



For An Unforgettable Adventure...
Maryland Library Association And Friends Present:
A Taste Of Ireland
Navy VS Notre Dame Game
August 23—September 3, 2012

Land Price: \$2860 per person (based on double occupancy-sharing twin room)

Single Room Supplement: \$600

Airfare Available 11 months prior to departure.

Price Includes:

- Transport by luxury motorcoach with a driver/guide (one man) for 11 days.
- Hotel accommodation based on twin bedded rooms with private bath as listed opposite for 10 nights.
- Full breakfasts (10).
- Navy Vs. Notre Dame Game Tickets and Box Lunch (1).
- Table d'hôte dinners (6).
- Breakfast at the Man O'War Pub in Dublin.
- Welcome drink in your Galway hotel.
- Dinner and evening entertainment at the Abbey Tavern.
- 'Quiet Man' walking tour of Cong.
- Catamaran cruise on Killary Harbour.
- Horse drawn jaunting car ride in Killarney.
- Evening ghost tour of Kinsale.
- Guided walking tour of Kinsale.
- Hop on/Hop off bus pass with voucher to visit either Guinness Storehouse or Old Jameson's Distillery.
- Hotel portorage, service charges and government taxes.
- Flight bags, ticket wallets, baggage tags and identifying strap.
- **Visits and admission fees to:**
Cliffs of Moher, Foynes Flying Boat Museum with Irish coffee, Muckross Gardens, Skellig Experience, Blarney Castle & Woollen Mills, Cobh Heritage Centre, Kilkenny Castle.

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OUTLINE ITINERARY

THU, AUG 23—UNITED STATES TO DUBLIN

Depart your hometown and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic.

FRI, AUG 24—DUBLIN ARRIVAL & GALWAY

Your CIE Tours driver/guide will welcome you to Ireland and escort you and your luggage to the coach. Stop for breakfast at the Man O' War restaurant and pub which has been standing on a hill on original Dublin to Belfast Road since 1595. Then depart Dublin and travel across Ireland from east to west. Travel through the towns of Moate, Athlone and Ballinasloe to Galway, which is located on the shores of Galway Bay. Upon arrival embark on a panoramic tour to see the principal sights of the city. Then check into your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. In the evening join your fellow travelers for a welcome drink followed by dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: HOTEL MEYRICK, GALWAY

SAT, AUG 25—'QUIET MAN' WALKING TOUR & 'CONNEMARA LADY' CRUISE

Today drive north from Galway via Headford to Cong, a place made famous by the 1952 movie of "The Quiet Man" featuring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. Discover places featured in the movie on a brief walking tour around this tranquil village and see some of the movie memorabilia in the Quiet Man Heritage Cottage. Then drive to Leenane and take a short catamaran cruise aboard the "Connemara Lady" through Killary Harbour, Ireland's only fjord. The balance of the day and evening are free.

OVERNIGHT: HOTEL MEYRICK, GALWAY

SUN, AUG 26—CLIFFS OF MOHER & ENNIS

Drive around the shores of Galway Bay and through the Burren Country, a unique region of limestone hills where many rare flowers thrive in the sheltered crevices. Stop at the Cliffs of Moher, a wall of rock that plunges 700 feet to the churning Atlantic Ocean below. Drive to Ennis and check into your hotel where the balance of the day is free.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: TEMPLE GATE HOTEL, ENNIS

MON, AUG 27—FOYNES FLYING BOAT MUSEUM & KILLARNEY

Depart Ennis and travel through the Shannon region and the outskirts of Limerick. At Foynes stop to visit the Flying Boat Museum, which recalls the early days of air travel, during the 1930's and early 1940's. Irish Coffee was first created here to warm frozen, weary travelers and you will learn how to make a perfect one and then drink it. From Foynes, journey south into the mountainous country of Kerry and into Killarney. Upon arrival old-fashioned horse drawn jaunting car will bring you through the Killarney National Park, which is closed to motorized vehicles. Drive along the shores of Lough Leane to Muckross House, an elegant 19th century mansion set beside the tranquil Muckross Lake.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: MALTON HOTEL, KILLARNEY

TUE, AUG 28—RING OF KERRY & SKELLIG EXPERIENCE

Today admire breathtaking vistas of mountains, cliffs and beaches on Ireland's most popular drive. See a variety of natural beauty as you drive 100 miles around this scenic route. Cross to Valencia Island by bridge to visit the Skellig Experience, which describes the way of life of early Christian monks who built their monastery on one of the offshore islands. A number of stops will allow you to admire the spectacular scenery and take a brief walk around the colorful village of Sneem. Head back to Killarney through Moll's Gap with stunning views of the Lakes of Killarney.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: MALTON HOTEL, KILLARNEY

WED, AUG 29—BLARNEY CASTLE & KINSALE

Leaving Killarney drive into the rich farming country of Cork. At Blarney, stop to climb to the battlements of Blarney Castle to kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence." Also visit the Blarney Woollen Mills, which has an excellent range of Irish products of all types. You will also have time to browse around the village, charmingly set around a large village green. Then drive south to the coastal town of Kinsale, a popular yachting center and attractive town with brightly painted houses. Upon arrival check into your hotel and enjoy some time at leisure before joining your group for dinner. After dinner join your fellow travelers on a ghost tour, which combines the best of street theatre with slapstick humor and shock horror tactics.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: CARLTON HOTEL C SPA, KINSALE

THU, AUG 30—KINSALE WALK & COBH HERITAGE CENTRE

Today learn about Kinsale with a local guide on a short walking tour around this delightful town – the best way to get around the narrow, sloping Georgian streets. Then drive through the center of Cork to Cobh to visit the Cobh Heritage Centre, where many emigrants left Ireland to create a new life in the United States. Return to Kinsale for some free time before dinner.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: CARLTON HOTEL C SPA, KINSALE

FRI, AUG 31—KILKENNY CASTLE & DUBLIN

Travel northeast through the scenic countryside to Kilkenny and take a guided tour around Kilkenny Castle, home of the Butlers, Earls and Dukes of Ormonde. Continue your journey to Dublin and take an orientation drive around Dublin city center. This evening head to the Abbey Tavern for dinner and a traditional ballad session.

OVERNIGHT: STILLORGAN PARK HOTEL, DUBLIN

SAT, SEP 1—NOTRE DAME VERSUS NAVY FOOTBALL GAME

Board your coach and drive to Aviva Stadium, a sporting stadium with a capacity for 51,700 spectators. Here, attend the Notre Dame versus Navy football game who last played in Dublin in 1996. Your hotel will supply a box lunch for you to take along to the stadium. After the game, return to your hotel where the balance of the day is free.

OVERNIGHT: STILLORGAN PARK HOTEL, DUBLIN

SUN, SEP 2—HOP ON HOP OFF DUBLIN

Enjoy some leisure time in Dublin where you can choose from a wide variety of pursuits. Use your Hop on Hop off pass to visit a number of places and visit either Guinness Storehouse or Old Jameson's Distillery with the included voucher. There are plenty of museums of Irish interest such as the National Museum, the National Gallery or the Writers Museum. There are plenty of shops along Nassau Street and the pedestrianized Grafton Street or Henry Street and you may like to explore Temple Bar or visit some of the traditional pubs. In the evening you are free to choose from the many restaurants and pubs that Dublin has to offer.

OVERNIGHT: STILLORGAN PARK HOTEL, DUBLIN

MON, SEP 3—RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

All too soon, your vacation in Ireland has come to the end. Transfer to Dublin Airport in plenty of time to check in for your flight.

For reservations complete the coupon below & send it with your non-refundable deposit of \$600 per person.

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