### **IRELAND** September 7 - 18, 2023



# MAINE TOWNSHIP MAINESTREAMERS





#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- ★ Cliffs of Moher
- \* Dingle Peninsula
- ★ Ring of Kerry
- ★ Killarney
- ★ Blarney Castle
- ★ Irish Sheepdog Demonstration
- ★ Muckross House Jaunting Cart
- ★ Burren National Park
- ★ Galway
- 🖈 Connemara
- ★ Kylemore Abbey
- ★ Beleek Pottery
- ★ Lough Eske Castle
- 🖈 Donegal
- ★ Dublin
- Guinness Storehouse
- ★ Merry Ploughboy Pub
- \* Irish Emigration Museum
- ★ Gallarus Oratory

#### YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 Flight to Dublin, Ireland

**DAY 2** Kiss the famous Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle (1446) with free time at Woolen Mills. Arrive at a lovely manor house hotel, the Randles in Killarney for a 2-night stay. Dinner.

**DAY 3** Breakfast. Day tour of the Ring of Kerry including scenic towns of Cahersiveen & Waterville, Coomakesta Pass with magnificent views of Derrynane, Killarney National Park and Lake of Killarney. Step back in time at 19th century Kerry Bog Village. Irish Sheepdog demonstration at the Kells Sheep Centre featuring trained border collies. Lunch at local pub. Jaunting Cart from Muckross House to hotel.

**DAY 4** Breakfast. Day tour of Dingle Peninsula including Sea Head drive. Visit Gallarus Oratory - a chapel built over a 1000 years ago built entirely from dry stone masonry. Free time in Dingle. Return to Killarney with free night.

**DAY 5** Breakfast. Travel through County Clare. Ferry ride across the majestic Shannon Estuary. Marvel at the rugged beauty of the towering Cliffs of Moher and stunning vistas over the Atlantic Ocean and Aran Islands. Scenic travel through the Burren National Park. Arrive at the Park House Hotel in Galway for a 2-night stay. Dinner.

**DAY 6** Breakfast. Tour the loop of Connemara and its breathtaking scenery of hills and bogs. Tour Kylemore Abbey & Victorian Walled Garden. Dinner.

**DAY 7** Breakfast. Explore Belleek Pottery, world famous since 1857. Visit the peaceful churchyard at Drumcliffe in County Sligo to read the epitaph on the grave of Irish poet, William Butler Yeats, who chose this as his final resting place with its stunning location at the foot of Benbulben Mountain. Free time in SligoTown. Arrive at Lough Eske Castle for a 2-night stay in County Donegal. Dinner.

**DAY 8** Breakfast. Full day of leisure at the Lough Eske Castle to relax, enjoy the castle, perhaps use the Spa or walk the tranquil lake path. Optional Visit - Slieve League (Sliabh Liag) Cliffs Visitor Centre to see the highest sea cliffs in Europe! Guides will provide insight into the wildlife and local history. Optional afternoon excursion to Donegal Town.

**DAY 9** Breakfast. Travel to Dublin. Visit Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre which interprets an Iron Age bog road that was built in the year 148 B.C. across the boglands of Longford and close to the River Shannon. The oak road is the largest of its kind to have been excavated in Europe. An eighteen-metre stretch of the







preserved trackway is on permanent display indoors to preserve the ancient wooden structure. Arrive at the Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham in Dublin for a 3-night stay. Dinner.

**DAY 10** Breakfast. City tour of Dublin. Highlights include O'Connell Street, Phoenix Park, Leinster House, Irish Emigration Museum, and Christ Church Cathedral, begun in 1038 by King Sitric Silkenbeard, the Danish Viking King of Dublin. Contained in the cathedral is the reputed tomb of Strongbow, a medieval Norman-Welsh peer and warlord.

**DAY 11** Breakfast. Enjoy a free day to explore Dublin on your own. Afternoon tour at the Guinness Storehouse finishing at the Gravity Bar for a complimentary pint of Guinness while enjoying the panoramic views over Dublin city. Dinner at the Merry Ploughboy Pub followed by the best traditional music show in Dublin featuring Irish music, song and dancing.

DAY 12 Breakfast. Flight home.



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#### PRICES

**\$6798.00** Double Occupancy Per Person ★ +\$489.45 to Add Travel Insurance

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DEPOSIT: \$1,500 Per Person

FINAL PAYMENT DATE: 5/1/23

TOUR: 12 DAYS/10 NIGHTS

17 MEALS: 10 BREAKFASTS, 1 LUNCH, 6 DINNERS

PASSPORT BOOK REQUIRED

## WHAT'S INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR?

- ★ Free Chicagoland Area Home Pickup & Return
- \* Private Group Airline Check-In
- ★ Round Trip Airfare & 1 Checked Bag
- ★ Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- ★ Deluxe Hotel Accommodations
- **★ Fine-Dining** (see pg. 3 for exact meal count)
- ★ All Attractions, Tours, Admissions
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- ★ All Tips & Taxes
- \* Premier Local Guides
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