

# TASTE OF IRELAND

October 5 - 10, 2016



SOLO FRIENDLY



Ring of Kerry

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- » Dublin's Merry Ploughboy Pub Dinner/Show
- » Bunratty Castle Medieval Banquet
- » Sheepdog Trials
- » Kiss the Blarney Stone
- » Ring of Kerry Tour
- » Cliffs of Moher
- » Blarney Castle
- » Skellig Experience

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:

3

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- » Free parking with roundtrip transfers to JFK International Airport
- » Roundtrip airfare - New York to Dublin, Ireland/Shannon
- » Four night hotel accommodations
- » Sightseeing as stated in itinerary by luxury coach
- » Services of Professional CIE driver/guide
- » Meals: 4 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners
- » Welcome reception
- » All local taxes, hotel service charges & portorage for one suitcase per person
- » Wi-Fi on coaches and in hotel lobbies (In Ireland)
- » AAA Group Leader

## PRICE PER PERSON

### OCCUPANCY

Double	\$2,109
Single	\$2,239

**All non members must add \$50 to the above rates.  
Limited quantity for single rooms.**

*Rates are subject to availability at time of booking and include taxes, fees and fuel surcharges which are subject to change. All pricing and included features are based on a minimum of 24 passengers.*



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## TOUR ITINERARY

### Wednesday, October 5: Depart for Ireland

Motorcoach from Central PA to JFK International Airport for your overnight flight to Dublin.

### Thursday, October 6: Dublin & Merry Ploughboy Pub

Welcome to Ireland! Transfer as a group to your first hotel. This afternoon, join a local guide for a tour of ancient and modern Dublin. Drive through the main streets to see historic buildings such as Trinity College, where the Book of Kells is housed; rows of Georgian houses with gaily-painted doorways and the new buildings around the Financial Centre beside the River Liffey. Take a guided tour through parts of Dublin Castle, which was the seat of power and government for many centuries and today plays a leading role in European Union activities. Return to your hotel for a get-together with your tour group and a welcome drink. In the evening head to the Merry Ploughboy Pub for a great dinner of Irish specialties and a lively show with popular Irish songs and intricate step-dancing. Hotel: *Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge*, Dublin (Dinner)

### Friday, October 7: Blarney Castle & Killarney

Depart Dublin and travel through the midlands of Ireland, which has many mixed farms. Stop for photos of the stately ruins on the Rock of Cashel, rising high above the surrounding plain. Continue your drive south and, just a few miles outside Cork, visit Blarney Castle to kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence." Also visit the Blarney Woollen Mills where you can find quality Irish made goods of all types, conveniently displayed under one roof. Drive through Macroom, built around a fine castle, and into County Kerry where the scenery becomes more mountainous. Arrive in Killarney, picturesquely set beside lakes with Ireland's highest mountains, the Macgillycuddy's Reeks, forming a backdrop. Check in to your hotel and relax before dinner. Hotel: *Killarney Towers Hotel*, Killarney (Breakfast, Dinner)





### **Saturday, October 8: Ring of Kerry & Skellig Experience**

Today embark on Ireland's most popular scenic drive of 100 miles to the Ring of Kerry. This winding route reveals breathtaking sights of the Macgillycuddy's Reeks as well as coastal views of beaches and cliffs. As you travel along, there will be plenty of stops for photos at the best vantage points. Drive through the village of Cahirciveen and cross to Valentia Island by bridge where you'll visit the Skellig Experience. Learn about the off-shore islands where early Christian monks lived in austere conditions and how they were used as one of the locations for "Star Wars VII" movie. After a casual lunch in a cozy restaurant continue your scenic drive. Pause for a stroll around Sneem, with its brightly-painted houses and again at Moll's Gap for panoramic views of Ireland's highest mountains and deep valleys. Get a taste of farm life with a sheepdog demonstration of herding flocks, a shearing demonstration and see different breeds of sheep. Return to Killarney and enjoy a free evening for independent dining or exploring the many pubs in the town. (Breakfast, Lunch)

### **Sunday, October 9: Cliffs of Moher & Bunratty Castle**

Leave Killarney and drive north to Tarbert for a 20-minute ferry ride across the wide River Shannon Estuary. Your tour continues along the Clare coast to the Cliffs of Moher, a spectacular wall of sandstone that reaches to almost 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. Drive past Lahinch Golf Course (one of Ireland's most famous) and through the marketing town of Ennis to Bunratty. Check in to Bunratty Castle Hotel, which is located close to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. In the evening head to Bunratty Castle for a memorable experience in a wonderful setting with good food and entertainment. Take your place in the Great Hall for a medieval-style feast of excellent dishes and plenty of wine. During and after the meal the lords and ladies will serenade you with song and harp music, evocative of the Middle Ages. Hotel: *Bunratty Castle Hotel*, Bunratty (Breakfast, Dinner)

### **Monday, October 10: Depart for USA**

After breakfast, transfer to Shannon Airport for your flight home and transfer back to Central PA. (Breakfast)

*Hotels and itinerary are subject to change at anytime without notification and/or compensation.*

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This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs, or on uneven walking surfaces, should be expected.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Original, signed passport valid for 6 months beyond stay, and with at least one blank visa page for visa stamp(s).

### PAYMENT

Deposit of \$350 per person will confirm your reservation. Final Payment is due to AAA by July 19, 2016.

**Solo Travelers Rewards Club maximum voucher redemption: \$100**

### CANCELLATION/PENALTIES

From day of deposit to day of departure	\$25 per person plus....
From June 28 – August 6, 2016	\$350 per person, plus additional suppliers fees
From August 7 – September 4, 2016	25% per person, plus additional suppliers fees
From September 5 – 27, 2016	35% per person, plus additional suppliers fees
From September 28 – October 4, 2016	50% per person, plus additional suppliers fees
After October 4, 2016	NON REFUNDABLE

**\*Airfare is non-refundable after final payment.**

### INSURANCE

For your protection AAA recommends travel insurance. Pre-existing medical conditions may be waived with proper coverage if travel insurance is purchased within 14 days of initial deposit only. Other conditions may apply; ask your travel agent. AAA recommends Allianz.

### FLIGHT

Air arrangements are handled by the tour operator. Seat assignments cannot be confirmed until the tour operator releases names to the airline(s) 30 days prior to departure. Specific seat requests cannot be guaranteed. Some flights may contain code share agreements.

### CLOTHING/CLIMATE

October temperatures average in the 50s with cooler evenings. Pack for a variety of temperatures. Casual clothes that can be layered work best. Comfortable walking shoes and a small umbrella are recommended.

### BAGGAGE

One suitcase per person will be allowed. You may also bring a carry-on bag small enough to fit under your seat. Baggage fees and other charges may be directly assessed by airlines or airport.

### TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

For personal comfort, group participants who need assistance are required to have a traveling companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the needed assistance.

### CONSUMER DISCLOSURE NOTICE - PART OF CONTRACT OF SERVICE.

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