

Ireland The Emerald Isle









Stay in Luxury Bed & Breakfast Cottages at the heart of Ireland with our Program Director showing your group a different part of Ireland every day. You'll see busy city streets, rolling green hills, spectacular glacial valleys with lakes and waterfalls, awe-inspiring cliffs, Norman castles, Viking churches, and ancient illustrated Christian texts. You'll experience amazing food, music, dance, and singing, and you'll meet the friendliest people on earth.

Day	City	Highlights
1	Airborne	Meet your Program Director at the airport for an overnight flight to Ireland!
2	Lakelands	Private transfer to farmhouse accommodations in the center of Ireland where we'll unpack and head to the dining room to experience the renowned Full Irish Breakfast. After breakfast we depart for Athlone and take boat ride along the Shannon to Clonmacnoise (a monastery settled in 546). Guided Tour of Clonmacnoise. Private transfer back to Athlone for dinner overlooking the Shannon across from a beautifully lit Athlone Castle.
3	Dublin City	Private transfer to Dublin. Visit Epic Ireland and learn about Ireland's influential diaspora. Learn about the Irish Famine and "coffin ships" while exploring an exact replica of the Jeanie Johnson Tall Ship on Custom House Quay. Lunch/Shopping in Powerscourt Townhouse Center. Enjoy a guided tour of Christchurch Cathedral (founded in 1028 by a Viking King) and then learn about the Irish War of Independence while exploring Kilmainham Gaol.
4	Munster "The South"	Private transfer to Cork. Along the way we'll stop and explore the Rock of Cashel and take in the Titanic Experience in Cobh. Visit Blarney Castle where we'll be "Blessed with the Gift of the Gab" when we kiss the Blarney Stone. Shopping and dinner in Cork.
5	Connacht "The West"	Private transfer to Lahinch for some time strolling along the Cliffs of Moher. Lunch, then transfer to Limerick to explore the newly restored King John's Castle. Day ends with a traditional music and food at Bunratty Castle.
6	Antrim "The North"	Day trip up north to see the fascinating basalt columns of the Giant's Causeway, cross the rope bridge at Carrick-a-Rede and take in the incredible views from the coastal walk, then wander around the ruins of medieval Dunluce Castle high up on the coastal cliffs.
7	Dublin City	Private transfer to Dublin. Visit to the Book of Kells and the Trinity College Library (Harry Potter fans will recognize it immediately as the inspiration for the dining hall at Hogworts). Shopping on Grafton Street. Lunch is a professionally guided food tour around the old city including the Temple Bar district (Dublin's Cultural Quarter). The day ends with a tour of Guinness World Headquarters at Saint James Gate where you'll learn how their renowned extra stout porter is brewed from the finest irish malt, barley, hops and water. Enjoy the panoramic view of Dublin from the top floor then return to Tullamore for a farewell banquet.
8	Airborne	Enjoy a farewell Full Irish Breakfast before boarding our private transport to the airport. Slainté!









