Castles & Legends of Ireland April 30th – May 11th, 2024





This fully escorted twelve-day, coast to coast luxury tour is designed to offer you the perfect balance of castle hotels and unique experiences with Irish culture. Ample downtime allows you to relax, unwind and explore the beautiful countryside. This trip is escorted by an expert Irish tour leader ready to advise, inform and tell you many of the legends of the Emeril Isle. Experience the warmth of true Irish hospitality on your castle stay evenings. Stroll the beautiful, extensive grounds of each country manor, meet the friendly locals, hear their history and witness the timeless historic landscape and its legendary shades of green.

Some Highlights:

Fully escorted by Irish Guide **Eight Night Stays in Castle Hotels Kylemore Abbey & Gardens** Cliffs of Moher **Sheepdog Demonstration** Ring of Kerry **Enjoy Irish Dancers** Watch cutting of Irish Crystal **Guinness Factory Old Midleton Distillery Guinness Storehouse Belleek Pottery Trinity College Book of Kells Christ Church with Belpre Tour Twenty Meals**

Lodging:

The Green Hotel (two nights)
Ballynahinch Castle Hotel (two nights)
Lough Eske Castle Hotel (two nights)
Great Southern Hotel (two nights)
K Club Castle Hotel (two nights)

\$4295 Per Person Double (Plus Air)

\$5595 Per Person Single (Plus Air)

Travel Protection Available

Day One, Tuesday, April 30, 2024:

Depart for your overseas flight to Dublin. While on board your overnight flight, you will have both dinner and breakfast included before touching down in Ireland. (**Dinner on plane**)

Day Two, Wednesday, May 1, 2024 - K Club Resort

Upon arrival in Dublin, your tour Escort will assist you through customs and afterwards the group will be greeted by our driver while in Ireland. First, a short sightseeing tour of Dublin until we can get checked into the "K Club" for a good rest after a long night of flying. The K Club is one of Ireland's top

Castle Hotels! This evening we will get acquainted with our fellow travelers at our welcome dinner reception. (Breakfast on plane, Dinner)

Day Three, Thursday, May 2, 2024 - K Club Resort

Today we visit the Powerscourt Gardens which are among the finest in Ireland, both for their design and for their dramatic setting at the foot of the Great Sugar Loaf Mountain. Next, we visit St. Kevin's 6th century monastery at Glendalough, the steep wooded slopes of Glendalough and the "valley of the two lakes" which harbors one of Ireland's most impressive monastic settlements. Take time later this afternoon to enjoy the spa and gardens at the K Club. For the golfers a chance for a day of golf!





Day Four, Friday, May 3, 2024: Great Southern Hotel

A visit to the Blarney Woolen Mills for shopping is followed by Blarney Castle where legend has it that kissing the Blarney Stone will make you "Eloquent". Next, we visit Old Midleton Distillery for an Irish whiskey tasting. Last, we pass over the Cork/Kerry Mountains via the Irish speaking villages of Ballymakeery & Ballyvourney to the old market town of Macroom, where you will see Macroom Castle. Tonight's stay is at the **Great Southern Hotel** in Killarney. (**Breakfast & Dinner**)





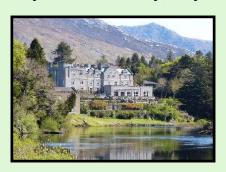


Day Five, Saturday, May 4, 2024: Great Southern Hotel Today on the "Ring of Kerry" we will experience "Brendan Ferris "sheep dogs, a Woolen Mill and have lunch at the "Blind Piper" Pub. For those that like to golf, the "Killarney Golf Club" is open to you. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Day Six, Sunday, May 5, 2024: Ballynahinch Castle Hotel Depart for Connemara with a stop along the Wild Atlantic Way through the Burren to the famous Cliffs of Moher. Standing over 700 feet high the cliffs stretch for 5 miles. On a clear day one can see the Aran Islands and Galway Bay. Tonight's stay Ballynahinch Castle Hotel (*Breakfast & Dinner*)



Day Seven, Monday, May 6, 2024: Ballynahinch Castle Hotel



You may want to spend the day at Ballynahinch, voted number one in Ireland, this Castle Hotel sits on a private 450-acre estate of woodland, rivers and walks. You may even choose to fly fish or Skeet shoot! For those who wish, late morning we will tour South Connemara, from the bogs and lakes of the Gaelic speaking region to the mountain vistas, Connemara's wild beauty is due to its remote location and is largely unspoiled. Also included is a stop at "Celtic Crystal" which

has been creating Celtic

Designs and Gaelic Motifs into its ornate Irish Crystal. A personal lead crystal cutting demonstration is also included! Before returning to our castle dinner, we will spend a little free time in Galway City. (**Breakfast & Dinner**)





Day Eight, Tuesday, May 7, 2024: Lough Eske Castle Hotel
On our way to Donegal we visit Westport and St. Patrick's
Mountain. Here, you will find the best seafood chowder that
Ireland has to offer! Next, we visit Kylemore Abbey & Walled
Victorian Garden". Our next two nights will be at Lough Eske
Castle Hotel on the shores of Lough Eske. (Breakfast &
Dinner)





Day Nine, Wednesday, May 8, 2024: Lough Eske Hotel Take time to enjoy the beautiful grounds of the castle! Today we also visit the highlands and coast of Donegal with a visit to Glenveigh National Park. Tonight, another fantastic castle dinner at the award winning five-star Lough Eske Castle Hotel. (*Breakfast and Dinner*)

Day Ten, Thursday, May 9, 2024: Dunboyne Castle Hotel We depart for Dublin with a tour of world-famous Belleek Pottery. Our last two nights will be at a beautiful castle hotel on the outskirts of Dublin.

(Breakfast and Dinner)

Day Eleven, Friday, May 10, 2024: Dunboyne Castle Hotel Today, on our Dublin City tour, we visit Trinity College, home of the "Book of Kell's", St. Patrick's Church, Guinness! and more.



Tonight, at our farewell dinner, we will enjoy an evening of Irish music & dinner at the Merry Ploughboy Pub. (Breakfast & Dinner)



