Dear Usman,

I am happy to offer you this special tour

Ireland at a Glance

This Ireland tour will take you to the country's scenic wonders with a variety of historical and cultural interests.

- 8 Days
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- Highlights / Must-See Tours

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DAY 1 Welcome to Dublin!

Welcome to Ireland! Arrive in Dublin. In the afternoon, take in the attractions of Europe's most popular city in a Dublin tour. Don't miss Trinity College, the Book of Kells, the National Museum, the National Gallery and trendy Temple Bar. Taking a break from sight-seeing, Grafton St. (Dublin's favourite shopping district) has everything you need to relax. Visit Bewley's Café and enjoy an Irish coffee in a favourite venue of many of Dublin's literary greats. Next on your Dublin tour, venture down Wicklow St. to find quaint bistros and the Powerscourt Shopping



Centre, which boasts the perfect combination of variety and a stunning setting or maybe go alfresco with a picnic in St. Stephen's Green. Once you're refreshed, it's back on the trail again seeking out all that Dublin has to offer.

Co. Dublin for 1 night

DAY 2 **Dublin - Mayo**



Today, you will be leaving Dublin behind you as you make your way towards County Mayo. On your way visit the Kilbeggan Distillery which is the oldest licensed whiskey distillery in the world, dating from 1757 and it's tumultuous history is both lively and entertaining. Also on your Mayo tour you can also stop at Clonmacnoise, an impressive early Christian site which dates from the 6th century and was founded by St. Ciarán. It flourished from the 7th to 12th century and was known as a both a centre for learning, piety, politics and craftsmanship. Today, you can walk through the ruins of the once great a cathedral and seven churches, gaze at the

imposing round-towers - (2 in total) and admire the intricate skills of the stone-masons who created the striking and towering high crosses. Continue on to Mayo for overnight.

Co. Mayo for 1 night

DAY 3 Mayo to Galway

After the Mayo tour continue your Ireland tour and travel to country Galway. Visit Galway City brimming with heritage, culture and folklore. Weaving through the side streets browsing the hand crafted wares on offer, you'll be in awe of the rich architecture and medieval nuances.

Friendly faces greet you around every corner and a magical spirit lingers in the air. If you fancy some evening entertainment, you'll be pleased to discover Galway's strong ties with traditional Irish music. There must be something in the water, because there are an uncanny number of extremely talented musicians, dancers and singers roaming the Connemara/Galway region.



Co. Galway for 1 night

DAY 4 Connemara

Spend a full day touring the unspoilt area of Connemara. This area is one of the few remaining in Ireland where the native tongue (Gaeilge) is still fluently spoken as a first language. Stop off in the fishing village of Roundstone, where currachs, old style featherweight rowing boats are still in everyday use. Clifden, Connemara's capital is well worth a visit and the scenic Sky Road drive just outside town should not be missed. From here travel north to see the exquisite neogothic Kylemore Abbey, nestled in a lush forest on the edge of Kylemore Lake and enjoy the



stunning scenery of the Killary Harbour. However long you spend in Connemara you will be constantly enchanted by the ever changing scenery of mountains and valleys, lakes and beaches and bays.

Co. Galway for 1 night

DAY 5 Galway to Killarney

An early morning start to catch the spectacular Cliffs of Moher— which fall 200m steeply into the wild Atlantic ocean. Pass through the Burren - without dispute, one of the most unique - and strangest - landscapes in Europe. The Burren is bounded by the Atlantic on the west and rocked by Galway Bay to the north, it is a multi-layered landscape where rare and delicate

plants have adapted in order to thrive and flourish between harsh crevices. After your visit to the Cliffs of Moher you will continue on to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park, where one can stop for a pint of stout at Durty Nellies. Continue to the postcard pretty Adare Village before arriving in Killarney. In the afternoon stroll around Muckross House and Gardens where the nineteenth century Victorian mansion is set against the stunning beauty of Killarney Lakes and National Park.



Co. Kerry for 1 night

DAY 6 Ring of Kerry Tour

Next on the Ireland tour is the Ring of Kerry is one of Ireland's most scenic touring routes. At 179 km long, it circles the awe-inspiring Iveragh Peninsula. While on this Ring of Kerry tour, you'll feel as if you have moved into nature's mystic arena, and truly you have, as you pass between soft mountains, through forest glades, around bogs, rivers, lakes and pristine beaches.



The road between the magnificent MacGillycuddy Reeks Mountains presents secret passes and valleys dotted along the fabled shores of Dingle and Kenmare Bays. Ireland's natural beauty sings throughout the Ring of Kerry. Also on this Ring of Kerry tour, you may wish to explore several charming villages along the route, including Glenbeigh, Waterville, and Sneem. Stroll and talk to people—this is what makes your travel experience unique. Follow the drive to Killarney by way of the Ladies View and the legendary Lakes of Killarney.

Co. Kerry for 1 night

DAY 7

Killarney to Dublin

Today travel through the midlands. The town of Cashel, Co. Tipperary is your next destination from the Ireland tour - home to the iconic Rock of Cashel formally known as St. Patrick's Rock or The Rock of Kings. After the visit you'll be on your way to Kilkenny (the medieval capital of Ireland). Historic buildings lie in wait around every corner and culture thrives through the many artisans' workshops operating from the city. The Kilkenny Design Centre



stocks an impressive array of Irish handcrafted gifts. You'll find the centre right beside Kilkenny Castle which has over eighteen centuries worth of history encased in its walls, all of which will be divulged to you over the course of the castle tour.

Co. Dublin for 1 night

DAY 8 Departure - Goodbye Ireland!



Morning at leisure to either shop for those souvenirs on Grafton Street or spend a few hours taking in more of all the wealth of attractions that you may have missed earlier. Depart for Dublin Airport, ending here the Ireland tour.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cassidys Hotel

Dublin City Centre Day 1, 1 night

• Breaffy House Resort

Castlebar Day 2, 1 night

• Flannery's Hotel

Galway Day 3, 2 night

• Scotts Hotel Killarney

Kiillarney Day 5, 2 night

• Citywest Hotel

County Dublin Day 7, 1 night

PACKAGE price: €1098 (€549 per person in Double or Twin bedded room)

Package includes

- 7 Night's Accommodation in 3/4-star suggested hotels or similar
- 7 Full Irish Breakfasts
- Rental Car (category C) for 8 days with Reduced Excess Insurance and Unlimited Mileage
- Travel Documents
- Expert Advice & 24/7 Emergency Phone Assistance

Package excludes

- Airfare
- Personal expenses and tips
- Entrances to visitor attractions
- Visa, consular fees or any other formalities.
- Meals (apart from breakfast) and Beverages
- Additional journeys and transfers