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# BEST OF IRELAND

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*An in-depth encounter with the Best of Ireland awaits, from spectacular sights like the Cliffs of Moher and Ring of Kerry to the past and present showcased in Dublin, Galway and pretty Adare. You'll learn all about Irish famine history, former kings and how to embrace the craic.*

**GUIDED VACATION**

**10 DAYS | 15 MEALS | 12 HIGHLIGHTS**

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## DAY 1 | WELCOME TO IRELAND

Write your own lively tale of legends and iconic landscapes during this epic encounter with Ireland's treasures. We begin our journey in the whimsical capital of Dublin, joining a Local Specialist to see the sights. Irish history takes centre stage this evening as we visit St. Patrick's Cathedral, one of the few buildings of medieval Dublin still left standing, for a Welcome Reception with your fellow travellers and Travel Director. You'll get a taste for the centuries of history you're about to explore first-hand, learning how the very place you're standing in has played an integral role in Ireland's history for over eight centuries and how its most prominent office holder was none other than Jonathan Swift, the famous author.

*Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn/Clayton Ballsbridge*  
*Meals: Welcome Reception*

## DAY 2 | THROUGH THE SCENIC COUNTY WICKLOW TO WATERFORD

Journey through the scenic countryside of County Wicklow, 'The Garden of Ireland', and on to New Ross – the ancestral home town of John F. Kennedy. Dive Into Culture and gain insights into the plight of the starving Irish emigrants who boarded the Dunbrody Famine Ship to flee the potato famine. We continue to Waterford, where we'll stay overnight. This afternoon, we celebrate the centuries-old craft of flint glass creations, as we Dive Into Culture at the House of Waterford Crystal and witness talented master craftsmen at work.

*Hotel: Fitzwilton/Dooley's*  
*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

## DAY 3 | JOURNEY TO BLARNEY AND ON TO KILLARNEY

Today, we travel through County Cork and pursue the 'gift of the gab' at Blarney Castle, where you'll have a chance to kiss the famous stone. Arrive in Killarney for a two-night stay.  
*Hotel: Killarney Towers/Hotel Killarney*  
*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

## DAY 4 | A DAY ON THE RING OF KERRY

Ireland's soul-stirring Ring of Kerry takes centre stage today as we embark on a scenic drive past its mountains, lakes and lush green countryside – unquestionably one of the most scenic routes in Ireland. We'll see Daniel O'Connell's Cahirciveen, the fishing village of Waterville, Moll's Gap and the Black Valley, whose remoteness saw it become the last area in Ireland to receive electricity.  
*Meal: Breakfast*

## DAY 5 | ONWARDS TO LIVELY LIMERICK

We continue through the windswept countryside, arriving in Adare, one of the prettiest villages in Ireland. On arrival in Limerick, where we'll enjoy views of St. Mary's Cathedral, the Treaty Stone and the 13th-century King John's Castle during an orientation tour. Delve into an Ireland of old, as you discover the day-to-day life of the Irish during the 18th and 19th centuries on your included visit to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park this afternoon.

*Hotel: Great National South Court/Greenhills*  
*Meal: Breakfast*

## DAY 6 | ADMIRE THE CLIFFS OF MOHER AND ONWARDS TO GALWAY

The sheer Cliffs of Moher plunge dramatically into the Atlantic Ocean, providing endless ocean views and wonderful photographic opportunities during your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at this UNESCO-listed highlight along the Wild Atlantic Way. You'll be enchanted by its irresistible landscapes, but more so the interactive visitor centre which will bring the whole experience to life from the perspective of the resident wildlife that find sanctuary here. Later, we arrive in Galway with some time at leisure to see its beautiful stone Cathedral or stroll through Eyre Square.

*Hotel: Connacht*  
*Meal: Breakfast*

## DAY 7 | A DAY EXPLORING STUNNING CONNEMARA

Connemara's 'savage beauty' is yours to explore today as we tread in the footsteps of Oscar Wilde who described its 'wild and mountainous splendour' as magnificent. Admire the views on the scenic drive to Kylemore Abbey, now a Benedictine monastery, where we will embark on an included visit to the country's most romantic castle and walk through its exquisite Victorian Walled Garden.

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

## DAY 8 | A PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK AND ON TO SLIGO

Our journey takes us to Westport House where we'll Connect With Locals and indulge in a memorable Be My Guest experience with tales of the Pirate Queen, and enjoy Banoffee and Baileys flavours in the Drawing Room of this stately 18th-century home. Heading north, we stop in the pilgrimage town of Knock to view the Marian Shrine where

villagers witnessed an apparition of Our Lady in 1879. We arrive in Sligo this evening, our home for the night.

*Hotel: Clayton*

*Meal: Breakfast, Be My Guest*

## DAY 9 | RETURN TO LIVELY DUBLIN

Our journey continues south to Dublin. Here we'll enjoy some free time to take a walk down Grafton Street or stroll along the Liffey. This evening, we close the chapter on an epic journey through Ireland, joining our fellow travellers for a memorable Farewell Dinner.

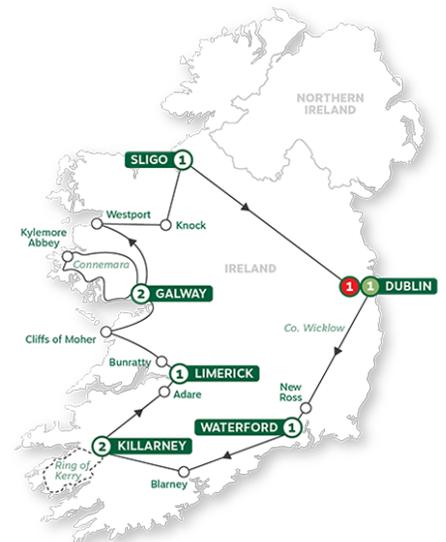
*Hotel: Clayton Dublin Airport*

*Meal: Breakfast, Farewell Dinner*

## DAY 10 | FAREWELL IRELAND

After a hearty Irish breakfast, we bid our Travel Director and fellow travellers a fond farewell as our Irish holiday comes to an end. Find out more about your free airport transfer at [trafalgar.com/freetransfers](http://trafalgar.com/freetransfers).

*Meal: Breakfast*



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## YOUR VACATION INCLUDES:



9 BREAKFASTS,  
& 6 DINNERS



13 NIGHTS HOTEL  
ACCOMMODATION