



Mike Byrne

Ireland

August 26 – September 5, 2013



Welcome to Mike Byrne's Ireland tour for 2013. These next ten days will show you its Forty Shades of Green, the natural beauty and most of all its welcoming people. The island of Ireland is just over 300 miles long from Malin Head in County Donegal to Mizen Head in County Cork and a little over 170 miles wide from Howth in County Dublin to Slyne Head in Connemara, County Galway. The country also boasts of 1,790 miles of coastline and no part is more than 70 miles from the sea.

As you travel a part of this island your driver/guide will bring all you are seeing alive in story and maybe a song and splattering of history as your luxury coach takes you over the country roads winding through market towns and sleepy villages. On a number of evenings your leader, Mike Byrne, will entertain in your hotel. You will also have free evenings to visit a singing pub and attend an Irish evening of song, music and dance. Now, all that's needed is for you to sign up. Invite your friends and be a part of this memorable vacation in the Emerald Isle.

Price includes:

- Roundtrip economy class airfare
- 9 nights accommodation (including two nights at Kilronan Castle)
- Full Irish breakfast daily beginning on Day 3
- 7 dinners (including one dinner and show)
- Entertainment by Mike Byrne
- Sightseeing by luxury motorcoach
- Services of a professional driver/guide throughout
- Lough Gill cruise
- Achill Island
- Admissions where applicable
- Hotel portorage gratuities
- Flight bag, ticket wallet, baggage tags & identifying strap

Cost Per Person

Double Occupancy	\$2789.00
Single Occupancy	\$3315.00

Government tax and security fee of \$323.81 per person is not included and subject to change until ticketed.

Travel arrangements by:



Itinerary

Monday, August 26: UNITED STATES TO DUBLIN

This evening your Ireland vacation begins when you board United Flight #22 departing Newark at 7:10 p. m. Your route takes you over the New England coastline and Canada's Maritime Provinces before beginning the Atlantic crossing. Enjoy dinner, watch a movie or catch some sleep.

Tuesday, August 27: DUBLIN ARRIVAL & BALLYFARNAN

Soon the sunlight of a new day appears on the horizon and your crossing over Ireland's rugged west coast as you descend over the lush green fields for a 6:55 a. m. arrival in Dublin. Welcome to Ireland! After going through the formalities of immigration and customs proceed to the Arrivals Hall where you meet your driver/guide who will welcome you to Ireland and escort you and your luggage to the coach. Stop locally for a full Irish breakfast then depart Dublin and journey northwest through the scenic countryside and the towns of Mullingar and Longford to reach Ballyfarnan. Kilronan Castle, your home for the next two nights, dates back to the 1800's and was extended in 1876. Recently, over 50 million Euros have been spent in transforming the Castle into one of the country's most desirable estates. Your afternoon is free to relax and explore your surroundings.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: KILRONAN CASTLE HOTEL, BALLYFARNAN

Wednesday, August 28: PARKE'S CASTLE & LOUGH GILL CRUISE

After breakfast this morning travel to visit Parke's Castle. Rising from the tranquil waters of Lough Gill, this attractive Plantation castle has recently undergone an extensive restoration. It now appears much as it did around 1610 when Robert Parker completed his fortified manor house on the site of a fifteenth-century O'Rorke castle. Tour the castle then embark on a scenic cruise of Lough Gill. Return to Ballyfarnan and relax or freshen up before dinner in the evening.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: KILRONAN CASTLE HOTEL, BALLYFARNAN

