

*** Fall Tour of Ireland / October 10 – 20, 2022 ***
Visiting Killarney, Dingle and Galway - Ireland's Triple Delight
The Irish Cultural Center's Pat Baker & Dan Murphy to Host the Trip
Please Join Us!



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Tour the wild and beautiful West Coast of Ireland! Embrace Ireland's triple delight, Killarney, Dingle and Galway, on a leisurely paced fall tour through gorgeous countryside, charming towns, and bustling cities. Multiple night stays in Killarney, Dingle and Galway allow you to immerse yourself in the beauty, hospitality, and culture of Ireland's Historic West Coast Towns.

Total Cost: \$3,695 per person / double room occupancy; \$4,450 single room occupancy (limited availability)

What You Need To Do! Deposits, Payments and Application:

- **Initial Deposit:** \$2,000 to reserve your seat on the trip (see forms of payment on page 3).
Tour is limited (35 passengers) and will be filled on a **first come, first serve basis**.
- **Application:** Your Initial Deposit must accompany a **completed reservation application** and **copy of your passport**.
- **Final Payment Due: July 5, 2022. Balance due: \$1,695 per person / double room occupancy; \$2,450 single room.**
- **Travel Insurance:** Information available upon request.

The Irish Cultural Center Tour Includes:

- Round trip bus coach transportation from the Irish Cultural Center to Boston's Logan Airport, including driver's tip
- Round trip airfare from Boston to Shannon, Ireland via Aer Lingus
- Nine (9) Nights Top Rated Hotel Accommodations
 - Killarney International Hotel: www.killarneyinternational.com
 - Dingle Skellig Hotel: www.dingleskellig.com
 - Park House Hotel: www.parkhousehotel.ie
- Full Breakfast and Dinner Meals included
 - Full Irish breakfast daily, including day of arrival at Meadowlands Hotel in Tralee
 - Seven (7) dinners, including Irish evenings at Kate Kearney's Cottage (Killarney, Co. Kerry) and Páidi O'Sé's Pub (Ventry, Co. Kerry)
 - One (1) lunch: Gus O'Connor's Pub in Doolin, Co. Clare
- Admission to: Blarney Castle, Blasket Centre, Cliffs of Moher, Horse-drawn Jaunting Cart Ride in Killarney, Dingle Harbor Cruise, and Corrib River Cruise
- Optional day trips (at no extra cost): Day trip to Blarney, Kenmare, Slea Head Drive tour of Dingle Peninsula, Kilmalkedar Church, trip to Spiddal and Moycullen for shopping at Celtic Crystal and Connemara Marble
- Deluxe touring motor coach for all transportation and sightseeing with the services of a professional Irish driver/guide throughout
- Porterage of one (1) suitcase per person
- Tips & taxes while in Ireland (Note: Gratuity to the driver/guide in Ireland is included in tour cost)

The ICC reserves the right to make changes to the itinerary as needed, due to weather or other circumstances.

Trip Details and Itinerary

- Day 1:
Monday, October 10 Depart by coach from ICC in West Springfield at 1 p.m. by bus to Boston's Logan Airport. Leave Logan at 6:55 p.m. aboard Aer Lingus Flight EI 134.
- Day 2:
Tuesday, October 11 Arrive at Shannon Airport at 6 a.m. local Irish time. Board bus coach for land transportation. Stop at Meadowlands Hotel in Tralee, Co. Kerry for tour sponsored full Irish breakfast around 10 a.m. Arrive at Killarney International Hotel around 2 p.m. Unpack and relax, or freshen up before a welcome get-together drink at Hannigan's Pub at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Killarney International Hotel restaurant.
- Day 3:
Wednesday, October 12 After Killarney International Hotel breakfast, enjoy a traditional horse-drawn jaunting cart ride to experience the hidden delights of Killarney. Afterwards, the bus will leave at 11:30 a.m. for an optional day trip to Kenmare with time to explore this picturesque County Kerry town with its unique charm and inherent beauty. This town has been officially recognized for its historical, cultural, and environmental significance and has been bestowed the title of Kerry's first Heritage Town in Ireland by the Ireland Tourist Board. On our return journey to Killarney, we will travel part of the King of Kerry through the picturesque Moll's Gap with its sweeping views of the MacGillycuddy Reeks mountain range, which includes Carrantuohill, the highest mountain in Ireland. We will arrive back in Killarney by mid-afternoon with the remainder of the afternoon free. In the evening, we will drive to Kate Kearney's Cottage for dinner at 6:30 p.m. and traditional Irish entertainment with songs and step dancing. Bus will depart at 6 p.m. from the Killarney International Hotel for Kate Kearney's Cottage.
- Day 4:
Thursday, October 13 After Killarney International Hotel breakfast, bus leaves at 9:45 a.m. for an optional day trip to Blarney Castle. We will drive through the rich farming county of Cork. At Blarney, stop to climb to the battlements of Blarney Castle to kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence." Also visit the Blarney Woolen Mills where you can find quality Irish-made goods of all types. You will also have time to browse around the village, charmingly set around a large village green. Lunch is on your own in Blarney. After our visit to Blarney, we will return to Killarney for dinner at the Killarney International Hotel for 6:30 p.m.
- Day 5:
Friday, October 14 After Killarney International Hotel breakfast, bus leaves at 10 a.m. for Dingle. We will travel via Inch Strand to Dingle with lovely scenery along the way. We will stop at Dingle Goldsmiths. Jerry and Aideen Baker have fifty years combined experience making handcrafted jewelry and are masters of the trade. Treat yourself or that special someone to a piece of jewelry made on the Peninsula. Following our visit to Dingle Goldsmiths, we will then enjoy an hour-long Dingle Harbor Cruise of Dingle Bay with enlightening commentary on local history and landmarks. Following our afternoon activity, we will make our way to the Dingle Skellig Hotel. After checking into your hotel room, the remainder of the day is free for you to discover the many charms that this town has to offer. Dinner at the Skellig Hotel at 6:30 p.m.
- Day 6:
Saturday, October 15 After Dingle Skellig Hotel breakfast, depart at 9:45 a.m. for an optional tour around the scenic Dingle Peninsula. We will drive past little harbors and wide stretches of sandy beaches, leading southward to Sleah Head. This is the most westerly point in Europe, "Next Parish America" and off this coast many an Armada was lost. The awe-inspiring beauty of this particular area is unmatched. We will make a stop (weather permitting) to visit an ancient Celtic settlement dating back to 500 B.C. along the Sleah Head drive. We will also enjoy a visit to the Blasket Centre where you will learn about life on the Blasket Islands, inhabited until 1953, and about the families who immigrated directly to Springfield, MA. You are on your own for lunch at the Blasket Centre. We will also visit Kilmalkedar Church, a spectacular early-Christian and medieval ecclesiastical site. On our return to Dingle, we will stop at Brian de Staic's jewelry workshop and store. Brian de Staic has been designing and handcrafting jewelry for 40 years, with one of the largest workshops in Ireland. Treat yourself or that special someone to a piece of jewelry made on the Dingle Peninsula. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Páidi O'Sé's Pub in Ventry with a special evening of Irish music. Bus will depart Dingle Skellig Hotel at 6 p.m.

