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We do not hold rooms on option.

Please note that the accommodation is suggested only, and we are not holding availability. If you would like to confirm, we will be delighted to check these or similar hotels for your clients.

Area	Nights	Accommodations
Dublin	2	The Alex
Cork	1	Kingsley Hotel
Killarney	2	The Cahernane House Hotel
Co Limerick	1	Dromoland Castle
Galway	2	Harbour Hotel Galway
Sligo	1	Glasshouse Hotel
Derry	1	Bishops Gate Hotel
Antrim	2	Europa Hotel



A small island off the western seaboard of Europe – yet only a 2 hours flight from most cities in Europe. Ireland is a country that is known for its unique charm and lingers on in the mind long after you've left it. As well as the scenery, Ireland has an impressive selection of places to stay with opulent castles, grand country manors, five-star resorts and chic urban retreats – perfect to rejuvenate and revitalize the body and mind. And with the friendliest people in the world – you're guaranteed a warm, Irish welcome wherever you decide to go!



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Day 1 – Dublin

Private transfer from Airport to hotel.

Experience the history and culture of Dublin on a **hop-on hop-off sightseeing tour**. Make the most of your day out in the city and visit the best sites around Dublin as you hop off at designated stops along the route.

Don't miss **Trinity College, the Book of Kells, St Patrick's Cathedral** 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. 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.

Night in Dublin



Day 2 – Dublin

Today visit the famous **Guinness Storehouse**. During the tour you'll discover all the history behind this famous brand and get an insight into the magic behind the "black stuff". Or maybe you'd prefer a hot drop of Whiskey? **The Jameson distillery** has



got just what you need. Learn about John Jameson and the inspirational story behind his world-renowned whiskey, topped off with a tasting session. For the art-lover Dublin has a whole host of museums and art galleries from the **Chester Beatty Library** in Dublin Castle to the National **Museum of Archaeology** or the **Irish Museum of Modern Art**. What's more, entry is free, so there's no excuse not to sample some of the more artistic delights our "Fair City" has to offer. Your

visit to Dublin will be packed with fond memories, unforgettable sights and sounds, but you still have the treat of a full Irish breakfast ahead of you the next morning. You've seen the best of Dublin and tomorrow you will continue on your trip to see the Best of Ireland.

Spend your evening in the famous **Merry Ploughboys**.

This is a nice way to spend an Irish night! Located outside Dublin city center, the evening at Merry Ploughboys offers a show with meals and music, traditional songs and dances. The artistic quality of the show is magnificent. It is accompanied by quality cuisine and Irish music sung by an Irish group, "the Merry Ploughboys" who are local artists. The whole will be embellished with a few steps of Irish dancing. It's an unforgettable experience.



Night in Dublin

Day 3 – Cork

Today, you will continue the Ireland tour as you will visit the bustling **city of Cork**, stroll the river walk at the University, relax in a café, and hit Shandon Street, just a short walk from the main shopping district. Soak up the city views as they fade into the countryside. Award-winning restaurants line the streets, and nightlife choices include Irish Traditional, classy nightclubs, theater, opera, plays, and dance.



Kiss the famous Blarney Stone in the nearby village of **Blarney**. Rumor has it that if you kiss the legendary 'Stone of Eloquence', you'll never again be lost for words!



If you like whiskey, there's the **Jameson Old Middleton Distillery** in east Cork. Learn how Irish whiskey is made, and finish with a tasting.

Overnight Cork

Day 4 – County Kerry

Leave city of Cork to the colourful and popular village of **Kinsale**, now firmly established as one of Ireland's premier destinations for foodies, with a host of restaurants covering all styles and preferences.

Your journey now takes you to the west coast, with options to explore one or more of the fingers of land at the south of Ireland, including the Beara peninsula, before reaching Kerry.



For anyone that loves the great outdoors, **Kerry** is a dream destination. This charming county has it all, with sublime scenery, exceptionally friendly locals, gorgeous little villages and excellent restaurants. Kerry's magnificent coastline is a series of peninsulas

that open out into larger bays and give a totally unique feeling to the county, with craggy hills that tumble down into the choppy ocean below.

Step back in time and climb aboard the **Jaunting Car**! For you are in for a ride that you will remember and cherish for the rest of your life. Experience Ireland like never before, with this trip to the 15th Century Ross Castle, fortress of the local Chieftain O'Donoghhe Mor. Feast your eyes on the highest mountain range in Ireland. Learn about the rich history and try to put into words for those of your folks who missed it.