Thursday, August 29: KNOCK SHRINE, MUSEUM OF COUNTRY LIFE & WESTPORT

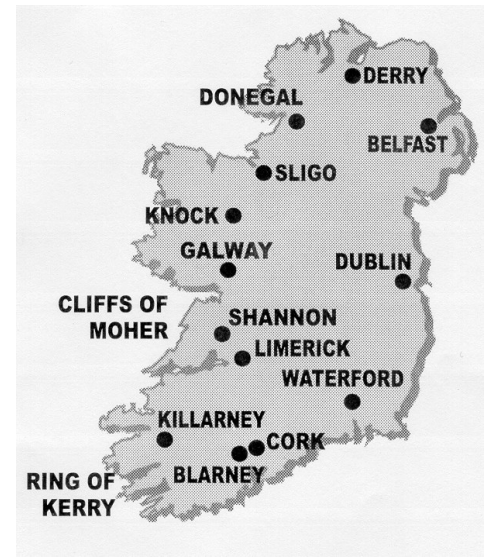
This morning depart Ballyfarnan and travel on into County Mayo to reach the pilgrimage town of Knock. Stop to visit Knock Shrine, one of the world's leading shrines where the Virgin Mary appeared to 15 people on August 21, 1879. See the shrine and modern basilica then travel on to visit the Museum of Country Life, which is situated in the grounds of Turlough Park House and Gardens which was built by Charles Lionel Fitzgerald in 1865. The exhibitions portray the lives of ordinary people who lived in rural Ireland in the period 1850 – 1950. The museum is also home to the National Folklife Collection which comprises of objects dealing with agriculture, fishing and hunting, clothing, architecture, vernacular furniture, trades and crafts, transport, sports and leisure and religion. A short drive will take you into the town of Westport to check into your hotel. Enjoy some time to relax and settle in before joining your group for dinner.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: WESTPORT HOTEL, WESTPORT

Friday, August 30: ACHILL ISLAND TOUR

This morning travel around Clew Bay, reputed to have 365 islands. Drive via Newport and across the Curraun Peninsula to reach Achill Island, joined to the mainland by a bridge. Follow the Atlantic Drive to capture wonderful and wild scenic views of steeply sloped mountains plunging into the shimmering Atlantic Ocean. Also see stretches of windswept bogland and golden beaches. Return to Westport where you may spend the afternoon relaxing in your hotel or exploring the attractive town. Westport was laid out in 1780 and today still boasts many Georgian houses and a fine tree-lined mall.

OVERNIGHT: WESTPORT HOTEL, WESTPORT



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Saturday, August 31: CONNEMARA & GALWAY

Depart Westport and travel through the Connemara region to admire the sweeping views of boglands and misty mountains. As you drive along you will see many sheep that graze freely and also tracts of bogland where some people hand-cut peat for home heating. Drive into Galway and check into your hotel where the remainder of the afternoon is at leisure before dinner. You may choose to relax in your hotel or spend some time around Eyre Square, the hub of the city. Most of the shops are within easy reach and there are also many quaint pubs where Irish traditional music is played.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: GALWAY BAY HOTEL, GALWAY

Sunday, September 1: CLIFFS OF MOHER & KILLARNEY

Drive around Galway Bay and through the Burren Country, a unique region of limestone hills renowned for its flora and prehistoric stone monuments. Stop to view the majestic Cliffs of Moher, a rocky wall that rises nearly 700 feet above the foaming Atlantic Ocean. Take a short ferry ride across the River Shannon Estuary to the mountainous countryside of Kerry. Arrive in Killarney and check into your hotel. Then you will have the afternoon free to relax or stroll around town before dinner.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: MALTON HOTEL, KILLARNEY

Monday, September 2: DINGLE PENINSULA TOUR & MUCKROSS HOUSE

Today discover the beauties of the Dingle Peninsula, made famous by David Lean's movie, "Ryan's Daughter." Drive along the south shore of the peninsula for plenty of vistas of heathery mountains, sandy stretches of beach and rocky headlands. There will be frequent stops at strategic locations to admire the views and take photos. Stop in the town of Dingle before continuing to the western tip of the peninsula. Here the scenery becomes wilder as the influence of the open Atlantic Ocean strengthens. You will pass early Christian monastic beehive huts and small fishing villages. On the return stop just outside Killarney to visit Muckross House, an elegant 19th century mansion set beside the tranquil Muckross Lake. A guided tour around the century manor house will fill you in on some local history and the family ties to the United States. Enjoy the elegant rooms and rich furnishings. Then enjoy the balance of the day free for independent activities, sightseeing and dining.