- Day 7:
Sunday, October 16
- After Dingle Skellig Hotel breakfast, the day is free to relax or explore Dingle and the surrounding area. Tour hosts will provide suggestions to make sure you experience the best of Dingle. Stroll around town and enjoy one or more of Dingle's 52 pubs. Your choices are many as you savor your time in this colorful and charming harbor town. Tonight, enjoy dinner on your own. ***Catholic Mass is held at St. Mary's Church on Green Street at 11:30 a.m.**
- Day 8:
Monday, October 17
- After Skellig Hotel breakfast (7 a.m.), depart Dingle for Galway at 8:15 a.m. We travel to Tarbert in Co. Kerry to board a ferry (weather permitting) for the short ride across the River Shannon Estuary to Killimer, Co. Clare. We will make our way (weather permitting), to the amazing Cliffs of Moher, which rise some 700 feet above the unforgiving Atlantic coastline. Afterwards, we will visit Gus O'Connor's Pub in Doolin for a tour-sponsored lunch. We then continue through the Burren region to Galway City. Upon arrival to Galway City, we will enjoy a brief panoramic city tour. Afterwards, we will check into our hotel in Galway, the Park House Hotel. Dinner at the Park House Hotel at 7 p.m.
- Day 9:
Tuesday, October 18
- After breakfast, leave at 10 a.m. to travel to scenic Connemara to visit Celtic Crystal and Connemara Marble in Moycullen. Tonight, enjoy dinner on your own. Afterwards, we will set sail from Woodquay in the heart of Galway City for an afternoon 90-minute guided cruise along the majestic River Corrib and on to Lough Corrib, Ireland's second largest lake. Unsurpassed views make this the "most spectacular" waterway in Ireland. Our journey takes us past castles and various sites of historical and cultural interest. The Corrib River cruise is sure to delight! Afterwards, the remainder of the afternoon is free to enjoy and explore Galway City—the European Union's fastest growing city. Covid Test at hotel possible. Dinner tonight is on your own.
- Day 10:
Wednesday, October 19
FREE DAY!
- After Park House Hotel breakfast, enjoy a free day in Galway City to shop and independently explore the "City of the Tribes." Galway is a delightful city with narrow streets, old stone and wooden shop fronts, bustling restaurants and busy pubs. The city has attracted many musicians and artists, which add to its unique character. Tour hosts will provide suggestions to make sure you experience the best of Galway. Tonight, dinner at the Park House Hotel at 6:30 p.m.
- Day 11:
Thursday, October 20
- After Park House Hotel breakfast, depart at 9:20 a.m. for Shannon Airport. Enjoy last minute shopping at Shannon's Duty-Free Shop. Our Aer Lingus Flight EI 135 departs at 1:30 p.m., arriving in Boston's Logan Airport at 3:30 p.m. local time. We will arrive by coach back at the ICC in West Springfield around 8 p.m.

Forms of Payment

- Check: made payable to the Irish Cultural Center or Cash.
Mail payment, Reservation Application and copy of passport to the Irish Cultural Center at 429 Morgan Road, West Springfield, MA 01089.
- Credit Card: visit the Fall Tour page on our website at www.IrishCenterwne.org to pay online with a credit card through PayPal. A charge of 2.89% and \$0.49 per transaction fee will be added to credit card payments. Mail Reservation Application and copy of passport to the Irish Cultural Center at 429 Morgan Road, West Springfield, MA 01089.
- **Members in good standing of the Irish Cultural Center are entitled to a refund of €20 to be provided by the tour hosts upon arrival in Ireland.**

For more information or reservations

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