Overnight in Killarney

Day 5 – Kerry

Join The **Ring of Kerry bus tour** - one of Ireland's most scenic touring routes. At 179 km long, it circles the awe-inspiring Iveragh Peninsula. 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

Overnight in Kerry



Night in

Day 6 – Limerick

Continue to the postcard pretty **Adare** village, Ireland's prettiest village, County Limerick, founded in the 13th century, abounds with a rich history and a strong heritage, which remain ever present in its monuments, its thatched cottages, its streets and its people.

Time to continue your journey north with a stop at **Bunratty Castle** – the most complete and authentic castle in Ireland. The site on which Bunratty Castle stands was in origin a Viking trading camp in 970. The present structure is the last of four castles to be built on the site. Don't miss to stop by for a pint of stout at Durty Nellies, just next to the castle.



it is time to drive further and reach to opulent **Dromoland Castle for Afternoon Tea**. Savour your first glimpse of this majestic castle and its enchanting lake, as you pass through the castle gates. This was the ancestral home of the Dromoland O'Briens



who were the Kings of Thomond and whose lineage goes back 1,000 years to Brian Boru, the only High King of Ireland. A long-standing tradition at Dromoland Castle, they aim to impress with this fun and indulgent ritual. Named for a long-standing member of their staff, **Mrs White's Afternoon Tea**, is a feast fit for royalty. You'll enjoy the prettiest selection of treats: scrumptious finger sandwiches, warm scones with clotted cream and homemade

jams, delicate pastries, our signature tea brack and the sweetest confections. Of course, our specially selected loose leaf teas from around the world are served in sparkling silver teapots, alongside the prettiest china. An unmissable five-star indulgence we know you'll love!

Night in Co Limerick / Clare

Day 7 – Clare – Galway

The **Cliffs of Moher** are the crowning glory of the Clare coastline. Like a viewing platform for prehistoric giants who wish to peer over the edge of Europe, the cliffs provide an unrivaled view across the vast boiling wildness of the Atlantic Ocean, a world unchanged since the pre-Celtic masters of magic, the Tuatha Dé Danann ruled



Ireland. They form a continuous rocky wall, perpendicular or overhanging, for 8km, varying in height from 407 to 700 feet/ 124m to 214m, broken into the most fantastic forms and tunneled into innumerable caves by the action of the waves. See the spectacular cave used in the movie Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince. Watch the thousands of seabirds, including Puffins as they swoop and dive into the waves, fishing for their young.

In the afternoon, take the time to explore this little city full of life - **Galway**. The city is an ancient medieval city with a multitude of things to do and see (pubs, restaurants, arts, crafts, culture ...) and people to meet. You can visit Eyre Square, The Court House, Salmon Weir Bridge and the Cathedral. An unmissable monument of this city is the Spanish Arch. It was built in 1584 and is located on the bank of the Corrib. It is best known to the locals by Ceann na Bhalla (The head of the wall). It was originally the extension of the famous city walls, created to protect the quays. In the past she was known as the blinding ark. It now houses the city museum.



Night in Galway

Day 8 – Connemara

Connemara area is one of the few remaining in Ireland where the native tongue (Gaeilge) is still fluently spoken as a first language. Travel through the stunning Doolough Valley and enjoy the stunning scenery of the Killary Harbour. You can even take part on a cruise on Ireland's only fjord! Visit the exquisite neo-gothic **Kylemore Abbey**, nestled in a lush forest on the edge of Kylemore Lake.



Clifden, Connemara's capital is well worth a visit and the scenic Sky Road drive just outside town should not

be missed. However long you spend in Connemara you will be constantly enchanted by the ever hanging scenery of mountains and valleys, lakes and beaches and bays.

Night in Galway

Day 9 – Mayo - Sligo

your next base in the colourful small town of **Westport**. Mayo stands out as one of Ireland's most scenic counties. But while you may gasp in awe at the craggy coastline that has been lashed by the powerful Atlantic, make sure to remember that there's a lot more going on in Mayo. Ceide Fields is the most extensive Stone Age monument in the world, Croagh Patrick is where Ireland's patron



saint fasted for 40 days in 441AD, and Achill Island is a stunning spot on the edge of Western Europe bursting with history and awe-inspiring sights.

Head north and pass through County **Sligo** and while there treat yourself with unique seafood experience, the Sligo Oyster Farm Tour. It offers an immersive guided tour and visit to the Coney Island working oyster farm on the shores of Sligo bay, overlooked by the majestic Belbulbin and Knocknarea. Sligo is arguably the home of the oyster with the Irish word for Sligo 'Sligeach' meaning 'abounding in shells'.



