



One of Dublin's Famous Doors

## TOUR INCLUDES

### 9 days/7 nights/13 meals

- Round trip flights between U.S. & Ireland
- Sightseeing by luxury coach throughout
- Services of a professional Irish tour director
- Superior first class hotels with private bath/shower for 7 nights
- 7 full Irish breakfasts (B)
- 6 dinners (D) including
  - Medieval Banquet and entertainment in Bunratty Castle
  - Dinner and show at Taylors 'Irish Night'
  - 4 table d'hote dinners
- Welcome get-together drink
- Catamaran cruise of Killary Fjord (April 01 - October 28 departures)
- Walking tour of Derry with a local guide
- Tour & a pint at the Guinness Storehouse
- Visits and admissions to Cliffs of Moher, Burren Display Centre, Connemara Celtic Crystal Factory, Museum of Country Life, W.B. Yeats' Grave, Belleek Pottery Factory, The Ramelton Story, Ulster American Folk Park and Dublin Castle
- Deluxe flight bag, ticket wallet, luggage tags & strap
- All local taxes, hotel service charges & portering for one suitcase per person

## YOUR HOTELS

Stay at the following (or similar):

- Bunratty Castle Hotel, Bunratty (1 night)
- Radisson SAS Hotel, Galway (2 nights)
- Kee's Hotel, Stranorlar (2 nights)
- Burlington Hotel, Dublin (2 nights)

# IRISH INTERLUDE

Superior First Class Hotels – 9 Day Coach Tour

From \$ **1446** incl. land & air

*Tour Highlights: Medieval Banquet at Bunratty Castle, Dinner & Entertainment at Taylors Three Rock Pub, Medieval Derry Walking Tour, Fanad Peninsula Scenic Drive, Catamaran Cruise through Killary Fjord, Dublin Castle & Guinness Storehouse, Ulster American Folk Park*



### Day 1: Depart U.S. for Shannon

Travel to Shannon on an overnight flight to start your vacation. Relax with inflight meals and entertainment.

### Day 2: Arrival & Bunratty Banquet

Land at Shannon Airport and go through an immigration check and baggage retrieval. Locate the CIE Tours desk in the Arrivals Hall where personnel will arrange a group transfer to nearby Bunratty. If you have arranged flights independently, a complimentary transfer is available between 7:00 am and 12:00 noon. If your flight arrives later than noon, transfer to the hotel at your own expense. In the afternoon you may relax or explore some of the attractions near your hotel. The Bunratty Folk Park, Durly Nelly's Pub and the Bunratty Woollen Mills are all within walking distance. Sip a get-together drink before heading to nearby Bunratty Castle, the setting for a fun evening of feasting and entertainment in the 15th century castle. Throughout the meal, the lords and ladies of the castle will entertain you with delightful songs, harp and fiddle music to transport you in spirit to the Middle Ages. (D)

### Day 3: Cliffs of Moher & Burren Country

Travel to the coast to view the Cliffs of Moher, a five-mile wall of limestone rising above the foaming Atlantic breakers. Continue to Kilfenora to visit the Burren Display Centre where the flora, fauna and history of this unique region are explained. Travel through the rounded limestone hills of the Burren and down Corkscrew Hill for views of Galway Bay. Drive through Ballyvaughan and around Galway Bay into Galway. Take a brief tour of Galway Cathedral and the Spanish Arch before checking into your hotel, located close to Eyre Square. Galway city center is a great place for independent browsing and some of the streets are closed to traffic, making it an ideal place to stroll. (B, D)

### Day 4: Connemara & Catamaran Cruise

Drive through Headford to Cong, a charming village that was the location for "The Quiet Man"

in 1952, starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. Stop for a look around the village and also see the ruins of Cong Abbey. Travel through part of Connemara to Killary Harbour, Ireland's only fjord. Embark on a comfortable catamaran, "Connemara Lady," for wonderful unspoiled views of the narrow inlet and misty hills (April 01 - October 28 departures). On the return journey to Galway, drive through another section of Connemara via Maam Cross, through the village of Moycullen to visit the Connemara Celtic Crystal Factory, a family-owned business specializing in intricate designs in colored crystal. (B, D)

### Day 5: Country Life Museum & Belleek Pottery

Head north to Castlebar to visit the Museum of Country Life, which portrays the lives of ordinary people who lived in rural Ireland in the period 1850 - 1950. The museum is situated in the grounds of Turlough Park House, built in 1865 and restored to its Victorian splendor. Continue through County Sligo and pause at Drumcliffe Churchyard to see the grave of W.B. Yeats, whose writings were inspired by the Sligo scenery. Follow the Atlantic shoreline of Donegal Bay to Belleek to visit the Belleek Pottery Factory. See how skilled craftspeople form and decorate clay to produce delicate porcelain masterpieces. Continue your journey through Donegal to Stranorlar. (B, D)

### Day 6: Derry & Fanad Peninsula Drive

Drive to Derry, where the medieval walls completely surround the old city center. A walking tour with a local guide will reveal some fascinating history. Travel along the dramatic coastline of the Fanad



View of The Guildhall and Derry City

Peninsula to see majestic cliffs and spectacular sandy beaches. Stop in Ramelton, renowned for its many Georgian buildings and an elegant Georgian mall that stretches along the River Lennon. Visit The Ramelton Story to learn about the region's geology, Gaelic chieftains, settlement and emigration. Return to Stranorlar in ample time to relax a little before dinner. (B, D)

