

Dublin & the Home Counties Songs & Stories of Dublin's Rare Auld Times

October 10 - 18, 2021

\$2,740 Per Person, Double Occupancy from Chicago

This tour has been inspired by my 10 month stay in Dublin during the Covid travel restrictions of 2020/21, finding history, heritage and beauty around every corner. I've included two full free days to explore whatever interests you. Golf, horseback riding, fishing or a day trip to explore some of Ireland's other attractions, can all be arranged in advance.



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HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- ◆ The same fabulous hotel for all 7-nights
- ◆ Traditional music at The Irish House Party
- ◆ EPIC: The Irish Emigration Museum
 - ◆ Guinness Storehouse
 - ◆ Pearse Lyons Distillery
- ◆ Dublinia: A Living History of Viking & Medieval Dublin
 - ◆ Glendalough
 - ◆ Powerscourt Gardens/Distillery
- ◆ Casino Marino
 - ◆ Newgrange
- ◆ Slane Castle and Distillery
 - ◆ Trim Castle
 - ◆ Glasnevin Cemetery
 - ◆ National Botanic Gardens
- ◆ Taylor's Three Rock World Famous Irish Night & Cabaret
- ◆ Shay's back street ramble & pub crawl, and much more!

This is an exclusive travel program presented by *InterTrav Corporation*

Dublin's ancient history and culture can be seen through the eyes of writers and revolutionaries, rogues and rascals. Pints, pubs and poets; churches, chapels and chippers. Castles, cathedrals, gardens and farms, rivers, lakes and canals, hills, hedges, mountains and valleys, breweries, distilleries and the best pints of Guinness in the world can all be found here. Come see it with me!

Day by Day Itinerary

Sun., Oct. 10 – CHICAGO / EN ROUTE

Today we depart Chicago's O'Hare International Airport on our overnight flight to begin our tour of Dublin and the Home Counties! **(I)**

Mon., Oct. 11 – DUBLIN (EPIC Museum; Guinness Storehouse)

We arrive in Dublin this morning where we are met by our Driver/Guide. Our day begins with a traditional Irish breakfast at Coachman's Inn, where some of you will enjoy your first pint of Guinness in Ireland. Afterward we'll head into Dublin to EPIC: The Irish Emigration Museum, where we'll discover the far-reaching influence of Irish history, and the impact the 10 million Irish men and women who left Ireland had on the world. After our visit, you'll have time for a bite to eat and to discover your Irish roots at the Irish Family History Center - they'll be happy to help find out who your ancestors are and where they came from. Then we'll check in to our beautifully located **Iveagh Garden Hotel**. After time to freshen up, we'll head to The Guinness Storehouse for a tour and another opportunity for a pint of the black stuff. On our tour we'll see exhibits on how this world famous stout was first created and why it is so popular today, and finish our visit in the Gravity Bar, overlooking County Dublin where

you can sample a draft Guinness and enjoy the view of the city. The evening is free to explore Dublin on your own, and perhaps enjoy dinner at one of the many cafes or restaurants within walking distance of our hotel. **(B)**



Tues., Oct. 12 – DUBLIN (Glendalough; Powerscourt; Dalkey & Killiney)

Our journey today takes us south into County Wicklow, the Garden of Ireland, where we'll visit the early Christian settlement of Glendalough. The "glen of the two lakes" is a truly spellbinding place, founded by St. Kevin the 6th century. Leaving Glendalough, we'll enjoy spectacular mountain scenery through Wicklow National Park as we make our way to the pretty village of Enniskerry to visit Powerscourt Estate and Gardens. This magnificent estate boasts 47 acres of gardens, and our tour offers two options: entry into the grounds to enjoy the many different gardens, each more spectacular than the last. Or you can choose to visit Powerscourt Distillery for a tour

and tasting of their special whiskey. Afterward, we'll journey to Dalkey, with tight winding roads and charming villas, and Killiney, offering one of the most scenic vistas on the coastal road. Often said to have a Mediterranean feel, this is where Ireland's rich and famous come out to play. We'll have an opportunity to walk Killiney Hill for a spectacular view of Dublin Bay from Howth Head to Bray Head, and explore Dalkey's main street. There are loads of fabulous restaurants to choose from for an unforgettable dining experience. **(B)**



Wed., Oct. 13 – DUBLIN

Today is at leisure in Dublin. Be sure to stroll pedestrian Grafton Street where you'll find energetic street musicians and theater artists, plenty of shopping and Bewley's Café, a city landmark. There are many other sites within walking distance, including Trinity College and the Book of Kells, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin Castle and the Dubh Linn Gardens, the Iveagh Gardens and St. Stephen's Green, and Merrion Square home to the famous Oscar Wilde statue. Stroll the docks to see the Jeannie Johnston Famine Ship, or visit one of the many nearby museums and art galleries. Whether your interest is sport, history, art or literature; whether you love shopping, or sipping a pint of Guinness, Dublin is packed with loads of interesting things to do, and a Hop-on/Hop-off bus pass will allow you to visit any of Dublin's attractions. Shay will be delighted to help you plan your day in this wonderfully cosmopolitan city. **(B)**