Take some time to visit **The Lissadell Estate**, the home of family of Edward Walsh and Constance Cassidy and their seven children. Lissadell Estate is more famous as the childhood home of countess Constance Markievicz. Constance

was one of the leaders of the 1916 Rising, and was the first woman to be elected to Dáil Eireann, where she served as Minister for Labour (thus becoming the first woman minister in a modern Western European democracy.

Night in Sligo

Day 10 – Donegal - Derry

Continue driving via county Donegal. Donegal County is located in northwest Ireland on the Wild Atlantic Way. In Gaelic, Dun na nGall means Fort of the Foreigner. Donegal Town sits to the south end of Donegal at the mouth of the River Eske, with views of the Bluestack Mountains on one side and Donegal Bay on the other.

Before leaving Donegal relax in the **Glenveagh National Park**. The park occupies the Lough Veagh Valley, the Poisoned Glen Valley and the Derryveagh Mountains in County Donegal in Ireland. The park was created after the donation of Glenveagh Castle to the Irish State in 1981.



Next you cross the border into Northern Ireland and stop for the night to explore **city of Derry**. You can take a tour of the historic walls and learn more about the city's role in Ireland's history for over 350 years.

Derry is officially the only completely walled city in Ireland and it's one of the finest examples of a walled city in Europe. The walls, which were built between 1613-1618, were used to defend the city against early 17th century settlers. Still beautifully intact, they now form a walkway

around Derry's inner city and offer a unique promenade to check out the layout of the original town.



Night in Derry

Day 11 – Antrim – Belfast

Continue on to the famous Antrim coast and the market town of **Bushmills**, famous for whiskey, and just a stone's throw from the Giant's Causeway.



Reach **Giants Causeway**, one of the most spectacular sites in the world (UNESCO World Heritage). This unique rock formation of 40,000 basalt columns was formed millions of years ago as a natural bulwark against the devastating ferocity of the seas. The shape of its columns has never ceased to intrigue and inspire so much that we find them in Irish mythology.

On your way towards **Bushmills**, take a trip to the **Dunluce Castle**. There are few views as romantic as the ruins of this chateau, on its isolated rocky peak 30 m above the waves.

Night in Belfast

Day 12 – Belfast

Enjoy the best places in this vibrant city: historic Queen's University, Stormont Castle, The Linen Hall Library, Belfast Castle and especially the famous murals. Watch the development of the city along the Lagan River with the Waterfront Hall and the impressive Odyssey complex.



You can also discover the City Hall housing the Belfast Council, a fine example of the classic Portland stone Renaissance style, where you will see an ornate dome, grand staircases and an oak board room. Do not miss a drink in the perfectly preserved Victorian pub, the Crown Liqueur Salon.

You can visit the Titanic's birthplace and discover its history. **Titanic Belfast Experience** consists of 9 multi-dimensional galleries for a real-world experience with special effects, scenic tours, full size reconstructions and interactive attractions to explore the Titanic with a new and relevant eye; from its conception in Belfast in the early 1900s until its construction and departure for its infamous journey. The visit continues with the consequences of the sinking and the discovery of the wreckage until today with an underwater exploration centre.





Stop in front of the Belfast Walls. These murals will allow you to truly understand the conflicts and the state of mind of this city. Private tours of approximately 1.5 hours are available at any time.

Night in Belfast

Day 13 – Departure

Drive back to Dublin Airport to drop off your car and board your flight home.

Last day in Ireland, enjoy one more time the Irish landscapes before heading back to the Airport.



PRICES 2022

LAYOUT	TOTAL PRICE
2 adults	€ 3,787.00
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SERVICES INCLUDED IN QUOTE

- 12 nights at the hotels suggested above or similar, rooms with private bath/shower with full Irish Breakfasts at your hotels
- Service charges and taxes at current rates
- Private transfer from DUB airport to hotel on day 1
- Coach tour Ring of Kerry on day 5
- Afternoon Tea at Dromoland Castle on day 6

CAR RENTAL SUPPLEMENT

TYPE OF CAR		Total Price
	(Category G) VW Jetta Or similar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 passengers 2 large luggage and 2 hand luggages Automatic 	€ 922.00

Car rental for 10 days, dates 25 June to 5 July included

NB: The days are counted in 24 hours increments #

- Category G (Standard Hertz Ireland)
- Pick up Dublin City, Drop off Dublin Airport
- Theft protection and Collision Damage Waiver
- Excess Waiver
- Unlimited Kms
- One driver

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE PRICE

- Beverages
- Tips
- International flight
- GPS, additional driver, booster or any car option – payable directly
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