



Dun Aengus, Inishmore, Aran Islands

Tales of Irish heritage and culture await as you explore hidden gems like the timeless Aran Islands and medieval Kilkenny.

### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Aran Islands Excursion
- Basket Centre
- Cliffs of Moher
- Dun Aengus Fort
- Dunbrody Famine Ship
- Foley's Bar Dinner & Entertainment
- Irish National Stud & Gardens
- Irish Night in Dublin
- Midleton Distillery Experience



### HOTELS

- Dunboyne Castle Hotel, Dunboyne (1)
- Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny (2)
- Killarney Towers Hotel, Killarney (Fri Departures) or Manor West Hotel, Tralee (Tues Departures) (2)
- Salthill Hotel, Galway (2)
- Radisson Blu Royal, Dublin (2)

### MEALS

9 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L) and 6 dinners (D) including a welcome dinner at Dunboyne Castle Hotel.

## Presenting a special group departure to Ireland

10 DAYS | 9 NIGHTS | 17 MEALS

### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:

- Sightseeing by luxury coach with a professional tour director
- All on-tour transportation including shuttles and ferries
- Welcome get-together drink with your group
- Free Wi-Fi on coaches so you can stay connected along the way
- Deluxe documents wallet and backpack to keep you organized
- All local taxes, hotel service charges & handling of one suitcase per person

Optional Travel Protection Insurance is available and payment is due at time of deposit. Depart North America for Dublin overnight the day before the tour start date.

Air departure tax, fuel & surcharges if applicable, are subject to change until entire group is confirmed and ticketed.

# IRISH LEGENDS

## 10-Day Itinerary

### Day 1: Dublin Arrival & Malahide Castle

Your tour departs at 2:00 PM from Dunboyne Castle Hotel. Start your vacation with a visit to Malahide Castle, first built in 1185 and filled with medieval artifacts. Enjoy a welcome drink with your group before dinner at your hotel. (D)

### Day 2: National Stud & Kilkenny Walk

Visit the home of equine royalty: the Irish National Stud in Kildare, the heart of Irish horse racing. Some of the world's finest thoroughbreds live in these beautiful surroundings. Walk through the gardens before traveling on to Kilkenny, where you'll enjoy lunch in the Kilkenny Design Centre. Take a walking tour with a local guide to see the gems along the Medieval Mile, a stretch of city streets from cathedral to castle, with buildings dating back as far as the 13th century. Dine independently and explore as you wish this evening. (B, L)

### Day 3: House of Waterford Crystal & Dunbrody Famine Ship

Visit the House of Waterford Crystal, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner; see skilled artisans create crystal masterpieces on a factory tour. Then join a local guide for a walking tour of Waterford; discover the history of this port city, the oldest in Ireland, and its many colorful characters. Take time to explore independently. In New Ross, you'll visit the Dunbrody Famine Ship, a replica of a vessel that in the 1840s brought desperate emigrants fleeing famine to new lives in North America. (B, D)

### Day 4: Midleton Distillery & Blarney Castle

Tour the renowned Midleton Distillery, and immerse yourself in the rich history, craftsmanship, and taste of Irish whiskey. This iconic site celebrates 200 years of Jameson's heritage in beautifully restored buildings and modern facilities. At Blarney Castle, kiss the famous stone or stroll through the spacious parklands to view Blarney House before traveling to your hotel. (B, D)

### Day 5: Dingle Peninsula & Blasket Centre

Visit Moriarty's, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner, in the beautiful Gap of Dunloe. Then discover the glorious south shore of the Dingle Peninsula with views of heathery mountains, sandy stretches of

beach, and rocky headlands. At the Blasket Centre, learn about remote islanders who lived traditionally and spoke the Irish language until they were evacuated in 1953, leaving an extraordinary literary legacy behind. Browse around the town of Dingle and enjoy a drink, dinner and entertainment at Foley's Bar and Restaurant. (B, D)

### Day 6: Cliffs of Moher & Galway

Ferry across the River Shannon before driving to the Cliffs of Moher, soaring 700 feet above churning Atlantic swells. Walk along the top of the cliffs; on a clear day you can see great views of Galway Bay and the Aran Islands. Take in a sheepdog demonstration to see highly skilled dogs work with farmers to herd their flock. Savor homemade scones with tea before heading to Galway for a panoramic city tour. (B, D)

### Day 7: Aran Islands & Dun Aengus

Set out on a ferry across Galway Bay for Inishmore, the largest of the three Aran Islands. The hardy islanders still speak the Irish language and maintain traditional fishing and farming methods. Visit Dun Aengus, a huge pre-historic fortress perched on sheer cliffs above the Atlantic. Relax with a casual lunch in Kiltonan, the island's main village, followed by free time for exploring before returning by ferry. (B, L)

### Day 8: River Shannon Cruise & Abbey Tavern

Travel through the midlands to Shannonbridge for a scenic cruise on the River Shannon. Continue on to Dublin for free time before an evening in the seaside suburb of Howth, where you'll be treated to a lively show of traditional music, song, and dance over dinner. (B, D)

### Day 9: Independent Dublin Sightseeing

Enjoy a day in Dublin independently on the Hop-On, Hop-Off bus tour and a visit to your choice of one of Dublin's top attractions: Guinness Storehouse, Teeling Distillery, EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, Jameson Distillery Bow St. Experience, or the GPO Museum. (B)

### Day 10: Tour Ends in Dublin

Your tour ends after breakfast. (B)

### AUTHENTIC LOCAL EXPERIENCES

Visit **Inishmore**, the largest of the Aran Islands and discover this **stronghold of traditional Irish culture and language**. You'll visit Dun Aengus, a prehistoric fort on the edge of a 100-meter cliff.

Explore Irish emigration at the **Dunbrody Famine Ship**, a replica of the vessel that carried Irish refugees to North America in the 1840s.

Visit the home of racing champions and stroll through the serene beauty of the Japanese gardens at the **Irish National Stud & Gardens**.