OVERNIGHT: MALTON HOTEL, KILLARNEY

Tuesday, September 3: DAY TRIP TO KENMARE & KATE KEARNEY'S COTTAGE

Today travel through Moll's Gap to reach Kenmare where traditional buildings are gaily painted and enhanced with flowers. Enjoy some free time here to explore the town then return to Killarney. This evening enjoy dinner and entertainment at Kate Kearney's Cottage, which is picturesquely situated at the entrance to what must be the most beautiful glaciated valley in Ireland, the Gap of Dunloe. The Irish night consists of a superb meal and traditional entertainment, which includes songs and musicians playing a wide array of instruments along with costumed dancers doing the jig and other traditional sets.

OVERNIGHT: MALTON HOTEL, KILLARNEY

Wednesday, September 4: ADARE & GALWAY

Depart Killarney and drive north from the mountains of County Kerry into the grazing lands of County Limerick. Stop in the village of Adare, famous for its attractive main street of thatched houses and colorful gardens. Stroll through the village and take some photos. Continue your drive via the city of Limerick, situated at a crossing point on the River Shannon. Drive to the marketing town of Ennis and check into your hotel. Relax or freshen up before dinner in the evening.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: OLD GROUND HOTEL, ENNIS

Thursday, September 5: RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

All too soon, your vacation in Ireland has come to the end as you transfer to Shannon Airport. Check in for United Flight #25 departing at 9:00 a. m. You may do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores and claim your VAT refund. Then clear U.S. Immigration before boarding your aircraft. Soon you're lifting into the western sky as your jet crosses over the coastline heading westward over the Atlantic. It's time to sit back and relive the past ten days, the sights you have seen and the people you met as well as the mighty craic (fun) you enjoyed. Before you know it you're back over the Maritimes on your way to an 11:15 a. m. arrival in Newark.

Conditions

To reserve space on this trip a deposit of \$350.00 per person (\$539.00 with insurance), is due as soon as possible. **Final payment is due June 20, 2013.**

Cancellation Penalties

Cancellations up to May 17, 2013 will be subject to a penalty of \$50.00 per person

Cancellations from May 17 to June 20, 2013 will be subject to a penalty of \$350.00 per person

Cancellations from June 21 to July 22, 2013 will be subject to a penalty of \$760.00 per person

Cancellations from July 23 to August 2, 2013 will be subject to a penalty of \$1000.00 per person

Cancellations from August 3 to August 16, 2013 will be subject to a penalty of \$2000.00 per person

Cancellations received after August 16, 2013 are non-refundable

Written notice must be received in our office by 4:00 pm.

Insurance

Cancellation insurance is available for \$189.00 per person and must be purchased at the time of deposit. The insurance will entitle you to a full refund if you have to cancel for a covered reason. Once paid, the insurance premium is non-refundable.

Responsibility

Long's Travel Service, Inc., CIE Tours and Mike Byrne act as agents only and cannot be responsible for any losses, delays, property damage, personal injury or other loss you may suffer or incur on any component of this tour.

A passport valid for 6 months after date of return (March 5, 2014) is required for this trip.



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Dear Eamonn,

Enclosed is a deposit (check only) of \$350.00 per person (\$539.00 with insurance) for ___ person(s) for Mike Byrne's Ireland trip, August 26 - September 5, 2013. Make checks payable to Long's Travel.

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____
(as it appears on your passport) Please enclose a copy

Birthday ___/___/___ Passport #: _____
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Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

___ I/we wish to purchase insurance. Please add \$189.00 each to your deposit.

Airline Seat Request: _____ Please note that these requests can not be guaranteed.

Please complete the following if you are using a credit card for final payment.

Name on card: _____

Card #: _____ Exp. ___/___ Security Code #: _____

Signature: _____

Final payment will be charged on June 20, 2013.

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