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Ireland
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In ultimate style and luxury, our tours will leave you spellbound. We offer the highest personal standards in comfort, safety and reliability. Our driver guide will provide you with a caring, friendly and professional service. We take you personally!

The Ultimate Luxury Tour of Ireland



Day 1

Arrive Dublin Airport.

Your Chauffeur Guide will meet you on arrival.

Travel the 'Peace Highway' to Belfast City.



Check in to The Merchant Hotel 5* - (2 Nights)

www.themerchanthotel.com



Visit St Anne's Cathedral – also known as Belfast Cathedral



Visit Belfast City Hall



Check out Albert's Memorial Clock Belfast's own leaning tower!



Finish it off with a pint or whatever you fancy in Belfast's oldest Bar the Crown Liqueur Saloon

Belfast





Day 2

Visit the Titanic Belfast.

Explore the shipyard, walk the decks, travel to the depths of the ocean and uncover the true legend of Titanic in the City where it all began.



Chauffeur driven guided tour of Belfast including its industrial and political history.



Walk the beautiful grounds of the Stormont Castel Estate.



Walkabout City Centre time for shopping.



Visit and sign the Peace Line Wall. Walk along this Wall which divides the communities of east Belfast.





Day 3

Travel the Antrim Coast Road

Visit the impressive Giants Causeway – formed by the legendary giant – Finn McCool!



Travel to the Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge.

First erected in 1755 by Salmon Fishermen to connect to the Island of Carrick, this rope bridge is suspended and sways almost 30m above sea level. If you have the courage to undertake this 20metre journey you will be thrilled and mesmerised with the coastal views. *(Daily Time Tickets Required).*



Perhaps some Whiskey tasting in **Bushmills Whiskey Distillery** – ah sure why not! *(Additional charge)*



Giants Causeway



Check in to **Bushmills Inn 4*** on the Causeway Coast
www.bushmillsinn.com



Day 4

Travel to Derry

Travel to Derry (Doire, London Derry) an artistic and cultural hub City with its 400 year old walls. Learn of the Bogside, The Peoples Gallery (Murals) and The Bloody Sunday Story.



View **St. Eunan Cathedral** and **St. Columba Cathedral**, the county Museum once a 19th century workhouse.



Visit the **Newmills Corn and Flax Mills**, Reminder of the areas industrial development. Experience seeing in action, one of the largest waterwheels in Ireland, driving the machinery of the corn mill.



Stopping in the town of **Letterkenny** on the River Swilly en-route, its main street is said to be the longest in Ireland.



Check in to the **Lough Eske Castle Hotel 5*** in Donegal - (2 Nights)
www.solishotels.com



Day 5

Lough Eske Castle.

Relax and enjoy Lough Eske Castle Hotel. It has a rich history dating back to the 1400's. It delivers superior hospitality and comfort to you, its guests. Relax and perhaps pamper yourself in the Spa.



Your Chauffeur is available at your disposal.



Lough Eske Castle Hotel.



Killybegs.



Cyndi Graham Handweaving Studio.



Lough Eske



We suggest visiting:

- Killybegs – synonymous with Ireland's Fishing Industry.
- Glencolmcille Folk Village.
- Sliabh Liag.
- Cyndi Graham Handweaving Studio.



Sliabh Liag.



Glencolmcille Folk Village.



Day 6

Travel to Cong

En-route visit Lissadell House and Gardens in Sligo with its dramatic backdrop of Benbulben.

The famous childhood home of Constance (Gore-Booth) Markievicz, one of the leaders of the 1916 Rising, first woman elected to Dail Eireann and the House of Commons.

WB Yeats, Poet (Nobel Prize in Literature) was friendly with the Gore-Booth sisters and stayed in Lissadell during 1892-93. He immortalised both the sisters and the house in his poetry.

In 'In Memory of Eva Gore-Booth and Con Markievicz' Yeats describes:

*'The light of evening, Lissadell,
Great windows open to the south,
Two girls in silk kimonos, both
Beautiful, one a gazelle'*



Lissadell House.



Travel to the Grave of WB Yeats at Drumcliffe Church.

Yeats, while he died in France, he chose this peaceful churchyard as his final resting place, with its stunning location at the foot of Benbulben Mountain. The epitaph he wrote for himself is engraved on this tomb –

*'Under Ben Bulben'
'Cast a cold eye
On life, on Death,
Horseman pass by'*



Enjoy the unique destination with its dramatic backdrop of Benbulben.



Check-in to The Lodge at Ashford Castle, Cong - (2 Nights)

www.thelodgeac.com

Dinner at Ashford Castle.



Day 7

Cong

Explore this wonderful picturesque area and its lakes.



Visit The Quiet Man Museum

John Ford's film *The Quiet Man*, starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara.



Dinner in Ashford Castle.



