

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS

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Day 1 - Saturday, June 7 - Depart Canada Depart for Dublin from Toronto on the Air Transat direct overnight flight, leaving approximately 11.30pm.

Day 2 - Sunday, June 8 - Welcome to Ireland A Cead Mile Failte is extended on arrival at Dublin Airport by your local drive and friendly guide. We begin our adventure with a stop for a light lunch at the historic Man O 'War Pub, a 15th century public house and last stop for weary travellers heading north. Tonight, we will enjoy a welcome dinner at our hotel.

Dinner/Overnight, Europa Hotel, Belfast (4*)

Day 3 - Monday, June 9 - Titanic & Belfast
First on the agenda is a visit to the Harland and Wolff
Shipyard to undertake a self-guided tour of Titanic Belfast.
After, we will take a short panoramic tour of the city that
will include the political murals along the Falls and
Shankhill Roads. This afternoon will be at your leisure,
where you will have time to further explore Belfast. Tonight,
you may wish to venture into the Cathedral Quarter of town,
an area that is well known for its selection of lively pubs and
fabulous restaurants.

Overnight, Europa Hotel, Belfast (4*)

Day 4 - Tuesday, June 10 - Causeway Coastal Route

Travelling north along the scenic Causeway Coastal Route we stop at Glenariff National Park to stretch our legs, and if you wish, grab a freshly baked scone with a cuppa! Our journey continues to the UNESCO World Heritage Site, The Giant's Causeway where you can 'stand on the shoulders of giants'.

Meandering through the 9 Glens of Antrim we arrive in the last remaining walled city in Ireland, Derry where we are led on a fascinating walking tour of the "Walls of Derry." *Dinner/Overnight, Lough Eske Castle* (5*)

Day 5 - Wednesday, June 11 - Donegal & Westport First, we visit the home of Donegal Tweed, Triona Design. Here you will enjoy an Irish coffee while learning the history of Donegal Tweed including a weaving demonstration on a 200-year-old loom. We travel through Yeats Country to the charming town of Westport, with a lunch stop at the Glasshouse Hotel (own expense). After a group dinner at the hotel, we suggest you visit one of the town's local pubs, where you are sure to catch a traditional music session.

Dinner/Overnight, Castlecourt Hotel, Westport (4*)

Day 6 - Thursday, June 12 - Galway & the Cliffs After breakfast, we travel south to Galway, also known as 'The City of Tribes' where you will have some free time to walk around Eyre Square and the town centre. Traversing the Burren Region of Clare, we board a cruise in Doolin to sail along the Atlantic Coastline for a unique view of the mighty Cliffs of Moher. Tonight, a medieval banquet in an Irish Castle is on offer (additional cost).

Overnight, Radisson Blu Hotel, Limerick (4*)

Day 7 - Friday, June 13 - Limerick to Killarney Today we head south into the Kingdom of Kerry passing picturesque villages along the way. We will stop in Ireland's prettiest village, Adare for the chance to take photos of the charming, thatched roof cottages that line the main street. There will be time to take a stroll and grab a coffee and snack at a local café. Tonight, we dine at our hotel.

Overnight, Earls Court Hotel, Killarney (4*)

Day 8 - Saturday, June 14 - Ring of Kerry

We make an early start this morning as we are met by local jarveys who will lead us on a jaunting car ride through Killarney National Park. Next, we embark on a journey to the edge of Ireland passing through quaint towns and villages, including Moll's Gap, a mountain pass that offers breathtaking views of the MacGillycuddy's Reeks mountains. We will visit a traditional working farm where you will be treated to a delightful display of sheep dogs herding their flock. Tonight, we will enjoy a traditional farmhouse dinner while being entertained by a trio of musicians at Quill's Farmhouse.

Dinner/Overnight, Earls Court Hotel, Killarney (4*)

Day 9 - Sunday, June 15 - Blarney & Tipperary

This morning, we travel east to the village of Blarney and Blarney Woollen Mills where you may wish to shop for locally made woollens and handcrafts. After, we travel to the Old Midleton Distillery for a tour and tasting of the 'water of life.' Onward to Tipperary (not such a long way!) and our home for the night, the fabulous Hotel Minella.

Dinner/Overnight, Hotel Minella, Co. Tipperary (4*)

Day 10 - Monday, June 16 - Waterford & Guinness

After breakfast we depart for Waterford, Ireland's oldest city and visit the Waterford Crystal Factory. We travel north to the town of New Ross and board the Famine Ship Dunbrody to learn what life was like for a group of famine emigrants. On arrival in Dublin, we visit the 'home of the black stuff' Guinness, for a self-guided tour of the storehouse, ending with a refreshing pint in the Gravity Bar. Tonight is a free night in Dublin, a great city for dining, where you can not only indulge in traditional Irish fayre but choose from a vast selection of fine dining restaurants and bistros that feature cuisines from around the world.

Overnight, The Camden Court Hotel, Dublin (4*)

Day 11 - Tuesday, June 17 - Dublin's Fair City

Today is yours to discover Dublin using your Hop On/Hop Off sightseeing ticket. RIT recommends visits to EPIC, where the emigration story is brought to life, the library at Trinity College to view The Book of Kells, Kilmainham Gaol, Phoenix Park, and Glasnevin Cemetery. This evening, we are treated to a traditional Irish dinner and hooley at a popular Dublin venue.

Dinner/Overnight, The Camden Court Hotel, Dublin (4)*

Day 12 - Wednesday, June 18 - Farewell for now

After a final hearty breakfast, a group transfer will take you to Dublin Airport for your flight home.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip airport transfers based on group arrival and departure
- Transportation throughout by modern touring coach with an experienced local RIT Driver and Tour Manager
- 10 nights' accommodation in first class hotels
- Full Irish breakfast daily
- 5 evening meals in hotels
- Light lunch/brunch at The Man O'War Pub
- Traditional Irish dinner at Quills Farmhouse
- Jaunting car ride in Killarney National Park
- Hop on/off sightseeing ticket in Dublin
- Walking tour of the Walls of Derry
- Cruise along the Cliffs of Moher
- Farewell dinner and entertainment at a Dublin venue
- All porterage at hotels
- Visits and admissions to: Titanic Belfast, Giants Causeway, Old Midleton Distillery, Waterford Crystal, Dunbrody Famine Ship, Guinness Storehouse

TOUR EXCLUSIONS

- Meals other than those mentioned in the itinerary
- Tips/gratuities to the driver, tour manager and local guides

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Price of \$5995 is per person, based on double occupancy and includes economy airfare with Air Transat. Single rate - \$7145. A \$600 non-refundable per person deposit is due at time of booking. Final payment is due 60 days before departure. Tour booked through Royal Irish Tours. 13311 Yonge St., Suite 201, L4E 3L6 TICO# 50010152