

Explore Unforgettable

IRELAND

with Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce

9 DAY TOUR | OCTOBER 9, 2023

**LOS ANGELES | DUBLIN | RING OF KERRY | KILLARNEY | BURREN REGION (CLIFFS OF MOHER) |
LIMERICK | GALWAY | CONNEMARA REGION | DUBLIN | LOS ANGELES**

Embark on a truly unforgettable journey as you see the Cliffs of Moher, explore the Burren Region, and drive through the Ring of Kerry with a trip to Ireland!

Price per person on double occupancy:

\$ 2869

Single Person Supplement:

\$ 599

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Discover the beauty of the Emerald Isle with this spectacular tour of Ireland! You will head on a journey you will never forget, filled with rich history and fascinating sites that will leave you in awe. Your journey will begin in Dublin, the capital city of Ireland known for its lively atmosphere, cultural heritage, and friendly locals. From there you will explore the Ring of Kerry, famous for its sandy white beaches, rich species of wildlife, and breathtaking mountains. Visit Killarney, the perfect place for outdoor activities as the region is filled with mountains and lakes, and see the Cliffs of Moher, perhaps the most famous site in Ireland known for its natural beauty, and travel to Limerick, one of the oldest cities in Ireland. Make your way through the narrow streets of Galway, where you will see gorgeous cathedrals and busy pubs before you explore the Connemara Region, a land of lakes, rivers, bogs, and mountains where Gaelic remains the spoken language. Your tour of Ireland will come to an end with a scenic trip back to Dublin and you will head home filled with fascinating memories that will last you a lifetime!

TOUR LODGING INFO:

7 Nights' hotel accommodation on double occupancy basis
+ 1 Night onboard the flight

CITIES	NIGHTS	SUPERIOR HOTELS
Dublin	1 Night	Rui Plaza Gresham Hotel / Academy Plaza Hotel
Kerry	2 Nights	Randles Court / Dromhall Hotel
Limerick	1 Night	George Hotel / Treacy's West County
Galway	2 Nights	Clayton Hotel
Dublin	1 Night	Rui Plaza Gresham Hotel / Academy Plaza Hotel

Hotel may be replaced with similar superior property for operational reasons.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel to Dublin, Ireland's medieval capital, known for its historic sites
- Visit the Blarney Castle and kiss the Stone of Eloquence for good luck
- Bask in the natural beauty of Ireland as you explore the Ring of Kerry
- Explore the lunar-like region of Burren and discover the Cliffs of Moher
- Taste local cuisine in Galway and head on a cruise on the Lough Corrib

INCLUDES:

- International roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles
- 7 nights' accommodation on double occupancy basis at the listed superior or similar hotels
- Daily Irish breakfasts
- 2 dinners at the hotels
- Transportation in a modern airconditioned motorcoach
- Expert English-speaking driver/guide
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Entrance fees as per the itinerary including:
 - o Blarney Castle
 - o Cliffs of Moher
 - o Kylemore Abbey
 - o EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum
- Ferry ride across the Shannon River
- Lough Corrib Cruise including Scones and an Irish Coffee
- ½ Day guided city tour in Dublin
- Porterage x 1 piece of luggage per person in/out of hotels
- Air taxes, fuel surcharges & local taxes - except hotel city taxes

TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1, MON: DEPART LOS ANGELES

Arrive in time at Los Angeles International airport to check-in and board your overnight flight to Dublin, the capital city of Ireland. Enjoy complimentary meals and extra services inflight.

Overnight Onboard Flight

DAY 2, TUE: DUBLIN ARRIVAL (-/-/D)

Welcome to Dublin, the capital of Ireland. You will be met at the Dublin International Airport and transferred to the hotel to check in. Rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight in Dublin

DAY 3, WED: DUBLIN – BLARNEY CASTLE – KERRY (B/-/-)

Today after breakfast, get ready to meet your English-speaking driver and tour guide today. You will begin your day by departing the Irish capital and heading towards County Kerry. There will be an en-route stop in Blarney, home to the famous Blarney Castle. Dating back to 1446, the castle is a fascinating tower house built on solid limestone, which is surrounded by natural wonders. At the top of the tower, you will see the legendary Stone of Eloquence; kiss it and you will never again be lost for words. Spend some leisure time shopping at the Woollen Mills. At the time, the presence of the Woollen Mills shielded Blarney from the worst effects of the famine thanks to its wide employment of local workers. In 1976, a mill worker named Chris Kelleher bought the old mill property. Within a short time, Chris and his family transformed the mill into what is arguably the largest quality craft shop in Ireland. Continue through the southwest of Ireland towards Killarney in County Kerry.

Overnight in Kerry

DAY 4, THU: RING OF KERRY (B/-/-)

After breakfast, you will start your day with a tour of the Iveragh Peninsula, where you can explore the Ring of Kerry. Take in the breathtaking scenery of the mountains, peat, bogs, lakes, and the Atlantic Ocean. Departing from Killarney, you will pass through Killorglin, famous for its Puck Fair. Travel to Glenbeigh (where the road offers panoramic views of the Dingle Peninsula and Dingle Bay), the sea town of Waterville, and Sneem Village, famous for its brightly colored houses. Stop at a local farm for a sheepdog demonstration along the Ring of Kerry. You will receive 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 a superb demonstration of sheepherding as the farmer demonstrates how, by working together with his dogs, he can guide a flock of sheep from the mountain top to the sheep pen close to the farmyard.