Thurs., Oct. 14 – DUBLIN (Memorial Gardens; IMMA; Dublinia; Hooley)

After a late breakfast and leisurely morning, we'll head to the Irish National War Memorial Gardens, where we can walk along the banks of the River Liffey and enjoy the stunning scenery. In stark contrast, for those interested, a

visit can be arranged to historic Kilmainham Gaol, where the leaders of the 1916 Uprising were executed. We'll also have the opportunity to walk across the road to the beautiful gardens of the Royal Hospital, now the Irish Museum of Modern Art. As we begin our return to the hotel, we'll stop at Pearse Lyons Distillery, built in the beautifully restored Church of St. James in Dublin's historic Liberties, where we'll enjoy a tour and whiskey tasting. Our next visit takes us to nearby Dublinia, a living history of Viking and medieval Dublin. See what life was like onboard a Viking warship, try on Viking clothes, and witness the sights, sounds and smells of this busy city. Afterward, we'll return to our hotel and prepare for tonight's Hooley at the Irish House Party - a night full of traditional Irish music, dancing and entertainment! **(B,D)**

Fri., Oct. 15 – DUBLIN

(Casino Marino; Boyne Valley: Slane & Trim Castles)

After breakfast this morning, we'll make the short drive to Casino Marino, widely acknowledged as the most important example of neoclassical architecture in Ireland. Then we'll head north to Brú na Bóinne, the Boyne Valley, the cradle of Irish civilization. We'll visit the site of the Battle of the Boyne, which altered the course of Irish history up until the present day. Our next stop is Newgrange, older than the Pyramids, this is the best known Irish passage tomb dating to circa 3,200 BC. Then we'll make the short drive to Slane Castle, the residence of Ireland's most famous aristocrat, Henry Conyngham, Earl of Mount Charles. We'll enjoy a guided tour of the castle, and of course no visit is complete without a tour and whiskey tasting at the Slane Distillery. Afterward we'll head to Trim Castle, a Norman stronghold on the River Boyne, which marked the boundary of the Pale. Our return to the hotel takes us through Dublin's Phoenix Park, where we'll find the Papal Cross and the Irish President's official residence. **(B,L)**

Sat., Oct. 16 – DUBLIN

You once again have a day to explore Dublin however you'd like! Perhaps some last minute shopping on Grafton Street, or a visit to that museum or pub you've always wanted to get to. In the late afternoon Shay will take you on a ramble around some of Dublin's back streets, back alleys and lanes for an off-the-beaten-path look at some of his favorite spots. This will likely turn into a bit of a pub crawl, so feel free to linger at any one spot for a bit of dinner and meet up with the group later! **(B)**

Sun., Oct. 17 – DUBLIN

(Glasnevin; Botanic Gardens; Gravediggers; Hooley)

We'll start the day with a tour of Glasnevin Cemetery, established by legendary Irish statesman Daniel O'Connell in 1832. Key figures from Irish history and culture have been laid to rest here: Collins, Parnell, de Valera, Behan to name but a few. The site spans 124 acres, boasting a vast array of ornate sculptures, Celtic crosses and stunning flowers & trees. Just next door, we'll visit the stunning National Botanic Gardens. Developed in 1795, the gardens have an old-world feel

and encompass almost 50 acres with over 16,000 plant species! Afterwards, we're in for a pint at the iconic Gravediggers Pub. This afternoon you're free to relax at the hotel, and tonight we'll head to Taylor's Three Rock for an evening of sparkling Irish song, music, laughter and dance at Dublin's World Famous Irish Night & Cabaret. **(B,D)**

Mon., Oct. 18 – DUBLIN / CHICAGO

All too soon our Dublin & the Home Counties Tour comes to an end as we travel to Dublin Airport for the return journey home. No better time to reflect on vacation memories to last a lifetime and new friends made along the way! **(B,I)**

***** Welcome Home *****

Meal Codes:

I = In-flight B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner



The Vacation Price Includes:

- Economy class air transportation from Chicago
- Transportation by deluxe private motor coach with accompanying Driver/Guide
- Accommodations in the 4-star Iveagh Garden Hotel
- All meals as shown in the Day by Day Itinerary
- Sightseeing as detailed in the itinerary including entrance fees where necessary
- Luggage handling and portage charges for one suitcase per person at the hotel
- **Taxes for included ground services and all air-line taxes and fuel surcharge totaling \$490.00 per person**

The Vacation Price Does Not Include: Items of a personal nature such as passport fees and destination entry requirements; luggage handling at airports; gratuities to the Driver/Guide and local Guides, meals other than those stated and drinks with meals; and Group Deluxe Travel Protection.

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