, a fitting farewell to Ireland would be an optional cabaret evening with dinner, followed by dance, song, and laughter. **Hotel: Hilton Dublin Kilmainham (or similar) Meal: Breakfast**

SATURDAY, MAY 23 - DAY 8: DUBLIN

All too soon, your vacation in Ireland has come to the end. Transfer to the Dublin Airport in plenty of time to check-in for your flight. Upon arrival in Chicago, your motorcoach will transfer you back to your departure city. Meal: Breakfast



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