

9 DAYS - EXPLORING IRELAND

(Validity : May 2018 - Sep 2018)

Explore a 9 Day Ireland Tour starting from Dublin filled with music, monuments and mystical locations!

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Welcome to Dublin

Céad míle fáilte! (Or, should we say, a hundred thousand welcomes!) Welcome to Ireland and the start of your tour! After your arrival to the airport your driver will meet you at the arrival lobby and escort you to the car for your private transfer to your hotel. You can spend the rest of your day relaxing and recovering from your jet-lag, or in case you feel energetic enough you can explore this beautiful city on your own.

Overnight accommodation.

DAY 2: Dublin

Breakfast at the hotel. Meet up with your tour leader and fellow travellers, do a spot of sightseeing or just relax – your time is yours. Big enough to keep one amused, but small enough to cover in a relatively short time, Dublin boasts an extraordinary history, rich heritage and a touch of indulgence. Enjoy! Tonight at the welcome dinner you'll have a proper chance to meet your tour group, and get more information on the days to come.

Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

DAY 3: Belfast

Today, we set off from Dublin on our first day of travel. Your tour leader will give you an introduction to the history of Ireland, and, as we're headed into Northern Ireland it's particularly important to learn about topics like the Rising, the Civil War and the Fight for Independence, along with The Troubles. Although peaceful now, this is an important part of Ireland's history, particularly the north. We'll stop first in the famous city of Belfast, where we'll have an orientation tour. Having redefined itself in recent years, the city's skyline is constantly changing. Whether you're checking out the Victorian architecture, strolling along the vibrant waterfront or exploring Victoria Square (Europe's biggest urban regeneration project), you're in for an eye-opening adventure. After some free time, we head to Carrick-A-Rede Rope Bridge for a photo stop, and also visit the famous Giant's Causeway - an incredible rock formation consisting of around 40 000 interlocking basalt columns. Legend has it that the causeway was built by an Irish giant named Finn McCool, so that he could challenge his Scottish rival Benandonner to a battle. But when Benandonner appeared over the horizon, Finn McCool was terrified by the size of him, and ran home to his wife, Oonagh, who disguised him as a baby, making him curl up in an enormous cradle. When Benandonner arrived, he saw the enormous 'child' and was terrified to think how big the father must be. He fled back to Scotland, tearing up the causeway as he went. Our last stop for the day is the riverside city of Londonderry / Derry, where we spend the night.

Breakfast. Overnight accommodation



DAY 4: Galway

Heading out from Londonderry / Derry, we make our way to Galway, joining up with the famous Wild Atlantic Way - the longest coastal drive in the world, and probably the most scenic! We'll make a comfort stop, and then will arrive in Galway in the early afternoon. Enjoy some free time in this arty, bohemian city that boasts a vibrant ambience, thanks to its large student population. With students making up a quarter of the population, you'll find plenty of bars and cafes, some of which will feature live music. Check out the remnants of the medieval town walls, or take a stroll down the promenade to Salthill, on Galway Bay, source of the area's delicious well-known oysters.

Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

DAY 5: Killarney

First up today, we have one of the highlights of the tour – the world-famous Cliffs of Moher. Here, we'll have the chance to capture a few spectacular photos of this natural wonder, which rises over 200 meters above the churning sea. We then make our way to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. The present version of Bunratty Castle was erected in the early 1400s, though several constructions preceded it, dating back to the 10th Century. Adjoining the castle is Folk Park, a reconstructed traditional Irish village complete with cottages, weavers, pie-makers, a forge and a working blacksmith. We stop for lunch in Limerick, with its fascinating castle, traditional pubs, art museum and a thriving café culture. Before the last leg of the tour to our hotel in Killarney today, we stop off in Adare for photos, and you'll marvel at what's often called 'Ireland's prettiest village.' Catch a glimpse of the perfectly-preserved thatch cottages, which today are home to craft shops and restaurants. We arrive in Killarney, where you can reflect on the day over dinner with your fellow explorers.

Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

DAY 6: Ring of Kerry

Keep your camera fully charged and at the ready – it's going to be a day of stunning scenery! The famous Ring of Kerry is our stamping ground today, home to breath-taking coastal views, emerald-green pastures and charming villages – including Cahersiveen and Kenmare, where we'll pass through or make comfort stops. We'll also stop at the village of Sneem on Kenmare Bay - known locally as the knot of Kerry



- where you'll have some time to explore..
Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

DAY 7: Blarney Castle

Journeying back to Dublin and leaving the Wild Atlantic Way, we stop at Blarney Castle, where you'll have the chance to kiss the famous Blarney Stone and gain the 'gift of the gab'. We'll stop on the way in Waterford, Ireland's oldest city, where the atmosphere and feel of medieval Ireland is unmistakable. Arriving back in Dublin, celebrate the last night of your tour with an optional Irish music evening, in-

cluding dinner and a show at the Merry Ploughboy Irish Music Pub, winner of the "Best Music Pub" in Ireland. Located in the Irish countryside, this is an authentic experience, held in a pub run by traditional musicians who specialise in all aspects of Irish music and dance.

Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

DAY 8: Free day in Dublin

Today is all yours. You can visit museum or galleries, spend your day shopping or exploring the most famous sights in Dublin.

Breakfast. Overnight accommodation

DAY 9: Dublin – Time to say goodbye

After breakfast get ready for your private transfer which will take you to the airport. In case your flight is leaving later in the afternoon or in the evening you could take in more of Dublin's sights, do some last minute shopping or even join one of our half day optional tours.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 8 nights' accommodation in twin rooms. Single travellers have the option to pay a single supplement to ensure a private room.
- 15 Experiences (including guided walking tours, orientation walks, driving tours of cities plus other exciting experiences – please see Experiences tab for more information).
- 9 breakfasts, 3 dinners
- Modern air conditioned coach with reclining seats, TV for showing DVDs, and toilet.
- Services of your tour leader, from day two till day eight who will be on hand with advice and tips and ensure that you get the most from your trip.
- All taxes and fees
- Any public transport used as part of the tour (excludes free days)
- A complimentary memorable gift of your once in a lifetime trip.

ACCOMMODATION

DUBLIN

Travelodge Pheonix Park, Dublin

DERRY

Maldron Hotel, Derry

White Horse, Derry

Waterfoot Hotel, Derry

GALWAY

Eyre Square Hotel, Galway

Travelodge Galway

Claregalway Hotel, Galway

KILLARNEY

Killarney Heights Hotel

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START DATE	END DATE	PRICE IN GBP
5-May-18	13-May-18	£994
19-May-18	27-May-18	£994
2-Jun-18	10-Jun-18	£994
16-Jun-18	24-Jun-18	£994
30-Jun-18	8-Jul-18	£994
14-Jul-18	22-Jul-18	£994
28-Jul-18	5-Aug-18	£994
11-Aug-18	19-Aug-18	£994
25-Aug-18	2-Sep-18	£994
8-Sep-18	16-Sep-18	£994
22-Sep-18	30-Sep-18	£994

European Guaranteed Tours Terms & Conditions

1. Guaranteed departures

All Comfort tours operated by Happy Tours are guaranteed departures and will operate unless force majeure circumstances arise or other unforeseen circumstances. Due to the traveller numbers on a specific tour, Happy Tours reserves the absolute right to change the type or style of transportation or other elements, to enable the tour to operate. Tours where Happy Tours acts as an agent on the behalf of the Principal operator in Turkey and Croatia are also guaranteed to operate unless force majeure circumstances arise or the Principal operator ceases trading. Under these circumstances an alternative tour of comparable standard or a full refund of monies paid will be offered.

Force Majeure: We will not pay you compensation if we have to cancel or change your travel arrangements in any way because of unusual or unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control. These can include, for example, war, riot, industrial dispute, terrorist activity and its consequences, acts of God, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, adverse weather conditions, epidemics and pandemics, unavoidable technical problems with transport.

2. Accommodation

a) All Tours

On any of our Comfort, Europe Short Trips, Turkey & Greece Tours and Croatia Tours, accommodation is provided in twin accommodation. Singles travellers will be accommodated in same-gender twin rooms. Two travellers booking together will be accommodated in a twin room. Three travellers booking together will be accommodated in one twin room, the third person will be accommodated in a same gender twin share room. Happy Tours will use astute discretion at allocating the third person to a room share; unless we are otherwise advised in writing as to who will be sharing with whom. Triple rooms can be requested, in writing, but cannot be guaranteed in every location in which event the above situation applies. In certain locations, particularly in Austria and Switzerland, a twin is commonly accepted as referring to two separate mattresses and duvets contained in one large frame. Most hotels have rooms that will take an extra bed if required. These extra beds may be bunk beds, fold-away beds or sofa beds. Where an extra bed is added this may limit the space available. Rooms with extra beds are still bookable for two person occupancy although, in this case, the hotelier may allocate a standard-sized twin bedded room without extra beds. Single rooms do not always match up either in size or facilities to twin bedded rooms. Please note that in some properties, lifts may not directly service all floors and access to and from these floors may be by stairway only.

b) Star Categories / Country Standards

We use a range of star rated accommodation establishments, and standards differ from country to country. The star ratings are primarily intended to give a guide to the range of facilities and services available in each property. 2 and 3 star properties generally have a more limited range of facilities and services. In general the overall standard of services and facilities can sometimes vary within star categories. For example, an officially rated 3 star property may only possess 2 star standards (and vice versa) despite having an extensive range of services and facilities. This is because of the many different criteria that are used from country to country to assess star ratings.