**Day 7: Folk Park & Dublin**

Depart Stranorlar to visit the nearby Ulster American Folk Park, an outdoor museum of cottages, including that of Thomas Mellon's ancestors. See traditional cottages and buildings where old-style crafts are demonstrated and explained. Learn how people lived in rural Ireland in past centuries. See portrayals of the Atlantic crossing to the United States and the life of early Appalachian settlers who brought many of the Ulster traditions with them. Drive through Monaghan, Carrickmacross and other busy marketing towns. As you pass through the countryside, see how Irish people make a living from farming. Drive to Dublin and check into your hotel. This evening dine at Taylors Three Rock Pub and enjoy a high-spirited show with plenty of music and dancing. (B, D)

**Day 8: Dublin Castle & City Touring**

This morning a city sightseeing tour will introduce you to Dublin with its many elegant Georgian buildings, tranquil parks and lively shopping streets. Take a guided tour around the State Apartments of Dublin Castle. These chambers have hosted many historic and political events and today are the setting for many Irish state and European Union ceremonies. See magnificent Waterford Crystal chandeliers and furnishings and learn about history through the many portraits of prominent personages. Tour the Guinness Storehouse to learn about Ireland's most famous dark brew and try a creamy draft pint in the rooftop bar while enjoying a view over Dublin's skyline. The afternoon is free and check out a restaurant or theater on your own this evening. (B)

**Day 9: Return to U.S.**

As you have reached the final day of your tour, we will provide a couple of group transfers to Dublin Airport where your tour concludes. Check in for your transatlantic flight back to the United States. (B)

*"I just returned from my first visit to Ireland. This tour was everything I had hoped for, a nice relaxed pace with ample time allowed to do what I wanted to do on my own. The hotels were excellent, and the food was great. A great tour, a fantastic tour director, a great price, and tremendous value."*

*~ Thomas F., Schenectady, NY*



Looking for Traditional Music

9 DAY IRISH INTERLUDE						
Depart USA-SNN	Return DUB-USA	Land Only	(Aer Lingus) JFK/Bos	(Aer Lingus) Chicago		
Sat Mar 18	Sun Mar 26	\$1148	\$1492	\$1526		
Sat Mar 25	Sun Apr 02	1148	1492	1526		
Sat Apr 01	Sun Apr 09	1238	1582	1616		
Sat Apr 08	Sun Apr 16	1238	1582	1616		
Sat Apr 15	Sun Apr 23	1238	1582	1616		
Sat Apr 22	Sun Apr 30	1238	1582	1616		
Mon Apr 24	Tue May 02	1368	1740	1798		
Sat Apr 29	Sun May 07	1368	1740	1798		
Mon May 01	Tue May 09	1498	1898	1980		
Sat May 06	Sun May 14	1498	1898	1980		
Mon May 08	Tue May 16	1498	1898	1980		
Sat May 13	Sun May 21	1498	1898	1980		
Mon May 15	Tue May 23	1498	1898	1980		
Sat May 20	Sun May 28	1498	1898	1980		
Mon May 22	Tue May 30	1498	1898	1980		
Sat May 27	Sun Jun 04	1528	1951	2044		
Mon May 29	Tue Jun 06	1528	1951	2044		
Sat Jun 03	Sun Jun 11	1528	1974	2078		
Mon Jun 05	Tue Jun 13	1528	1974	2078		
Sat Jun 10	Sun Jun 18	1528	1974	2078		
Mon Jun 12	Tue Jun 20	1528	1974	2078		
Sat Jun 17	Sun Jun 25	1528	2055	2159		
Mon Jun 19	Tue Jun 27	1528	2055	2159		
Sat Jun 24	Sun Jul 02	1528	2136	2240		
Mon Jun 26	Tue Jul 04	1528	2136	2240		
Sat Jul 01	Sun Jul 09	1528	2136	2240		
Mon Jul 03	Tue Jul 11	1528	2136	2240		
Sat Jul 08	Sun Jul 16	1528	2136	2240		
Mon Jul 10	Tue Jul 18	1528	2136	2240		
Sat Jul 15	Sun Jul 23	1528	2136	2240		
Mon Jul 17	Tue Jul 25	1528	2136	2240		
Sat Jul 22	Sun Jul 30	1528	2136	2240		
Mon Jul 24	Tue Aug 01	1528	2136	2240		
Sat Jul 29	Sun Aug 06	1528	2136	2240		
Mon Jul 31	Tue Aug 08	1528	2136	2240		
Sat Aug 05	Sun Aug 13	1528	2136	2240		
Mon Aug 07	Tue Aug 15	1528	2136	2240		
Sat Aug 12	Sun Aug 20	1528	2136	2240		
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Sat Aug 19	Sun Aug 27	1528	2136	2240		
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Mon Sep 18	Tue Sep 26	1528	1974	2078		
Sat Sep 23	Sun Oct 01	1528	1951	2044		
Mon Sep 25	Tue Oct 03	1528	1951	2044		
Sat Sep 30	Sun Oct 08	1476	1899	1992		
Mon Oct 02	Tue Oct 10	1424	1824	1906		
Sat Oct 07	Sun Oct 15	1424	1824	1906		
Mon Oct 09	Tue Oct 17	1424	1796	1854		
Sat Oct 14	Sun Oct 22	1348	1720	1778		
Mon Oct 16	Tue Oct 24	1278	1622	1656		
Sat Oct 21	Sun Oct 29	1278	1622	1656		
Mon Oct 23	Tue Oct 31	1278	1622	1656		
Sat Oct 28	Sun Nov 05	1198	1496	1524		
Mon Oct 30	Tue Nov 07	1148	1446	1474		

Single Room Supplement: \$338.  
Airline taxes and fees not included. Airfares are based on limited availability and subject to change. See page 82 for additional air information.