Ashford Castle



Cong Abbey is worth a visit as one of the finest examples of medieval architecture in the country.



Option to enjoy the sumptuousness of Ashford Castle
(Overnight in the Castle additional charge applies)



Day 8

Connemara & Aran Islands (Inis Mór)

Travel through Connemara's raw untouched landscape carpeted in the softness of heather and embodied by stone walls – your heart will be captured! *'Connemara is a savage beauty'* - Oscar Wilde



Arrive at **Rossaveal Harbour** to embark the 11:00am Ferry to Inis Mór, Aran Islands. (Option to take the 6 minute flight rather than the Ferry – additional charge applies).



Inis Mór Island is known for ancient sites, in particular the prehistoric clifftop fort **Dún Aonghasa**.



Tour the Island with your personal Guide **Mairtin Jack** - Inis Mór's most famous and endearing Guide. Lunch on the Island. Return ferry to Rossaveal approx. 17:00. Optional return Flight.



Dun Aongus.





Day 8 continue

Connemara & Aran Islands (Inis Mór)

Travel to Galway. On the way visit Kylemore Abbey.

In the evening Enjoy Galway's Riverdance - Trad on the Prom.



 The neo-Gothic Church, Kylemore Abbey.



 See the best traditional Irish Dance and Music show in Galway City - Trad on the Prom



Kylemore Abbey



 Enjoy magnificent views of Connemara on the way to Galway.



Check-in to Galmont Hotel, Galway
www.thegalmont.com



Day 9

Travel to Killarney via the Cliffs of Moher.

Visit Dunguaire Castle a 16th Century Towerhouse on the shore of Galway Bay on the outskirts of beautiful Kinvara Village.



Travel the Wild Atlantic Way through the UNESCO Heritage site of The Burren National Park.

The word 'Burren' comes from the Irish word 'Boíreann' meaning a rocky place, however referred to as 'Fertile rock' due to the mixture of nutrient rich herb and floral species.



Visit the Cliffs of Moher and the Cliffs of Moher Interpretive Centre – voted the best Cliff View in the World.



Kinvara



Travel to Killarney, stopping in the pretty Heritage Town of Adare.

Check-in to Muckross Park Hotel & Spa 5* - (2 Nights)

www.muckrosspark.com



Day 10

Your choice.

Option A

DINGLE PENINSULA TOUR

The Dingle Peninsula which stretches out into the Atlantic Ocean most notable for its mountain and coast scenery is one of the most beautiful areas in Ireland. Stop at Inch Beach, one of the most famous beaches in Ireland. Travel the Sleah Head Drive hugging the Atlantic Coast. Drive past Cunnemenoole Strand, where some of the filming of Ryan's Daughter took place to Dún Chaoin with dramatic coastal views of South Kerry and the Blasket Islands. Arrive back in Dingle Town a charming fishing port. While it is a storehouse of Irish cultural heritage and creativity it remains quaint while cosmopolitan.



Inch Beach.



The Sleah Head Drive.



The Blasket Islands.



Dingle.



Option B

RING OF KERRY TOUR

The Inveragh Peninsula or Ring of Kerry is one of the most spectacular drives in the world. This is a journey of the senses of beaches, black pool bogs, wild and wonderful mountain ranges with pastures of the most green. A diverse drive of attractions along the banks of the River Laune to Killorglin, via Glenbeigh, Kells, Caherciveen – birthplace of Ireland's Liberator – Daniel O'Connell. Travel the Skellig Ring scenic drive – film location of Star Wars. Visit the Skellig Experience visitor Centre on Valentia Island. Travel on to Waterville adored by Charlie Chaplin. Enjoy Lady's View looking over the Lakes of Killarney.



Ring of Kerry drive.



Killorglin.



The Skellig Michael.



Waterville.



Day 11

Travel to Kilkenny.

En-route visit the Rock of Cashel, Tipperary. The iconic Rock of Cashel more formally St. Patrick's Rock is also known as Cashel of the Kings. The Rock of Cashel dates from the 12th and 13th centuries, its collection of medieval buildings perched on this limestone outcrop are truly unique.



Enjoy Kilkenny as you chose – your driver is at your disposal.



Kilkenny - a medieval city.

Its grand Kilkenny Castle was built in 1195 by Norman occupiers. The city has deep religious roots and many well-preserved churches and monasteries, including imposing St. Canice's Cathedral and the Black Abbey Dominican priory. A city where ancient and modern mix seamlessly, rich in culture, craft, sport and gastronomy including Michelin Star Restaurants.



St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny.



Check-in to hotel in Kilkenny – Lyrath Estate Hotel 5*

www.lyrath.com





Day 12

Depart for Dublin Airport

Your vacation on the island of Ireland has come to an end, thanking you for choosing us Spirit of Ireland Executive Travel to be your guide of our home. Goodbye for now and looking forward to see you again. Safe journey home.

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