

# Irish Classic

Starting at **\$3,465**\*

### Circle around the Emerald Isle's breathtaking coasts

Skirt along the entire rugged coastline to see the highlights on this Ireland tour.





### Trip Highlights:

- Cliffs of Moher John B. Keane's Pub
- DerryNine Glens of Antrim
- St. Patricks' Grave
- Giant's Causeway
- · Ring of Kerry
- Blarney Castle
- Down Cathedral
- Walled City Brewery CIE Tours Exclusive
- Westport House
- Crumlin Road Gaol
- Dunbrody Famine Ship
  Marine Bar CIE Tours Exclusive
- Titanic Belfast

### **Hotels:**

- Hyatt Centric The Liberties Hilton Belfast Hotel
- City Hotel, Derry
- Wyatt Hotel
- Bunratty Castle Hotel
- Killarney Plaza Hotel
   Granville Hotel
- The Spencer Hotel

# 2023 Irish Classic - 13 Days/12 Nights

## **Trip Itinerary**

### Day 1 Dublin City Tour | Pearse Lyons Distillery

Your tour departs at 2:00 PM from your Dublin hotel. Take a panoramic tour of Dublin, seeing such sights as elegant Georgian townhouses, St. Stephen's Green and the River Liffey. Visit the Pearse Lyons Distillery, Dublin's only independent, family-owned distillery, in the former St James's Church in the Liberties. Taste the whiskey and hear tales dating back to the 12th century as you tour this lovingly restored church. Enjoy a welcome drink with your group before dining independently.

### Day 3 Titanic Belfast | Belfast Walking Tour

Tour central Belfast to see Victorian buildings, the imposing City Hall in Donegall Square, and the shipyards where RMS Titanic was built in 1912. Visit Titanic Belfast to learn about the ill-fated liner, which was built in the city. In the afternoon, join a local guide for a walking tour of Belfast before spending time on your own. (B)

### Day 5 Westport | Westport Walking Tour

Travel through the rugged countryside of Donegal, renowned for heathery hills, sheep and the many tweeds made from their wool. Visit Triona Design in Ardara, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner, and enjoy a demonstration of handweaving. Continue on toward County Mayo, where you'll take a walking tour of historic Westport with a local guide, stopping into a pub for a drink. Dine in your hotel this evening. (B, D)

### Day 7 Galway | Cliffs of Moher | Medieval Castle Banquet

Travel to Galway for some free time to explore the lively heart of this vibrant city, with its street musicians, cafes, and medieval streetscape. Head on to visit the Cliffs of Moher, soaring 700 feet above the Atlantic. Spend your evening in an authentic castle enjoying a medieval-style banquet. (B, D)

# Day 9 Ring of Kerry Highlights | Kenmare | Jaunting Car Ride | Killarney

Travel along part of the Ring of Kerry to see spectacular mountain scenery at Moll's Gap and Ladies' View, on your way to Kenmare, where you'll have lunch and some free time to explore. Visit CIE Tours preferred shopping partner Moriarty's in the Gap of Dunloe. Take a scenic, traditional horse-drawn jaunting car to Ross Castle and the Kenmare Estate. Return to Killarney where your evening is free for independent dining and perhaps a visit to a local pub with live music. (B,L)

### Day 11 House of Waterford Crystal | Dunbrody Famine Ship | Taylors Three Rock

Witness the creation of crystal masterpieces at the House of Waterford Crystal, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner. In New Ross explore the Dunbrody Famine Ship, which transported people to North America during the 1840's famine. This evening enjoy dinner and a show at Taylors Three Rock. (B, D)

### Day 13 Tour Ends in Dublin

### Day 2 Down Cathedral | The St Patrick Centre | Crumlin Road

Visit Down Cathedral where St Patrick's historical burial site is marked by a huge boulder. Immerse yourself in his work, life, and times in the nearby St Patrick Centre. Explore Crumlin Road Gaol and see what prison life was like through the ages. Head to central Belfast for some time to relax before dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 4 Giant's Causeway | Derry Walking Tour | Walled City Brewery

Drive north along the Nine Glens of Antrim for views of mountains, valleys, and coastline. This scenic region is one of the locations for "Game of Thrones." Stop for photos at the ruins of Dunluce Castle. Explore the Giant's Causeway, enormous hexagonal columns formed by volcanic activity 60 million years ago. In Derry join a local guide for a short walking tour around the defensive walls that encircle the compact old city. Then visit the Walled City Brewery, an award-winning CIE Tours Exclusive venue, for dinner and a flight of their craft beers. (B, D)

### Day 6 Sheepdog Demonstration | Westport House

Enjoy views of the pilgrimage mountain of Croagh Patrick and stop in the beautiful town of Leenane. Head to a local farm to watch skilled dogs herd sheep. View Killary Harbour, Ireland's only fjord. Back in Westport, take a guided tour of Westport House, an 18th-century home complete with its original contents including portraits, furniture, silver, and porcelain. Spend the rest of the afternoon and evening enjoying the lively town of Westport at your leisure. (B)

### Day 8 John B. Keane's Pub | Dingle Peninsula

Travel along the River Shannon into County Kerry. In Listowel, sample tea and scones in the family pub of the late, famed playwright John B. Keane. Journey along the Dingle Peninsula to Slea Head for glorious scenic views of hills and coastline. Stop in Dingle for some free time before heading to Killarney. (B.D)

### Day 10 Blarney Castle | Marine Bar | Waterford Walking Tour

Visit Blarney Castle to climb the winding staircase and kiss the famed "Stone of Eloquence", or relax in the lovely gardens. Travel on to Dungarvan to enjoy an Irish coffee and traditional music at the Marine Bar, a CIE Tours Exclusive Venue. Continue to Waterford where a local guide will lead a stroll around the historic old port city. (B,D)

### Day 12 Hop On Hop Off Bus Tour in Dublin

Enjoy your day in Dublin independently on the Hop-On, Hop-Off bus tour. Use your voucher to visit your choice of one of Dublin's top attractions: Guinness Storehouse, Teeling Whiskey Distillery, EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, or GPO Museum. In the evening, dine at one of the many restaurants or pubs that Dublin has to offer.



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