Overnight in Killarney

Jaunting Car Ride in Killarney National Park

Experience transportation of a different kind! A pony and trap (also known as a Jaunting Car) will help you explore areas of Killarney

National Park that you may not get the chance to visit otherwise. Relax onboard a jaunting car as your Jarvey [driver] guides you through the magnificent scenery of this breathtaking national park.

DAY 5, FRI: KILLARNEY – CLIFFS OF MOHER – LIMERICK (B/-/-)

Today after breakfast, you will travel north towards Tarbert for a short boat ride across the mouth of the Shannon River. You will land on Clare's Shore in Killimer. From there you will travel along the coast to the Cliffs of Moher, the most majestic cliffs Ireland has to offer. These cliffs rise from the Atlantic Ocean and extend for over 7 kilometers. On a clear day, you can admire the Aran Islands and bask in the beauty of the Connemara Mountains. The cliffs reach their highest point just north of O'Brien's Tower, built by descendants of Brian Boru to entertain his lady friends. The Atlantic Edge is the exciting new interpretive centre built into the natural landscape of the cliffs. Head on a scenic tour of The Burren, a strange and unique region home to high plateaus of porous limestone in Northern Clare. The limestone is bare with no trees growing here or any land covering the stone. However, the Burren is not as deserted as we believe: the cracks allow different types of flowers to grow there all year round. The rocks hide many caves like Ailwee and Turloughs, an interesting phenomenon that transforms lakes into fields during the summer season. From there you will continue your journey to Limerick, one of the oldest cities in Ireland.

Overnight in Limerick

Optional: Medieval Banquet at the Bunratty Castle (or similar) \$85 per person

Bunratty Castle, built in the 15th century by the Earl of Thomond, stands on the banks of the Raite River in County Clare. The Earl was known for his generosity and lavish banquets. The entertainment today will be provided by the superb Bunratty Singers and compliments the lively mead reception, a four-course meal, and fine wine. Guests are invited to join the banquet for an unforgettable evening, by taking a step back in time to Medieval Ireland.

DAY 6, SAT: LIMERICK – GALWAY (B/-/D)

After a delicious breakfast, today you will travel to Galway, a beautiful city that has attracted many musicians and artists over the years. With its narrow streets, wooden shop fronts, and busy pubs, Galway is a true delight. Your visit will start with the modern cathedral, one of the largest and most impressive buildings built between 1958 and 1965 in Galway. From there you will head on a cruise along the Lough Corrib to enjoy some scrumptious scones and Irish coffee. This journey on the Corrib Princess will take passengers along the majestic River Corrib and onto the lake, offering breathtaking views of the historic monuments and scenery as you discover one of the most incredible waterways of Ireland. Spend the rest of your afternoon at leisure. Enjoy your dinner
Overnight in Galway

DAY 7, SUN: GALWAY – CONNEMARA – GALWAY (B/-/-)

In the morning after breakfast, today you will travel through the beautiful Connemara Region, a land of lakes, rivers, bogs, and mountains where Gaelic remains the spoken language. The Connemara is a vast peninsula bordered by the arid and rocky coastline of Galway Bay in the south. On its northern shore, the land is harsher, offering spectacular views of the ocean, the fjord of the Killary Harbour, and steep mountains overlooking several lakes. The region also offers large bog areas – no wonder this is considered a haven for nature lovers! You will visit the historic Kylemore Abbey built by Mitchell Henry in 1868 and see its most famous feature – the miniature Cathedral. It has been home to the Irish order of Benedictine nuns since 1920. Next, you will visit a bodhrán maker (a traditional Irish drum). Roundstone Music and Crafts



are in a former Franciscan monastery in Roundstone, in the heart of Connemara. Here you will find the workshop of Malachy Kearns, better known as Malachy Bodhrán, famous for the manufacture of bodhráns — the oldest instruments of traditional Irish music. Malachy makes bodhráns for the world-famous Riverdance troupe and he is currently the only full-time bodhrán maker in Ireland.

Overnight in Galway

DAY 8, MON: GALWAY – DUBLIN (B/-/-)

After breakfast, you will depart Galway and travel to Dublin. Upon arrival in this major city, you will first explore the north which offers striking monuments such as the GPO (General Post Office) on O'Connell Street and Phoenix Park, the largest public park in Europe. The city's south appears to be more sophisticated with its vast Georgian squares and Trinity College, Dublin Castle, and two Anglican Cathedrals. Visit the Irish Emigration Museum: a state-of-the-art interactive experience located in the beautiful vaults of the 1820 Custom House Quarter building in Dublin's Docklands. This was the original departure point for so many of Ireland's emigrants. It will inspire and guide you to uncover the stories of Irish emigration around the world, from the early times to the modern day.

Overnight in Dublin

Optional: Evening Entertainment at Taylor's Three Rock (or similar): \$85 per person

Visit this lively pub in Rathfarnham for a lively night full of music and dancing. A group will regale visitors with ballads (both happy and sad) and will (after a few pints) have visitors singing along with them. The music will be interrupted for a short while to enjoy the best of Irish Dancing, guaranteed to get some feet tapping!

DAY 9, TUE: DUBLIN DEPARTURE – LOS ANGELES (B/-/-)

After breakfast you will be transferred to Dublin airport for your flight back home to LAX.

DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Items of personal nature, tips, and gratuities
- Optional excursions
- Travel insurance
- Baggage fees may apply, and vary by the carrier
- Visa fees, if applicable (not for US Citizens)
- Local city taxes to be paid directly at hotels upon check out
- Any other items not under inclusions.