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ITINERARY IRISH EXPLORER

2020 Irish Explorer 9 Days / 8 Nights / 16 Meals

B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner

All components of this tour (hotels, visits and attractions) for 2020 itineraries are subject to change until finalized in September 2019.

Day 1 Dublin Touring & Glasnevin Cemetery Museum

Tour begins 2:00 PM at the Clontarf Castle lobby, a short ride from Dublin Airport and a few miles to the north of Dublin city center. Head out for a tour of central Dublin with a local guide to see elegant Georgian squares, public buildings, and monuments. Visit Glasnevin Cemetery Museum, Ireland's national cemetery, a fascinating who's who of modern Irish history. Join your group for a welcome drink followed by dinner in the castle hotel. (D)

Day 2 Florence Court House & Blakes Pub

Visit Florence Court House, home of the Irish Yew. The original tree, discovered in 1760, can still be viewed on the grounds. Tour the magnificent 18th century mansion, renowned for its elaborate rococo plasterwork. Next, a CIE Tours exclusive: visit Blakes of the Hollow Pub, a Victorian bar that retains many features original to its founding in 1887. Famed author John McGahern, a regular visitor, described it as "one of the happiest and most beautiful bars in the whole of Ireland". Take a photo by its official "Game of Thrones" door highlighting the series' sixth season. Continue your travels north to Donegal. With its windswept hills where only sheep can thrive, Donegal is renowned for woolen production and tweeds. (B, D)

Day 3 Slieve League Cliffs & Glengesh

Head to Teelin to reach the best viewing point of the Slieve League sea cliffs, the highest in Europe. Enjoy a CIE Tours Exclusive experience: sip an Irish coffee as you take in the view from these impressive cliffs. Travel along the coast then head inland through the majestic Glengesh Pass for views of mountains and valleys to Donegal Town, a busy shopping town that was once a Viking port. Watch demonstrations of spinning and weaving at a local woolen shop. Enjoy an early dinner with a drink and music at the popular Nancy's Bar in Ardara. (B, D)

Day 4 Belleek Pottery & Galway Cruise

Discover the secrets that have made Belleek Pottery one of the most enduring success stories of Irish craftsmanship during a tour of Belleek Pottery. You'll go behind the scenes to see how this world-famous fine china is made. Travel south to Galway and embark on a cruise of Lough Corrib for unsurpassed views of castles and various sites of both historical and cultural interest (seasonal). (B, D)



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Day 5 Scenic Connemara & Dan O'Hara Homestead

Explore scenic Connemara to admire how constantly changing cloud formations give granite hills, sparkling lakes, and peat bogs an added dimension. Stop at the Connemara Celtic Crystal Factory where craftsmen demonstrate fine glass cutting. Travel through the picturesque scenery of hills and lakes to visit Dan O'Hara's Homestead. Experience traditional methods of farming, see Connemara ponies, and have a light lunch. Return to Galway and enjoy free time before dinner. (B, L)

Day 6 Cliffs of Moher & Killarney

Drive through Clare to view the Cliffs of Moher, which soar 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. Walk to O'Brien's Tower for views of the Aran Islands and Galway Bay. Drive through the pleasant countryside of Country Clare, which is dotted with ruined castles. Enjoy lunch on your own in a coastal village. Embark on a short ferry ride across the River Shannon Estuary. Arrive in Killarney and partake of the Celtic Whiskey Bar experience with dinner that includes a chocolate tasting. (B, D)

Day 7 Day 7: Ring of Kerry Tour

Head out to the Ring of Kerry, Ireland's most famous and popular scenic drive. Immerse yourself in farm life with a demonstration of sheepdogs herding flocks. Continuing on the scenic drive., pause for panoramic mountain views at Moll's Gap. In Killarney, enjoy free time to discover some of the excellent restaurants and lively pubs. (B, D)

Day 8 Blarney Castle & Abbey Tavern

Visit Blarney Castle to kiss the famous stone or take a gentle walk through the lovely parklands and colorful gardens. Head to the Abbey Tavern for Irish cuisine, and an evening of lively entertainment. (B, D)

Day 9 Your Tour Ends in Dublin

Your tour ends after breakfast. (B)