

American Celebration of Music in Ireland

Suggested Tour #2 (6 nights/8 days)

Day 1

Depart via scheduled air service to Dublin, Ireland

Day 2

Dublin / County Kilkenny (D)

Arrive in Dublin

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to the awaiting chartered motorcoach

Enjoy a panoramic tour of Dublin

Visit to **EPIC Ireland**, the Irish Emigration Museum – A state of the art interactive museum experience located in the beautiful vaults of the 1820 Custom House building in Dublin’s Docklands. This is the original departure point for so many of Ireland’s emigrants. Nearly 37 Million U.S. Citizens list their heritage as Irish (Over 8 times the current population of Ireland). At **EPIC**, there are twenty themed galleries to find out why people left, who they were, see how they influenced the world they found, and experience the connection between their descendants and Ireland today

Transfer to Waterford/Kilkenny for late afternoon hotel check-in

Evening 3-course Welcome Dinner at the hotel restaurant and overnight

Kilkenny’s narrow winding streets lend it an atmosphere of old world charm; its terraces of handsome Georgian houses give it elegance; and with all this it is a busy modern town and market center for a fertile agricultural area

Day 3

County Kilkenny (B,D)

Full Irish Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Jerpoint Park for a heritage tour and sheepdog demonstration

Continue to Kilkenny for lunch, on own and time at leisure

Performance in Kilkenny as part of the American Celebration of Music in Ireland*

2-course dinner at a local pub or restaurant

Return to the hotel for overnight

Day 4

Blarney / County Kerry (B,D)

Full Irish Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Morning visit to Waterford (visit the Medieval Museum or the Waterford Crystal Museum)

Lunch, on own

Afternoon transfer to County Kerry via Blarney

Visit Blarney Castle. The castle dates from 1446 and is built on solid limestone in beautiful grounds. The sacred stone is found at the top of the castle and when you catch a glimpse of it, you may feel compelled to bend over backwards and kiss it!

Continue to County Kerry for hotel check-in

Evening 3-course dinner at the hotel restaurant and overnight

Day 5

Ring of Kerry / Killarney (B)



Full Irish Breakfast at the hotel

Enjoy a tour of the Ring of Kerry Highlights including Moll's Gap and Ladies View. Moll's Gap is a spectacular photographic viewing with a magnificent view of Death Valley. Close by is the famous Ladies View viewing point which gives a different perspective of the countryside, with the three Lakes of Killarney all surrounded by the Kerry Mountains

Meet our horse-drawn jaunting cars at Ross Castle for a scenic ride through Killarney National Park ending in Killarney city center

Lunch, on own

Afternoon at leisure with dinner, on own

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Return to the hotel for overnight

Day 6

County Limerick / Dublin

(B,D)

Full Irish Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Option 1: Visit Foynes Flying Boat Museum, and learn how Foynes played an important role in commercializing flights across the Atlantic. Visitors also experience the story of Foynes, and how it became one of the major aviation hubs of the world from 1937-1945

Option 2: Visit to Glenstal Abbey, a Benedictine Monastery in County Limerick. The monastery also runs a secondary school on its farm. Visitors can view the beautiful lakes, forests, walled garden, and a 250 acre dairy farm

Option 3: Visit Bunratty Castle and Folk Park, the most complete and authentic medieval fortress in Ireland. Built in 1425 it was restored in 1954 to its former medieval splendor. Also visit the Folk Park, a living reconstruction of the homes and environment of Ireland of over a century ago. Stroll from house to house or around the charming village street to experience village life in 19th century

Lunch, on own

Continue to Dublin for hotel check-in

Enjoy dinner and traditional Irish entertainment at *The Merry Ploughboy* or *Taylor's Three Rock*

Return to the hotel for overnight

Dublin is Ireland's capital and its largest, most cosmopolitan city. It wasn't before the Viking raids of the 9th century that Dublin was fully established. The "boom years" came in the 18th century and the city expanded across the river forming a new Dublin of stately squares, streets and Georgian mansions. Today, with its elegant Georgian streets, gregarious inhabitants and over one thousand years of history, it's little wonder Dublin is a city of writers

Day 7

Glendalough / Dublin

(B,D)

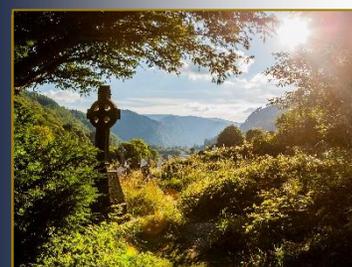
Full Irish Breakfast at the hotel

Excursion to Glendalough and the Wicklow Mountains. The steep wooded slopes of Glendalough the "valley of the two lakes" harbor one of Ireland's most atmospheric monastic sites — established in the 6th century. Here, visitors see the Round Tower, Cathedral, St. Kevin's Cross and Kitchen, and Gatehouse

Lunch, on own

*Performance in Dublin as part of the American Celebration of Music in Ireland**

2-course dinner at a local pub or restaurant



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Return to the hotel for overnight

Day 8

Depart for home

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Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
Transfer to the Dublin Airport for return flight home

**Subject to confirmation*

This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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