

Castles & Legends of Ireland



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 Emerald 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:

Ten Night Stays in Castle Hotels
Dublin City Tour, Guinness Storehouse,
Dinner at the Merry Ploughboy Club,
Trinity College with "Book of Kells",
Christ Church with Belfry tour,
Kylemore Abbey & Gardens, Cliffs of Moher
Sheepdog Demonstration, Ring of Kerry,
Dinner at the Merry Ploughboy Club
Watch Cutting of Irish Crystal,
Old Midleton Distillery, Irish Horse Farm,
Belleek Pottery, Ring of Kerry,
Glenveagh & Trim Castle
Blarney Castle & Woolen Mill
Golfing & Fly Fishing (Optional)

Lodging:

Portmarnock Castle Hotel (two nights)
Lough Eske Castle (two nights)
Ballynahinch Castle (two nights)
Killarney Plaza Hotel (two nights)
Killashee Country Manor (two nights)

A Warther Signature Tour

Designed and escorted by Warther Tours

Full Time Irish Guide

Twenty Three Meals

Gratuities Included

(escorts, guides, drivers & meals)

Luggage Handling

Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation

All transfers in Ireland

Pre-Travel Packet

Daily complimentary water on coach

Optional Travel Insurance

We can plan group air transportation

Day One - 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, Portmarnock Castle Hotel - Upon Arrival in Dublin, your tour Escort will assist you through customs and then be greeted by Mr. McGoe, your Irish motorcoach driver. A great day to rest up after a long night and enjoy the old town of Dublin and maybe do a little shopping. **(Breakfast on plane, Dinner)**

Day Three, Portmarnock Castle Hotel - Today, we visit Trinity College, home of the "Book of Kells," St. Patrick's Church and even get a chance to ring the bells at Christ Church Cathedral! No visit to Dublin is complete without a visit to the Guinness Storehouse where we will enjoy a complimentary pint of Guinness! Next enjoy dinner & evening of Irish music & dance at the Merry Ploughboy Pub **(Breakfast & Dinner)**

Day Four, Lough Eske Castle Hotel - We depart Dublin for the beautiful Ireland countryside. Our next two nights will be at the Lough Eske Castle on shores of Lough Eske. On our way we will visit Trim Castle, the largest Anglo-Norman castle in Ireland, and Belleek Pottery. Dinner tonight will be at Lough Eske, a five star castle. **(Breakfast & Dinner)**

Day Five, Lough Eske Castle 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 Glenveagh National Park in the Derryveagh mountains. Covering nearly 25,000 acres, the park has some dramatic mountain scenery and protects the largest herd of red deer in Ireland. Tonight another fantastic castle dinner. **(Breakfast and Dinner)**

Day Six, Ballynahinch Castle Hotel - As we leave our first castle stay we are heading for another, Ballynahinch! On our way we visit the quaint little town of Westport and see the summit of the mountain that Saint Patrick fasted for forty days in 441 AD. Being a small port town you will find the best seafood chowder that Ireland has to offer! Next it's onto visit and tour "Kylemore Abbey & Walled Victorian Garden", and the story of Kylemore is a truly remarkable one. Castle dinner tonight. **(Breakfast & Dinner)**

Day Seven, 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, Killarney Plaza Hotel - Depart for Killarney with a stop in Galway and then continue along the Wild Atlantic Way through the Burren to the famous Cliffs of Moher, a magical vista that will capture your heart. Standing over 700 feet high they stretch for 5 miles. On a clear day one can see the Aran Islands and Galway Bay. Our stay for the next two nights is the Killarney Plaza Hotel. **(Breakfast & Dinner)**

Day Nine, Killarney Plaza Hotel - Today, as we drive the "Ring of Kerry", soaking in the majestic views, we will experience "Brendan Ferris" sheep dogs in Action, a Woolen Mill and have lunch at the "Blind Piper" Pub. For those that like to golf, the "Killarney Golf & Fishing Club" is open to you. This is where the Irish Open has been played many times. **(Tee times must be pre-set up) (Breakfast & Lunch)**

Day Ten, Killashee House Manor - 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 Middleton Distillery for an Irish whiskey tasting. Tonight's stay is an Irish Country Manor, Killashee House. **(Breakfast & Dinner)**

Day Eleven, Killashee House Manor - Today A visit to the "Irish National Stud and Japanese Gardens" will feature Ireland's thoroughbred industry that is home to some of the most magnificent horses and sumptuous gardens to be found anywhere in the world. A stop to a local silver business and shopping is in order and this afternoon is ours to relax and enjoy the spa and gardens at the Killashee House. For the golfers another day for golf! **(Breakfast & Dinner)**

Day Twelve, Enjoy your flight home with One-Of-A-Kind memories of Ireland! **(Breakfast, Lunch on Plane)**