Please note these criteria can differ significantly to those used in the UK by motoring and other organizations and UK ratings should not therefore be compared to those overseas. In certain instances, hotels and pensions in Austria do not have official star ratings, mainly due to taxation reasons, rather than levels of standard.

3. Food

Meals are included as stipulated in the tour itinerary, check your specific tour itinerary for details of which meals are included. Vegetarians or those with special dietary needs can be catered for, so please inform us at the time of booking, as well as your tour leader at the start of the tour. Non-included meals are at your own expense. This allows you the opportunity to try the local cuisine. The food is delicious and varied with restaurants providing an important insight into local ways of life.

There is always an excellent range of restaurants to choose from. You will also need to purchase drinks and snacks for long bus or coach journeys as there may not be the opportunity once on board. Please be aware that in many parts of the world vegetarian meals are classified as meals without meat or fish, and may not be what you are used to.

4. Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is mandatory for all clients whilst on a tour organised by Happy Tours. Clients together with their personal property including baggage are at all times solely at their own risk. Clients are wholly responsible for arranging their own insurance. A suitable insurance policy should provide adequate cover for medical expenses arising through illness or accident prior to or during the holiday and loss of holiday monies through cancellation or curtailment of the holiday or other insurable reasons. Clients should ensure that there are no exclusion clauses limiting protection for the type of activities in their tour. The travel insurance cover automatically provided with credit card purchases does not provide adequate cover as standard.

5. Passports, Visas and Vaccinations

It is the responsibility of the client to be in possession of a valid passport, visa permits, vaccination and preventative medicines as may be required for the duration of the tour. Information about these matters or related items is given in good faith but without responsibility on the part of Happy Tours. Visa support documents can be provided if the request is received in writing - please email us after your booking has been confirmed, allowing 5 working days for the documents to be produced. Visa support documents do not supplement or replace tour documents which can be found on the website.

Please allow sufficient time to complete the visa process (at least 4 weeks). Should your visa application be unsuccessful, you will be able to change or cancel your tour, but standard terms and conditions (and therefore fees) will apply. Please see sections 3a. Changes by you and 4. Cancellation by you.

The Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) provides travel advice for each destination we visit – each country has a summary and general information as well as advice on safety & security, local laws & customs, entry requirements and health.

6. Age, Fitness and Participation

All clients are expected to satisfy themselves prior to booking that they are fit and able to complete the itinerary of their chosen tour as described in the itinerary.

Clients are also expected to accept that the components described constitute "Adventure Travel" and that travel to and facilities in developing countries will not be to similar standards which they may be accustomed to at home. Persons over 65 years of age may be asked to provide medical evidence of fitness to travel on certain itineraries. Minors (those under 18 years of age) are accepted on some group tours operated by Happy Tours at our discretion provided they are accompanied by a parent or guardian who accepts full responsibility for them. Unaccompanied minors will not be accepted. Happy Tours has recommended ages for participation in group tours which act as a guide only.

Clients agree to accept the authority and decision of Happy Tours employees, tour leaders, and agents whilst on tour with Happy Tours. If in the opinion of such person that the health or conduct of a client before or after departure appears likely to endanger the safe, comfortable or happy progress of a tour, the client may be excluded from all or part of the tour, without any refunds. In the case of ill health Happy Tours may make such arrangements as it sees fit and recover the costs from the client.

If a client is excluded from the tour as above or chooses to leave the tour of their own free will or leaves the tour due to ill health or any other reason there will be no refund of the tour price, extra services, surcharges, local payments/funds or any local surcharges. All services forming part of the whole package booked will be forfeited though may be recovered through travel insurance in some circumstances.

7. Local Laws

All participants in tours operated by Happy Tours are expected to obey the laws and regulations of the countries visited and any failure to do so will relieve Happy Tours of any obligation that they may otherwise have under these booking conditions.

8. Illness or Disability

Anyone suffering from illness or disability or undergoing treatment for any physical or medical condition must declare the true nature of such condition at the time of booking and make arrangements for the provision of any medication or other treatment which may be required during the tour. Failure to make such disclosure will constitute breach of these booking conditions and result in such persons being excluded from the tour in which case all monies paid will be forfeit. If you or any member of your party have any disabilities it is extremely important that you contact our offices by email via this link before completing any reservation to ensure compatibility for the holiday that you choose.

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