



15 - 22 October 2017

### **DUBLIN ARRIVAL AND SIGHTSEEING**

Monday 16 October Arrive Dublin. Enjoy a traditional Irish breakfast at a local restaurant or pub.

Stoop at Trinity College to see the Book of Kells, an 8th century illuminated manuscript of the gospels. See the old library and enjoy a guided walking tour.

Check into your hotel. Join your group for dinner and a welcome drink. Westbury Hotel, Dublin

### **DUBLIN HIGHLIGHTS**

Tuesday 17 October Your local guide will show you the historic buildings and monuments of Dublin. Tour St. Patrick's Cathedral. Visit the Guinness Storehouse. Finish your visit in the roof-top bar, overlooking the city center.

## **WATERFORD WALK**

Wednesday 18 October Depart Dublin and drive into Cashel. Stop at the Rock of Cashel for a guided tour of these majestic church ruins. Then drive to Waterford. Tour the House of Waterford Crystal. Later check into your hotel. Dinner and walking tour. Granville Hotel

## **COBH AND BLARNEY CASTLE**

Thursday 19 October Depart Waterford. Travel along the coast via Dungarvan and Youghal to Cobh, the harbor town for large ships. Tour the Cobh Heritage Centre which traces the history of emigration from the age of the sailing "coffin ships" during the Famine year of the 1840's to the advent of steamships.

Then drive through the outskirts of Cork to Blarney where you can climb the battlements of Blarney Castle and kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence" or take a walk through the stunning grounds. Also visit the Blarney Woollen Mills which has an excellent range of Irish products of all types. Later, journey west to Killarney. Killarney Towers Hotel Dinner and overnight

## **DINGLE PENINSULA TOUR**

Friday 20 October Today discover the beauties of the Dingle Peninsula. Drive along the south shore of the peninsula for plenty of vistas of heathery mountains, sandy stretches of beach and rocky headlands. National Geographic Travel named this area "the most beautiful place on earth."

Stop in the town of Dingle for lunch 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. Overnight Killarney Towers hotel. Dinner on your own.

## **CLIFFS OF MOHER AND DROMOLAND CASTLE**

Saturday 21 October Depart Killarney and travel north to Tarbert for your ferry ride across the River Shannon estuary. Visit the Cliffs of Moher. This iconic cliff-face rises to a height of almost 700 feet above the churning Atlantic Ocean and stretches for five miles along the coast.

Depart the Cliffs and drive to Dromoland Castle, one of Ireland's finest castle hotels. The castle traces its ownership back through history to Gaelic Irish families of royal heritage. Spend the balance of the day relaxing in this lavish setting. You may use the leisure center, walk around the grounds, or play a round of golf. This evening, join your group for a superb farewell in the castle's fine restaurant. Dinner and overnight Dromoland Castle

Sunday 22 October Transfer to Shannon Airport for your flight back to the US.

PRICE PER PERSON \$2113 LAND ONLY AIRFARE, INSURANCE ADDITIONAL

